

From: Edinburgh College Freedom of Information

Sent: 05 December 2019 16:22

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information request - Number of black applicants and how many are offered places

Dear [REDACTED]

Our Ref: 038/19

As of 1 October 2012, Edinburgh's Telford College, Jewel & Esk College and Stevenson College merged to create a single college called Edinburgh College.

We refer to your request for information dated 10 November 2019. The College has considered your request as a request for information under section 1 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("FOISA").

038/19 (1): I would like to know the number of black applicants accepted to study at the college and the number of applicants who are successful in their application.

In response to our clarification email (11 November 2019), you confirmed that you 'would like to find out the number of BAME applicants and the number of BAME applicants accepted'.

BAME = Black, Asian and minority ethnic

As advised in our clarification email, at application stage applicants are asked to identify from a list provided by the Scottish Funding Council (SFC).

Please find the number of applications received, offers made and offers accepted in the table below (as recorded to date in Academic Year 2019/20).

Please note, ethnicity is a protected field and no College staff view / access this information at application stage.

Ethnicity	Applications	Offers Made	Offers Accepted
Any mixed background	544	282	243
Indian, Indian Scottish or Indian British	160	75	68
Pakistani, Pakistani Scottish or Pakistani British	411	178	155
Bangladeshi, Bangladeshi Scottish or Bangladeshi British	131	57	50
Chinese, Chinese Scottish or Chinese British	183	97	85
Any other Asian background	257	126	114
Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish or Caribbean British	85	40	37
African, African Scottish or African British	674	304	271

Other African background	124	54	49
Any other background	380	163	147
Arab, Arab Scottish or Arab British	285	134	115
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	141	58	54
Other Caribbean or black background	30	9	7
Asian/Asian British – Indian	28	*	*
Prefer not to say	965	473	428
Not known	77	32	29

* Student numbers of less than five are not shown to protect confidentiality. This information is exempt under Section 38 of the FOI(S) Act 2002 as (due to the low numbers involved) individuals could be identified by this information alongside other information that could be available, and this would therefore risk disclosure of individuals' personal data.

Edinburgh College is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (FOISA) 2002. If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may ask the college to review this decision. To do this, please contact the Head of Communications, Policy and Research at the postal address below or e-mail the Head of Communications, Policy and Research at governance@edinburghcollege.ac.uk describing your original request and explaining your grounds for dissatisfaction. (Please include in your review request, your name and home address for correspondence).

You have 40 working days from receipt of this letter to submit a review request to:

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When the review process has been completed and if you are still dissatisfied, you may ask the Scottish Information Commissioner to intervene.

The Commissioner's online appeal service is available from their website:
www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

The online appeal service is available 24/7 and offers you real time help and advice about your appeal.

You must appeal to the Commissioner within six months of receiving the review decision.

You also have the right to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law following a decision of the Commissioner.

Regards

FOI Team

