

Numbers of applications received and approved under various labour importation schemes from 2023 to September 2025

Labour Importation Scheme	Number of applications received ^{Note 1}			Number of applications approved ^{Note 1}		
	2023	2024	2025 (as at 30 September)	2023	2024	2025 (as at 30 September)
Special Scheme to Import Care Workers for Residential Care Homes	849	1 477	769 ^{Note 2}	614	1 010	615 ^{Note 3}
Labour Importation Scheme for the Construction Sector	57	65	43	35	30	19 ^{Note 4}
Labour Importation Scheme for the Transport Sector — Aviation Industry ^{Note 5}	29	27	58	28	27	58
Labour Importation Scheme for the Transport Sector — Public Light Bus (PLB)/ Coach Trade ^{Note 6}	118	129	58	98	125	11
Enhanced Supplementary Labour Scheme	2 380	7 266	10 256	411	5 739	5 949

Note 1: Numbers of applications received and approved included new applications and renewal applications for quotas.

Note 2: The seventh round of application ended on 12 August 2025. The Social Welfare Department is processing 409 applications, including renewal applications for quotas.

Note 3: Some applications were received at the end of last year and were approved in 2025.

Note 4: DEVB is vetting the ninth round of application of the Labour Importation Scheme for the Construction Sector.

Note 5: All quotas of 6 300 in total were allocated through three rounds of application in 2023, 2024 and 2025 respectively by TLB.

Note 6: All quotas of 1 700 in total (including 900 PLB and 800 coach driver quotas) were allocated through two rounds of application in 2023 and 2024 respectively by TLB and the Transport Department. Applications received and approved in 2025 were for renewal of existing quotas.