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Tēnā koe LC

I refer to your request for information dated 20 September 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested:

- “1. How many students were on conditional enrolment per year for the past 10 years, please provide this as a figure and as a percentage of the student body?*
- 2. What percentage of students on conditional enrolment were removed from conditional enrolment?*
- 3. What percentage of students on conditional enrolment were subsequently suspended from the University of Otago?”*

Please see below our response to your request.

Due to the substantial amount of work that would be required to research and collate the information in the format you have requested, we are refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Act. In order to fulfil your request, our Student Management Value Stream Application support team would need to develop an extraction that would collate the data. They have advised that it would take them 15 hours to develop this complicated extraction, including testing to ensure that the information collated was correct. Such an undertaking is not practically possible, and would divert resources away from other important activities such as 2025 admissions, enrolments, and course approvals.

We have considered whether charging or extending the timeframe for responding to your request would help, as required by section 18A of the Act. We do not consider that either option would remove the impact that supplying the information would have on our operations.

While we cannot meet your exact request, we are able to provide some information that may be helpful to you. Firstly, we can provide information on the total number of students who were placed on conditional enrolment or suspended each year. Subject to the following comments, please see this information in the below table:

- Students who do not pass half of the points enrolled for in a year will be advised that they will be placed on conditional enrolment in the next year they enrol. In the next year in which they enrol, students placed on conditional enrolment will be required to enrol for a prescribed course of study.
- If fewer than half of the points enrolled for in the prescribed course of student across the full year of conditional enrolment are passed, the student will be suspended from the University for a period of two years.
- We note that all final grades for papers completed in semester 1 2020 were increased by 5 marks to account for disruptions created by COVID-19. In semester 2 2020, final grades of 47, 48 or 49 were bumped up to 50 (pass).

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Conditional	941	880	833	818	847	687	905	1098	821
Suspended	259	196	174	160	152	118	142	216	200

We are also able to provide a partial response to the more specific questions in your request. Since 2022, our Student Development Office has been coordinating engagement with all students on conditional enrolment in semester 1. Therefore, please see the below tables which show:

- The number of students placed on conditional enrolment for semester 1 since 2022 as a figure and as a percentage of the total student body;
- The number of students who were removed from conditional enrolment since 2022; and
- The number of students who were subsequently suspended from the University since 2022.

This information is subject to the following comments:

- Students who receive notification that they will be placed on conditional enrolment do not always enrol in the next subsequent year. They may take a year or two away from study, or never return to study.
- This data will not capture any students that enrolled for semester 2 study only, and there are a number of students on conditional enrolment who do this.
- 2024 data on students who were removed from conditional enrolment or subsequently suspended will not be confirmed until semester 2 results are confirmed in late November.
- We have provided percentage data for both the total student body and the student body to which the University's [Academic Progress Policy](#) (APP) applies. The Academic Progress Policy applies to all students studying from 100-level to 400-level, with the exception of specialised undergraduate Health Science programmes which have exclusion clauses in their own regulations. Please refer to this Policy for further information on the processes for managing and supporting student academic achievement.

	Number of students on conditional enrolment in S1	Percentage of the student body to which the APP applies	Percentage of the total student body
2022	451	3.49%	2.14%
2023	537	4.03%	2.58%
2024	473	2.09%	1.30%

	Number of students on conditional enrolment in S1	Percentage of students removed from conditional enrolment	Percentage of students who were subsequently suspended
2022	451	57% (257)	43% (194)
2023	537	69% (372)	31% (165)
2024	473	N/A	N/A

I trust you will find this information helpful.

If you are not satisfied with our response to your information request, section 28(3) of the Act provides you with the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate and review this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelsey Kennard', written in a cursive style.

Kelsey Kennard
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