

FOI Number 62021

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- 1) How many 'Turkish ECAA businesspersons' applications were made (as a first attempt) to:
-- the Home Office In the UK and - the British Consulate in Turkey and other countries
under ECAA the Ankara Agreement, each month between 01.01.2019 and 31.12.2020
- 1) how many of these applications were successful / refused
- 2) How many applicants have asked to extend their first year ECAA businesspersons visa to 3 years between 2019-2021
- 2a) how many of these applications were successful / refused
- 3) How many applications were made to receive indefinite leave to remain in the UK following completion of 5 years as ECAA businessperson between 2019-2020
- 3a) how many of these applications were successful / refused.

Our records indicate that...

Table 1 - The number of 'Turkish ECAA businesspersons' applications made (as a first attempt) to the Home Office In the UK under the Ankara Agreement, each month between 01-Jan-2019 and 30-Sep-2020 and the number of these that were successful / refused, by Month of Application.

Application Month (in the UK)	Number of Applications (in the UK)	Number of applications Granted	Number of applications Refused
Jan-2019	115	-	120
Feb-2019	90	*	100
Mar-2019	145	*	155
Apr-2019	115	5	120
May-2019	105	*	115
Jun-2019	85	5	90
Jul-2019	155	*	160
Aug-2019	75	-	80
Sep-2019	100	*	105
Oct-2019	145	-	150
Nov-2019	85	*	90
Dec-2019	45	*	50
Jan-2020	100	*	105
Feb-2020	115	*	115
Mar-2020	195	5	225
Apr-2020	70	*	180
May-2020	25	-	65
Jun-2020	25	-	60
Jul-2020	15	*	75
Aug-2020	5	-	65
Sep-2020	-	-	105
Grand Total	1,815	30	2,325

Notes

Data extracted from Vantage (In Country):

Application Raised Date is between 01-Jan-2019 and 30-Sep-2020

Case Type is one of 'BUS under EC Association Agreement - EC', 'BUS under EC Association Agreement - ILR', 'BUS under EC Association Agreement - LTR', 'BUS under EC Association Agreement (Switching) - LTR', 'Turkish Employed ECAA - LTR'

Nationality is 'Turkey'.

No previous applications were made by that person, identified by their unique Person ID, between 30-Sep-2020 and the earliest date for which data is recorded on the database.

Outcomes were based on First Case Outcomes.

The 'Number of Applications Granted' and the 'Number of Applications Refused' is a count of the applications outcomed and despatched on or before 30-Sep-2020.

Other outcomes were present but these were not shown as they were not part of the request.

Table 2 - The number of 'Turkish ECAA businesspersons' applications made in Turkey and Other Countries under the Ankara Agreement, each month between 01-Jan-2019 and 30-Sep-2020 and the number of these that were successful / refused, by Month of Application.

Visa Application Month (Outside of UK)	Number of visa applications (Outside of UK)	Number of visa applications Granted	Number of visa applications Refused
Jan-2019	160	85	20
Feb-2019	175	75	35
Mar-2019	345	205	45
Apr-2019	260	145	30
May-2019	150	85	20
Jun-2019	160	105	20
Jul-2019	200	120	35
Aug-2019	240	160	25
Sep-2019	455	335	55
Oct-2019	710	470	90
Nov-2019	485	305	85
Dec-2019	650	385	135
Jan-2020	915	395	165
Feb-2020	740	105	200
Mar-2020	780	225	265
Apr-2020	-	-	-
May-2020	-	-	-
Jun-2020	275	135	110
Jul-2020	1,435	525	640
Aug-2020	1,380	95	150
Sep-2020	1,675	5	85
Grand Total	11,185	3,970	2,215

Notes

Data extracted from CRS Vantage (Overseas Entry Clearance):

Visa Application Date is between 01-Jan-2019 and 30-Sep-2020

Endorsement is 'BUSINESS - EC ASSOCIATE'

Nationality is 'Turkey'

Application is made in Turkey and Other Countries.

Outcomes are based on First Decisions.

The 'Number of Visas Issued' and the 'Number of Visas Refused' is a count of the applications resolved on or before 30-Sep-2020.

Other outcomes were present but these were not shown as they were not part of the request.

The application may not have been made at a British Consulate.

We were unable to determine whether the application made is a 'first attempt' due to the complexity and accuracy in determining this from the data available.

Figures are rounded to the nearest 5 (dash is zero) and may not sum to totals shown because of independent rounding.

Figures can only be provided up until 30-Sep-2020 in line with Published Migration Statistics.

1 These statistics have been taken from a live operational database. As such, numbers may change as information on that system is updated.

2 Data extracted on 20/01/2021.