

Section 48 and Regulation 2.12

About this report

Migration Solutions launched a petition to gain support to change Regulation 2.12 of the Australian Migration Act on [Change.org](https://change.org). The petition was shared across Migration Solutions' social media and digital marketing channels, and by many migrants, to raise awareness of those people who remain in Australia during the pandemic and are affected by this legislation. As at 10 September 2021, over **12,185** signatures have been pledged in favour of supporting a change to Regulation 2.12.

Anyone in Australia who has had a visa refused or cancelled and who does not hold a substantive visa is not allowed to lodge an onshore visa application (apart from those visas specified in Regulation 2.12, namely spouse, protection or medical treatment visas). The impact of Section 48 of the Migration Act and international travel bans means that these people, who would ordinarily be able to travel offshore to lodge a valid visa application for permanent residency in Australia, are unable to do so. The result is that many people have been unable to lodge a permanent Australian visa. This has left many thousands of migrants both stranded and some without financial support, many of whom have lived and worked in Australia for over ten years.

Migration Solutions' petition has become one of the most popular on the [Change.org](https://change.org) platform. This prompted Migration Solutions to collate further evidence in support of change. This report provides that evidence, from 298 respondents who have been affected by Section 48, Regulation 2.12.

298

survey respondents

92%

been in Australia over 5 years

86%

aged between 25 and 39

92%

currently employed

75%

working in nominated occupation

99%

have a qualification

490

qualifications obtained in Australia

84%

received a positive skill assessment

98%

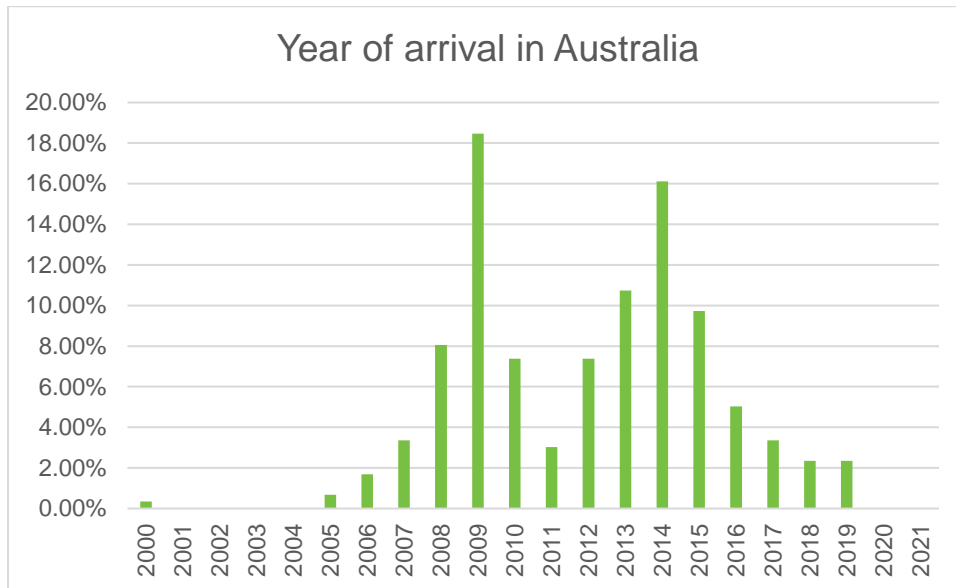
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"I live with my family here in Tasmania. For the last two years we have invested and opened 3 different businesses in Tasmania. We have more than 8 employees who are Australian citizens. We have been supporting the Tasmanian economy. Now I have completed my 2 years of study here and I'm eligible for 190, due to s48 bar. It's been very difficult although I can apply for nomination but due to covid restrictions it's very hard to leave the country and come back."

Respondent demographics

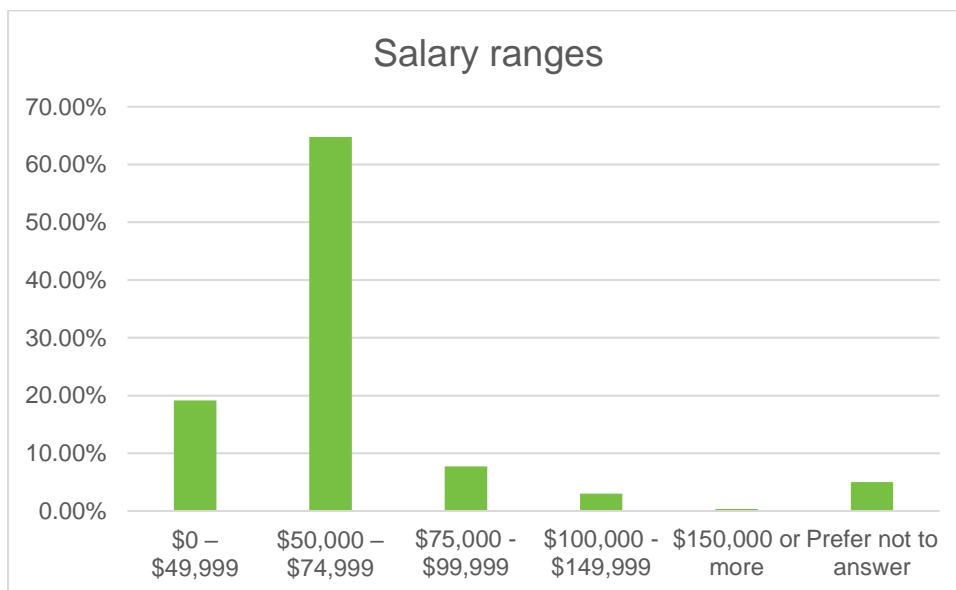
Of the 298 respondents to this survey, the majority arrived in Australia between 2009 and 2015 (73%). Their ages ranged from between 18 - 24 to above 50, with 86% being between 25 and 39.

Diagram 1: Year of arrival in Australia



With regards to salaries, 193 people had a salary of between \$50,000 - 79,999, with the highest salary being over \$150,000.

Diagram 2: Salary ranges



Case study: Lifetime tax contribution

Considering that most respondents have a salary in the range of \$50,000 – 79,999, let's look at the lifetime tax contribution to the Government of one individual.

Assumptions:	Per year
Annual salary	\$65,000
Annual tax contribution	\$12,000
Net income after tax	\$53,000
Accommodation (rent or mortgage)	\$18,000
GST free expenditure eg. food, water rates, education	\$18,000
Other expenses (incl GST) eg. clothes, holidays, entertainment	\$17,000
<u>GST component</u>	<u>\$1,700</u>
Total annual tax contribution	\$13,700
Working life in Australia	30 years
Total lifetime tax contribution	\$411,000

"We are of income group of \$180,000 annually and pay taxes around \$35,000 to the government.

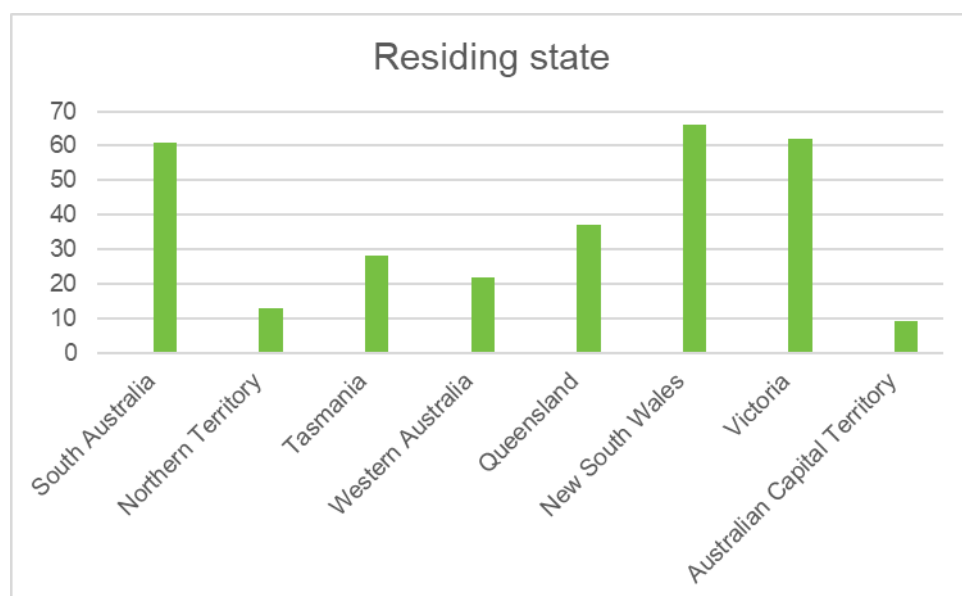
Pay our kids' fees of school \$100,000 annually and private insurance \$10,000 annually.

Work in covid response team with death risks.

What else does this government want?"

All states were represented in the survey, with 22% of respondents living in New South Wales, 21% Victoria, 20% South Australia, 12% Queensland, 9% Tasmania and the rest from the Northern Territory and ACT.

Diagram 3: Residing state



"I've been nominated 3 times for the South Australian 491 but couldn't lodge an application because of section 48."

Just over 50% of respondents were citizens of India, followed by Pakistan (13%), Nepal (8%), Bangladesh (5%) and Sri Lanka (4%), amongst others.

Diagram 4: Citizenship



Employment status

There were 273 respondents who were currently employed, approximately 92%. A third of these worked in Tourism & Hospitality, including 50 chefs and 27 cooks. The next highest employment category was relating to health and medical practitioners. This included nursing, aged care, support of vulnerable or disabled people, pharmacists and medical researchers or specialists. This group of people represented 18% of those currently employed.

