



7 July 2021

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Ref: DOIA 2021 - 2387

Dear Ziyun Wang

Thank you for your email of 25 May 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

*I am writing to kindly request copies of the most recent assessment templates and guidance notes for Immigration Officers to follow when assessing the current Essential Skills Work Visa applications.*

On 18 June 2021 you clarified via email that by 'guidance notes' you refer to training materials.

#### **Our response**

We have located four documents that fit the scope of your request. Please refer to the attachments marked as Appendix One.

Please note that some of the information in the documents has been withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- Some of the information has been withheld under section 6(c) of the OIA. This is because making available that information would likely prejudice the maintenance of the law, including prevention, investigation and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial. Information which relates to factors that Immigration New Zealand (INZ) takes into consideration to identify and manage risks, as well as specific details involved in the assessment process, has been withheld so as not to prejudice INZ's ability to effectively assess and determine visa applications.
- Some of the information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA because it is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons. Information which could identify a visa applicant has been withheld to protect their privacy.

We have considered whether withholding that information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available, in accordance with section 9(1) of the OIA, however it is my opinion that such grounds do not exist.



You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision to withhold information from the released documents. The relevant contact details are as follows:

Office of the Ombudsman  
PO BOX 10152 Wellington 6143  
PH 0800 802 602  
[www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz)

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Dongrui Pang, Operations Support, INZ at [Dongrui.Pang@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:Dongrui.Pang@mbie.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely

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

Nicola Hogg  
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