

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to be sent statistics showing the number of instructors removed from the ADI register over the past five years and the reasons for their dismissal.

The table below shows the number of removals from the ADI register between 2007/08 and 2010/11:

Year	Number of removals
2007/08	1,240
2008/09	359
2009/10	426
2010/11	398

Information about the number of removals in the 2011/12 year can be found on our website at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/statistics/tables/ins0101/> . As this information is already in the public domain, it is exempt from release under section 21 (information readily accessible) of the FoIA. A copy of this exemption is attached at Annex B.

We do not hold, in a central record, a breakdown of reasons why an ADI was removed from the ADI register. This information is exempt from release under section 12 (1) (cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit) of the FoIA.

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We have estimated that it would take three minutes to manually check each ADI record for all 2,423 removals to establish the reason why they were removed. This equates to 121 hours, which would exceed the 24 working hour limit prescribed.

Whilst we have been unable to provide the information you have requested, I have attached at Annex D, other recent FOI requests about removals from the Register which provide some information about reasons for removals

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