

31 May 2021



Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 4 May 2021, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the information as stated below:

NCEA 2020 data

- Qualification Attainment Statistics per School
- Qualification Attainment Statistics per School by Ethnicity
- Qualification Attainment Statistics per School by Gender
- Qualification Endorsement Attainment Statistics per School
- Qualification Endorsement Attainment Statistics per School by Ethnicity
- Qualification Endorsement Attainment Statistics per School by Gender
- Scholarship Attainment Statistics per School
- Scholarship Attainment Statistics per School by Ethnicity
- Scholarship Attainment Statistics per School by Gender

I attach copies of the following information covered by your request:

- Qualification Attainment Statistics per School 2020
- Qualification Attainment Statistics per School by Ethnicity 2020
- Qualification Attainment Statistics per School by Gender 2020
- Qualification Endorsement Attainment Statistics per School 2020
- Qualification Endorsement Attainment Statistics per School by Ethnicity 2020
- Qualification Endorsement Attainment Statistics per School by Gender 2020
- Scholarship Attainment Statistics per School 2020
- Scholarship Attainment Statistics per School by Ethnicity 2020
- Scholarship Attainment Statistics per School by Gender 2020

and:

- Explanation of Statistics Provided document
- Non-NZQF Schools 2020 a list of schools offering non-NZQF qualifications.

To protect privacy, where there are between 1-4 students in each cohort, percentages and counts have been suppressed. The suppressed data is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act to protect the privacy of individuals. NZQA is not aware of any public interest considerations outweighing the decision to withhold information under section 9 of the Act.

In 2020, teaching, learning and assessment were disrupted as a result of the COVID-19 threat including four weeks of school closure over the March/April period and further restrictions of two weeks in August in the Auckland region. To recognise the disruption, changes were made to the NCEA and University Entrance award criteria for 2020. Caution should be exercised when comparing 2020 attainment data with previous years.

NZQA also cautions against comparisons by school as school contexts vary significantly. We do not support the use of the data for league-table-like comparisons. The reasons for this are explained further in the *Explanation of Statistics Provided* document.

Attainment has been reported using the enrolment-based measure of attainment which replaced the roll and participation-based measures of attainment in 2019, and for which historical data has been produced.

There are also a number of schools where some, or all, of their students participate in and complete other assessments that aren't on the New Zealand Qualification Framework (NZQF); such as Accelerated Christian Education (ACE), International Baccalaureate (IB) or Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE). Achievement figures for these schools do not reflect these non-NZQF achievements.

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Nāku nā

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