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Dear Mr Barnes-Ross

Thank you for your enquiry of 11 January 2023, in which you requested information in respect of sponsor worker visas for a named organisation. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Information Requested

For context [REDACTED]

Please could you provide the following information:

Since being given the ability to sponsor Worker visas, how many of the following have the Church of Scientology Religious Education College Inc., applied for?

How many were granted?

and how many have been rejected?

please could you also provide further details on the requirements of the visas they are able to supply? For example, minimum/maximum working hours, minimum pay, and conditions?

Further information:

The Church of Scientology were granted Sponsor status in 2023 and are able to sponsor Tier 2 Ministers of Religion and Religious Worker Temporary Worker visas.

Follow-up to [REDACTED]

I would like to know the total number of certificates of sponsorship linked to the COS - how many times the COS has been 'used' as a sponsor and subsequently, if this

information is held, how many visas have been approved, and/or rejected, for which the COS was used as a sponsor.

I would also like to know the requirements of the visas the COS are able to sponsor - for example, are there any limitations to the type of work allowed, minimum/maximum working hours, conditions and pay.

Response

Please find the attached Excel spreadsheet containing all the information that you have requested.

Please be aware that these figures have been taken from a live operational database. As such, numbers may change as information on that system is updated.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk, quoting reference [REDACTED]. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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Yours sincerely

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Regarding a sponsor - Church of Scientology Religious Education College Inc

Q1 - I would like to know the total number of certificates of sponsorship linked to the COS - how many times the COS has been 'used' as a sponsor and subsequently, if this information is held, how many visas have been approved, and/or rejected, for which the COS was used as a sponsor.

Q2 - I would also like to know the requirements of the visas the COS are able to sponsor - for example, are there any limitations to the type of work allowed, minimum/maximum working hours, conditions and pay.

Our records indicate that...

Table 1 - The number of CoS used by the Church of Scientology Religious Education College Inc on or before 30-Sep-2023.

Organisation Name	CoS Status	Total CoS Used
Church of Scientology Religious Education College Inc	USED	21

Notes

Sponsorship Data from Metastorm

Organisation is Church of Scientology Religious Education College Inc

CoS Status is Used

CoS Used Date is <= 30-Sep-2023

Please Note

Data can only be provided to 30-Sep-2023 in line with published data

SLN details for Church of Scientology Religious Education College Inc obtained from the sponsor register.

Data is for all migrant classifications within both Skilled Worker/Tier 2 route and Temporary Worker/Tier 5 route.

Data is for those COS used both In Country and Out of Country.

Re: 'how many visas have been approved, and/or rejected' - PRAU cannot currently provide this information. Data relating to CoS used is taken from the Sponsorship reporting tool (metastorm). Once a CoS has been used in support of an application, the processing of that application and subsequent decision (i.e. grant or refuse) is completed on the relevant In Country and Overseas databases (CID/Atlas/CRS). There is currently no reliable reference which allows us to match data from the Sponsorship reporting tool to the In Country and Overseas reporting tools.

Q2 is not for PRAU

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Data extracted on 17-Jan-2024