

## Student Stats: China

Updated April 2007. Source: NZIS

<b>1. China student visa/permits as at 1<sup>st</sup> April, by sector</b>			
	<b>1/04/07</b>	<b>1/04/06</b>	<b>1/04/05</b>
<b>University</b>	7437	10870	15561
<b>Polytech</b>	1883	2799	5376
<b>PTE</b>	4009	5637	8285
<b>Secondary School</b>	683	824	2465
<b>Total</b>	14295	20791	32113
<b>Number of Providers</b>	approx 330	Approx 385	(n/a from data set)

A sharp drop overall in total numbers, as the bulge of students from the 2000 – 2003 period moves through the system. We anticipate the overall numbers to fall a bit further next year, then level off as the market reaches an equilibrium around current new enrolments.

<b>2. China FFP only students: Total student visa/permit applications and declines over equivalent 9 month period (July – March inclusive) for each noted year</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>Offshore Approvals</b>	<b>Offshore Declines</b>	<b>Offshore Total Applications</b>	<b>Onshore Approvals</b>	<b>Onshore Declines</b>	<b>Onshore Total Applications</b>
<b>02/03</b>	11648	4210	15858	20074	179	20253
<b>03/04</b>	4398	1402	5800	30667	245	30912
<b>04/05</b>	1987	646	2633	29978	204	30182
<b>05/06</b>	1724	501	2225	26368	123	26491
<b>06/07</b>	1971	733	2704	23204	103	23307

The downward trend in offshore applications has been marked over these equivalent 9 month periods, although the latest period shows a modest increase. Offshore applications are almost always but not exclusively first time students. The onshore application rate has declined at a slower rate, but we would anticipate this decline continuing for the next 2-3 years as current students complete study. The offshore decline rate has stayed constant (26.5% in 02/03, 27% in 06/07).

<b>3. China FFP only Students: First Time student visa/permits</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>First time students</b>
<b>02/03</b>	14154
<b>03/04</b>	5274
<b>04/05</b>	2531
<b>05/06</b>	2486
<b>06/07*</b>	1934*

\* = For first nine months of year.

This table notes the first time students by year. The data is for full years except for 06/07, where it is for July – March (inclusive), ie nine months. The equivalent figure for the first nine months of 05/06 was 1661. Again, after some years of sharp decline, the trend is slightly up. This suggests that the market has 'bottomed out' and a modest recovery may be underway. However, we do not expect numbers to reach anything like the proportions of five years ago. We would pick a desirable and sustainable new start rate in the range of 3-4000 per year, assuming the objective for the majority of students was long term study in New Zealand. A rate beyond this will increase the risk profile in respect of single market dependence and dominance.