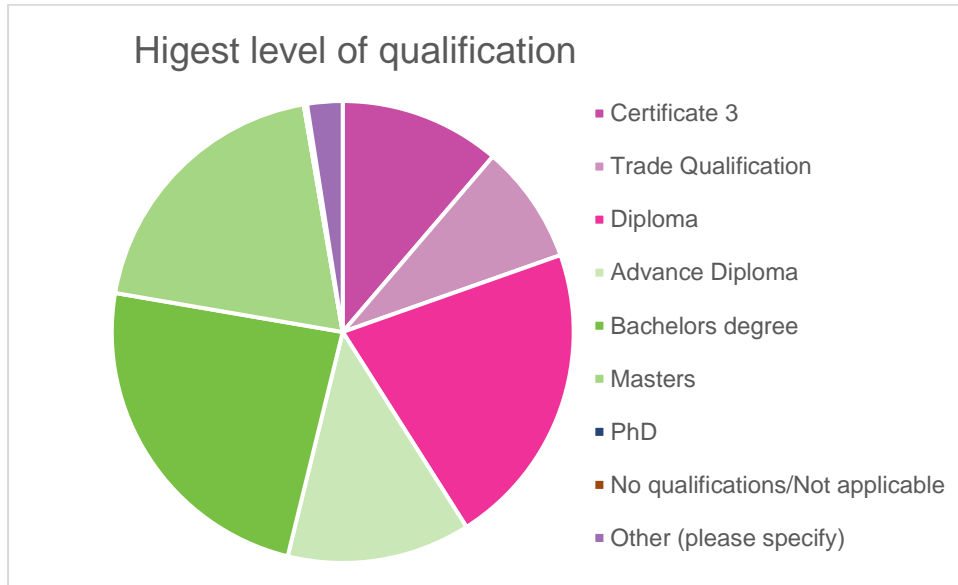
The range of occupations were many and varied, with the next top categories including finance and accounting. ICT, retail, building and construction, mechanics and engineers.

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Qualifications

The survey respondents were overwhelmingly well qualified. Although respondents totalled 298, more than 490 qualifications had been attained in Australia. Almost 36% had a bachelors degree and 29% a masters.

Diagram 5: Highest level of qualification

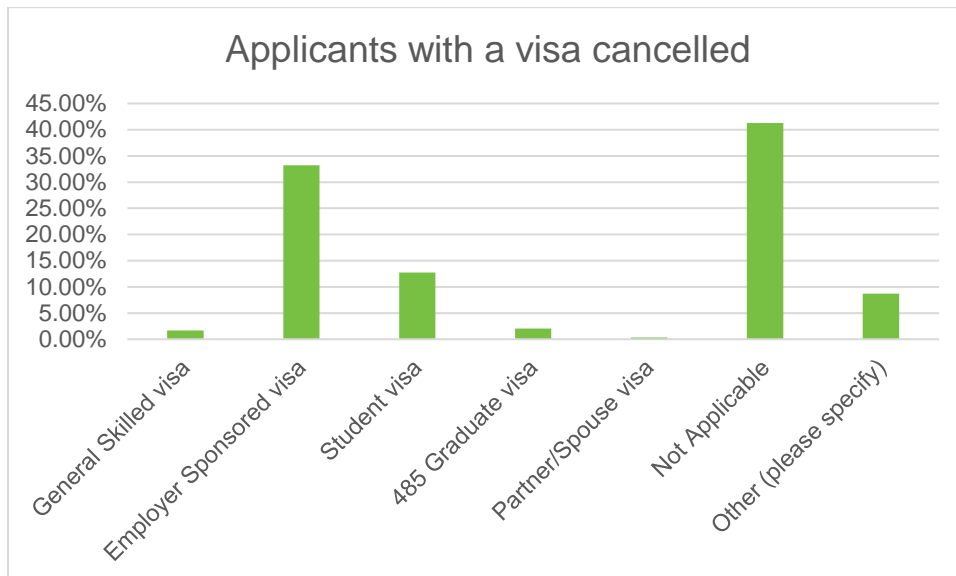


"I came to Australia when I was 20, and I have been in Australia for almost 11 years with my study (1 bachelor and 2 master degrees) and work time. I received a pre-invitation for my 190 but I cannot apply for it due to s48. I put my efforts into getting my English result and worked hard for my job for past years and I tried my best to meet the requirements to apply Australian PR. I am happy to go offshore anytime. However, this is not safe , a risk for myself to take a flight at this moment. And I am not eligible to apply this 190 under WA nomination rule. Please help me and others whoever are suffering due to this! Thank you very much! Kind regards."

Visa status

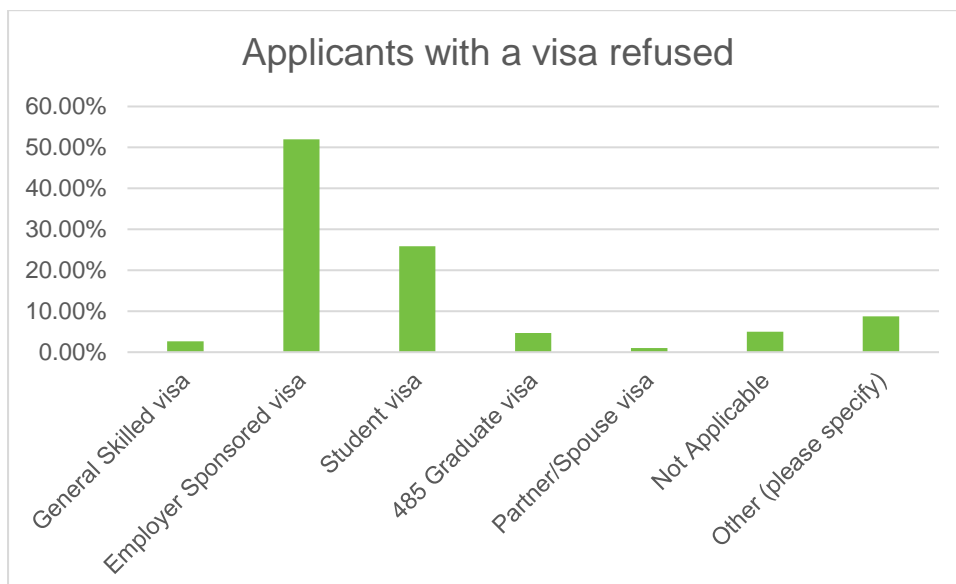
Of the 298 respondents, 98% were affected by Section 48 and Regulation 2.12, with 85% being the primary applicant and the remainder secondary applicants. There were 50% who were affected due to their visa being cancelled, with more than 30% of these being Employer Sponsored Visas. Other cancelled visas included General Skilled visas, Student Visas, 485 Graduate visas, Partner / Spouse visas, 186, 187, 190, 457, training, distinguished talent, and backpackers visas.

Diagram 6: Applicants with a visa cancelled



There were 86% of respondents that had also had a visa refused. The dominant visa refusal was also Employer Sponsored visas, with 155 people in this situation. The next highest category of visa refusals was Student visas, 26%.

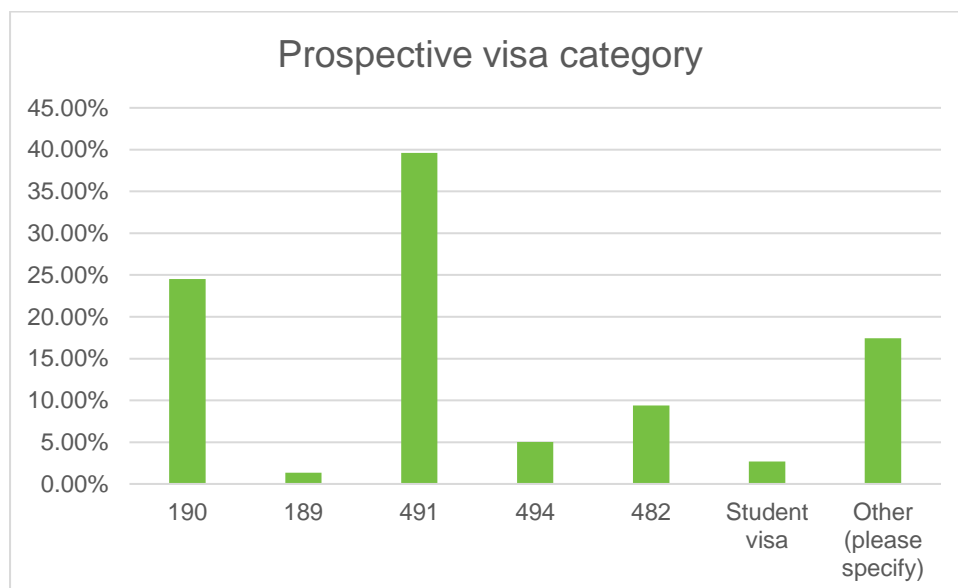
Diagram 7: Applicants with a visa refused



Prospective visa applications

Respondents were asked what visa they would apply for, should Regulation 2.12 be changed. The dominant prospective visa was the 491, representing almost 40% of respondents. This visa is the Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491). It allows applicants to live, work and study in a designated regional area of Australia for five years and has a pathway to permanent residency.

Diagram 8: Prospective visa category



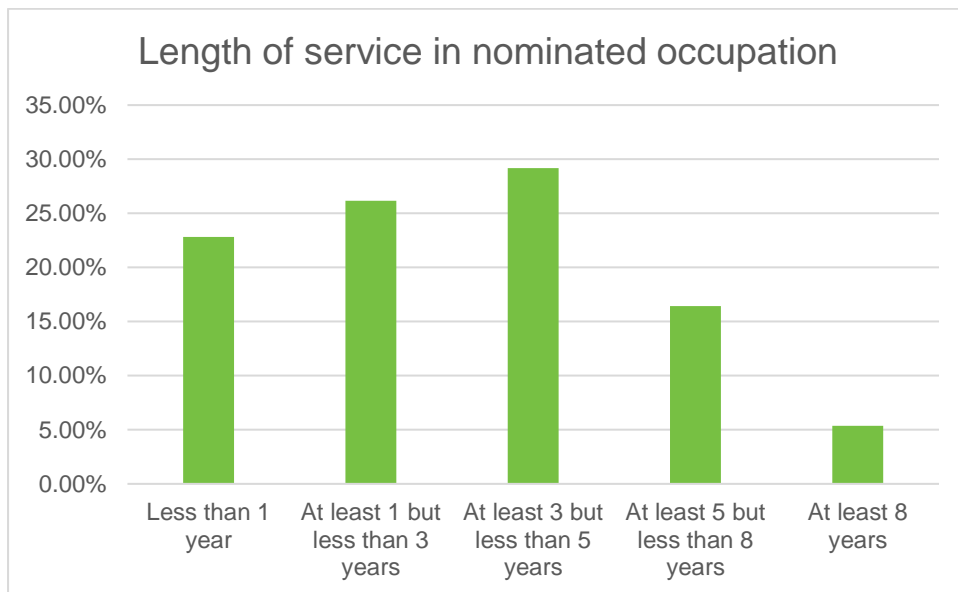
The next most popular visa category was the 190. There were around 25% of respondents who planned to apply for this visa, should the onshore application restrictions change. This visa, the Skilled Nominated visa (subclass 190), allows applicants to work and study anywhere in Australia permanently. Applicants are invited to apply by a relevant state or territory government before receiving their invitation to apply for the visa from the Department of Home Affairs. This fact makes this category particularly interesting as the survey results suggest that 73 people have been invited by the government to apply for this visa but are unable to because of the Covid restrictions and travel ban consequences.

