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Information request

Please provide details on National Insurance number registrations in SCOTLAND to adult overseas nationals entering the UK and claiming an out-of-work benefit within 6 months of registration, by year of registration.

I am aware that this information is published on a UK basis in and I would like to receive the same information with data for SCOTLAND.

DWP response

Section 21 of the Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you.

As you are aware, the Department regularly publishes a range of National Statistics on **National Insurance Number Allocations to Adult Overseas Nationals** on the Department's website at:

http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/niall/index.php?page=nino_allocation .

This publication covers registrations by nationality and various other characteristics. The summary tables include a breakdown which shows NINo registrations to adult overseas nationals entering the UK and claiming an out-of-work benefit within 6 months of registration, by year of registration from 2002/03 up to 2009/10. See the worksheet **Benefit** at:

http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/niall/nino_alloc_summ_tables_nov11.xls

Please note that the data is a measure of how many National Insurance Numbers (NINo) have been registered to adult overseas nationals at the address they were staying at when they made the NINo application; they are not population or residence measures of the number of foreign nationals living in each area.

In response to your specific question, the attached table shows NINo registrations to adult overseas nationals entering the UK and claiming an out-of-work benefit within 6 months of registration, by year of registration. As detailed above, the table shows those who registered for a NINo in Scotland but they may not have claimed a benefit in Scotland. Similarly there may be others who registered for a NINO in other parts of the UK who subsequently claimed benefits in Scotland. Please also note that the allocation of a NINo does not give automatic entitlement to benefits.

Finally, you may also be interested to be aware that the Department published ad hoc statistics on the nationality (at time of registration for a national insurance number) of DWP working age benefit claimants on 20th January at: http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=adhoc_analysis .