



Gangmasters &
Labour Abuse Authority

GLAA64/13b Licence application numbers

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Board Paper Reference – GLAA64/13b - Licence application numbers.

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To report on the increase in licence applications.

2. Recommendation

2.1 To keep this under review.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 Whilst there has been an increase since 2017/18, the number of applications submitted in this financial year is within the normal range (since 2014/15¹).

3.2 When reviewing the numbers of application submitted there can be some duplication where a business may submit more than one application. The GLAA counts these applications separately, as they require work, however they are often subsequently cancelled. Please see Appendix A for a table outlining the number of applications, the number of duplications and the number of overseas applications.

3.3 The Licensing team will keep the numbers under review and advise the Board if there are any significant changes.

4. Summary of Key Points

4.1 The range of applications submitted since 2014/15 peaked at 179 applications submitted in 2015/16 and a low of 145 in 2017/18. Whilst there has been a marked increase since 2017/18 (176 applications submitted in 2018/19 and 145 applications submitted in 2017/18) this is not unusual when considering the longer term statistical trend.

4.2 The GLAA received 28 applications in January 2019 which is double the number received in February 2019. However, 5 of those applications were concerning new applications for the season agricultural workers pilot. This accounts for part of the increase.

4.3 There was a dip in overseas application in 2015/16 and 16/17 and applications in general which could be attributable to Brexit. However, applications and overseas application have increased this year. This could be down to the perceived labour shortage in the sector and in part to the new pilot.

¹ Statistics have not been looked at for previous years as 5 years was a sufficiently representative sample
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4.4 In general there are no clear or identifiable reasons as to why there has been an increase in applications for the year 2018/19. It would instead seem to be a natural fluctuation of applications which may be affected by the economic climate in the UK.

5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision

5.1 If there were a significant increase in applications then the GLAA would need to consider resourcing to undertake the extra work. However, evidence does not support this at this stage.

6. Organisational Risks

6.1 If the GLAA does not progress applications in a timely manner, the GLAA will lose credibility.

7. Policy Implications and Links to Strategic Priorities

7.1 This links to the strategic priorities of maintaining a credible licensing scheme and supporting compliant business.

8. Details of Consultation/EQIA

8.1 Not applicable

9. Background Papers and Relevant Published Documents

9.1 Not applicable

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Appendix A

Year	Total number submitted (including overseas and duplicates)	Number of overseas applications	Number of duplicates	Total (minus the duplications)
2014/15	155	13	7	148
2015/16	179	12	6	173
2016/17	154	5	4	151
2017/18	145	6	2	143
2018/19	176	14	12	164