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Kia ora Jan

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-049158

Thank you for your request of 26 June 2026, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. Please advise when Mr Vasudeva Pai last participated in the approved recertification programme relevant to the vocational scope of Orthopaedic medicine and general scope of practise. The last evidence we can find of this dates back to 2007.*
- 2. Please advise where Mr Pai is teaching from as despite the inferences we find no association to any institution mentioned in his bio links or his website which includes BONEFIX.*
- 3. Please advise the difference between an “independent” advisor to ACC and an assessor for ACC*

Question 1. Participation in approved recertification programme

ACC does not hold records relating to Dr Vasudeva Pai’s participation in recertification programmes. Information regarding compliance with recertification requirements for vocational and general scopes of practice is held by the Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ) which is responsible for administering and monitoring these requirements.

Question 2. Where Mr Pai is teaching

We are refusing to provide the information requested as it is not held by ACC. This decision has been made under section 18(g) of the Act.

Question 3. Role of independent advisor and assessors for ACC

An independent advisor provides expert clinical advice to ACC based on a review of claim information and clinical records and does not assess the client directly. An assessor undertakes an independent assessment of a client and provides findings and recommendations to ACC. Medical practitioners undertaking either role are expected to ensure this is within their scope of practice and they comply with the Medical Council of New Zealand's standards for medical assessments conducted for third parties.

If you have any questions about this response, please get in touch

You can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you can also contact the Ombudsman via info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

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Nicky Judd

Manager Official Information Act Services

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