

# Specification for article area calculations

The calculation is best explained by reference to examples.  
This page contains 6 articles:

4 Daily Express International January 23, 2005

# Blair's lost his grip on asylum chaos

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After promises to stay calm to face the influx of refugees, asylum and immigration systems were left in tatters. In a housing blow to the Prime Minister's credibility, it was revealed that the number of failed asylum seekers had risen to 100,000, up from 60,000 in 2003. The Conservatives, whose long-term plan is to reduce the number of failed asylum seekers, are left Labour facing, instead of the incoming Labour.

Charles Clarke, secretary of state for the Home Office, said: "We have to deal with the influx of failed asylum seekers. Under Labour, we have had to deal with the influx of failed asylum seekers and immigrants and everything else."

Immigration figures showed the number of failed asylum seekers in the UK rose to 100,000 in 2004, up from 60,000 in 2003.

## Jail for migrant who ran vice ring

A 27-year-old migrant who ran a vice ring in London has been sentenced to 18 months in jail after admitting to running a ring of prostitutes and brothels in the capital.

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## Ministers in new shambles

### 130,000 from the east mock Labour pledge

ASYLUM IS SIX TIMES WORSE THAN FEARED

Immigration figures showed the number of failed asylum seekers in the UK rose to 130,000 in 2004, up from 60,000 in 2003. The figures show a massive increase in the number of failed asylum seekers, which is a major blow to the Labour government's pledge to reduce the number of failed asylum seekers.

## Killer fumes of a tomato

A study has shown that tomatoes can be a killer for people with asthma. The study found that people who ate tomatoes regularly had a higher risk of asthma attacks.

## Man dies in MS fireball

A man died in a fireball in a road in South London on Monday. The fire was caused by a car that had caught fire.

## Tax to fight gun crime

A new tax on guns is being proposed to help fund a campaign to reduce gun crime. The tax would be levied on the sale of new firearms.

In the following diagram, the total page area is defined as the smallest rectangle that contains all the marks on the page. This is painted with a blue wash. We have also highlighted one article with a red wash, and have calculated its area by summing the areas of the three text blocks that go to make up the article. The red areas are 4% of the blue area, so the article area score for this article is 4%.

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**32%**

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In the second example, the total area of the article is the sum of 7 text blocks, and is calculated as 32% of the blue area. The final example includes an image:

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NOTE:

- 1) The total area of the page does not include any white margins.
- 2) The area of an article does not include the white space between individual blocks within the article
- 3) The results for each article will be reported as the percentage value (calculated as above), and the total area of the blocks for that article, in square cms.