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Tēnā koe B White

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 11 January 2022 for:

*“provide data in relation to the numbers of temporary medical exemptions that have been applied for, and the numbers subsequently granted under the process outlined in the link on your website listed below.*

*Please provide the data in a informative way similar to the data that the Ministry supplies in relation to COVID-19 vaccination. It would be useful to see the data split by the following:*

- DHB
- Time series (by day, or by week)
- Ethnicity
- Age
- Criteria for Temporary COVID-19 Vaccine Medical Exemption (as outlined in the Clinical Guidance)”

Please find tables attached as Appendix 1, which detail exemption data by district health board (DHB), category and time period.

Please note, that revised temporary medical exemption criteria were published on 13 January 2022. The data provided is therefore broken down by previous and revised criteria. A copy of both sets of criteria are attached to this letter.

Age and ethnicity is not captured in this reporting, therefore is withheld under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act.

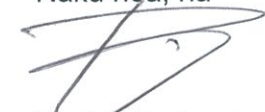
Information regarding the clinical criteria for temporary medical exemptions, including the different categories mentioned in the attached document can be found at:

- [www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/vaccine\\_temporary\\_medical\\_exemption\\_clinical\\_criteria\\_clinical\\_guidance\\_and\\_resources\\_includes\\_application\\_form\\_for\\_medical\\_practitioner\\_or\\_nurse\\_practitioner\\_to\\_complete\\_updated\\_january\\_27\\_2022.pdf](http://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/vaccine_temporary_medical_exemption_clinical_criteria_clinical_guidance_and_resources_includes_application_form_for_medical_practitioner_or_nurse_practitioner_to_complete_updated_january_27_2022.pdf)

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases).

Nāku noa, nā



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## Appendix 1

**Table 1: Exemptions granted by DHB under previous criteria:**

DHB	Application Status				Grand Total
	Declined	Granted	Open	Returned as incomplete	
Auckland	117	159	5	63	344
Bay of Plenty	57	73	28	53	211
Canterbury	64	96	12	48	220
Capital & Coast	44	14	1	31	90
Counties Manukau	27	27		19	73
Hawkes Bay	19	6	4	11	40
Hutt Valley	16	5	1	18	40
Lakes	20	43	5	6	74
MidCentral	20	5	1	22	48
Nelson Marlborough	28	43	10	15	96
Northland	40	11	2	30	83
South Canterbury	7			5	12
Southern	62	23	5	44	134
Tairāwhiti	6	2		1	9
Taranaki	31	8	1	13	53
Unknown	7	3		29	39
Waikato	50	48	6	46	150
Wairarapa	7	2		2	11
Waitematā	65	46	3	49	163
West Coast	8	3	1	5	17
Whanganui	15	3		5	23
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>1930</b>

**Table 2: Exemptions granted by DHB under revised criteria**

DHB	Application Status				Grand Total
	Declined	Granted	Open	Returned as incomplete	
Auckland	3		13	8	24
Bay of Plenty	1		6	2	9
Capital & Coast			8		8
Centerbury	2		10	6	18
Counties Manukau			2		2
Hawkes Bay			8	1	9
Hutt Valley	1		3	1	5
Lakes		1	1	2	4
Mid Central			3		3
Nelson-Marlborough			6	4	10
Northland			3	1	4
South Canterbury			1		1
Southern	1		8	1	10
Tairāwhiti				1	1
Taranaki			2		2
Waikato	1		5	2	8
Waitematā	1	1	9	4	15
Whanganui			1	1	2
(blank)				1	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>136</b>

**Table 3: Exemptions granted by category under previous criteria**

Exemption category	Application status				Grand Total
	Declined	Granted	Open	Returned as incomplete	
1A	12	78	1	20	111
1B	234	55	9	58	356
1C	168	47	3	102	320
2A	103	10	9	30	152
2B	69	39	9	24	141
2C	75	22	4	15	116
2D	48	5		7	60
3A		364	49	21	434
3B			1	1	2
No exemption category provided	1			237	238
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>1930</b>

**Table 4: Exemptions granted by category under revised criteria**

Exemption category	Application status				Grand Total
	Declined	Granted	Open	Returned as incomplete	
1A		1	11	2	14
1B			4	3	7
1C	1		1		2
2A	6	1	34	13	54
3A	1		8	4	13
3B	2		9	7	18
3C			3	1	4
4A			19		19
No exemption category ticked				5	5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>136</b>

