

21 October 2021



REF: OIA-8889

Dear **Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 6 October 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *How many available practical license booking slots, per license (restricted, full) per district (Kaitaia, Kerikeri, Whangarei) per month are available in the next 120 days.*
2. *How many practical license booking slots were allocated to Northland, per license (restricted, full) per district (Kaitaia, Kerikeri, Whangarei) per month for the period 01 Jul 2020 to 30 June 2021.*
3. *How is the number of slots allocated to practical driver licensing tests in Northland calculated.*

I will set out each of your questions and my responses below.

1. *How many available practical license booking slots, per license (restricted, full) per district (Kaitaia, Kerikeri, Whangarei) per month are available in the next 120 days.*

Future practical testing availability is allocated to each site in hours. The test type (restricted or full) is not determined until the test is booked. As at 12pm on 8 October 2021, the number of hours allocated to each site are:

	Kaitaia	Kerikeri	Whangarei
October 2021*	59.5 hours	114.5 hours	160 hours
November 2021	104 hours	169.5 hours	300 hours
December 2021	32.5 hours	48.5 hours	142.5 hours
January 2022	26 hours	39 hours	90 hours

*from 8 October 2021

2. *How many practical license booking slots were allocated to Northland, per license (restricted, full) per district (Kaitaia, Kerikeri, Whangarei) per month for the period 01 Jul 2020 to 30 June 2021.*

I have provided the requested data in the attached spreadsheet. Separate tabs are provided for each site.

3. How is the number of slots allocated to practical driver licensing tests in Northland calculated.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency provides Vehicle Testing NZ (VTNZ) an annual forecast for test volumes. Based on the forecast and historic data, VTNZ creates annual resourcing plans for each branch. Demand is monitored year-round, and where demand indicates additional resource is required, either additional resource will be added on a temporary basis (where possible), or new positions will be created.

Testing capacity is allocated to each site in hours. The number of hours available will depend on resource availability, and the resulting number of test slots will depend on the type of test that is booked. The number of allocated hours taken for each test type are:

Test type	Hours
Class 1 On Road Safety Test (ORST)	0.5
Class 1 Full	0.5
Class 1 Restricted	1
Class 2 Full	0.5
Class 4 Full	0.5
Class 5 Full	0.5
Class 6 Full	0.5
Class 6 Restricted	1

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Karen Worboys, Manager, Contract Management and Support, by email to karen.worboys@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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