



## Hague Convention application statistics (2017-2018)

### New Hague Convention abduction applications received by Australian Central Authority

	Applications from another country (child in Australia)	Applications to another country (child overseas)
<b>Financial Year 2013-2014</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>54</b>
Proportion New Zealand	45%	31%
Proportion UK and US	8.33%	20.38%
Proportion all other countries	46.67%	48.62%
<b>Financial Year 2014-2015</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>82</b>
Proportion New Zealand	42.31%	41.46%
Proportion UK and US	25%	29.27%
Proportion all other countries	31.69%	29.27%
<b>Financial Year 2015-2016</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>92</b>
Proportion New Zealand	43.64%	26.09%
Proportion UK and US	27.27%	43.48%
Proportion all other countries	29.09%	30.43%
<b>Financial Year 2016-2017</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>84</b>
Proportion New Zealand	40%	35.71%
Proportion UK and US	26.67%	29.76%
Proportion all other countries	33.33%	34.52%
<b>Financial Year 2017-2018</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>80</b>
Proportion New Zealand	55.32%	36.25%
Proportion UK and US	17.02%	17.50%
Proportion all other countries	27.66%	46.25%

### Children in Hague Convention abduction applications

	Financial Year 2013-2014	Financial Year 2014-15	Financial Year 2015-16	Financial Year 2016-17	Financial Year 2017-18
<b>Applications from another country (child in Australia)</b>	94	80	79	161	162
<b>Applications to another country (child in other country)</b>	79	114	137	139	143

## Children returned in Hague Convention abduction applications

	Financial Year 2013-2014	Financial Year 2014-15	Financial Year 2015-16	Financial Year 2016-17	Financial Year 2017-18
<b>Applications from another country (child in Australia)</b>	64	44	44	59	45
<b>Applications to another country (child in other country)</b>	45	56	63	61	66

‘Applications from another country (child in Australia)’ relate to a child who has been abducted to Australia, where the Hague Convention application seeking the return of the child to the other country is heard by a judicial or administrative authority in Australia. ‘Applications to another country (child in other country)’ relate to a child abducted overseas, where the Hague Convention application seeking the return of the child to Australia is heard by a judicial or administrative authority in the country where the child is located.

**Note: All statistics are drawn from case management systems maintained by the Australian Central Authority (Australian Government Attorney-General’s Department). These statistics only reflect applications to the Australian Central Authority, and are not an authoritative representation of the total number of Hague Convention cases to/from Australia, or the total number of abductions to/from Australia. The number of Hague Convention applications, or the number of children in Hague Convention applications received in a financial year, cannot accurately be compared against the number of children returned in that same financial year, as matters may span financial years. The number of children returned in Hague Convention abduction applications does not necessarily reflect the success or otherwise of an application given the range of possible outcomes, including withdrawal by the applicant, voluntary agreements or discontinued applications.**