

26 September 2024

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Tēnā koe [Redacted]

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 29 August 2024 to the Ministry of Education under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information. It has been transferred to NZQA:

How much has been spent creating and maintaining additional roles at NZQA in response to the NCEA Literacy Corequisite assessment policy?

On 3 September 2024, you clarified that you were 'keen to understand what has been spent across the entire implementation process so far – so the planning and lead up, as well as across 2024'.

The table below provides the information in response to your request. Our financial system aggregates all costs associated with the co-requisite standards (i.e. literacy costs as well as those for numeracy, te reo matatini me te pāngarau) to one project code, hence the financial information provided is inclusive of all the co-requisite standards. It is also standard practice for NZQA staff to work across a range of subjects.

Costs¹ creating and maintaining additional roles at NZQA in response to the NCEA Literacy & Numeracy | Te Reo Matatini me Te Pāngarau Corequisite assessments.

	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/23	2023/2024	Total
NZQA staff costs	N/A ²	\$1,051,130	\$1,420,513	\$1,704,951	\$4,176,594
Specialist Workforce costs	\$35,143	\$175,448	\$116,155	\$1,029,283	\$1,356,029

Notes

- These costs cover the two literacy and one numeracy unit standards and one te pāngarau standard across the full period; and for one te reo matatini standard until 2024, when it was split into two.
- Costs have been provided per financial year (1 July to 30 June). This means that some specialist workforce costs may fall unevenly depending on the timing of assessment events and marking.

¹ Costs have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

² The management of the first Literacy & Numeracy | Te Reo Matatini pilot was undertaken by current NZQA staff.

- NZQA staff costs: As part of its role in supporting the implementation of the NCEA Changes, in 2021 NZQA established workstreams under its NCEA Change Programme to manage the pilots for the new draft NCEA co-requisite assessments. With the standards now implemented, this work has now been merged into business as usual.
- Specialist Workforce: these are contracted by NZQA to develop the assessments and undertake marking, as required.

Our response to your request may be published on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed before publication.

If you require further assistance or believe we have misinterpreted your request, please contact Elizabeth Templeton in the Office of the Chief Executive, email elizabeth.templeton@nzqa.govt.nz or telephone (04) 463 3339.

You have the right to seek an investigation or review by the Ombudsman of this decision under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982. Details of how to make a complaint can be found at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz. You can also telephone 0800 802 502 or write to the Ombudsman at PO Box 10152, Wellington, 6143.

Nāku nā



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