Of those migrants intending to apply for a skilled visa, they each provided their nominated occupation. There were 75 occupations nominated, ranging from environmental, mechanical, network, systems, software and telecommunications engineers, to welders and welfare workers. The most frequently nominated occupation was chef (49), accountant or management accountant (44), cook (33) and nursing (including mental, enrolled, registered and aged care specialisations), of which there was 20 nominations.

"It is very unfair and extremely frustrating to see a lack of support from the federal government for the Section 48 bar applicants. I am experiencing mental and emotional breakdowns not being able to go ahead and lodge my visa. I am 32 years now and due to uncertainty, I just cannot go ahead with family planning just because of my visa status and uncertainty in the visa status. I am an enrolled nurse and desperately want to become a Registered Nurse. Again, due to uncertainty, it's vastly affecting me from my career development."

When asked if the respondent was currently working in their nominated occupation, almost 75% were. It was interesting to see their length of service (refer table below), with almost 22% having worked in their nominated occupation for over five years.

Diagram 8: Length of service in nominated occupation



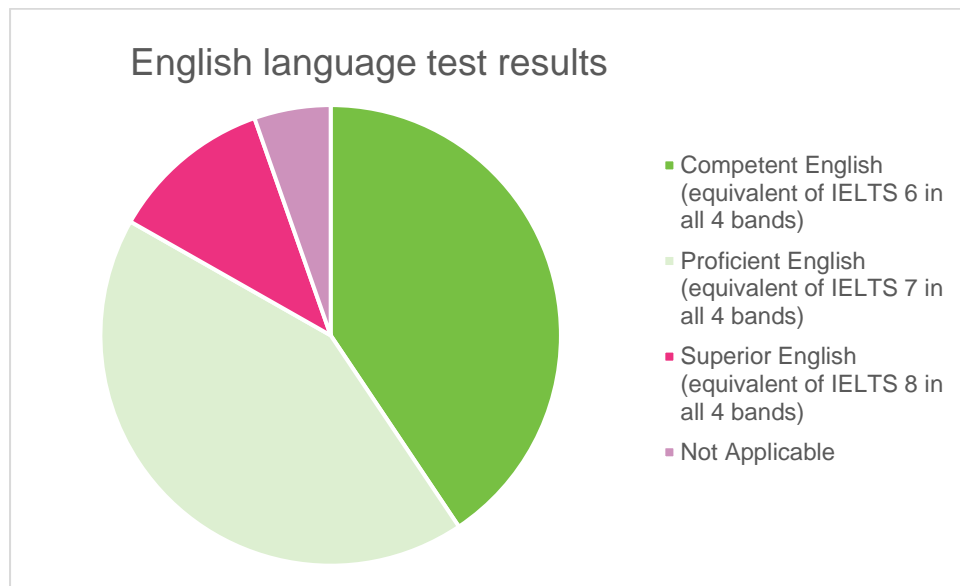
"Got too many opportunities to be re-sponsored as a head chef but unfortunately S-48 is blocking all those opportunities to move on with our lives as a family and get relieved from emotional and tough stress we are facing living in uncertainty."

Skill assessments

Of the total number of respondents, 84% has completed a positive skill assessment. They used various assessing bodies, including VETASSESS (34%), TRA (24%), IPA/CPA/CA (12%), amongst others including ANMAC, ACS, CA, Engineers Australia and AIMS.

English assessment had been completed by 95% of respondents, with the majority using PTE (75%), followed by IELTS (21%). The highest result, Superior, was achieved by 11% of respondents. Most respondents achieved the Proficient level result (43%).

Diagram 9: English language test results

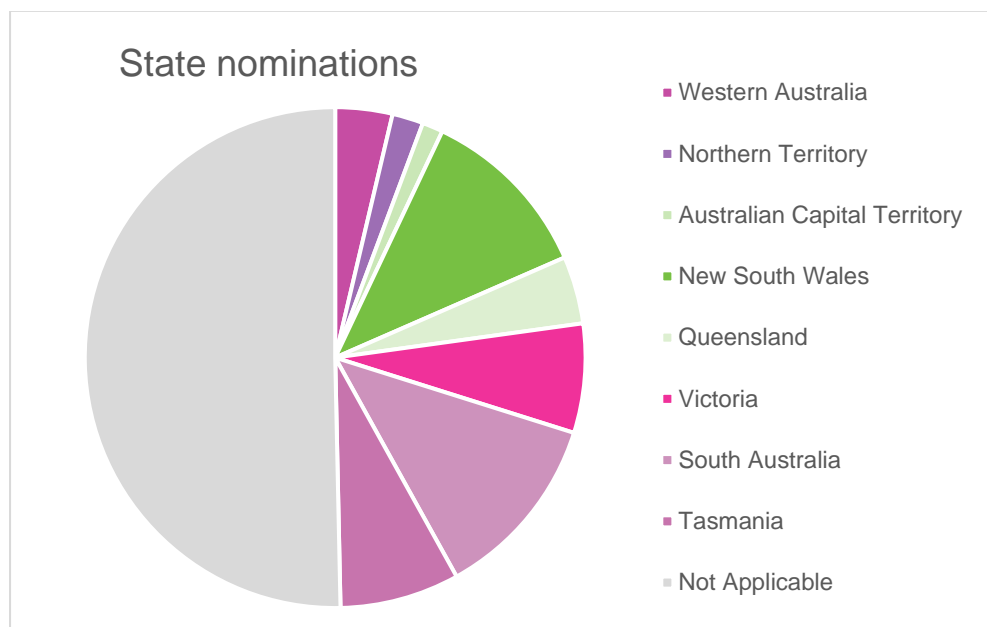


"I am a chef in a hotel. I have completed certificate 3 and 4 in commercial cookery. I have completed a Diploma of hospitality. I have done my JOB READY PROGRAM as a chef and cook. I have been working in cafes and hotels as a chef for more than 4 years. I have passed my English test as well. I can't apply for state nomination because I have been impacted by section 48."

Government sponsorship

There were 24% of respondents who had been sponsored by a state or territory government for a 491 visa and 12% for a 190 visa. Every state and territory government was represented in these numbers, with the highest number of nominations being from South Australia, followed by NSW.

Diagram 10: State nominations



Respondents were asked if they had been invited to apply for a skilled migration visa from the Department of Home Affairs but were unable to apply due to Section 48 and Covid19 travel restrictions. The Government has invited 118 people, almost 40% of respondents.

"I have been working full-time hours for National Australia Bank as a Hays temporary contractor for almost 3 years and working as a subject matter expert-SME for TTR /SMR reporting in Financial Crime Operations division. I have moved to Geelong, Victoria, in early 2020 in order to apply for the 491 state nomination program and my application was successful and I received nomination to apply 491 visa on July 2020. However, due to COVID restrictions I was unable to travel overseas and could not apply for the visa due to my visa having a section 48 clause. Therefore, in September 2020 the nomination was cancelled after a 60 day expiry. I still am unable to apply for any nomination due to the same reasons as well as it would impact my current work position if I am to be in overseas for a longer period. Employment wise I have been listed to be in a permanent role in NAB but it is pending due to my visa situation for nearly 2 years and it is impacting on my career growth as well."

Respondent impact statements

The following statements were submitted by survey respondents. They were asked to submit a comment about the impact of Section 48 and Regulation 2.12 on them, their family and situation. They are included as they were written.

1. I work in the Tourism sector. The company I have my visa refusal through has gone into liquidation. I am working for their sister company who is struggling to find employees and are desperate to retain me in my current position, but I will have to leave the country to lodge a visa with them. During the original impact of covid, I was stood down and supported myself throughout with no government support.
2. Parents with 4 kids being waiting for AAT for more than 2 years now.
3. Got too many opportunities to be re-sponsored as a head chef but unfortunately S-48 is blocking all those opportunities to move on with our lives as a family and get relieved from emotional and tough stress we are facing living in uncertainty.
4. I am eligible for PR, but not getting invitation as I have sec 48 bar. If I get PR, my company will give me full time work and promote to Manager in a store at regional Australia. But we are just waiting and hoping to ease everything by government towards s48.
5. Because of the bar on my visa and the pandemic, I could not exit the country.
6. I can apply 186 visa but cannot leave country.
7. Won't be able to apply visa due to travel restrictions and govt inviting onshore.
8. I cannot find any jobs in social work profession as well as any career related to. I am on a bridging E with work rights which is [that] I have to apply after every 3 months which is challenging to apply for social work jobs.
9. I can't lodge onshore application due to section48.
10. Good day sir. I really appreciate your efforts to raise your voice for the voiceless immigrants in Australia. I am one of them. I can apply 491 visa and believe me I have a lot of skills in construction and have my own registered paint company which I run part time now and worked for reputed painting companies in high end houses. If I am able to come out of this visa hassle then I can become the source to generate economy and jobs, that's all I can say.
11. Not able to lodge any visa.
12. The struggle is real. It was so hard for me to find a job because of section 48. It is so hard for my children to find the job that they want. To further their studies, it's impossible. Two of my kids want to take the police career but can't because they are not a citizen of Australia or PR. Everything is way too expensive for us because of section 48 that prevents us from lodging another visa to get our PR visa.
13. I want to apply for 491 but I cannot do it because of section 48.
14. Section 48 is making me go outside the country to submit the file. Which in this time is hard to do.
15. I'm unable to apply [for a] new visa.
16. I am studying on bridging visa A because my previous 457 visa was refused. I am hoping this section 48 will be waived and let me apply for my student visa. Then I can finish my studying in NT, Australia.
17. Family.
18. I can't apply for 491 visa.
19. I need to go offshore to apply for 482 but due to covid I can't fly to lodge my application outside [the] country.
20. Want to apply 190 and I can't at this stage due to 48.
21. Family and career.
22. I am a hairdresser and with full time job in Darwin NT and living with my husband. We can't apply nomination or EOI and visa because we are affected by section 48 bar and living in very much stress.
23. I [have] been affected badly with this section 48 bar. Only find out when I was applying for a visa and wasn't sure before that. Section 48 bar is tricky. People should need to this before they plan anything.
24. Received 491 nomination from State Growth Tasmania but can't apply for my visa due to S48.
25. I am ready to apply for 491 state nominations. I did everything which is required for [this] visa.
26. I have employer to sponsor me 494 as pastrycook but can't apply visa because of s48.
27. My wife applied for student visa and it [was] refused and we lost AAT hearing as well. I got invitation for mixed crop but because of 48 bar we have to go back within 60 days.
28. Tasmania is not giving nominations to s48.
29. I'm working in critical sector. If approved nomination, then you have to leave country, even though I'm working in critical sector and gave critical skills.
30. My state is not giving nominations to s48 even though I'm eligible.

