

UK Home Office Visa 'Streaming Tool' — Nationality-Based Risk Triage Withdrawn After Legal Challenge

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Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

The Home Office's visa streaming tool graded applications red/amber/green, with nationality as a factor and refusals feeding back into ratings. After JCWI and Foxglove sought judicial review, it was suspended from 7 Aug 2020 pending redesign, without admitting discrimination.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	2/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	0/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability beyond pilot	1/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-07

[UK Home Office; Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants \(JCWI\); Foxglove](#) — accessed 2026-10-07

[UK Human Rights Blog — Government scraps streaming tool](#) — accessed 2026-10-07

[Civil Service World — Home Office halts use of visa algorithm](#) — accessed 2026-10-07

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