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Tēnā koe Wendy

Thank you for your email of 9 April 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

"I am writing to inquire if examples of bona fides assessments or any training materials regarding how Immigration Officers assess bona fides criteria specific to student visa applications, visitor visa applications and accredited work visa applications in the Immigration New Zealand staff toolkit can be provided."

Our response

Please find attached Appendix 1 with training material which is in scope of your request. We are withholding some information under section 9(2)(a) to protect privacy of individuals and the case studies have not been included due to them containing private information.

Immigration New Zealand also has general bona fide guidance which is used across all categories in the Immigration New Zealand Internal Administration Circular [iac-2013-09.pdf \(immigration.govt.nz\)](#).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the Ministry's response to your request in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. 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 inzoias@mbie.govt.nz.

Nāku iti nei, nā

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