

12 February 2024

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REF: OIA-14432

Dear [REDACTED]

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 11 January 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am requesting data on restricted license pass and fail rates for the Manawatu-Wanganui for 2021 and 2022. (also 2023 if available). Specifically, I would like to compare pass and fail rates of AA Feilding, VTNZ Levin and VTNZ Palmerston North.

Can I please have this data by month, testing site, and pass and fail rates.

Part of your request has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons, and in this case the privacy of testing officers and applicants.

To protect the privacy of testing officers and applicants, test sites with less than 3 testing officers conducting a restricted test, or less than 4 applicants with a test resulted as pass, fail or terminated in any month has been withheld.

In the case of Class 1 (Motor Cars and Light Motor Vehicles) restricted license test, eight of the nine test sites in the Manawatu-Whanganui region are affected. These eight test sites have been combined together into the "COMBINED SITE" group and include all three of AA Feilding, VTNZ Levin and VTNZ Palmerston North.

In the case of Class 6 (Motorcycles, Moped or ATV) restricted license test, all individual test sites in the Manawatu-Whanganui region are affected, as is the combination of all sites combined (i.e., the entire Manawatu-Whanganui region) and therefore this data has been withheld.

The information requested on class 1 restricted license test data for the Manawatu-Whanganui region has been attached in, *OIA-14432.x/sx*, containing 2021-2023 Manawatu-Whanganui region restricted license test data. Please note that the data in the spreadsheet should be read in conjunction with the caveats on the first page of the spreadsheet.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse part of this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

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.

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