31. Because of the restrictions, we are not be able to move on and plan for another visa options in which we believe we are qualified.
32. Been living in Australia for almost 8 years. It is so disappointing that I can't deserve to be in this country where as an international student I have paid around \$8,0000 just as my university fees and taxes and going to work even when local citizens choose to stay home so they can claim Centrelink in this pandemic situation. It's okay. I don't want your Centrelink money but at least give me my right to apply for permanent residency as I am eligible for it and can't apply because of that stupid s48 bar.
33. I can't apply for visa onshore and Tasmania state growth is holding my nomination for 491. I am really stressed out because I am in Tasmania from 2018 and still waiting for to apply visa.
34. Cannot apply [for] anything. Totally frustrated
35. I want to apply for a skilled visa but can't risk travel overseas as it will finish my job. I need to apply onshore.
36. Cannot apply for 494 visa due to s48 or go offshore to apply due to Covid.
37. My employer sponsored visa refused.
38. Under section 48 bar we are affected. Our employer's sponsorship visa was refused and after that we applied for state sponsorship and we got positive outcomes two times but that was our bad luck we were unable to leave the country for one day to meet our visa requirements so we really need someone's help. Thanks.
39. Due to Section 48 I am not able to lodge 186 visa.
40. I can't apply for any other visa from Australia and I would like to get any student visa. I want any student visa grant so that I can apply for any other 189 or 190 or 491 visa. I don't want to travel at the moment as the conditions are not good for the travel at the moment to India.
41. I got the nomination last year for 491 but could not apply for the visa because of travel restrictions which leave me and my family in big worry about our future.
42. I've been nominated 3 times for the SA 491 but couldn't lodge an application because of section 48.
43. I am in Tasmania and I fulfil all the criteria for 491 visa. I am also nominated for it but due to S 48bar I am not able to apply. More than a year my application is holding for but now due to border close I have to withdraw and all of my energy, money, patience going to be waste.
44. I can't do anything about my future.
45. I am not being able to apply for 186 direct entry visa in my occupation as a skilled worker working in hospitality for last 7 years and currently managing a busy kitchen in regional Queensland. Since the start of pandemic, am not able to apply for my permanent residency because of section 48 condition. My employer is very keen to sponsor me as well and am currently working in one of the Australia's largest hospitality groups.
46. Can't lodge another visa application
47. Have permanent full-time job, have worked for govt and now working as a front line worker. My husband and I both are qualified and working in our nominated occupations in regional QLD for last 1 year or more. My husband is a chef and has a regional employer sponsorship too for 482 but unable to apply for this unfair S 48 bar.
48. We are of income group of 180 k annually and pay taxes around 35k to the government. Pay our kids fees of school 10000 k annually and private insurance 10000k annually. Work in covid response team with death risks. What else does this govt want?
49. No job opportunities due to visa status.
50. If I have to leave Australia because of section 48 during this COVID 19 time, I unable to return to Australia in short time. And my employer can't hold that long time for me. Also In this COVID time to travel overseas is not for safe. I may lose everything I have from last 15years.
51. Bullshit
52. I had to go to NZ and apply for 190 visa - I almost didn't come back because the travel bubble was closing (my flight was on Sunday and I had to come back on Thursday on the last flight). I had to spend money go to NZ but my friends they don't have this option anymore as travel bubble is suspended. I will fight for them!
53. Due to Section 48, I am not able to apply for nomination in any skilled visa which gives me lot of stress.
54. Hello. Currently we are affected by section 48 so we are unable to apply another skilled visa due to restrictions.
55. I'm living in south Australia with my family. I came here in 2009. I want to apply 491 skilled visa. It's very helpful if section 48 can be removed by the Federal Government.
56. I am on Bridging Visa . Will apply for state nomination if section 48 lifted.
57. For 6 years I can't apply any visa.

58. It's hard for us to apply 491 as I have my son who has never been outside Australia. He was born here. Worried about his future and both partners working as a disability support worker. We are losing our jobs if we travelled overseas.
59. I feel stuck. Not able to go overseas for applying Visa.
60. If I go, not sure when I will be back. Even my employer does want to send me overseas because of the time frame.
61. I feel I'm in a cage.
62. Can't apply for any visa and have to go out of the country when another visa has to be processed but due to covid travel restriction can't apply what need to be done according to the section 48.
63. Ask me to travel overseas to lodge.
64. Unable to apply for permanent residency. I'm unable to find a job in my nominated field but currently working in a closely related field. I have been trying to find a job in my nominated field but it is almost next to impossible to even get an interview without a PR since every work application have residency related questions. I will complete 3 years work experience in December 2021 and finding it very disheartening and disappointed that I still can't get into my nominated field.
65. Can't apply for any visa either sponsorship or skill. Which seems like my career and objectives on hospitality is fading? So sad about it.
66. It's a big agonising issue as we have spend more than 4 years now and my daughter is emotionally attached to her friends in school here as she was only 2 years when we first came here and now she is 6+. Also we have nothing to fall back in India as we sold of everything before we came here. I have started suffering from anxiety and a disturbing mental health because of this sec 48 rule.
67. Due to s48 I cannot apply another visa onshore. Due to covid I can't apply offshore I am helpless.
68. I can't apply for state nomination, can't get out of depression, can't find an assurance to invest in South Australia, it was not my fault that my employer closed his business before my visa approval. I did everything possible to fit this system. After 13 years living and serving this country I can't go back and start again.
69. Everything is affected. Physically, psychologically, emotionally, socially and financially!!
70. We are unable apply the other visa and due to the border restriction we could not go anywhere else. Everything is on the hand but due to this we are not eligible to apply any visa
71. I cannot apply any visa under s48 . My husband has opportunity in NSW.
72. I've been leaving in Australian for last 8 years and I've been working as an accountant since 2017. Now I'm eligible for 190 visa but unfortunately due to section 48 bar I'm not able to lodge EOI as I don't want to waste my chances. There are skill shortages in Australia and government is trying to bring offshore skills migrants but don't want get onshore ones that have been leaving and contributing to the economy.
73. I studied in WA also and applied for employer sponsor visa but it refused because my agent made a mistake then I worked more one and half year and completed my skill assessment and also done my IELTS again, get 7 in each and have got invitation but couldn't apply nomination because they are not giving nominations to the people who are effected by S48. I am very stressed and really don't know what to do 😞, just want to request Australian Govt that please let me apply skilled visa as I spent so much time here for study and worked hard to get enough points but unable to get nomination. It was not my fault that my visa is refused it's clear my agent's mistake but why I am getting penalised.
74. I am getting once in a life time opportunity to get skilled migration visa but due to S48 and travel restrictions. I am unable to gain this opportunity. I am eligible for nomination since Mach 2020 but due to Travel restrictions I cannot apply. Apparently, it looks like this lockdown will last for long time but I am scared that by that time I'll lose my skilled migration points that I gain in all those years in Australia. Every day I feel stressed and anxiety Because of fear of losing points and missing the opportunity that I have really worked hard for.
75. I am affected by section 48. My employer is agreed to sponsor me for visa 482 and I am eligible for visa 190 from WA. Lodged my EOI in August but still no hope to get invited from state.
76. Previously I was not able to lodge the visa as the application was not accepted. Now that I can I have to wait for the border restrictions to ease.
77. I have all the relevant qualifications and work experience but because of section 48, I couldn't able to apply for any visa. That makes my life so stressful.
78. Sponsoring company got sold and now ABN changed. Unable to continue working and two children unable to continue their school. They both born in Australia.
79. I am working full time as a cook...I got nomination for 494 visa.
80. My family is in India specially my kids and due to section 48 I can't travel even as it's been five years to meet them 😞😞😞😞. Even I can't apply for any other visa.
81. Cannot lodge application.

