

Resettlement and Other Admission Pathways for Syrian Refugees



Table reflects cumulative figures including past admissions (from 2013 to date) as well as future pledges. Updated as of 1 May 2018.

Country	Resettlement / humanitarian admission	Humanitarian visas	Private sponsorship	Academic scholarships	Total
Australia*	15,864		328		16,192
Austria	1,900				1,900
Argentina	3,000				3,000
Belarus	20				20
Belgium	3,000				3,000
Brazil	3,000	(issued) 9,298			12,298
Bulgaria	90				90
Canada	76,530				76,530
Chile	120				120
Croatia	150				150
Czech Republic	70				70
Denmark	390				390
Finland	2,858				2,858
France*	11,375	4,600		1,000	16,975
Germany*	24,659		(issued) 23,572	186	48,417
Hungary	50			50	100
Iceland	75				75
Ireland	1,130		119		1,249
Italy*	2,177		(admitted) 1,093		3,270
Japan				150	150
Liechtenstein	25				25
Luxembourg	314				314
Netherlands*	4,900				4,900
New Zealand	850				850
Norway	9,700				9,700
Poland	900				900
Portugal	170			70	240
Romania	80				80
Spain	1,709				1,709
Sweden	5,800				5,800
Switzerland*	3,500	(issued) 4,700			8,200
United Kingdom*	20,000				20,000
United States of America*	65,032				65,032
Uruguay	120				120
TOTAL	259,558	18,598	25,112	1,456	304,724

* Please see below for more information.

NOTES:

⇒ In September 2015, the **Australian** Government committed to an additional 12,000 places for Syrians and Iraqis displaced by the conflicts in their home countries with least prospect of return. This commitment has been fully delivered. Syrians also continue to remain a priority group for resettlement under the 'annual' Humanitarian Program. The figures provided in the table reflect grants made to Syrians as part of the 'annual' program and as part of the additional 12,000 places¹. Decisions relating to future intakes are made by the Minister for Home Affairs as part of the composition of the program. Information relating to places for Syrians under the program will not be available until after 1 July 2018.

The 15,864 figure represents grants made under two categories of Australia's offshore humanitarian program – the Refugee category (for people who are subject to persecution in their home country); and the Special Humanitarian Program category (for people who are subject to substantial discrimination amounting to a gross violation of human rights, and who are proposed by close family in Australia). Around 43 per cent of Refugee category visas were granted to persons referred by UNHCR.

⇒ Since 2013 **France** issued more than 4,600 asylum visas for Syrians. France has also pledged to admit 1000 Syrians through student visas (scholarship program), and 500 Syrians and Iraqis through a new "Humanitarian Corridors" (private sponsorship) program due to be implemented from Lebanon in 2017/2018.

⇒ 186 Syrian individuals have been admitted to **Germany** to participate in scholarship programmes. The individuals were selected on the basis of academic performance, rather than on humanitarian grounds.

⇒ **Italy** announced a private sponsorship project (Humanitarian Corridors) which aims to admit 1,500 persons through humanitarian visas from Lebanon, including a significant number of Syrians. So far 1,098 Syrians have been admitted through this project.

⇒ The figure of 4900 for the **Netherlands** is approximate and includes the maximum number of Syrian resettlement referrals the Netherlands has pledged to resettle in 2018 under the EU-Turkey Statement of March 2016, which is dependent upon the overall implementation of the Statement as well as developments in the spontaneous asylum influx.

⇒ The **United Kingdom** have a programme for the resettlement of up to 3,000 individuals from the MENA region. The new scheme is additional to the UK's Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme and will be specifically tailored to support refugee children at risk and their families. The figure has not been included in the table above because, in accordance with UNHCR's advice, the programme is not exclusively for Syrian nationals.

⇒ UNHCR has submitted 65,032 Syrian refugees for resettlement consideration to the **United States of America** (as of end March 2018).

⇒ The EU Member States and Associated States committed to resettle Syrians as part of the July 2015 Conclusions adopted within the EU framework to resettle 22,504 refugees from priority regions for resettlement, and the EU committed to resettle Syrians in the framework of the EU-Turkey Statement of March 2016. In September 2017 the EU announced a further scheme for the resettlement of 50,000 by October 2019. These commitments are reflected through the individual pledges of European resettlement States in the table above, where confirmed.

⇒ The table above does not include asylum data, or pledges for other pathways for admission (family reunification, labor mobility schemes and medical evacuation) since no pledges have been received.

¹ Concerning the figure for Australia: 1. Data for 2012–13 to 2016–17 was extracted from Departmental systems on 03 July 2016; 2. Data for 2017–18 was extracted from Departmental systems on 19 March 2018. Grants included are to 16 March 2018. Full year grant figures will be available after the completion of Australia's 2017-18 program year; 3. The country of birth of offshore principal visa applicants is applied to secondary visa applicants; 4. This information is provided by the Department of Home Affairs and was extracted from HA systems on the dates outlined above. As data has been drawn from a dynamic system environment, the information is correct at the time of publication and figures may differ slightly from previous or future reporting.