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Ref: DOIA 2122-1242

Dear Ali Khan,

Thank you for your email of 7 December 2021 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), the following information:

"Please provide the following information in aggregate data.

Period: 2000-2021

Please provide this year-by-year data in an excel sheet if possible.

The number of student visa applications for more than 24 months from American citizens

The number of student visa applications for more than 24 months from foreign-born American citizens

The number of student visa applications for more than 24 months from American-born citizens

The number of health checks for American born citizens

The number of health checks for foreign-born American citizens

The number of x-ray checks for American born citizens

The number of x-ray checks for foreign-born American citizens

The number of police checks for American born citizens

The number of police checks for foreign-born citizens

The number of waivers issued for American born citizens

The number of waivers issued for foreign-born citizens

The visa processing time for American born citizens

The visa processing time for foreign-born citizens"

Our Response

Question 1-3:

"The number of student visa applications for more than 24 months from American citizens"

"The number of student visa applications for more than 24 months from foreign-born American citizens"

"The number of student visa applications for more than 24 months from American-born citizens"

Please refer to Table One in Appendix One which demonstrates the total number of Student Visas issued which were valid for more than 24 months who are American citizens born in America and those born outside of America from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2021. Please note that figures of five and fewer have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Question 4-5:

"The number of health checks for American born citizens"

"The number of health checks for foreign-born American citizens"

Please refer to Table Two in Appendix One which demonstrates the total General Medical Certificates submitted with visa applications for American citizens born within and outside of America from 2015 to 31 December 2021. Please note that medical records prior to 2015 are not held in a reportable format therefore we are partially refusing your request under 18(f) of the OIA as we cannot provide this information without substantial collation or research.

Question 6-7:

"The number of x-ray checks for American born citizens"

"The number of x-ray checks for foreign-born American citizens"

Please refer to Table Three in Appendix One which demonstrates the total X-rays submitted with visa applications for American citizens born within and outside of America from 2015 to 31 December 2021. Please note that medical records prior to 2015 are not held in a reportable format therefore we are partially refusing your request under 18(f) of the OIA as we cannot provide this information without substantial collation or research.

Question 8-9:

"The number of police checks for American born citizens"

"The number of police checks for foreign-born citizens"

Please refer to Table Four in Appendix One which demonstrates the total New Zealand Police certificates issued for American citizens born within and outside of America from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2021. Please note that New Zealand Police Certificates prior to 2008 are not held in a reportable format therefore we are partially refusing your request under 18(f) of the OIA as we cannot provide this information without substantial collation or research.

Question 10-11:

"The number of waivers issued for American born citizens"

"The number of waivers issued for foreign-born citizens"

Please refer to Table Five in Appendix One which demonstrates the total visa waivers issued for American citizens born within and outside of America from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2021.

Question 12:

"The visa processing time for American born citizens"

Please refer to Table Six in Appendix One which demonstrates the visa processing times for American citizen applicants born within America from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2021. Please note that the processing times are broken down by 50%, 75% and 90% as Immigration New Zealand (INZ) measure average processing times in calendar days from the time an application is accepted for processing, to when the application has been finalised and completed in the Immigration Application Management System (AMS).

Question 13:

"The visa processing time for foreign-born citizens"

Please refer to Table Seven in Appendix One which demonstrates the visa processing times for American citizen applicants born outside of America from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2021. Please note that the processing times are broken down by 50%, 75% and 90% as INZ measure average processing times in calendar days from the time an application is accepted for processing, to when the application has been finalised and completed in AMS.

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', is positioned above the printed name.

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Appendix One

Table One: Total Student Visa holders who were issued visas valid for 24 months or more who were American citizens born within America and those born outside of America between 2000 and 2021.

Year	American born citizens	American citizens born outside of America
2000	22	<=5
2001	54	21
2002	58	<=5
2003	48	<=5
2004	78	<=5
2005	87	9
2006	97	<=5
2007	118	11
2008	122	9
2009	136	19
2010	137	14
2011	133	10
2012	142	15
2013	170	8
2014	176	22
2015	166	18
2016	173	19
2017	281	25
2018	308	40
2019	325	43
2020	225	21
2021	189	23

Table Two: Total General Medical Certificates submitted with visa applications for American citizens born within and outside of America.

Year	American citizens born outside of America	American born citizens
2015	186	1,781
2016	312	2,776
2017	355	3,185
2018	391	3,282
2019	384	3,339
2020	383	3,548
2021	328	2,500
2022	18	99

Table Three: Total X-rays submitted with visa applications for American citizens born within and outside of America.

Year	American citizens born outside of America	American born citizens
2015	190	1,852
2016	303	2,678
2017	350	3,131
2018	365	3,229
2019	344	3,139
2020	367	3,130
2021	289	2,202
2022	13	95

Table Four: Total New Zealand Police Certificates issued for American Citizens born within and outside of America applying for a visa.

Year	American born citizens	American citizens born outside of America
2008	544	73
2009	702	91
2010	710	99
2011	674	95
2012	811	108
2013	778	116
2014	852	121
2015	914	113
2016	919	145
2017	875	132
2018	1,124	194
2019	1,181	183
2020	1,460	334
2021	1,271	217

Table Five: Total visa waivers issued to American Citizens born within and outside of America. The New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA) was introduced on 1 October 2019 and consequently all visitors from visa waiver countries (including the United States of America) travelling to or transiting in New Zealand require and NZeTA.

Year	American born citizens	American citizens born outside of America
2000	180,758	10,671
2001	172,341	8,049
2002	182,879	6,482
2003	198,430	5,056
2004	214,773	3,405
2005	210,516	2,271
2006	208,335	804
2007	91,568	106,643
2008	24,981	170,804
2009	33,154	189,344
2010	16,207	157,583
2011	14,184	157,892
2012	11,379	154,804
2013	9,317	180,313
2014	7,997	199,904
2015	7,538	224,146
2016	6,107	268,927
2017	4,895	308,611
2018	4,127	331,835
2019	79,969	269,716
2020	82,852	29,752
2021	363	297

Table Six: Visa processing times for all visa application types for American citizens born within America

Year	50% of applications completed within: Days	75% of applications completed within: Days	90% of applications completed within: Days
2000	0	8	27
2001	0	6	22
2002	0	8	29
2003	0	10	48
2004	0	9	50
2005	0	7	50
2006	0	6	47

2007	1	10.5	48
2008	1	8	49
2009	1	8	57
2010	2	14	61
2011	1	12	57
2012	1	8	40
2013	2	10	28
2014	3	11	26
2015	4	15	34
2016	5	15	35
2017	5	16	37
2018	6	17	43
2019	10	24	54
2020	9	31	90
2021	10	41	119

Table Seven: Visa processing times for all visa application types for American citizens born outside of America

Year	50% of applications completed within: Days	75% of applications completed within: Days	90% of applications completed within: Days
2000	0	5	18
2001	0	6	26
2002	0	7	26
2003	0	7	41
2004	0	6	42
2005	0	7	49
2006	0	7	57
2007	1	11	43
2008	2	16	56
2009	3	16	53
2010	4	21	71
2011	2	16	60
2012	1	12	44
2013	2	12	34
2014	4	13	35
2015	5	15	34
2016	5	17	44
2017	6	17	46
2018	5	18	50
2019	7	20	50
2020	5	24	77
2021	7	34	114