Assistant Economist roles in the Home Office

The Home Office is responsible for leading work to keep the country safe from those who seek to do it harm. Analysts mostly sit within Home Office Analysis and Insight (HOAI), a directorate that brings together analytical units across the Department into a single community. HOAI’s vision is to be a center of excellence for professional analysts, delivering high quality analysis for the Department whilst also working across areas of technical and subject-matter expertise and drawing on a range of sources to provide ground-breaking insights.

We currently have economists in the following teams:

Migration and Border Analysis unit provides research and analysis to policy makers and ministers on migration matters and produces the published immigration statistics (National Statistics) on a quarterly basis. MBA is comprised of a multi-disciplinary team of social researchers, economists and statisticians.

The Central Economics Unit lead cross-cutting or strategic analytical projects with a major economic component, drive up the standard of policy appraisal across the Home Office through support, guidance and tools, ensure that major investment decisions are good value for money by providing decision makers at the centre of the Department with advice on the quality of economic analysis.

Decision Support for Operations work closely with operational colleagues to get to the heart of difficult problems, using specialist methodologies and skills to provide robust solutions. Within this unit economists work on Border Force and Immigration Enforcement analysis.

Crime and Policing Analysis Unit seeks to ensure that the Crime and Policing Group and the wider department, ministers and Parliament have the best available evidence, statistics and analysis on crime and policing issues to support policymaking and operational decisions.

Office for Security and Counter Terrorism Research and Analysis delivers analysis across the whole OSCT remit with around 30 major projects at any one time plus significant ongoing advice and briefing to OSCT colleagues. The work programme includes work on performance measurement, value for money, what works, evidence reviews / exploratory studies and capacity building / external engagement.

The Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) is an independent non-departmental public body, established in 2007, to carry out independent reviews and provide evidence-based immigration policy advice to the Government.

The MAC’s independent advice has been highly influential in shaping both immigration policy and the wider migration debate in the UK. Recent MAC work includes:
- a full review of the Shortage Occupation List
- a comprehensive review and analysis of impacts of EEA migration in the UK
- a review of the impact of International students in the UK

Please note that due to the sensitive nature of the work in the Home Office candidates will be required to meet the 5 year residency requirement. This means they cannot have been abroad for more than 3 months at a time during the period.