82. I don't want to travel in this covid times as my 8 year daughter as asthma. Was always a genuine student of La Trobe and University of Melbourne.
83. Cannot apply for a nominated visa brings anxiety about the future after all these long years working hard and paying taxes to Australia without being able to move forward due to travel restrictions. I've lost my sister in law of only 18ys and my wife haven't seen her family since then (1 year). We cannot travel there and Australia government don't give exemption for them to come and visit my wife. My employer can't make plans for the future with me due to restrictions that don't allow me to apply the visa and be a permanent member of the staff for the one of the biggest contracts of the multinational company.
84. I cannot lodge my 491 visa application due to 48 sec.
85. Having to leave Australia when I was in a good job helping disabled people (a sector which is in high demand).
86. My citizen here I'm eligible from more than 18 month but because of COVID I can't go outside.
87. I have approved nomination for 494 but cannot apply for visa as I am section 48barred because of my 187 refusal.
88. Won't be able to return Australia once we exit.
89. Can't even apply for invitation.
90. I want to go see my wife, 3 year old daughter back home Pakistan.
91. I have enough experience as a chef as well as I worked in aged care because I have full working rights I did job in COVID 19 time period when all Victoria was suffering and my whole family (myself, my husband and my son) got COVID.
92. 19 I worked with same employer for 3 years but due to COVID he couldn't give me sponsorship and I have to leave the job. I passed my English exam and wait for relief from Covid-19 no borders open everywhere was COVID 19 in the world so we moved to the countryside for new opportunities.
93. I am here in Australia since 2009 and my son born here in Australia in 2016.
94. I had to apply for protection visa, and applied for work rights nearly three weeks ago. I have lodged employer nomination and sponsorship for chef occupation for 482 MLTSSL. If section 48 will be removed, I will lodge visa straight way and will hold bridging A than bridging C visa. And my partner is hotel manager, he has applied for VETASSESS and if he get positive result for assessment, then he can apply for state sponsorship, as he has more than eight years of full time experience in Australia as hotel manager.
95. It hinders me and my family to apply onshore, which is not fair.
96. I have applied EOI in SA and it's clearly mentioned on website if someone affected by bar s 48 and not able to go offshore, in that situation person should not apply for EOI OR .
97. My employer is ready to sponsor me before I turn 45 in a few months, been waiting for borders to open for almost 2 years in order to apply offshore, with my birthday 45th coming soon, I would like to have the sec 48 waived in order to apply onshore, otherwise I will never be able to apply for PR.
98. I'm not currently working due to section 48 and state requirements currently working.
99. My whole life has been put on hold. Being away from family is hard. Because of s48 we are not allowing to apply any visa. I'm waiting for last 2 years to apply for skilled nomination sponsor visa 186/189...PTE and skill assessment getting expired due to covid 19 restriction. Nothing our fault. But still can't apply for visa. It's very hard to stay bridging visa. Being on section 48 cannot work and cannot support my wife as much as she has to work full time to meet all expenses and due this no family time.
100. Impacting life mentally a lot.
101. Because our protection visa was refused and now awaiting AAT, I have not been able to apply for 491 visa as my agent advised me I will for sure get an invite but due to S48 I can only go offshore and apply then again exemption is hard to get if I were to come back.
102. Due section 48 I can't apply any visa which Is impacted on me and my family. I am fully qualified hairdresser and so much to do but Section 48 put a very strong bars on us. Also it will affect my kids study. I hope and request Australian Government to waive this bar due to COVID impact.
103. I am currently on AAT right now, but my new employer wanted to sponsor me, I cannot lodge visa because I need to apply offshore.
104. I want to apply 190 I am eligible for that but section 48 I can't apply.
105. I was on 457 visa. On 457 visas I couldn't find another sponsor and then they sent me an email it went in my spam. I couldn't see but it been 5 years me and my family are suffering. I paid tax. I paid school fee for my kids. They completed their year 12. I can't afford to send my daughter for further study.
106. It is affecting my visa lodgement for my work to stay in Australia and support my family.

107. As my age is passing on, I am stressed up and my family is struggling financially to make both ends meet. My kids are going to a private school as we can't afford the state school as we have to give more fees in state school than in a private school.
108. Due to sec 48, I'm unable to apply for PR.
109. I have sponsors but my visa refused by ATT and there is no way to apply onshore and I cannot apply offshore because of covid 19 I stuck.
110. Had a ACT nomination approved and ready to lodge 190 visa but can't apply because of sec48 bar
111. I am running a super market and employing 4 people including me from last 1 year. I am eligible for 491-SBO from Queensland. I am living away to my wife and family from last 2 years. I can't apply for my 491 because of Section 48.
112. My visa was refused because of restaurant I use to work in, nomination wasn't approved and I was barred by sec48 and now because of covid 19 I can't travel overseas to apply my new visa and I have good language scores, skills assessment, experience for new visa but I am unable to apply new visa. Now if I have to go overseas to apply new visa I am not sure I can comeback or not and when I can comeback, I will lose my job, my house I am living and it will be hard to pay expenses by living in overseas until I come back.
113. I can't apply for PR because of Sec 48.
114. I would have been able to lodge 491,190 and so on.
115. I was waiting to apply 190 since 2020 and because of travel restrictions, I had to withdraw my State Nomination application. I am having a fixed term contract and I need to get PR to get the permanent position. And also, I am waiting to get the role of Medical Laboratory Scientist position and to achieve this goal I need to get PR.
116. Because of Section 48 I can't lodge a visa by staying onshore, for this I have to leave the country. To leave the country means to leave my job, my house lease, putting myself more in risk by going overseas. As I have no option I have to go otherwise I'll miss this opportunity as state never renominate you for 491 once it issue an invitation.
117. Government should temporarily waive s48 bar so that 10,000 applicants can lodge their visas while onshore. It impacts badly on me and my family because after many years I am qualified for 482 and my workplace wants me to stay with them forever that's why they sponsored me under TSS 482 medium stream and moreover my nomination has been approved. If Govt doesn't change anything regarding s48 and I am sure Australian employer will lose their businesses. So please understand the problem of those who paying same amount of taxes as Australian citizens. Thanks 🙏
118. Me and my wife both working hard and my kids born in Australia we lived here 11 years and I'm skilled cook and my wife is health care assistant. We have very good local community here. It's our home but due to 48 bar our future is uncertain and there's genuinely skill shortage and we both are skilled still we can't lodges visa feel so helpless.
119. I have application ready for 190 and 491 but due to S48, I can't go out of the country as it's not safe due to Covid.
120. Can't apply for another visa.
121. Nomination has approved but due to section 48 unable to apply for 494 visa and unable to go offshore due to covid restrictions as well. It's very frustrating and disappointing. Hope government will change this regulation at least temporarily.
122. I got invitation which is expired because I was unavailable to go out of country due COVID 19 , my flights was cancelled and I lose my invitation.
123. I am really want to see my family. I married in 2018. Because of COVID I can't see my wife. I really want to plan for baby.
124. I am badly impacted. Currently eligible for 491 and nominated from state but can't apply due to section 48 bar. Need to go out of country.
125. I can apply 186 and keep working for the same employer as a chef but if I had to leave I cannot come back I will lose my health money and time.
126. Not being able to apply visa onshore.
127. It has ruined my life.
128. I can't travel India because conditions in India are worse than any other countries due to covid. I feel safe here in Australia and don't want to risk my life going offshore just to apply for 190 visa and get infected. This regulation is totally unfair and pointless as I meet all the eligibility requirements for 190 visa and can't apply because of s48. I would lose my career if I don't get the chance to get the waive on s48 bar.
129. I got sponsorship from my employer but I can't apply visa because of s48.
130. Now it mentally affected.

131. Section 48 has a very high impact on career as well as Personal as My wife is not able to come to Australia on any visa at all while I have Sec 48 and Govt is not allowing for any visas ourselves which has been majorly impacting my job/career progression as they have said that they will have to release me if this is not sorted quick enough.
132. affecting my mental health and my career and its very unfair
133. Due to 48 bar I cannot make a decision and also cannot bring my son from India as he is stuck there due to 48 bar please sort it out. My request I have been struggling from 14 years in Australia but still haven't got my permanent resident
134. Please remove this bar so that I can apply for skilled visa . As I am qualified accountant and working in health sector as well
135. "My name is Puneet Bajaj and I first arrived in 2009, I finished my education in Automotive technology and lodged an application for 485. After that I studied Business and Secured a job in Regional Queensland but was refused in 2018. I met my partner in Australia and she is currently in waiting to lodge her expression of interest for 491 and 190. Section 48 made our life a real hell. we cannot fly to India as I won't be able to come back. I cannot go on her visa. we cannot plan a future as there is no certainty what will happen tmrw. we are together from last 6 years and its putting a big mental stress on us. we both are now dealing with anxiety. Back home both of our families are getting old and physically and mentally feeling low with all our visa issues. kindly help us.
136. I may get a visa refused.
137. Visa. Covid is affecting me a lot. Can't apply for any visa.
138. Due to sec48 Last I lost my invitation because I didn't leave the country.
139. Can't travel overseas and apply for 190 visa and not sure even though if I apply from overseas there is no guarantee that my PR will be granted.
140. With S48, I couldn't apply any visa onshore and even I go offshore, SA won't accept applicant with S48 at the moment which is really unfair.
141. My wife already received the invitations from south Australia and the federal government to lodge the visa but she couldn't apply the visa and it's going to expire on 10 August. I believe my wife could be a good asset for Australia. She is very skilled and working on a good salary too.
142. It is extremely stressful . Family is frustrated. Can't see myself anywhere. Worst part is it affects your health.
143. Worst curse
144. It is very unfair and extremely frustrating to see a lack of support from the federal government for the Section 48 bar applicants. I am experiencing mentally and emotionally breakdowns not being able to go ahead and lodge my visa. I am 32 years now and due to uncertainty, I just cannot go ahead with family planning just because of my visa status and uncertainty in the visa status. I am an enrolled nurse and desperately want to become a Registered Nurse. Again due to uncertainty, it's vastly affecting me from my career development.
145. We are severely affected mentally, physically and financially as well.
146. Unable to make decision in life .. no future..
147. I am too much affected, my partner waiting for me from last 2 and half year, I can lodge my file here, even I have 482 opposition available
148. My occupation is very rare, the business I work for produce 10% of blueberries of Australia. My employer is more than happy to help me in any scenario.
149. I believe that me and my family are putting great efforts to boost WA economy, I am working as a cook and my wife managing a business and my daughter going to school. If we have to leave Australia for apply new visa, then we cannot come until borders open up (which is not sure when) . Because of this my employer will lose a good cook and will big impact on my daughter's life, she will lose her friends and studies.
150. I would like to lodge application for 494 but could not be able to do so and If I will leave Australia to lodge the application and would not be able to come back, then I will not be having funds to pay my partners course fees which she is doing online from Australia whilst she is India.
151. I received nomination for 491 in April this year which expired in June because I was not able to apply for the visa, as borders are closed there's uncertainty when they are going to happen. It was a big financial hit. It's affecting my productivity and mental health as it is so stressful when I think, how close I was to achieve my Australian dream but couldn't just because of one rule.
152. It's my dream to settle down in Australia as I am pursuing my career. But due section 48 I cannot cross border and getting difficulty to apply further visa. And because of that my career is ruined.
153. I have to leave my family behind.
154. I am dependant on my wife visa but this section 48 is causing a problem for us to apply any type of visa. It is too much for us now.

