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Information request

How many applications you received for National Insurance number from Hungarian nationalities between the following periods:

- between 1st March 2004 to 31st August 2014
 - between 1st Jan 2008 to 31st August 2014
 - between 1st Jan 2010 to 31st August 2014
- How many active National Insurances you have with Hungarian nationalities (as of 31st August 2014)

DWP response

Unfortunately information on the number of applications for National Insurance numbers is not available. This is because nationality, although captured, is not routinely recorded as part of the initial application process.

To review the documentation for all NINo applications in order to identify Hungarian applications would exceed the appropriate limit of £600. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request.

However, the Department publishes quarterly National Statistics on National Insurance number registrations to adult overseas nationals. This information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act because the information is reasonably accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain.

Information relating to the number of foreign nationals registered for national insurance numbers by nationality is published and available at:

<https://stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk>

Figures are currently available up to the end of June 2014. The latest figures up to the end of September 2014 will be published on the above site on 27th November 2014

Guidance on how to extract the information required can be found at:

https://sw.stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk/webapi/online-help/Stat-Xplore_User_Guide.htm

This will provide the information on Hungarian nationals.