

13 September 2023

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REF: OIA-13487

Dear ██████████

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 29 August 2023 clarifying the intent of your earlier email dated 13 August, and subsequently requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I think the context for my request has been lost. Is it possible to have the figures re exemptions (requested and granted) of a passenger nature only?

Also are there more recent figures rather than last years?

The data you have requested is provided in the table below:

Exemptions to carry passengers declined and granted		
<i>between 1 January 2018 - 31 August 2023</i>		
Year	Exemptions	
	Declined	Granted
2018	315	252
2019	269	217
2020	258	223
2021	289	249
2022	323	287
2023*	213	303
Total	1,667	1,531

* includes data up to 31 August 2023

This information should be read in conjunction with the following caveats:

- The information was extracted from the Driver Licence Register (DLR) and is current as at 5 September 2023.
- The data is limited to applications for the following exemptions created between 1 January 2018 - 31 August 2023 (inclusive):
 - Exemption to carry passengers (exemption type "Exempt passenger restriction").

- The data excludes applications with a cancelled application status as at 5 September 2023.
- The data is a count of applications for an exemption not the number of individuals granted or declined a passenger exemption.
- Information on applying for an exemption from driver licensing requirements can be found here: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/driver-licences/exemptions/exemption-from-driver-licensing-requirements/>

In line with Waka Kotahi policy, this response will soon be published on our website, with personal information removed.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Kerry Greig, Manager, Data Services, by email to kerry.greig@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Galina Mitchelhill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Galina Mitchelhill

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