

TEACHING COUNCIL

NEW ZEALAND | Matatū Aotearoa

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RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST UNDER THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982

Thank you for your email of 17 December 2019 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You asked the following:

1. The number of teachers who have had their registration cancelled as a result of sexual offending?
2. And the total number of allegations made with reference to sexual misconduct in the 2019 calendar year?

I have provided responses to each of your questions below.

Question 1. In order to answer this question, we have interpreted your request to mean the number of teachers' registrations cancelled due to a conviction for any of the following specified offences under the Children's Act:

section 98AA (dealing in people under 18 for sexual exploitation):

section 124A (indecent communication with young person under 16):

section 128B (sexual violation):

section 129 (attempted sexual violation and assault with intent to commit sexual violation):

section 129A (sexual conduct with consent induced by certain threats):

section 130 (incest):

section 131 (sexual conduct with dependent family member):

section 131B (meeting young person following sexual grooming, etc):

section 132 (sexual conduct with child under 12):

section 133 (indecenty with girl under 12):

section 134 (sexual conduct with young person under 16):

section 135 (indecent assault):

section 138 (sexual exploitation of person with significant impairment):

section 139 (indecent act between woman and girl):

section 140 (indecenty with boy under 12):

section 140A (indecenty with boy between 12 and 16):

section 141 (indecent assault on man or boy):

section 144A (sexual conduct with children and young people outside New Zealand):

section 144C (organising or promoting child sex tours):

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Note: Our data does not differentiate between offences against students or others, or where the offence took place. Identifying this would take significant manual collation.

Teachers' registrations cancelled due to conviction relating to sexual offending in the 2019 calendar year: **13**

For context, below is a table of the number of teachers with valid practising certificates in the 2018-2019 financial year.

	2018-2019
Total number of teachers with valid practising certificates	105, 286

Question 2.

Allegations against teachers that include reference to sexual misconduct in 2019: **131**

Note: Again our data does not differentiate between offences against students or others. It also broadly captures all allegations made, from the very serious, such as sexual relationships with students through to less serious instances, such as inappropriate jokes or comments and other situations that may not be linked to behaviour. Once investigated the matters may not be related to Inappropriate Behaviour (sexual non-contact) and/or Sexual behaviour (contact).

I hope the information we have provided is useful, but if you have any more queries please don't hesitate to contact us. If you are not satisfied with my response you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman, who can be contacted by writing to: The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or emailing info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely,



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