

TEACHING COUNCIL

NEW ZEALAND | Matatū Aotearoa

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Dear [REDACTED]

RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST UNDER THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982

Thank you for your email of 29 May 2019 which was passed to us by the Ministry of Education requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You asked the following:

- 1. The number of teachers convicted of sexual offending relating to students or pupils in 2019 to date, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009;*
- 2. This information should be broken down by primary and secondary school teachers;*
- 3. The number of other school staff (including but not limited to support staff, sports staff, grounds staff) convicted of sexual offending relating to students or pupils in 2019 to date, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009;*
- 4. This information should be broken down by primary and secondary school;*
- 5. The number of teachers stood down while allegations of sexual abuse were investigated for the last 10 year;*
- 6. The number of other school staffers stood down while allegations of sexual abuse were investigated for the last 10 year.*

We are unable to provide you with answers to all your questions as we do not hold that information or have reduced ability to interpret data recorded prior to 2015. As a result of changes to legislation in 2015 all teachers with a conviction for a specified offence under the Children's Act (previously called the Vulnerable Children Act) are able to be dealt with through a different path than our usual disciplinary process, which makes them more easily identifiable in our database. Specified offences include sexual offences.

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):

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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):

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

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Secondary	1	2	5	1	4
Primary	1	5	1	1	1
Early childhood	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown		1			

For context, below is a table of the number of teachers with valid practising certificates (for each financial year).

	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Total number of teachers with valid practising certificates	101,000	101,000	102,8001	106,418

Question 2. Answered above.

Question 3. We do not hold this information as we deal exclusively with registered teachers. I am therefore unable to supply this information (under section 18 (e) of the Act) as the information requested does not exist.

Question 4. Answered above.

Question 5. This information is held by individual schools.

However, we can provide data on the number of allegations that include reference to sexual misconduct. Again, our data does not differentiate between students or others.



Allegations against teachers that include reference to sexual misconduct

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Secondary	33	27	39	56	39
Primary	22	29	10	16	20
Early childhood	13	4	3	15	12
Unknown	0	1	1	5	11

Question 6. We do not hold this information as we deal exclusively with registered teachers. I am therefore unable to supply this information (under section 18 (e) of the Act) as the information requested does not exist.

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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