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Dear T. Ho

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 24 May 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like to know the details for the years 2016 - 2021;

How many people had to reissue their license due to having the condition of "correcting lenses no longer required when driving"?

How old were these people?

How much were these people charged as stipulated on the DL2 form?

The condition of "correcting lenses no longer required when driving" does not exist in the Driver Licence Register. However, the driver licence condition "Correcting lenses must be used while driving" is recoded against the driver's licence when a driver licence application is granted with the applicant either passing the eyesight test at a driver licensing agent with correcting lenses, or the applicant presenting a medical or eyesight certificate confirming they are fit to drive with correcting lenses.

Therefore, your request for how many people had to reissue their license due to having the condition of "correcting lenses no longer required when driving" broken down by age has been interpreted as:

The number of applicants granted a replacement application between 2016-2021 calendar years where the condition "Correcting lenses must be used while driving" was cancelled. Data to be provided by year and age group of applicant at application grant date.

The information you have requested is being provided to you in the table over the page.

Number of applicants granted a replacement application between 1 January 2016-31 December 2021 where the B condition was cancelled						
Age of applicant at grant date	Year replacement application granted					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
16-19	45	48	52	49	45	48
20-24	241	233	224	219	216	190
25-29	330	295	357	327	317	324
30-34	308	386	357	348	334	361
35-39	281	301	256	274	255	285
40-44	221	200	166	173	148	169
45-49	223	232	219	208	151	181
50-54	166	171	155	146	134	146
55-59	314	360	322	325	255	266
60-64	247	237	267	233	249	261
65-69	527	513	535	537	501	470
70-74	392	427	439	551	516	503
75 and over	632	771	767	919	790	930

It is important to note:

- The information was extracted from the Driver Licence Register (DLR) and is current as at 21 June 2022.
- The data is limited to applicants who were granted a replacement application between 1 January 2016-31 December 2021 (inclusive) where the condition "Correcting lenses must be used while driving" (also known as the "B" condition) was cancelled on the same day as the grant date of the replacement application.
- Age group of applicant is calculated at application grant date.
- The data is a distinct count of applicants by age group and year (year replacement application granted). An applicant may be included in more than one count if:
 - multiple replacement applications were granted where the B condition was cancelled, and
 - the applications were granted in more than one calendar year, and/or
 - the applicant belonged to more than one age group for each application.
- If a licence holder is no longer required to wear correcting lenses to drive, the licence holder is required to apply for a replacement and either pass an eye check at the agent (without correcting lenses) or provide a medical or eyesight certificate with confirmation that their current eyesight result is 'fit without lenses' for the respective classes. This can also be completed as part of other application types including a driver licence renewal, or when applying for a new class or stage of licence, etc.

Regarding how much people were charged as stipulated on the DL2 form, it states that the fee for issuing a replacement photo driver license is \$38.20 and replacement driver ID card fee is \$13.70. This price has been the same since 2015. The reissuing of a license when a licence holder no longer requires correcting lenses to drive means that the license holder will also have to pay this fee.

In line with Waka Kotahi policy, this response will soon be published on our website, with personal information removed.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Kerry Greig, Manager, Data Services, by email to kerry.greig@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Galina Mitchelhill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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