

13 September 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act Request

On the 19 August 2024 you requested, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

*For each **applicable** NZ Scholarship subject listed in the "New Zealand Scholarship awards by subject - provisional" table on your website page ["Overall New Zealand Scholarship results 2023"](#):*

- 1. The percentage of students who used a computer (word processor) for the exam who were awarded: a) Scholarship b) Outstanding Scholarship*
- 2. The percentage of students who used paper for the exam who were awarded: a) Scholarship b) Outstanding Scholarship*

Please provide this information in a format that allows easy comparison between the two groups (computer users vs. paper users) for each subject and award level.

Response

We have interpreted your request as relating to the provision of the examinations digitally or on paper rather than those who use a computer to assist with writing their answers.

Media Studies is the only NZ Scholarship examination that students can answer digitally or on paper; all other NZ Scholarship examinations are currently only available on paper. As a result, we are refusing part of your request under s18(g) of the OIA as the information is not held by NZQA, and there are no reasonable grounds to believe it is held by, or more closely connected with the functions of, another agency or Minister.

The table below shows the percentage of students that in 2023 were awarded a Scholarship and Outstanding Scholarship in Media Studies, by answering either digitally or on paper.

Award by type - 2023	Response method	
	Digital	Paper
Subject Scholarship	47.4%	52.6%
Outstanding Subject Scholarship	37.5%	62.5%

Note that the percentage difference in achievement rates by response method is affected by the small number of students involved; seventy-eight students gained a Subject Scholarship, and eight students gained Outstanding Scholarships.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant Klinkum', written in a cursive style.

Dr Grant Klinkum
Pouwhakahaere/Chief Executive