155. Unable to lodge an applications. I have 2 kids and I feel very safe to travel with them in this pandemic.
156. Actually been here from 12 years now, want to settle down, but because of sec 48 cannot do anything. I cannot lodge any file without going offshore.
157. Hy, I have got nominated by state of Tasmania for 491 visa, as I don't have any option left I have decided to leave the country to apply the visa next week.
158. It need to remove.
159. I am not able to apply others job, not able see family in India due travel restrictions and cannot apply for any visa because of 48bar
160. I live with my family here in Tasmania from last two years we have invested and open 3 different businesses on Tasmania. We have more than 8 employees who are Australian citizen. We have been supporting Tasmanian economy, now I have completed my 2 years of study here and I'm eligible for 190 due to s48 bar it's been very difficult although I can apply for nomination but due to covid restrictions it's very hard to live the country and come back.
161. Expensive air tickets
162. Uncertainty of interstate border closer.
163. Covid has badly affected back home.
164. If I will leave the country if I get nomination I'm not sure when I will be back and my business will be hardly affected by this.
165. It has been very hard that we are unable to lodge our bid due to the travel restrictions and having no work sometimes am not able to get the support payment as well.
166. Please remove section 48 bar
167. It is causing mental problems, and it is very frustrating for how long I have to wait when I am fulfilling all the requirements to apply employer sponsorship or skilled visa but because of s48 , got stuck on the way , It seems I cannot move on ahead in my career and creating issues in personal life also.
168. It has made our life so stressful that we can't focus on anything. It is affecting our personal and professional life very bad. I lost my child due to stress and depression. Due to this restriction I couldn't see my dad for the last time, when he was suffering from last stage cancer. We haven't met our family from last 6 years. We can't apply any other visa. All these situations has just made our life like a hell.
169. Was unable to apply for any visa even though I received invitation to apply for 491 visa, so had to apply bridging visa E to leave country in order to get extra time which isn't ideal after spending 12 years here and doing all the right things
170. We are suffering a lot. It's mentally and physically. I am so depressed that doctor gave me medicine for depression. It is also affecting my sexual health as well. My family at back home are crying everyday as nothing is settle down from my side.
171. My 485 visa was refused because I lodged my police check application after the lodgement of the visa application. I am not intending to do my Ph. D but unable to lodge a student visa whilst onshore
172. "My 457 visa was on renewal and got rejected,
173. Other pending file was an employment sponsorship (RSMS visa) got rejected so I applied for refugee visa that has gone refused and now we have done an appeal."
174. Cannot go back and apply, financial hardship to go back have to survive here
175. It is affecting my life
176. "I got my 491 family sponsored invitation for software and application programmer last year for 110 points. But due to covid 19 flight restrictions. I was not able to travel and I missed that opportunity due to section 48 bar. Which is completely unfair. We haven't committed any crime and why the Australian government is treating us like criminals and making us to lodge the visa offshore. We paid them thousand of dollars of tax every years. If the Australian government can waive 8503 condition and grant the 485 visa offshore and then why they cant allow us to lodge visa onshore. I got two skill assessment for 189 which is ICT Business and software and application programmer for 95 points. If I all get the invitation for 189 and I know I have to go offshore for lodging that visa and I know that I can't return to Australia because of covid 19 travel restrictions. I hope the Australian government will work on this petition and allow us to lodge visa onshore. Thanks
177. Can't apply any visa while I am at Australia.
178. I can't apply for my visa
179. Nomination not approved
180. I have already applied for nomination 186de. I could have applied visa too but due to s48 bar I could not. Been here for 8 years , got refusal, can't plan anything because of temporary resident
181. Waiting from years to apply for visa, even having all the documents and requirements needs to apply, living with tension in COVID we don't want to go back to our country with our child.
182. I got 190 invitation 2 years ago, because of section 48 I can't travel so I couldn't lodge any new visa.

183. I have been nominated by Victoria last year and I couldn't apply for it because of travel ban. still struggling with it my partner is citizen but we aren't able to start our life because I have to leave and this is really bothering us. we are so stressed because of my position.
184. I am a chef in hotel. I have completed certificate 3rd and 4th in commercial cookery. I have completed Diploma of hospitality. I have done my JOB READY PROGRAM as a chef and cook. I have been working in cafes and hotels as a chef for more than 4 years. I have passed my English test as well. I can't apply for state nomination Because I have impacted by section 48.
185. I am 14 week pregnant and I have medical condition that I will travel outside Australia because of high risk pregnancy. So I would like to apply 491 visa onshore.
186. I am able to go offshore because I am pregnant at the moment.
187. Section 48 is a curse on our lives. It is hugely effect on us as hardly we got nomination but due to this bar we could not apply our visa
188. Main applicant is working as a chef in regional Victoria since last year. Secondary applicant is also working as a concreter. But due to S48 bar we cannot lodge other visa.
189. I am residing with my family of 3 as my son born and brought up here. I need to lodge my 491 application but can't lodge it and its very difficult for me to sell all the stuff and terminate the lease agreement and lose our jobs as we both are working as disability/community support worker full time. its hard time on us and on my son too as he is too little, don't know he will be settle there or not as he never been there in the past. Bit worried.
190. Because of s48 bar state is not giving nomination and on job I can't get promotion because my company knows my status and they know I will leave sooner. Haven't seen my newborn twin babies from one year. I can't grow in my field because of this situation because I have to leave country to lodge visa and will not be able to return back, in which result I will lose the job.
191. It's not allowing me to apply for my work visa and PR.
192. Not being able to lodge other visas.
193. Mental pressure, unsure about future and cannot make plan for my child.
194. I want to get a visa so I can live my life stress free. Because of Covid I'm not taking risk for travel.
195. During covid pandemic, government changed many migrations rules and regulations, thus, government can change this section. S48 we, are not criminal, we have been living in Australia since long time as we have lots of contribution in Australian economy. If we get nomination, we have to go outside for 1 minutes, then we can come back but due to covid it is not possible because of border closing. At this moment, if we get nomination, we have to go out of Australia and we don't know when we come back. S48, many people have jobs, house, kids school, loan lots of responsibilities, in this situation extremely hard to leave country for a Long time , furthermore, this law pushing people to death , this is inhumanity, unexpected. law protect the human's life but current S48 law pushing people to death. If government wants, they can change S 48law. In this case, government can open another visa during covid for them who gets nomination, for example ,408, nominated people will apply another visa for applying onshore, consequence, government can earn extra money, tax and other benefits. From human point of view government should change s48 and provide opportunity to apply on shore during pandemic.
196. I have been waiting for apply skilled visa in SA after finishing my bachelor degree in accounting as well met all criteria but due to my student visa refusal and under section 48 I am not allowed to apply visa in Australia while my stay and I is a biggest barrier to do so. I have many insecurities in my mind right now like once I leave Australia, am I be able to come back or not?
197. I am not able to apply or do any applicable.
198. I am working in critical skills occupation from last 2 years. I have my family living with me. I was sponsored by federal government to apply 491 visa but due to section 48 bar couldn't apply.
199. It's deferred me from applying for permanent residency as the travel restrictions are still there
200. It has a negative impact on family and employment as well.
201. I was invited to apply for 491 but because of s48 bar I couldn't apply within Australia, my BVB was refused and now I'm about to fly out of the country to apply for it. The tragedy behind all this is that I built my life here, I have a house, a partner, a dog, friends, relatives etc and I'm leaving all behind to be able to apply for a skilled visa. I have to quit my job where I'm sous chef, and leave the team in trouble because there's nearly no one out there applying for jobs, not Australians anyway. So I'm forced to leave this country which gave me so much because of s48 bar so I can come back and finally settle down. I have tried to reach out to Alex Hawke, MP Pisoni and Sen. Birmingham but none of them could/wanted to help. Australia's ridiculously strict borders policy is affecting people's lives and is not really dealing with the problem anyway.
202. I feel uncertainty

203. Australia is great country we're people can live happy. My daughter is Australian citizen we also want to apply parent visa due to our sponsorship refused I am unable to apply parent visa which makes complete family in depression some time bad ideas come what kind of life we dream and what kind of we livening like please wave of section 48 for some time until COVID travel bad I hope Australian governments understand people problems and try to help them as much as they can. Waiting for some good news to come from last year no travel many relatives died in India that pain and depression I don't know what will be result if going on same situation.
204. I have true qualification and visa refused reason my previous employer nomination refused, I am working this industry over 10 year and 5 year in Australia, working for new employer from last year and get nomination but cannot apply visa for section 48 and cannot go offshore cause Covid.
205. Ruin my and my family future
206. My employer wishes to sponsor me, but I am not able to go offshore to lodge my visa.
207. Hi I'm working as motor mechanic from last 3 years in Victoria I got my visa refused 457 in 2017 when they changed rules by Tony Abbot it's wasn't our fault after that last year I nominated by Victoria for 491 but I couldn't apply my visa due to S48 I still have chance to get nomination please help us if you can and allow us to apply our visa while living in Australia thanks
208. I am not being able to apply for employer sponsored visa 494; section 48 prevents me from applying for state nomination 491 and 190 when I meet all the eligibility criteria. It is very scary to travel during covid19, even after travel it is unsure to return back which will make put a gap on my professional life and takes longer periods of time to achieve my goals in life. It's been more than 7 years in Queensland, we plan for future when we lived here for long.
209. "Hi it's very unfair , I am working in my field(Cook) from last 4 years . But due to section 48 I am not eligible to apply skilled visa onshore. Everybody know that due to covid it's impossible to going out and come back after lodging visa offshore. I logged 187 visa in 2017 after 16 months without a valid reason immigration refused my visa (even immigration not giving me chance to provide your evidence) , now 31 months gone my case still pending in AAT. Totally 45 months gone, still I am waiting when my AAT will open. Federal government should have to change section 48."
210. My life is put on hold despite continuity of work and a sponsor who has already nominated me. The rest of my family is here on their own visas yet I might be sent back to the Philippines, which I no longer consider home as I have lived and has never exited Australia since I arrived 7 years ago. It has been mentally and emotionally tough to be battling this visa issue while highly worrying about the current realities of the pandemic. Families including frontliner parents in my centre are offering any help to fight for my stay as I am the carer of their children but all I can say to them is my Section 48 bar means there is nothing I can do during this pandemic but wait for my impending doom of being sent to a COVID-stricken country that is now an alien place to me. I have a sponsor who has nominated me, I have my qualifications and experience that I have gained in Australia, I have been assessed by ACECQA, my English is deemed superior after sitting an English Test, I have relevant police checks to show my good moral record and I am young enough to be able to do more for my community, state and this country like finally being able to get a degree, except I cannot lodge because of regulation 2.12. The section 48 bar has indeed been detrimental to my emotional and career growth when I have not been able to be given a chance for myself yet. In all of the 7 years I have resided in Australia, I was only a secondary applicant, and I can't lodge for any visa that will help me to give back to a place I consider home.
211. Yes I currently cannot apply for skilled visa as I am barred.
212. we are affected and can't apply any other visa because of section 48 bar
213. I cannot able to lodge another visa due to my s48 bar even though I was invented by the ACT government, it is absolutely unfair for us even though we are invented by Government
214. My application is on hold due to S48 as at the moment I can't leave the country to accept my potential invitation. This has created so much stress since I'm not what will be the outcome.
215. It's horrible for me and my family
216. Husband received employer nomination accepted but cant lodge the visa 186 application due to section 48.
217. I have section 48 bar now I have am getting a sponsorship in South Hedland regional area in WA, I started to work here, but don't know h how I can apply for 494
218. Unable to apply for visa 199
219. Me and my family living in Australia from 12 years, have two kids both are students, high school and primary schools, youngest one born in Australia and now due to Covid 19 we are unable to leave the country to apply another visa, we have restaurants which is willing to sponsor us but because of Section 48 we can't lodge the application. Please help us by changing the regulation 2.12 so we can apply new application. Thanks

