

# Freedom of Information request 2863/2013

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## Information request

*I would like to know how many students/ex-students have been turned down for both NI based and income based JSA.*

*The criteria that I would like to construct my request on is as follows-*

- *The student must have commenced study for the academic year 2008 (Sept/Oct start).*
- *The student must have attended an undergraduate degree course on a full time basis.*
- *The student must have graduated in the academic year 2011.*
- *The student has applied for either NI or income based JSA since beginning of academic year 2008 right up to present day*
- *The student must not have any dependants (children or act as a carer)*
- *All of the above applies to the whole of the United Kingdom, or wherever a claim for JSA can be made.*

*I understand there cannot be a complete breakdown of the reasons why students and ex-students have been turned down for JSA, primarily due to confidentiality, but I would like to see separate stats for NI and income based. For example - 100 students/ex-students applied for JSA, 50 of those were NI based, 50 of those were income based, of the 50 NI based 40 were turned down, of the 50 income based 40 were turned down.*

## DWP response

The Department may hold some of the information you have requested. However, as this is not collected centrally, this would involve going through every case within the country to identify, review and extract if we hold this information.

This would exceed the appropriate limit of £600. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government it is set at £600.

This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds any of the information you have requested, 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 and we will not be processing your request further.