

Title:

Timely Exam Result Releases for International Students' Legal Status

Student Council Notes:

Recognizing the significant impact of delayed exam result releases on the legal status of international students in Ireland, which can lead to restricted travel abroad, limited work opportunities, and increased stress among the student body.

Student Council Also Notes:

International students are granted residence permits (IRPs) based on their exam results, which need to be renewed annually. Delayed exam results, especially those released after September, create legal limbo for international students, blocking their ability to renew their IRPs in a timely manner. The current situation affects students' freedom to travel, work, and maintain legal residency. Renewal of residence permits takes between 4 to 8 weeks to be processed, further emphasizing the urgency of timely exam result releases.

Student Council Mandates:

The Student Council mandates the VP Welfare & Equality to advocate for timely exam result releases with academic departments and exam boards, emphasizing the specific challenges faced by international students and, if possible to establish a communication channel between the university administration, exam boards, and immigration authorities to ensure mutual understanding of the issue and work towards solutions. The VP Welfare & Equality is further mandated to provide regular updates and reports to the Student Council on the progress made in addressing this issue.

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