

18 December 2020

Morteza

Email: requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Morteza

Official information request – The number of PhD students who failed their viva voce in 2020, 2019 and 2018

I refer to your official information request dated 17 November 2020 as follows:

“Please let me know how many PhD candidates at the University of Waikato received an outright failure (no degree awarded) as the outcome of their oral examination in 2020, 2019, and 2018 respectively.”

There have been **no** PhD candidates at the University of Waikato who have had an outright failure (no degree awarded) post oral examination for 2018, 2019 and 2020 respectively.

It is extremely unlikely that a student would get an outright fail in their oral examination. Prior written reports would have indicated this and the Dean would not have approved the thesis going to oral examination. They would either fail based on the written reports, or would have to re-enrol, revise and resubmit.

Yours sincerely



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