220. I'm living here with my family. I am living and working in Nowra NSW and I want to apply for 190 or 491 asap but I can't do this in current situation because of travel restrictions. I do have very good job as well as production manager, because of visa section 48, if I leave country I risk my job as well.
221. It is impossible for me to regularize my migration situation in Australia since in order to do that I will need to leave the country without having the guarantee to be able to come back. I would like to stay in this country by applying to a different visa; but since I can't leave the country. I am kind of stuck here.
222. Cannot file visa
223. I cannot get Overseas because of Covid19
224. Everything mentioned above
225. My Employer already sponsored for Visa 186 and the nomination is granted. However I have to lodge my 186 visa application before December 2021.
226. Hi, we are looking for 190 visa but for section 48 bar. I am not able to travel and states are not accepting a applications affected with section 48. We are waiting for more than a year. We are eligible to apply for 190 visa. Even my kids stuck in overseas for 2 years. We miss them but for covid and section 48 bar we are helpless.
227. I have been Australia for long, because of agent immigration cancelled my visa. Me and husband both are skilled as accountant and chef. And workings in skilled field for long. We never breached any visa condition. Because of Agent fault we are suffering. We are paying tax. I am suffering so much. I have 2 kids aged 6 and 4. All family is suffering. If the s48 is effecting everything.
228. Been stood down from long time because of COVID so no work no money
229. I already lodge nomination. RCB already been approved. Only visa application is remaining. Because of section 48, I can't apply for visa at this stage. I have six month daughter and bit worried about her if we go out side from Australia. Don't know what to do now.
230. I have been live in Australia for 9 years. I am waiting for applying visa 482 DAMA Northern Territory, I got nomination already but I cannot apply for the application because of section 48. While my wife is studying in Darwin on our bridging visa A (Federal Court). Mr Minister, please remove the section 48 temporarily for us. In this pandemic, we cannot leave Australia to apply for visas. I tried to apply visitor visa NZ 2 times but they was refused applications.
231. I have s48 and I want to launch 491 visa but because of this bar I can't apply any visa onshore and I can't go offshore because borders are close. Also my 5 years old son stuck in India and am waiting to see him.
232. The Section 48 will impact my family as we have to be outside of Australia to lodge and won't be allowed to come back due to the pandemic covid-19. Particularly, it's a serious trouble for my 9-year-old daughter. She first came to Australia when she was about 1 year old. She has been growing up and studying in Australia for almost of her life since starting with kindergarten. Her teachers and classmates recognised her as a little Asian Aussie girl rather than a little Vietnamese girl. The Australian culture is in her blood not the Vietnamese culture where she was born. Thus, it would be definitely a huge problem for my daughter because of discontinuing study in Australia. Moreover, we have to take the responsibility for our permanent on-going jobs as a graphic designer and sheet metal worker/welder; and keep paying a long-term rental agreement. Therefore, I would be grateful if the section 48 could be waived and we can lodge another visa during the pandemic, so we can continue working and studying to contribute for our great and beautiful Australia.
233. Due to s48 bar I can't apply any other visa . This pandemic time I can't travel overseas.
234. It's hard to live like you never know when you need to go back and it's mentally stressful and can't live a peaceful life in this country even after working in nominated position for long term.
235. Can apply for 491 or 190 as living in NT for around 4 years.
236. Section 48 is impacting me to lodge new 482 visa.
237. I'm very mantle upset due to section 48 because spend lot of time and money to fill up requirements for nominations . Now I have everything but due to section 48 I didn't apply anything.
238. We had to relocate from WA to NT after being offered a sponsorship in WA but missed the 45 age limit cut-off due to Covid/S48 bar! The relocation costs were very high! The company I work for in NT struggle with staff, as there's a massive shortage! They have offered me a DAMA sponsorship but this has been placed on hold due to Covid/S48. It has placed massive anxiousness and stress on my immediate and extend family and my senior management as I am filling an important role in the company. My wife works in tourism and they also have suffered a massive shortage of staff. We are providing the country with Australian skills and expertise, however we remain overlooked due to the S48 bar that has been placed on our visa due to no fault of ours. The previous company who wanted to sponsor us had their nomination refused. We have been suffering due to this.
239. I can't say because I am from 457 visa since 2014 and renewed on 2017 until 2022 of May

240. I am working as an Enrolled nurse. I am proud to be a nurse and nursing is one of the most respected professions. Nursing is an opportunity to make a real difference in people's lives. Australia has given me the opportunity to be a nurse and skilled worker. Now I am an independent skilled worker. I am proud that I have a skill in my hand. Section 48 & Regulation 2.12 has a big impact on me that I can't lodge my visa onshore and to lodge the visa I have to depart from Australia and due to COVID-19 no one knows when I will be able to come back to Australia. I will lose my job. I will have a huge gap between my job. it will stop my continuous development and learning. Due to short staff at workplace and it is hard to cover the shift. The care needs cannot be met due to short staff. Sometimes due to new staff the residents needs does not meet. Residents know their regular staff and they feel comfortable with regular staff. It's not fair for Employer to advertise again for the vacancy. I have started working as a carer. Now I am working as an Enrolled nurse. I committed to my employer that I will be a long term employee. I have learnt a lot during my work experience and I want to continue my profession with the same passion. The section 48 and regulation 2.12 is very stressful and makes me and my family unhappy. I love my work and residents and I love my family who is living in Australia as well. I have a genuine interest and intention to live and work in South Australia I intend to live and work in SA with a view to long term settlement. I request to the Minister to waive or remove the section 48 and regulation 2.12 so that I can apply visa onshore and continue working with my employer and help my residents at work. At the same time I can stay with my family and can spend good time with them.
241. Due to this impact where I am about to apply for skilled migration but cannot because of section 48. This situation is stressful time for whole of our family and even my parents are also stressed about us. Now I have everything and immigration is bit relax with rules but section 48 is not allowing us to apply for skilled migration. I cannot look anywhere permanent job because of bridging visa. Sometimes I am depressed about this.
242. Am separated from my husband & two kids for almost 2 years. I need a valid visa to work under my employer with which I can work and can bring my family to Australia. It is hard to stay without family and no one to support. As a mother am so depressed and worried.
243. Our life has been placed in limbo. No freedom at all. This regulation is against human rights. Our case is now in FCC.
244. My career is changed I'm in deep stress and depression. I got diabetes because of this stress.
245. Causing unnecessary stress on us and the business, we are working for.
246. Due to the COVID 19, we could not be able apply for EOI. Our current visa is nearly expiring. I'm working as a restaurant manager and our business desperately needs me working there due to the shorthanded issue.
247. Unsure about my future
248. New South Wales is going to sponsor me. I am worried how I am going and then coming back.
249. Working since 1 and half year in accounting, collecting the highest point but cannot apply because I have to go offshore and can't cross border which leads to loss of my current employment and uncertainty of when will be back
250. I have two children born in Australia they don't get any facility and to admit In school they ask for valid 3 years visa which I can't provide ,and due to this I cannot change my job as well where I had get more job offer with good salary ,and this pandemic time we can't go anywhere ,can't apply for any other skill visa it' had affect me mentally very badly ,In
251. The section 48 bar has had quite a significant impact on our lives .I did have all the chances by my side to have a positive outcome with my current employer for a sponsorship, he is awaiting for borders to reopen for me to be able re do my visa offshore. I'm having to reapply for all my paper works as they are all expiring or are expired and this is putting financial stress on me and my family, we are asking ourselves everyday what will happen to our future. We are moving blindly and our dream. Of becoming citizen of this country one day is fading slowly. Even though we have been doing the right thing for 7 years. The refusal of our visa was not our fault as it was because of the nomination refusal. We are praying everyday that this situation gets better, we have I kid who have he whole life here. We have another one on the way and we are only hoping for the best for then. A substantive visa is at least what could get us a good start to re lodge a visa onshore. The travel ban is not our choice, we cannot take a chance and leave for reapply for a visa and then there's no tomorrow. "
252. Section 48 bar has put me into a situation where my whole career is gone. I did receive an invitation from SA but because of section 48 I have lost those 60 days and could not go anywhere because of covid as I have 2 little kids and one my child is even Australian citizen so it has impacted me and my family a lot. I have been here 12 years and when finally got into something that covid and section 48 came.

