

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2014**

Question

Will the Minister advise Members of the number of work permits that have been issued in Jersey over the last three years and give further information regarding the nationality of each the people granted a permit, their profession or skills and the sector in which they will be working and the duration of the permit?

Answer

Work permits are issued in accordance with the Immigration (Work Permits) (Jersey) Rules 1995 and in accordance with the Work Permits Policy and Procedures issued by the Home Affairs Minister.

787 work permits were issued in the 3 years between 01/09/2011 and 30/08/2014 (this figure also includes those cases where an individual immigrant has been issued with more than 1 work permit within that period).

Of these 787 work permits:

- 309 were for skilled employment positions and were valid for between 1 month and 1 year :
- 326 were for skilled employment positions and were valid for between 1 and 3 years;
- 7 were for skilled employment positions and were valid for between 4 and 5 years.
- 145 were for un-skilled positions in the hotel and catering sector for returning workers and were valid for between 6 and 9 months.

The nationalities of the immigrants concerned are shown below, along with the number of work permits issued to each:

Albanian	1	Japanese	4
Armenian	2	Kazakh	1
Australian	34	Kenyan	155
Bangladeshi	8	Kuwaiti	1
Bahaman	1	Lebanese	1
Brit Nat Overseas	2	St Lucian	2
Brit Overseas Cit.	1	Cit. of Sri Lanka	4
Brazilian	2	Moroccan	1
Barbadian	1	Malian	5
Cit. of Botswana	1	Mauritian	20
Canadian	24	Malawian	4
Chinese	11	Cit. of Malaysia	11
Egyptian	4	Nigerian	1
Hong Kong	24	New Zealander	22
British citizen	11	Pakistani	14
Georgian	1	Filipino(a)	27
Ghanaian	1	Russian	1

Guyanese	1	Singaporean	3
Croat	2	Tongan	2
Indian	268	US Cit.	24
Iranian	1	Kosovar	1
Israeli	3	South African	57
Jamaican	1	Zambian	1
Jordanian	1	Zimbabwean	19

The 787 work permits were issued in the following sectors:

Entertainment	20
Finance	324
Hotel & catering	179
Information technology	167
Law	14
Medicine / Health	32
Other (Lifeguards / sports coaches / etc)	51

Most work permits are issued for periods between 6 months and 3 years; very exceptionally a work permit may be issued for a period of 5 years.

Data which cannot be readily retrieved:

In order to ascertain the duration and profession / skills related to individual work permits each of the 787 immigrant records involved would require separate examination in order to extrapolate the required information; such research cannot be undertaken in the available timescale.

Furthermore, the amount of time which would be required in order to fully answer the question is disproportionate to any public benefit in so doing.

If the questioner has concerns in relation to any specific category or categories of work permit then I would suggest that he re-present a more specific and targeted question.