

19 March 2026

Email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 25 February 2026, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

Could I please have the number of breaches during external assessments that NZQA investigated last year?

Could I please have the number of breaches during internal assessments that NZQA investigated last year?

Could I please know how many of these were linked to AI?

Could I please have these broken down into subjects? Could I also have the data broken down by geographical location?

Response

NZQA investigated 1,241 breaches of external assessment conditions in 2025.

Breaches of internally assessed standards are managed by schools. NZQA does not investigate cases related to internal assessment breaches, as these are overseen and resolved through each school or kura's own assessment and disciplinary processes.

NZQA does not hold specific data on how many investigated cases were directly linked to AI use. However, several breach categories, such as Authenticity/Impersonation, Failure to Follow Instructions, or Inappropriate or Dishonest Practice, may include incidents where AI was a contributing factor. AI is not captured as a separate cause.

Appendix 1 contains a table showing the subject distribution of all investigated breaches in 2025 and Appendix 2 has a table showing the geographical distribution of all investigated breaches in 2025.

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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Appendix 1: Subject distribution of all investigated breaches in 2025

Subject	Number of breaches investigated
English	264
Literacy Writing	150
Numeracy	102
Physical Education	94
Mathematics and Statistics	79
History	48
Literacy Reading	31
Chemistry	27
Commerce	27
Chemistry & Biology	25
Music	25
Te Reo Māori	25
Digital Technologies	23
Biology	21
Geography	20
Physics	19
Business Studies	19
Technology	17
Visual Arts	17
Dance	16
Religious Studies	14
Media Studies	13
Physics, Earth & Space Science	13
Chinese	12
Classical Studies	11
Health	11
Drama	10
Health Studies	9
Calculus	7
French	7
Social Studies	7
Agricultural & Horticultural Science	6
Design and Visual Communication	6
Economics	6
Health and Physical Education	6
Science	6
Japanese	5
Pāngarau	5
Home Accounting	4
Home Economics	4
Materials and Processing Technology	4
Psychology	4
Samoan	4
Earth & Space Science	3
Statistics	3
Art History	2
Education for Sustainability	2
German	2
Lea Faka-Tonga	2
Spanish	2
Te Ao Haka	2
Te Reo Rangatira	2

Appendix 2: 2025 breach counts by region

Region	Number of breaches investigated	Percentage of total
Auckland	479	39.0%
Canterbury	151	12.3%
Waikato	138	11.2%
Wellington	107	8.7%
Hawke's Bay	70	5.7%
Bay of Plenty	66	5.4%
Northland	57	4.6%
Otago	41	3.3%
Manawatū–Wanganui	34	2.8%
Taranaki	25	2.0%
Nelson	25	2.0%
Marlborough	11	0.9%
Southland	11	0.9%
Gisborne	6	0.5%
West Coast	6	0.5%
Pacific Islands	2	0.2%