

18 December 2018

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Dear redacted s9(2)(a)

### Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 26 November 2018, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

*We would like to request any statistics you have on NCEA results of international students at New Zealand high schools.*

*In particular we are interested in seeing statistics related to English language NCEA qualifications that can be used for tertiary study in New Zealand and statistics regarding numbers or percentages of students who have gathered sufficient or insufficient NCEA qualifications to enter further study in New Zealand.*

I have attached two tables with the information covering your request. As you are interested in qualifications that can be used for tertiary study in New Zealand, NZQA has focussed the response on the number and percentage of international students achieving the University Entrance award, and the number and percentage of international students achieving University Entrance literacy requirements. Please note that students may undertake their tertiary study in institutions other than universities for which University Entrance may not be part of their entry requirements.

The information provided includes:

**Table 1** - Year 13 New Zealand international students in the academic years 2013 to 2017, and their achievement of the University Entrance award (the minimum requirement to go to a New Zealand university). Table 1 also includes an additional variable, the number of international students entered for sufficient credits to potentially gain NCEA Level 3 (this is a subset of all Year 13 international students). This variable is included as additional context as a significant proportion of international students (65% in 2018) are not following a full NCEA Level 3 assessment programme. NCEA Level 3 achievement is a prerequisite for the achievement of the University Entrance award.

**Table 2** - Year 13 New Zealand international students in the academic years 2013 to 2017, and their achievement of University Entrance Literacy requirements (10 credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing).

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 will be publishing its response to your request on its website in early 2019. 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 s9(2)(a) in the Office of the Chief Executive, email redacted s9(2)(a)nzqa.govt.nz or telephone (04) 463 redacted s9(2)(a).

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 Ombudsmen, PO Box 10152, Wellington.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Poutasi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Karen Poutasi (Dr)  
Chief Executive

**Table 1 - Year 13 New Zealand international students in the academic years 2013 to 2017, and their achievement of University Entrance**

Population	Student Year Level	Award	Academic Year	Students entered for sufficient credits	Students entered for sufficient credits %	Students with Award	Students with Award %
NZ Internationals	13	University Entrance	2013	3,636	1,192	706	19.4
NZ Internationals	13	University Entrance	2014	3,431	1,048	568	16.6
NZ Internationals	13	University Entrance	2015	3,526	1,194	653	18.5
NZ Internationals	13	University Entrance	2016	3,707	1,397	748	20.2
NZ Internationals	13	University Entrance	2017	4,045	1,434	861	21.3

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**Table 2 - Year 13 New Zealand international students in the academic years 2013 to 2017, and their achievement of University Entrance Literacy requirements**

Population	Student Year Level	Award Requirement	Academic Year	Students	Students with Requirement	Students with Requirement %
NZ Internationals	13	UE Literacy	2013	3,636	976	26.8
NZ Internationals	13	UE Literacy	2014	3,431	901	26.3
NZ Internationals	13	UE Literacy	2015	3,526	962	27.3
NZ Internationals	13	UE Literacy	2016	3,707	1,039	28.0
NZ Internationals	13	UE Literacy	2017	4,045	1,198	29.6
NZ Internationals	13	UE Literacy Reading	2013	3,636	1,161	31.9
NZ Internationals	13	UE Literacy Reading	2014	3,431	1,064	31.0
NZ Internationals	13	UE Literacy Reading	2015	3,526	1,102	31.3
NZ Internationals	13	UE Literacy Reading	2016	3,707	1,169	31.5
NZ Internationals	13	UE Literacy Reading	2017	4,045	1,371	33.9
NZ Internationals	13	UE Literacy Writing	2013	3,636	998	27.4
NZ Internationals	13	UE Literacy Writing	2014	3,431	918	26.8
NZ Internationals	13	UE Literacy Writing	2015	3,526	1,006	28.5
NZ Internationals	13	UE Literacy Writing	2016	3,707	1,088	29.3
NZ Internationals	13	UE Literacy Writing	2017	4,045	1,251	30.9

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