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Publicly available information in the overseas student markets for education providers

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DIBP has compiled some sources of publicly available information to assist Education Providers in examining veracity of claims and documentation provided in support of clients' student visa applications.

DIBP sources

Student Visa Programme Report

http://www.immi.gov.au/media/statistics/study/_pdf/student-visa-programme-report-2013-14-to-2014-06-30.pdf

This report includes lodgement, grant, processing time, and on-hand statistics for the student visa programme, including top citizenship countries . It also includes some information on subclass 485 Temporary Graduate Visas. .

Student Visa Statistics

<http://www.immi.gov.au/media/statistics/study/>

The Student Visa Statistics website provides links to pivot tables identifying lodgement and grants. For example, Offshore China student visa lodgements by subclass can be seen:

Offshore China Student visa lodgements

Visa Subclass	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 to 30 June 2014
570 Independent ELICOS Sector	37	20	58	3409	1574	1674	1739	787	458
571 Schools Sector	5461	8355	10920	5802	3761	3238	3132	3158	4640
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	1349	2757	4980	5979	3082	1058	770	507	427
573 Higher Education Sector	13677	16054	19806	24515	24160	18386	17401	24211	30586
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	300	374	431	588	620	657	645	830	993
575 Non-Award Sector	232	228	238	1084	997	869	820	623	754
576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored	47	46	47	52	42	41	52	26	5
Grand Total	21103	27834	36480	41429	34236	25923	24559	30142	37863

Protection Visa applications

Information regarding Protection Visa (PV) applications lodged onshore is available from

<http://www.immi.gov.au/about/reports/annual/2013-14/pdf/report-on-performance.pdf>

This report includes all applications for PV onshore (not only those from student visa holders), by citizenship.

<http://www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/statistics/immigration-update/humanitarian-statistics-2013-14.pdf>

The modified non-return rate (MNRR) of visitor visa holders is another indication of which nationalities are at higher risk of not returning home at the end of their visa. The modified non-return rates to end June 2013 are available from: <http://www.immi.gov.au/media/statistics/visitor.htm>

Assessment Level

The consolidated sectoral reporting distributed to SVP providers by the DIPB policy section indicates the risk index by citizenship, taking into account refusal of student visa applications, cancellation of student visas, and students who become unlawful.

Verification of English Certificates

Education providers can verify English certification by IELTS and TOEFL online at <https://ielts.ucles.org.uk/ielts-trf/index.jsp> or <https://toefl-registration.ets.org/TOEFLWeb/extUserLogonPrompt.do> using a registration code to match the results. Certificates should be examined for recycled documentation, photo similarity (certificate vs passport photo), evidence of tampering with the image (eg, substitution of results), etc.

Country specific information

Other open source websites with statistics, country intelligence and country profiles include:

International Student Data – Australia Education International (pivot tables):

<https://internationaleducation.gov.au/research/international-student-data/pages/default.aspx>

Austrade Market Profiles

<http://www.austrade.gov.au/Education/Countries/>

CIA World Fact book

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

DFAT Country Factsheets

<http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/fs/>

Economist Intelligence Unit

<http://country.eiu.com/All>

Immigration officials in embassies and in onshore processing centres have offered the country specific websites below relating to assessment and verification of visa applications in their own markets.

China

Finances

Education Providers may wish to confirm that finances have been provided (where applicable) by a bank owned by the central Government of China, or by one of the local governments. The Check List for Student Visas page on the China Embassy website includes a list of acceptable financial institutions for loans and cash deposits, linked here:

<http://www.china.embassy.gov.au/bjng/DIMA030402.html>

China Education certificate check

Education providers may wish to confirm applicants' previous study has been at a university recognised by the Ministry of Education in China.

<http://www.chsi.com.cn/en/>

Reports

Published by the New Zealand Government - China Trends Report: Education developments in 2013:

http://www.enz.govt.nz/sites/public_files/2013%20China%20Trends%20-%20Final%20%282%29.pdf

Looking at Chinese market trends for 2014: (based on 2012/2013 data).

<http://monitor.icef.com/2014/03/looking-at-chinese-market-trends-for-2014/>

India

Previous Study

Education providers may wish to confirm applicants' previous study has been at a university or other chartered higher education institution recognised by the Council of Boards of School Education in India (COBSE). COBSE has confirmed that any institution not listed on their website as a registered board is not in compliance with Indian Legislation and therefore, documentation provided by non-listed institutions are not accepted as valid education documents.

The list of Universities can be checked on <http://www.ugc.ac.in/>

The list of technical institutes can be checked on <http://www.aicte-india.org/>

The list of recognized bodies for grade XII is at <http://www.cobse.org/member4.htm>

Finances

Education Providers may wish to confirm that finances have been provided (where applicable) by a bank or financial institution licensed by the State Bank of India.

