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Our Ref: FOI7533

Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your emails of 5 August 2020 and 20 August 2020 when you clarified your request and asked for:

- "1. How many advice firms became authorised in the year leading up to June 2019?*
- 2. How many advice firms became authorised in the year leading up to June 2020?"*

We have handled your email in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and our response is below:

For the period 01 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, 196 firms became authorised. In the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, 172 firms became authorised.

Your right to complain under FOIA

If you are unhappy with this response, you have the right to request an internal review. To do so, please contact us within 40 working days of the date of this response at FreedomofInformationAppeals@fca.org.uk.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner by phone or on their website at:

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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