



7 August 2023

Mr Wade

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File No: DOIA 2324-0053

Dear Mr Wade,

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) received on 8 July 2023 requesting the following information from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (Ministry):

"I am writing to inquire about the post-accreditation checks for accredited employers that was announced by MBIE in April. I kindly request the following information regarding these checks:

- 1. Could you please provide the number of employers that have undergone checks since the announcement in April?*
- 2. Has the accreditation of any employers been suspended or revoked as a result of these checks? If so, how many?*
- 3. What are the top three most common issues that have been identified since the commencement of these checks?*
- 4. How many employers have directly passed the checks without any concerns raised by immigration officers?*
- 5. Could you please share the detailed Selection Criteria that have been designed and utilized for these checks?*
- 6. I would also appreciate it if you could provide me with the training materials and assessment templates used by immigration officers to conduct these checks."*

Our Response

Point one

Could you please provide the number of employers that have undergone checks since the announcement in April?

The number of accredited employers that have undergone post-accreditation checks since the announcement in April 2023 (until 25 July 2023) is 535.

Point two

Has the accreditation of any employers been suspended or revoked as a result of these checks? If so, how many?

To date, no accredited employer has had their accreditation suspended or revoked due to the outcome of an accredited employer post-accreditation check. Immigration New Zealand has only revoked the accreditation of one employer due to financial issues. One employer has also had their accreditation suspended due to concerns around not meeting their employer obligations under the Accredited Employer Work Visa. This was not directly related to post-accreditation checks.



Point three

What are the top three most common issues that have been identified since the commencement of these checks?

This part of your request is being refused under section 18(f) of the Act because the information requested cannot be made available without substantial manual research and collation.

Point four

How many employers have directly passed the checks without any concerns raised by immigration officers?

This part of your request is being refused under section 18(f) of the Act because the information requested cannot be made available without substantial manual research and collation.

Point five

Could you please share the detailed Selection Criteria that have been designed and utilized for these checks?

This part of your request is being withheld under section 6(c) of the Act which relates to prejudice to the maintenance of the law.

Point six

I would also appreciate it if you could provide me with the training materials and assessment templates used by immigration officers to conduct these checks."

This part of your request is being withheld under section 6(c) of the Act which relates to prejudice to the maintenance of the law.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
P O Box 10-152
WELLINGTON

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact INZOfficialCorrespondence@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

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