



Privacy of natural persons

Ref: DOIA 2122-0722

Dear Privacy of natural persons

Thank you for your email of 26 September 2021 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), the following information:

*“Can I please know “HOW MANY TEMPORARY VISA HOLDER IN NZ TODATE” ?
I.e Breakdown of
Visitor visa
Student visa
Post-study work Visa
Essential work
Work to resident visa
Employer-assist SMC visa”*

Our Response

Please find Table One below which demonstrates the total number of temporary visa holders in New Zealand, broken down by visa type, as at 25 October 2021.

Table One

Visa Type	Number of people
Visitor Visa	18,101
Student Visa	46,404
Essential Skills Work Visa	52,354
Post Study Work Visa	26,882
Work to Residence Visa	14,627
Total	158,368

Please note that Immigration New Zealand (INZ) does not have a temporary visa named ‘Employer-assist SMC visa’ as stated in your request. The Skilled Migrant Category is a resident visa application type. Therefore, we are refusing this part of your request under Section 18(e) of the OIA as this information does not exist. However, we do have information publicly available on our website below regarding INZ statistics which may assist you:

www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/research-and-statistics/statistics

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the decision to withhold or refuse parts of your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Immigration New Zealand at INZOIAs@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Hogg', written in a cursive style.

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