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REMINDER: MANUAL CORRECTION OF INTERIM VISA EXPIRY DATES IN DECLINE LETTERS

The Immigration Contact Centre has noticed an increasing amount of calls from clients that have become unlawful after relying on the Interim Visa expiry date noted in decline letters issued by INZ.

This item is a reminder for Immigration Officers to manually adjust pre-populated incorrect Interim Visa expiry dates within decline letters. This advice was originally outlined in Visa Pak 369 (24 August 2018) and is supported by Sections 62(2)(c) and 63 (1)(b) of the Immigration Act 2009.

Changes to the currency of Interim Visas (I1.15) became effective on 27 August 2018. Part of these changes outline that, if a temporary visa application is declined within 6 calendar months of the Interim Visa's start date, the Interim Visa will expire 21 calendar days after the date the further temporary visa is declined (I1.15(b)(ii)).

In line with Immigration Instruction E7.16(a)(i), Immigration Officers must make all file records accurate, clear, complete and factual. This means that if the Interim Visa expiry date in the pre-populated decline letter is not current the Immigration Officer will be required to manually adjust this expiry date within the decline letter to reflect the correct Interim visa expiry date at the time the decline decision is communicated to the applicant.