



Iscah's Analysis of the Skill Select Round of 15th March 2017

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Overall Skilled Program – Ok lots of action this round

This round threw up two main points

- 1) Again we had a double pro rata round of invitations
- 2) Two occupations (Other Engineering Professionals and Computer Network Professionals) went straight past their occupational ceilings but then closed

Other Engineering Professionals and Computer Network Professionals should have closed at 1000 and 1426 invitations respectively. But the Skill Select algorithm kept selecting more and they ended up at 1018 and 1482 invitations. Now no more will be invited for the rest of this program year up to the end of June 2017.

That sort of seals the deal for DIBP who will finish around 10,000-15,000 off their 189 invitation targets because of the lack of enough "other" eligible 60+ point candidates outside the Pro Rata occupations.

489s continue to be the forgotten cousin here and just 25 eligible EOIs when they had increased the upper limit to 200 for this round shows DIBP/DoE don't really care for that category at the moment.

Also DIBP have changed their mind about a 29th March invitation round and have announced it will not happen. Instead the next rounds will be on the 12th and 26th April. The numbers published of 2000 for 189s and 200 for 489s suggests again that it may be double rounds. At least until it closes the Pro Rata groups.

2211 Accountants – Our estimate is 4,000-6,000 in the backlog for this application at 60, 65 and 70 points.

Only 204 places left and an expected 196 will go on 12th April . That will leave just 8 places and a closure on the 26th April.

A 70 point EOI lodged today is likely to take over 12 months if the ceiling stays in place.

Accountants 70 points EOI dated 12/10/2016

2212 Auditors – Just 148 places left and an expected 110 will go on 12/4. That will leave just 38 places and a closure on the 26th April

A 70 point EOI lodged today is likely to take 12 months.

Auditors 70 Points EOI dated 15/12/2016

2335 Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers – There are approximately 1100 EOIs in the system at 60 and 65 points uninvited so pressure is growing to gain the 17 places each round.

With the double invitation of 34 places it saw little movement but at least it kept the score at 65 points with all the 70 pointers getting invitations.

Just 72 places left so with double invitations that means closing in early June.

If the occupational ceiling remains close to the same 1539 for the next program year then there will be around 60 invitations per round instead of just 17 per round at the moment. That will mean not only all 70 pointers getting invites, but 65 pointers lodged now will probably only have to wait 6 months for an invitation

Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers 65 points EOI dated 12/11/2016

Electronics Engineers – Around 260 EOIs in the system at 60 points still waiting for an invite.

121 places left which equates to about 4 rounds of normal invitation and 2 rounds of double invitations.

If the occupational ceiling stays at around 1000 then there should be an increase in invitations from 29 to around 40 per round from July 2017. This will move the 60 pointers along a bit quicker.

An EOI lodged today at 60 points will probably get an invite in 6 months time

Electronics Engineer 60 Points EOI dated 6/12/2016

2611 ICT Business Analysts – Just 42 places left in this occupation. A single or double invite is going to reach the occupational ceiling on 12th April.

The good thing is that if DIBP again allow a double invite to be FULLY completed in the round that the ceiling is reached, it would mean 120 invitations on 12/4/2017 instead of the remaining 42. So at least 78 extra lucky people ..

If this closes then there is going to be an enormous backlog come July 2017 with many 70 and 75 pointers in the queue. Meaning an even longer wait for those at 65 points.

An EOI lodged today at 65 points will likely take over 12 months unless DIBP change their policy.

ICT Business and System Analysts 65 points EOI dated 11/08/2016

2613 Software and Applications Programmer – Another 19 day movement with the double round is good news at 65 points

464 places are left so that will leave just 14 places after the expected 12/4/2017 double round.

If DIBP allow a FULL single or double round on 12th April the round where the occupational ceiling is reached (as they just did this round for Other Engineering

Professionals and Computer Network Professionals) then this will mean a bonus 221 places or (if a double round) 436 invites

An EOI lodged today at 65 points will likely be invited in 4-6 weeks if the occupation stays open. If it closes next round then you are likely to have to wait until around August 2017 for an invite.

The last 60 point invitation was for EOIs lodged on 12th December 2015 if they ever get down there again.

Software and Applications Programmers 65 points EOI dated 17/02/2017

2631 Computer Network Professionals – Around 1450 EOIs in the queue at 60 and 65 points at the moment.

This occupation should have closed when it got to 1426 places. But the Skill Select system kept on inviting for the full double round of 100 places and now 1482 EOIs have been invited.

When it reopens there are likely to be another 700 or so in the queue so with 2100 it will mean a much longer wait for the 65 point invitations.

An EOI lodged today at 65 points will likely take closer to 6 months unless DIBP change their pro rata or occupational ceiling policies.

Computer Network Professionals 65 points EOI dated 03/02//2017

2339 Other Engineering Professionals – Around 830 uninvited EOIs in the system (60/65 points) for this occupation.

This occupation should have closed when it got to 1000 places. But the Skill Select system kept on inviting for the full double round of 56 places and now 1018 EOIs have been invited.

If there are another 1000 places again in July 2017 and the government again pro rata it again, there should be 40 invitations per round instead of 28.

An EOI lodged at 65 points today should take around 8-12 months under current policy.

Other Engineering Professionals 65 points EOI dated 03/01/2017

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