

Sent via email on 3 January 2017 to: request-375628-e33bcdda@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr Maidment

Thank you for your request received on 6 December 2016. I can confirm this request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

I can also confirm the General Dental Council (GDC) holds information in the area of your enquiry yet please do refer to the caveats in the notes section at the end of this response for clarity on data provided.

The General Dental Council's (GDC's) response

Please find below a response to your request split into two parts:

- **Part A** - results for each of your numbered requests using the data field 'Country of Nationality' as the closest link within current GDC records for 'Country of Origin';
- **Part B** - results for each of your numbered requests using the data field 'Country of Qualification'.

The results have been subdivided into the two main registration types, Dentists and DCPs (Dental Care Professionals).

Although your request has specified a more granular breakdown of the results by area and country, we are unable to provide this additional level of detail within the time and cost limit set out in section 12 of the FOI Act. Section 12 of the FOI Act allows a public authority to refuse to deal with a request where it estimates that it would exceed the appropriate limit to locate, extract, and/or retrieve the information requested. The appropriate limit for the GDC is 18 hours or £450. The estimate must be reasonable in the circumstances of the case.

Providing you with the data you have requested is not straight forward and it has taken a considerable amount of time to set up our reporting system to be able to extract the information at the level of detail provided in the response below. We estimate that it would take several hours to set up our reports to be able to extract data relating to individual countries and then 3-5 minutes to collate the data per individual country. The work that this would entail along with the time we have already spent locating and extracting data for your request would therefore exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours under section 12 of the FOI Act.

Naturally, if you were able to limit the number of regions and/or countries within the scope of your request then we may be able to assist you further.

Part A

"The number of (a) dentists and (b) other registrant types on the GDC Register with their country of Nationality:

1. ...listed as the UK or Ireland.
2. ...listed as Malta
3. ...listed as Iceland.
4. ...listed as any EEA country other than the UK, Ireland or Malta.

5. ...listed as Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, New Zealand, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago or the United States of America.
6. ...listed as Ghana, India, Kenya, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, The Philippines, Uganda or Zimbabwe.
7. ...listed as Botswana, Cameroon, the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Gambia, Kiribati, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu or Zambia.
8. ...listed as any other country than UK.
9. ...listed as any country currently in the EU.”

Table A

Item	DCP	Dentist
1	13,310	5,469
2	0	3
3	0	1
4	2,095	3,747
5	127	113
6	373	1,933
7	14	30
8	3,448	6,900
9	15,369	9,213

Part B

“The number of (a) dentists and (b) other registrant types on the GDC Register with their **Country of Qualification:**

10. ...listed as the UK or Ireland.
11. ...listed as Malta
12. ...listed as Iceland.
13. ...listed as any EEA country other than the UK, Ireland or Malta.
14. ...listed as Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, New Zealand, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago or the United States of America.
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Table B

Item	DCP	Dentist
10	67,362	34,057
11	0	27
12	0	1
13	393	6,105
14	70	231
15	108	1,028
16	1	47
17	659	8,122
18	67,699	40,145

Internal review and complaints procedure

In accordance with the FOI Act, you are able to ask that an internal review be carried out if you would like to complain about this response or the way your request has been handled.

Complaints should be addressed to:

Principal Legal Adviser
General Dental Council
37 Wimpole Street
London
W1G 8DQ

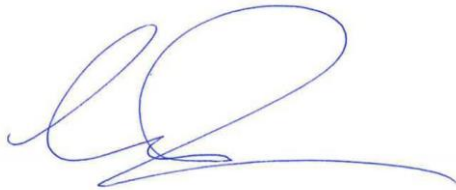
If, at the end of the review process, you are not satisfied with the response that you receive, you may write to the Information Commissioner, who is appointed to consider such complaints, at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 745
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: casework@ico.org.uk

I hope you have found the response provided helpful. If I can provide any further clarification or assistance, then please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'M' followed by a horizontal line.

Matthew Dunphy
Project & Reporting Manager
General Dental Council

Notes Section

1. At present, no specific data records exist for “Country of Origin”. As above, Part A of the request refers to the GDC’s records under the field, Country of Nationality. Numbers in this category are lower than would be expected as this is not a mandatory field.
2. However, results in Part B of this response using the field, Country of Qualification, are an accurate reflection of the GDC’s register as data in this field is populated for all live registrants.
3. Results for countries within the EU and EEA respectively have been grouped using the recognised status of each country as quoted in the government website:
<https://www.gov.uk/eu-eea>
4. As a snapshot of the GDC register is required for this request, data is provided for all live registrants as at 21 December 2016.
5. Duplicates are expected in this response where a registrant has both Dentists and single or multiple DCP titles. This is consistent within wider GDC reporting on the register.
6. Results for Country of Qualification UK include those Non-EEA candidates qualified under the UK Statutory Exam.