



## **Iscah's Analysis of the Skill Select Round of 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

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**Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers** – The invitation date remained at 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 at 65 points, and moved forward a whole 6 MINUTES only (anyone want a coffee ?). Given that this occupation has jumped around several times backwards and forwards chronologically with dates it is likely affected by some invites not being taken up and thrown back into the EOI pool for a second invitation. With 174 places left for the rest of the program year and just 17 places per round the passmark may shortly rise to 70 points. EOIs at 65 points lodged today will likely take 40 weeks for an invite

**Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers 65 points EOI dated 1/11/2016**

**Electronics Engineers** – So still at 60 points which is good news. This occupation became pro rata from 26/10/2016 so invitations now up to 28/10/2016 at 60 points makes sense as they have only just got into that backlog at that score. Slowly though. An EOI lodged today at 65 points should get an invite in the next 2-4 weeks and an EOI lodged at 60 points probably 8-12 months

**Electronics Engineer 60 Points EOI dated 28/10//2016**

**Accountants** – Crawling along again given the thousands likely in the backlog at 60,65 and 70 points, Just a 1 day move at 70 points is bad news and an EOI lodged today at that score is likely to take 12 months or more for an invite. Also with 98 places per round the allocation of 2500 places should be filled by the end of May 2017.

**Accountants 70 points EOI dated 13/09/2016**

**Auditors** – Again this occupation moves quicker than Accountant, at 70 points an EOI lodged today may take around 6-9 months. With 55 places each round this should last until the first invite round in June 2017

Auditors 70 Points EOI dated 2/11/2016

**ICT Business Analysts** – All at 70 points getting an invitation, those at 65 points lodged today looks around 12 months for an invite. The years allocation to close in the first round of May 2017.

ICT Business and System Analysts 65 points EOI dated 12/07/2016

**Software and Applications Programmer** – Again moving steady, with new EOIs and invitations at the critical 65 points moving at the same pace. An EOI lodged today at 65 points will likely be invited in 4-6 weeks. Places to last until the last round in May 2017

Software and Applications Programmers 65 points EOI dated 10/12/2016

**Computer Network Professionals** – Movement of just one week each round at 65 points means a likely 16 week for an invite.

There only looks around 6 rounds left at 50 per round so this occupation is likely to close early April 2017

Computer Network Professionals 65 points EOI dated 26/11/2016

**Other Engineering Professionals** – No change, an EOI lodged at 65 points today will take around 4-6 months under current policy. There are only enough places for just over 6 rounds and so this should close late April 2017.

Other Engineering Professionals 65 points EOI dated 24/11/2016

**Overall Skilled Program** – Again DIBP are miles off their target for the program year. They are likely around 6,000 behind where they expected to be by this round and again have an unrealistic 3200 invitations for the 189 and 400 for the 489s for February 2017. That is not going to happen.

If they don't drop the Pro Rata policies in the next 2 months it is not going to be possible to invite and grant enough visas to meet the skilled program targets. It may be that DIBP don't care anymore (which would be inconsistent with the past 20 years of trying to come in exactly on their target). Maybe DIBP have a new skilled points test model from July 2017 and they think visas granted under that model are more valuable to the Australian economy. It may be a complete disconnect between DIBP and the Department of Education (who administer the skill select invitations), or maybe DIBP don't just get the whole in.

Anyhow any change in Pro Rata policy only has 2 months to be implemented, so we will be able to rule that out shortly.

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