



UK Visas & Immigration

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Dear Mr Suleman

Thank you for your enquiry of 4 December in which you refined your previous request for information, FOI 33238. This has been dealt with as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

Please provide us with the following information regarding Tier 1 (Post Study Work) applications made on or after 6th April 2012 where applicants provided letters from their respective colleges that students have completed their courses and awaiting result and degree from the respective universities.

1. Total number of Tier 1 (Post Study Work) visas granted after 6th April 2012 until today;
2. The total number of Tier 1 (Post Study Work) visas refused after 6th April 2012 until now;
3. Total number of Tier 1 (Post Study Work) visas granted after 6th April 2012 until today on the basis of allowed appeals;
4. Total number of Tier 1 (Post Study Work) Judicial review applications where Home Office conceded by consent order; and
5. Total number of Tier 1 (Post Study Work) migrants who left the UK following visas refusal; (please ignore if your cost exceeds the limit)

We hold the information which you have requested but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £600 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. We are therefore unable to comply with it. The source information for Tier 1 (Post Study Work) application is not available in a reportable format and would require a manual search for all relevant cases on the Case Immigration Database. We are unable to electronically search for the requested information where applicants provided letters from their respective colleges, informing us that students have completed their courses and awaiting result and degree from the respective universities. To obtain this information would exceed the cost limit.

The £600 limit is based on work being carried out at a rate of £25 per hour, which equates to 24 hours of work per request. The cost of locating, retrieving and extracting information and preparing the response can be included in the costs for these purposes. The costs do not include considering whether any information is exempt from disclosure, overheads such as heating or lighting, or items such as photocopying or postage.

If you refine your request, so that it is more likely to fall under the cost limit, we will consider it again. Please note that if you simply break your request down into a series of similar smaller requests, we might still decline to answer it if the total cost exceeds £600.

I hope this is of help to you. If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference 33711. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

Information Access Team
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3rd Floor, Peel Building
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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff not involved in providing you with this response.

If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

Daniela Walker

We value your feedback, please use the link below to access a brief anonymous survey to help us improve our service to you:

<http://www.homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/s/108105TAZNG>