The following links can be used for verification of income related documents:

Income Tax Return V Acknowledgment number:

See: <https://incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in/e-Filing/Services/ITR-V-Status.html>

A **Permanent Account Number** issued to all Indian tax payers for verification:

See: <https://incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in/e-Filing/Services/KnowYourPanLink.html>

See: <https://incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in/e-Filing/Services/KnowYourJurisdictionLink.html>

Counter foils acknowledging payment of **income tax through a bank**

See: <https://tin.tin.nsdl.com/oltas/index.html>

Service Tax or Central Excise Codes used by businesses to pay value added taxes.

See: <https://cbec-easiest.gov.in/EST/AssesseeVerification.do>

State links for TIN verification for business to pay state taxes

See: <http://www.tinxsys.com/TinxsysInternetWeb/download.html>

Malaysia

Verification of education providers in Malaysia

<http://jpt.mohe.gov.my/menudirektori.php>

Malaysia higher education website

<http://jpt.mohe.gov.my/>

[Select 'English' in top right hand corner of home page to assist with navigation of this website.](#)

Multimedia University

Most education providers do not have online verification of graduates. Multimedia University is one exception:

<https://icems.mmu.edu.my/rog/index.jsp>

Nigeria

Education Providers are advised to remain vigilant for fraud in the Nigerian caseload, particularly with financial, employment and educational documents.

Bank statements

Education providers may wish to confirm that Micro-Finance banks have been listed as an approved financial institution by the Central Bank of Nigeria.

<http://www.cenbank.org/Supervision/Inst-MF.asp>

Certificates of Incorporation – Even though a Certificate of Incorporation issued by the Corporate Affairs Commission may be a genuinely issued document, such a document does not, of itself, constitute evidence that the company in question is an active company.

National Youth Service Corps – Nigerian nationals who have obtained a Higher National Diploma or Bachelor Degree are required to complete a year of community service. A National Youth Certificate will be issued which will confirm that a Higher National Diploma or Bachelor Degree was obtained.

<http://www.nysc.gov.ng/index.php>

Eligibility for exemption by the National Youth Service Corps (Certificate of Exemption will be issued):

<http://www.nysc.gov.ng/certificates-info/cr-cert-exemption.php>

Nepal

Finances

Education Providers may accept evidence of financial capacity from a wide range of sources under the SVP arrangements. The New Delhi Students team has, over a period of time, assessed financial institutions in Nepal and developed a recommended list of financial institutions which can be found at the following link:.

See: <http://www.india.embassy.gov.au/ndli/nepal.html>

Useful Nepal website links

Department of Cottage & Small Industries.

This website is used to check business claims from applicants (specifically in student cases where an applicant's parents/sponsors have claimed to own businesses); this site is also useful to verify business registrations. Only available in Nepalese.

See: <http://www.dcsi.gov.np/index.php?page=district>

National Information Commission

This site is useful to obtain various other Nepalese government Department's contact details. Again the site is in Nepalese language.

See: <http://nic.gov.np/officer/district/67>

Nepalese Pan Number

<http://www.ird.gov.np/ird/index/pan-details.html>

To check a registered **Chartered Accountant in Nepal**

<http://www.ican.org.np/>

To search **Company Registration**. This site is in Nepalese and English language:

See: <http://www.ocr.gov.np/index.php/np/>

To obtain **contact details of various Municipalities** departments in Nepal:

<http://www.nepalhomepage.com/category/government-and-politics/municipalities>

To **convert a Nepalese calendar (Bikram Samwat) date** to an English calendar (AD) date.

See: <http://www.rajana.com/calendar/>

Pakistan

Previous Study

Education providers may wish to confirm applicants' previous study has been at a university or other chartered higher education institution recognised by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan:

<http://www.hec.gov.pk/Ourinstitutes/pages/Default.aspx>

Finances

Education Providers may wish to confirm that finances have been provided (where applicable) by a bank or financial institution licensed by the State Bank of Pakistan.

http://sbp.org.pk/f_links/index.asp?bcsi_scan_14cf79d043f374a1=NBjeapC5Sa816hQeMvHT6hXPNQMEAAAuehKBw==&bcsi_scan_filename=index.asp

Pakistan Federal Board of Revenue

Pakistan's Federal Board of Revenue website can be used to establish the authenticity of a business document from sponsors.

<http://www.fbr.gov.pk/>

National Tax Number (NTN) verification

The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) website requires the client's NTN and Computerised National Identity Card (CNIC) number to verify if a person or business are genuine tax payers.

<http://regsys.fbr.gov.pk/Registration/onlineSearchTaxpayer.aspx>

Educational certificate check

A number of institutions have online verification of educational documents from Intermediate (Year 12) through to Master's degrees/certificates. Records generally include the students' roll numbers, selected subjects and examination years, and are maintained for up to five years.

For example, to verify degrees from Punjab University, the following website is available: <http://pu.edu.pk/home/results/>

Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education

The Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education authorities have recently commenced publishing results on their websites. Each city has its own examination board and website. It is possible to match a student's name/father's name and marks against student's roll numbers.

For example, the following website relates to Lahore: <http://www.biselahore.com/>