

Freedom of Information Request

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OISC COMPETENCE ASSESSMENT LEVEL 1 AUGUST 2015 – JULY 2016

16 August 2016

Dear Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner,

Please could you tell me how people sat the OISC Level 1 exam in each month from August 2015 to July 2016, and how many people passed each time? Could you please let me know of any changes in format or assessment in this time?

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

RESPONSE

9 September 2016

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email. I am the information officer for the OISC and I have looked into your request.

Please find below the information requested:

August 2015: 57 sat - 9 passed
September 2015: 41 sat - 6 passed
October 2015: 47 sat - 10 passed
November 2015: 54 sat - 14 passed
December 2015: 26 sat - 3 passed
January 2016: 35 sat - 16 passed
February 2016: 35 sat - 7 passed
March 2016: 41 sat - 18 passed
April 2016: 30 sat - 5 passed
May 2016: 40 sat - 10 passed
June 2016: 23 sat - 11 passed
July 2016: 30 sat - 12 passed

From July 2016 there was a change of format to the Level 1 Assessment. It was split into two separate sittings for Section 1 and 2 with a 30 minute break in between. Each section is

timed at 1hr 15mins so the total examination time is 2hrs 30mins compared to the original 2hrs that was previously the case.

Furthermore, any candidates sitting the assessment for the first time from July 2016 onwards who pass a section but fail the other, need only return to sit their failed section at their second attempt.

More information on the competence assessments can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/competence-assessments-immigration-and-asylum-advisers>.

I hope that is helpful.

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Details on how to do this are on his website at <http://ico.org.uk/>.

Best wishes,

For and on behalf of the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner

