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Tēnā koe Erika

Thank you for your email of 14 November 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*I see sometime in December 2023 this page was removed from the MBIE website*  
<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fweb.archive.org%2Fweb%2F20230201212615%2Fhttps%3A%2F%2Fwww.business.govt.nz%2F%2F%2Fvaccination-assessment-tool&data=05%7C02%7CMinisterialServices%40mbie.govt.nz%7Cfc70070011f14783ed6c08dd04096181%7C78b2bd11e42b47eab0112e04c3af5ec1%7C0%7C0%7C638671161751483445%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbGlldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xZeGgqloekiMxp6YfViARqXgetkiou8ctgNjifDo%2FQk%3D&reserved=0>

*The page said:*

*Employers may still be able to maintain vaccination requirements, however these requirements would need to be supported by a full work health and safety risk assessment. The circumstances where vaccination could be required are likely to be more limited than they have in the past.*

*Would you please share all the advice including legal advice, memos, correspondence, emails, policy documents etc that brought about the decision to remove this page from the MBIE website under the OIA.*

This webpage was unpublished in May 2023. As the pandemic was a public health event, throughout the COVID response, the business.govt.nz webpage followed advice and legal settings outlined by the Ministry of Health. This content remained live for 12 months following the revocation of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccination Assessment Tool) Regulations 2021 (12 May 2022). There was no longer a need to keep it live.

This decision to revoke the COVID-19 Public Health Response Regulations 2021 was based on the advice of the Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety. The advice that led to the revocation of the Regulations was provided by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Transport. You may wish to make requests for information to these agencies for documentation that led to this decision.

To meet the needs of our businesses and provide tailored support that is easy to find, we regularly review the content on [business.govt.nz](http://business.govt.nz) to ensure it remains relevant. Twelve months was considered a suitable amount of time to ensure small businesses were aware of the vaccination tool and related content's removal as a result of the regulations being revoked. When information is no longer relevant or is superseded, the pages are removed from visibility or deleted altogether.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tui Rutherford', written in a cursive style.

**Tui Rutherford**

Head of Small Business Services

Te Whakaitaranga Service Delivery