

28 July 2020

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 3 July 2020 for the following information, under the Official Information Act 1982:

Please provide the following information, organised by decile, for the two most recent years that data is available for every school in New Zealand where students complete NCEA assessments. Please report the data separately for each year (e.g. provide the information below for the 2018 and 2019 school years. Do not combine the two years).

- *Total number of NCEA candidates at each school.*
- *Total number of SAC applications that were made by each school.*
- *Number of SAC applications that were approved for each school.*
- *Number of SAC applications that were based on school evidence.*
- *Number of applications that were made and accepted by each school by disability category (sensory, medical, physical, learning).*
- *Please breakdown the learning category further and identify the proportion of approved applications for the "learning" category that are made because of reading difficulties.*

NZQA is releasing documents containing the information covered by the request:

- SAC data 2018
- SAC data 2019

Some of the data has been suppressed to protect student privacy. The editing includes:

- suppressing the data for schools where the number of SAC applications is fewer than 5
- suppressing the school's figures of how many SAC applications were approved and how many of these were based on School Evidence where the number is fewer than 5
- suppressing all data for Declined SAC applications, Approval Rates, Applications Approved by Disability Category, and the Approved Learning – Reading subset due to small numbers in each category. Figures for these categories are provided at the decile and national level.

The suppressed data is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 to protect the privacy of individuals. NZQA is not aware of any public interest considerations outweighing the decision to withhold information under section 9 of the Act.

As part of the commitment to open and transparent government, NZQA is proactively releasing responses to Official Information Act requests which are of public interest. NZQA intends to publish its response to this request in its next quarterly release of documents. Your name and contact details will be removed before publication.

If you require further assistance or believe we have misinterpreted your request, please contact [REDACTED] in the Office of the Chief Executive, email [REDACTED]@nzqa.govt.nz or telephone (04) 463 [REDACTED]

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz. You can also telephone 0800 802 502 or write to the Ombudsman at PO Box 10152, Wellington, 6143.

Yours sincerely



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