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Ref: H2023027889

Tēnā koe Erika

**Transfer of your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 28 June 2023 regarding clause 12A exemptions. You requested:

*"How many requests were received? How many were approved by the ministry?"*

Manatū Hauora does not hold any information relating to your request; however, I have been advised that this information is held by Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand. For this reason, I have decided to transfer your request to their agency under section 14(b)(i) of the Act. You can expect a response from Te Whatu Ora in due course.

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.

Nāku noa, na



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## COPY OF OIA REQUEST

**From:** Erika Whittome <[fyi-request-23284-c952da13@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-23284-c952da13@requests.fyi.org.nz)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 June 2023 04:46

**To:** OIA Requests <[coiagr@health.govt.nz](mailto:coiagr@health.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** Official Information request - How many clause 12a exemptions were received and approved?

Dear Ministry of Health,

According to the legislation at the time in 2021, there were operational exemptions available for those who were not getting vaccinated against Covid 19. Your website outlines the process of applying for an operating exemption under clause 12a here

<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fweb.archive.org%2Fweb%2F20211115105824%2Fhttps%3A%2F%2Fwww.health.govt.nz%2Fsystem%2Ffiles%2Fdocuments%2Fpages%2Ftemporary-service-disruption-exemption-14nov21.docx&data=05%7C01%7Coiagr%40health.govt.nz%7C017a3f50a137458dba8f08db772e87ef%7C23cec7246d204bd19fe9dc4447edd1fa%7C0%7C0%7C638234813961439054%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=vbMaQxRfBRLGCF2Qxhx%2BRRGYBqeXIfeKvgEeZbb35T0%3D&reserved=0>

Requests for such exemptions under clause 12a were to be sent to  
[HealthDisabilityPCBUExemption@health.govt.nz](mailto:HealthDisabilityPCBUExemption@health.govt.nz)

Kindly share:

How many requests were received?

How many were approved by the ministry?

Yours faithfully,

Erika Whittome