

10 February 2026

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Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 27 December 2025, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

I request copies of any documents held by NZQA that record or relate to any decision to decline, refuse, not grant, suspend, or withdraw approval and/or accreditation for Ara Institute of Canterbury to:

deliver NZQA-approved programmes or NZQF qualifications in China, and/or award NZQF qualifications (or any NZQA-regulated qualification outcomes) via offshore programme delivery in China (including delivery through any partner organisation in China).

Please include (but not limited to):

Any decision letters/notices (including dates, reference numbers, and stated reasons).

Correspondence (emails/letters) between NZQA and Ara about any application(s), assessment, refusal, withdrawal, or compliance issues.

Any assessment reports, evaluation notes, recommendations, internal briefings, or minutes used to inform or record such decision(s).

Timeframe: 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025 (or the latest available records).

NZQA has no record of any decision to decline an application, or to withdraw approval or accreditation for Ara Institute of Canterbury (or Te Pūkenga) to deliver programmes in China or to award NZQF qualifications through offshore delivery in China.

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 be 'Grant Klinkum', written in a cursive style.

Dr Grant Klinkum
Pouwhakahaere/Chief Executive