



**Te Tāhuhu o
te Mātauranga**
Ministry of Education

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Tēnā koe Erika

OIA: GEMS-48880 – Required Testing Order information for unvaccinated education workers

Thank you for your email of 26 June 2026 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

The COVID-19 Public Health Response (Required Testing) Order 2020 covered education workers and there was a clause 12D about 'Weekly testing of affected persons not fully vaccinated'

<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/secondary-legislation/pco-drafted/2020/230/en/2021-10-17/#LMS573224>

Would you please share the bulletins, guidance and advice from 1 Oct 2021 until 31 March 2022 on the topic of this Required Testing Order legislation for unvaccinated education workers?

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The information in scope of your request has previously been released in response to request under the Act. As such, I am refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available at the following links:

OIA 1340831 Response:

<https://web-assets.education.govt.nz/s3fs-public/2025-01/1340831%20response.pdf?VersionId=j5H..ysrfB2OYKqBKO9QH3ZU00m6Jshn>

OIA 1340831 Appendix A part 1:

<https://web-assets.education.govt.nz/s3fs-public/2025-01/1340831%20Appendix%20A%20Part%201.pdf?VersionId=YxOZOOnfL2.YG0C8rIhTV0YDHIwt3Rvtp>

OIA 1340831 Appendix A part 2:

https://web-assets.education.govt.nz/s3fs-public/2025-01/1340831%20Appendix%20A%20Part%202.pdf?VersionId=QrKIOxYyXrQwrXJAPIsLbO_8JLDeUFSD

OIA 1340831 Appendix B:

https://web-assets.education.govt.nz/s3fs-public/2025-01/1340831%20Appendix%20B.pdf?VersionId=85JAMhQT_EmrPhcLQ4KJ3LS1SizZMXCH

OIA 1340831 Appendix C:

<https://web-assets.education.govt.nz/s3fs-public/2025-01/1340831%20Appendix%20C.pdf?VersionId=mkWKnFhsSB1wEiQQPgoISNoyz4I8.WJU>

Please note, we may publish this response on our website after five working days.
Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review my decision on your request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā

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

Emma Drysdale

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