

21 February 2025

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Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 31 January 2025, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

I would like to know what the statistical process by which one's "best" 90 credits for NCEA to ATAR conversions are determined is. I would also like all data that would have been required to calculate an ATAR based on any attainments in any standards in 2022, 2023, and if the data can be released, 2024 in an .xlsx document. If there is a sort of score you get that is then ranked, then I would need the distribution of scores in those years to the best level of detail that does not encroach on privacy of students. Something like a grouped frequency table would be good.

Response

In response to your request, please see the attached spreadsheet *PRS-5899 OC01489 ATAR Conversion and Data v1.0* which contains information on the:

- Statistical process of calculating an ATAR score, which includes identification of the “best” 90 credits – tab “1 Statistical process” refers.
- Information required to calculate ATAR scores in 2022, 2023 and 2024 – tabs “2 Participation rate” and “2 Relative difficulties” refers.
- The statistic values which are ranked to calculate ATAR scores for 2022, 2023 and 2024 – tab “3 Statistics Values Frequency” refers, and tab “3 Statistic Values” has been included with a summary of information and some explanatory notes.

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 'G. Klinkum', written in a cursive style.

Dr Grant Klinkum
Pouwhakahaere/Chief Executive