



Access to Public Information Request

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Request for information:

Please can you provide details of the following for each of the calendar years 2018, 2019 and 2020 YTD:

1. The total number of employment permits (short, medium and long term) applied for by the hospitality sector?
and
2. A breakdown of the above by nationality of the applicants?

If you are unable to provide me with the total number of applications, then perhaps you could provide details of the total number of permits approved for the hospitality industry, broken down by nationality?

Response:

1. Below is a table of the number of applications granted for the hospitality industry.

	2018					2019					2020				
	STEPs	MTEPs	LTEPs	OMEp (B)	Total	STEPs	MTEPs	LTEPs	OMEp (B)	Total	STEPs	MTEPs	LTEPs	OMEp (B)	Total
Hospitality	1254	38	55	858	2205	1482	88	102	635	2307	659	36	42	202	939

STEP - Short-term Employment Permit

MTEP - Medium-term Employment Permit

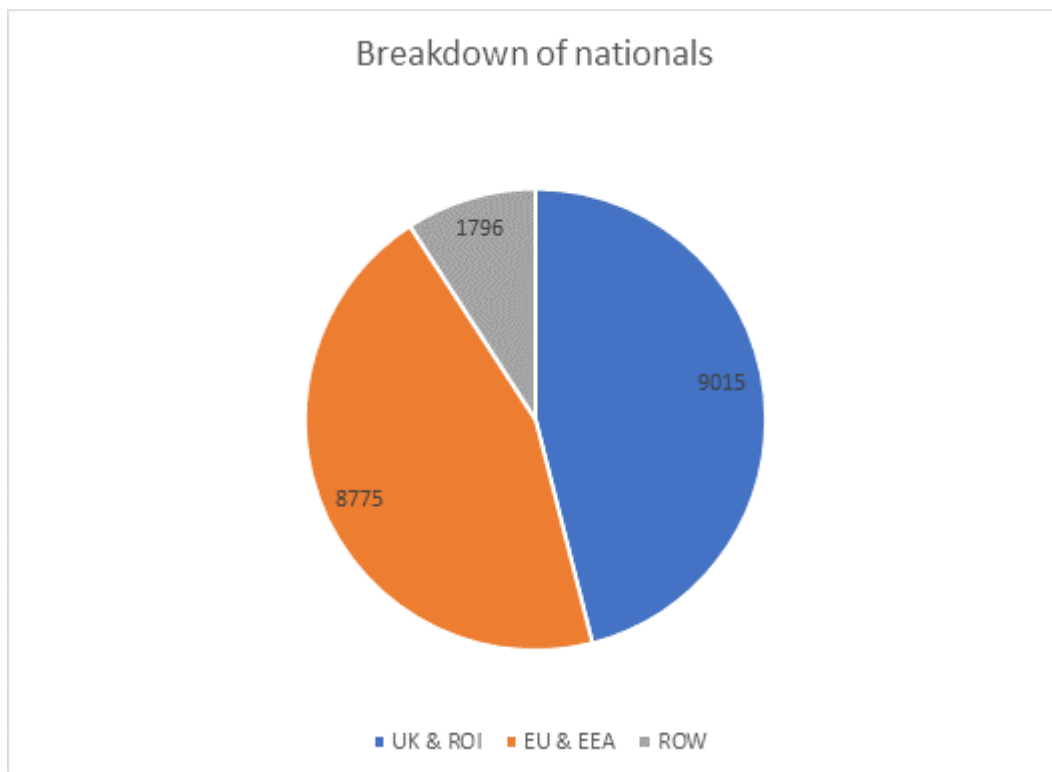
LTEP - Long-term Employment Permit

OMEp-B - Open Market Employment Permit Part B (staff accommodation)

2. Employment Permits are issued in accordance with the Employment Permit Policy which reflects a shortage of skills and/or labour in Guernsey. As such, nationality is not a determining factor and does not currently feature as an easily accessible data field in the data reporting function of H202 (Population Management Portal).

Officers can, in theory, access the information, however it would be very time consuming. They would have to engage with a digital partner and have the reporting function enhanced by a specific job request. This would be done at additional cost (hourly cost). It would take up to a week for the system enhancement to be built, and officers would then have to dedicate time to testing it in the test portal to ensure no bugs. An officer would need to produce the report. The only alternative to this would be for an individual to check each application in the system (nationality is recorded), but given there are c.5000 applications that would need checking in this instance, again it would take an officer likely a couple of weeks.

There was a report specially built as part of Brexit planning – but this was not specific to hospitality or even employment related applications. Almost 20,000 applications were sampled and analysed (employment and residential) as part of this process, and the following breakdown was established:



This response is only in relation to population management employment permits. It does not extend to work permits issued under extended Immigration Acts.