

20 August 2025

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 24 July 2025, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

I am writing to request the following information:

- *The official weightings for all Level 3 Achievement Standards from 2008 to 2024, preferably provided in Excel format.*
- *The number of candidates who obtained an ATAR between 99.90 and 99.95 for the period 2008 to 2024, along with a breakdown of their total excellence credits achieved and the number of external excellence credits they earned. If possible, I would appreciate this data to also be provided in Excel format.*

This information will be invaluable for my research in choosing the subjects.

Response

In response to your request, please see the attached spreadsheet *PRS-6169 ATAR Data 2008-2024 v1.0.xlsx* which contains information on the:

- Adjusted percentile weightings for each assessed result (Not Achieved, Achieved, Merit, and Excellence) for every Level 3 achievement standard used for ATAR conversions in the year 2014 to 2024 – see tab “Weightings”.
- The number of students who received an ATAR between 99.90 and 99.5 (inclusive) in the years 2008 to 2024 – see tab “Candidate Numbers”.
- The Total Excellence Credits, Externally Assessed Excellence Credits, and Internally Assessed Excellence credits for students who received an ATAR between 99.0 and 99.5 (inclusive) in the years 2008 to 2024 – see tab “ATAR Summary Stats”.

Please note that due to recent changes in ATAR conversion methodology (2023/2024), NZQA recalculated all years adjusted percentiles but only back to 2014. For this reason, adjusted percentile weightings are not available prior to 2014. NZQA is therefore refusing, under section 18(g) of the OIA, your request for “official weightings for all Level 3 Achievement Standards” from 2008 to 2013, as this information is not held by NZQA, and there are no reasonable grounds for us to believe it is held by, or more closely connected with the functions of, another agency or Minister.

More information about ATAR can be found on our website:

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/international/nz-quals-overseas/study-with-ncea/australia/>.

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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