**Table 5: Exemptions granted by date under previous criteria**

Date application received	Application status				Grand Total
	Declined	Granted	Open	Returned as incomplete	
11/8/2021	3	1		1	5
11/9/2021	3	2		4	9
11/10/2021	8	9		10	27
11/11/2021	8	14		3	25
11/12/2021	11	22		8	41
11/13/2021		3		2	5
11/14/2021		1		1	2
11/15/2021	9	41		18	68
11/16/2021	11	21		9	41
11/17/2021	10	40		13	63
11/18/2021	3	45		5	53
11/19/2021	16	33		5	54
11/20/2021	2	4		1	7
11/21/2021	1	5		1	7
11/22/2021	9	18		10	37
11/23/2021	14	14		6	34
11/24/2021	15	10		12	37
11/25/2021	12	7		11	30
11/26/2021	28	9		10	47
11/27/2021	2	1			3
11/28/2021	4	1			5
11/29/2021	26	12		7	45
11/30/2021	17	10		6	33
12/1/2021	24	14		15	53
12/2/2021	40	23		5	68
12/3/2021	23	10		15	48
12/4/2021	1				1
12/5/2021				4	4
12/6/2021	22	13		8	43
12/7/2021	30	14		13	57
12/8/2021	28	10		7	45
12/9/2021	17	7		19	43
12/10/2021	22	9		11	42
12/11/2021	1	1			2
12/13/2021	30	8		17	55

12/14/2021	31	14		16	61
12/15/2021	7	11		12	30
12/16/2021	12	15		17	44
12/17/2021	10	19		15	44
12/18/2021	4	1		1	6
12/19/2021	1	1		1	3
12/20/2021	13	14		8	35
12/21/2021	13	13		11	37
12/22/2021	10	6		11	27
12/23/2021	10	5		10	25
12/24/2021	12	9		10	31
12/26/2021	1	2			3
12/27/2021		1			1
12/29/2021	8	5		5	18
12/30/2021	1	2		4	7
12/31/2021	2	1		6	9
1/1/2022	1				1
1/3/2022	1			1	2
1/4/2022				2	2
1/5/2022	3	3		5	11
1/6/2022	4	1		4	9
1/7/2022	2	5		2	9
1/9/2022	2			1	3
1/10/2022	6	3	1	11	21
1/11/2022	5	2		6	13
1/12/2022	5	2		6	13
1/13/2022	17	8		6	31
1/14/2022	14	7		3	24
1/17/2022	11	3		2	16
1/18/2022	8	4	1	8	21
1/19/2022	6	3	3	12	24
1/20/2022	6			5	11
1/21/2022	5	6		4	15
1/23/2022	2			1	3
1/24/2022	5	1		3	9
1/25/2022	3	7	1	5	16
1/26/2022	4	6		3	13
1/27/2022	1	4	1	7	13
1/28/2022	4	3	2	12	21

1/31/2022	1			4	5
2/1/2022	8	1		4	13
2/2/2022	1		12	1	14
2/3/2022			5	5	10
2/4/2022			11	1	12
2/5/2022				1	1
2/6/2022			1		1
2/7/2022			1		1
2/8/2022			7	1	8
2/9/2022			25	1	26
2/10/2022			7	1	8
2/11/2022			3	1	4
2/12/2022			3		3
2/14/2022				1	1
2/15/2022			1	1	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>1930</b>

**Table 6: Exemptions granted by date under revised criteria**

Date application received	Application Status				Grand Total
	Declined	Granted	Open	Returned as incomplete	
28-Jan-22	2	2		2	6
31-Jan-22	4				4
1-Feb-22	4				4
2-Feb-22			1	2	3
3-Feb-22			6	1	7
4-Feb-22			4	2	6
6-Feb-22			1		1
7-Feb-22			1		1
8-Feb-22			5	6	11
9-Feb-22			8	1	9
10-Feb-22			21	2	23
11-Feb-22			20	7	27
12-Feb-22			3		3
14-Feb-22			7	1	8
15-Feb-22			12	11	23
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>136</b>