

**Numbers of applications received and approved under ESLS from 2023 to September 2025
a breakdown by industry**

Industry	2023		2024		2025 (as at September)	
	No. of applications*	No. of applications approved*	No. of applications*	No. of applications approved*	No. of applications*	No. of applications approved*
1. Agriculture and Fisheries	48	127	330	315	277	218
2. Manufacturing	176	37	865	604	916	614
3. Construction ⁺	0	7	0	19	0	0
4. Import/Export Trades and Wholesale	153	19	463	345	865	465
(i) Import/Export Trades	(70)	(2)	(233)	(151)	(497)	(261)
(ii) Wholesale	(83)	(17)	(230)	(194)	(368)	(204)
5. Retail, Accommodation and Food Services	1 504	92	3 705	3 229	4 769	3 074
(i) Retail	(168)	(2)	(639)	(450)	(1 000)	(583)
(ii) Accommodation Services	(72)	(2)	(75)	(111)	(75)	(54)
(iii) Food and Beverage Services	(1 264)	(88)	(2 991)	(2 668)	(3 694)	(2 437)
6. Transportation, Storage, Information and Communications	98	3	305	206	426	254
7. Financing, Insurance, Real Estate, Professional and Business Services	91	13	476	287	1 240	491
8. Public Administration, Social and Personal Services ⁺⁺	310	113	1 122	734	1 763	833
Total	2 380	411	7 266	5 739	10 256	5 949

* LD has implemented ESLS since 4 September 2023. The vetting of applications received may be completed after the specified year/ period, and hence the number of applications approved only reflected the results of some of the applications received during the same period.

+ Including applications submitted under the Supplementary Labour Scheme prior to the launch of the Labour Importation Scheme for the Construction Sector.

++ Including applications submitted under the Supplementary Labour Scheme prior to the launch of the Special Scheme to Import Care Workers for Residential Care Homes.