

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2020**

Question

“Will the Chief Minister provide the Assembly with the rules or guidelines used by the Population Office when determining whether or not to issue non-resident business licences to work in Jersey, including details of the types of businesses (sectors and size of undertakings) that are required to apply for a licence before operating in the Island.”

Answer

The presumption against issuing a business licence or employing registered staff does not apply generally for visiting non-resident undertakings, because these permissions do not add to the permanent resident population of the Island and are generally short-term. This is outlined in guidance issued in 2015: <https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Working%20in%20Jersey/ID%20Business%20licencing%20guidance%20notes%2020170516%20DM.pdf>

Further advice for businesses on how to apply for a licence is available on the website:

<https://www.gov.je/Working/WorkPermits/LicencesWorkJersey/Pages/NonResidentBusinessLicence.aspx>

All undertakings operating in the island are nevertheless required to obtain a licence, and to pay a fee in the case of a non-resident undertaking, unless an exemption applies (for example, construction undertakings visiting Jersey to perform contracts do not require a licence for five days or less work in any 12 month period). Exemptions from the requirement to obtain a licence are outlined in: https://www.jerseylaw.je/laws/revised/Pages/18.150.10.aspx#_Toc535508438

This question was received after the deadline for States Members written questions, which limited the time available to provide a full answer.