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Dear Robert

I refer to your email of 5 September 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *official medical standards for accession and retention of aircraft pilots/aviators for the Army, Navy, and Air Force?*

Entry and annual medical evaluations of aircrew in the Royal New Zealand Air Force and Royal New Zealand Navy are carried out under the supervision of the Aviation Medicine Unit (AMU). There are no aircrew in the New Zealand Army. The AMU carries out the evaluations in accordance with Defence Health Rules 11 (DHR 11) - *Aircrew Medical Standards Specifications*. A copy of the relevant medical standards are at enclosure 1. Annexes were not produced as the format of Defence Health Rules changed; unfortunately the references to these were not subsequently updated within DHR 11.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure:

1. DHR 11 - Aircrew Medical Standards Specifications.