253. Preventing me for applying for 190 visa.
254. "Because I urge to study this sec 48 gives me in reward. Only because after completing Master degree, I have try to study in advance diploma to enhance my knowledge and skills. After completing my studies and published 2 research papers still stuck to not getting skilled visa in Australia. Even after getting invitation from both government bodies "state and federal government, but unable to have the visa because of Covid which is not in our hand to control. When other visa holders can get covid19 temporary relaxation then why shouldn't we. It really puts us in the mental stress situation. Hard to explain this pain in words.
255. Not able to apply for a state visa. Quite uncertainty about future.
256. I am eligible for 190 and 491 since last 1 year but couldn't get invite because of section 48 rest all conditions are fulfilled except for S48.
257. Due to current COVID-19 situation, I am concerned that despite having opportunities in 190 and 186 subclass visas, I am unable to obtain any visas and going outside Australia to apply for visa could be an end to my Australian immigration plan.
258. I had applied for student visa extension because my 3 months study was pending but they refuse my visa application. After that study I was eligible for 485 visa but I can't apply TR due to section 48. On the other hand in this covid 19 period I'm spending money on AAT and then federal court appeals and paying fees to lawyers. Just because of section 48 bar and due to travel ban I even not able to go back to own country. If I get 485 visa then I can get 2 year full time Australian experience which help me to get job back in own country. But In this situation I can't do anything even there are many other visa option immigration provides in covid 19 but due to section 48 that's visas are useless for me.
259. I have affected by section 48 as I have applied my state nomination in December 2019 and since then I'm waiting for their reply as I have contact the state growth of Tasmania and they said they hold my file because of section 48 and also said I m a strong applicant which help in growth of Tasmania economy. Me and my wife working as full time jobs and my six year old going to school. My employer really needs an employee like me as I'm high skilled and experienced, so they don't want lose me. And as I like my profession and as covid impacted on so many businesses I don't want to lose my job.
260. It's stopping me from applying to 190 state nomination visa.
261. We are mentally stressed since applying for the tourist visa in 2019, have come a long way and settled in Tasmania. Have ticked all the boxes but due to the migration policy unable to apply for the visa. I have a little daughter and worried about our future.
262. Because of section 48 I can't lodge my visa. If my nomination will approve I have to leave the country before lodge visa.
263. It has a huge a huge pressure and in a way it took a toll on my mental health.
264. I cannot apply any kind of visa so even not employer sponsored visa even my owner happy to give me sponsorship because he cannot find my replacement.
265. Hi there. Thank you for you time to read this. I came Australia when I was 20, and I have been in Australia for almost 11 years with my study (1 bachelor and 2 master degrees) and work time. I received a pre-invitation for my 190 but I cannot apply for it due to s48. I put my efforts to get my English result and worked hard for my job for past years and I tried my best to meet the requirements to apply Australian PR. I am happy to go offshore anytime. However, this is the safe risk for myself to take fly at this moment. And I am not eligible to apply this 190 under WA nomination rule. Please help me and others whoever are suffering due to this! Thank you very much! Kind regards
266. I want to apply for visa 190. But can't apply because of section 48.
267. Section 48 has impacted me a lot. I can't plan anything. Can't secure my future here in Australia. Everything is messed up. Waiting for more than a year. Got my 190 invitation but cannot lodge visa.
268. Unable to travel to lodge skilled visa application
269. I am applying for 482 with a nomination already approved. I cannot proceed with the application because we need to apply offshore as we are appealing from a previous refusal on my husband visa. I am essential for the business that is soon opening 3 more stores across Sydney. If I leave country to apply, who knows when I can come back.
270. I would like to change career which are more in demand and meet the needs of the community. I am not able to cope with proving my visa status and feel insecure about myself and my children.
271. We are competent to apply 491 visa, but due to section 48 we are unable to apply.
272. I've been running a successful music business in Australia for nearly 10 years since I was a student, employed countless of artists and musicians weekly and had the biggest weekly reggae event in Australia pre covid. My Distinguished Talent Visa was refused because of a mistake probably made by my migration lawyer, he didn't even bother to let me know it's been refused and he is ignoring me for over a week now while my deadline is reaching. I have nowhere to go and the music industry is struggling all around the world with lockdowns every second month and rising health concern. It's very

distressing for me and my family and friends and I don't deserve to be treated like that by the system especially after all those years of paying for visas and paying taxes, being 100% lawful to the country. I'm very sad and anxious about what's going to happen.

273. I have been in this country for almost 10 years. This country is my home. My Visa was refused as a consequence of my employer nomination being refused (and the reasons of refusal are very questionable). Due to COVID and current border restrictions I'd need to go to probably New Zealand (if I am lucky) and apply for a new Visa there. It would be extremely disruptive for my life in general. I should have the right to apply on-shore in case my AAT matter was unsuccessful.
274. My RAMS file was rejected two years ago and reason was given that there is no genuine need for manager in our business. However, I have been managing the business from mid 2017 on my own (owners lives 4.5 hours away) and I am waiting for 2 years for AAT to review this.
275. Have been living in Australia since 2014 and due to section 48 can't lodge any other visas onshore. Separated from my child since 6 years and cannot travel due to section 48 this is very unfair with us.
276. Me and my husband living in Adelaide from 2009. My son got citizenship here on his 10th birthday because he was born here. We are affected by section 48. I am working as a carer and as an Enrolled Nurse. We can't apply 491 visa because of section 48.
277. I have been here more than ten years. I already prepared everything for my application, however I could not go overseas. If I back to my country and apply travel exemption, it will take me at least 3 months to do it, and my current job really need me to work in Australia. Also it take risk during training. Really stress and upset about section 48. We are taxpayer, we could not got any support from job keeper on last year. Feel hopeless.
278. We cannot plan our future. We are not able to apply for skilled migration due to border closure. If given a chance then we would be loyal citizens of this country.
279. I have been working full-time hours for National Australia Bank as Hays temporary contractor for almost 3 years and working as a subject matter expert-SME for TTR /SMR reporting in Financial Crime Operations division. I have moved to Geelong, Victoria in early 2020 in order to apply for 491 state nomination program and my application was successful and received nomination to apply 491 visa on July 2020. However, due to COVID restrictions I was unable to travel overseas and could not apply to the visa due to my visa had section 48 clause. Therefore, in September 2020 the nomination was cancelled after 60 day expiry. I still am unable to apply for any nomination due to the same reasons as well as it would impact my current work position if I am to be in overseas for longer period. Employment wise I have been listed to be in a permanent role in NAB but is on pending due to my visa situation for almost nearly 2 years and it impacting on my career growth as well. My wife is a store Manager at Coles express and this issue has impacted both of our career growth opportunities as we are not having a permanent or state nomination visa which would be a more guaranteed visa for our employers to consider on any senior/permanent positions.
280. I've studied graduated Bachelors of Business - Accounting here in Australia and luckily I found a good employer that is willing to sponsor me to work for them. Unfortunately, due to the agent's scam, he made false statements and didn't prepare the paperwork properly for me (also with other unfortunate people as lots of them reported about the agent and he fled the country with all the money) so my sponsored application got refused. I'm still working for the same employer that sponsored me but with Covid everywhere around the world and Australia doesn't open the border (which I understand for safety of everyone here) but now I left stranded here don't know about my future and what to do.
281. I have lost 2 years in covid pandemic, cannot lodge my visa.
282. I believe that my contribution to Australia's economies was appreciable. If I could get an opportunity to apply my skilled visa, I can guarantee Australia will get a good citizen in this country. I already received my invitations and it's going to expire this 10 August. Thanks to the government for giving us an opportunity to live in this country for 11 years.
283. My partner needs to apply visa 491 subsequent entrant. I and my kids got visa after going offshore and luckily got exemption to come back after 3 months. Now my husband needs to go for visa application.
284. I am unable to work which is making my life really hard. I am not applying for any skilled visa as I'm not allowed to lodge a visa application onshore. I am suffering from deep depression and anxiety due to my circumstances as well as covid 19. Section bar 48 is responsible for what I'm going through.
285. Because of our divorce, my secondary 485 visa was cancelled. I was able to apply student visa or 491 visa, but now unable to do that. My case was in AAT and I lost in AAT. Now I had to apply for health visa and that one also refused and now again in AAT. I didn't do any crime, domestic violence or never broke any rules. Just because of my wife gave me divorce, I'm section 48 barred. I have 8 years civil engineering experience in my home country and could apply for further study or 491. Now, I'm living a miserable and uncertain life without doing any fault.

286. Uncertain Future for all three of us. I have full time job who is willing to sponsor me. I have two children who were born here, in year 3 and 5, but we get that we will need to leave the country. We do not have home outside of Australia. Being unable to apply to a new visa have left our family in a very vulnerable position. We live with uncertainty and growing anxiety about what will happen with us in the future. We are hard working professionals, and we contribute to the South Australian economy and even though we have been offer sponsorship from our employers, we are unable to apply for a visa given section 48.
287. Section 48 has impacted our hope for applying for any visa onshore. Being law abiding temporal residents and contributing positively to the wellbeing of the elderly through our work, it breaks the hearts of many old residents who know that my husband will probably not continue to provide the support needed, when it's time to leave Australia. Leaving will leave a gap in the already struggling aged care sector. Very hard to retain good staff, and I speak from experience as a Recruitment Administrator, and also having worked in the industry since 2005. The impact on my family is uncertainty for the future, especially having a 7 year old daughter, born in Australia, who has no idea what the future holds.
288. I am very affected and depressed because of the section 48 and lockdown. Really, doing struggle for survive.
289. I am effected by s48 bar, I have an employer who is ready to sponsor me under 494 but due to flight restrictions and covid 19 situations I can't apply , despite of the fact that I have positive skill assessment as a retail manager and full time 3 years of work experience.
290. My occupation is on SOL but I cannot apply as I am impacted by Section 48 bar.
291. Received Invitation for 491 yet unable to lodge and got expired. My son is in yr. 12 and unable to plan for further study. Have worked and saved money to buy a property but can't go ahead with this uncertainty. These are just a few examples.