



8 July 2022

By email: fyi-request-19621-74a1690c@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Whom It May Concern

I refer to your information request dated 9 June 2022 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested grade breakdowns of Surveying papers over the past five years.

We note we contacted you 9 June 2022 to see whether you would be willing to clarify the scope of your request. In your request you asked for grade breakdowns for “all 200 level surveying papers”, but further along in your request you asked for “levels 100 – 400”. We note that we have not heard back from you. Accordingly, we have interpreted your request to be for grade breakdowns of all 200 level Surveying papers.

Subject to the below comments, please find attached the information you have requested.

- For privacy and wellbeing reasons, the University’s standard practice is not to report on marks which relate to fewer than 5 students. Where the numbers are very low there is a risk that the identity of these students could be determined/inferred, and that their personal information (i.e. their grades) could be revealed. We therefore withhold this information pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
 - Therefore, where the grade is Aegrotat, Fail D, Fail E, Fail, Failed Compulsory Assessment or Failed Terms, if there are fewer than 5 students per year across all years, we have grouped those students together. Where the grade is Aegrotat, Fail D, Fail E, Fail, Failed Compulsory Assessment or Failed Terms, if there are fewer than 5 students per year across only some years, we have indicated this using “<5” (“fewer than 5”).
- Students who withdrew from Surveying papers are excluded from the data.
- There are some 200 level Surveying papers which are field courses, therefore they do not have grade results attached to the papers. These papers are SURV297, SURV298 and SURV299. As there are no grade breakdowns for these papers, they are not included in the attached spreadsheet.
- Students taking Surveying papers may be enrolled in a Bachelor of Surveying or another programme, for example, Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Applied Science.
- Please note that a 5 mark increase was applied to all final grades for papers completed in Semester 1 2020.

I trust you will find this information helpful.

I note your right to seek a review of these decisions via a complaint to an Ombudsman. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.

Yours sincerely

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

Kelsey Kennard
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