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By email:

Tēnā koe

Request under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your emailed letter of 13 June 2025, requesting the following information from Open Polytechnic | Te Pūkenga – New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology (Open Polytechnic):

... for the period beginning January 2022 to present:

1. The **intake** for the New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Levels 3, 4, and 5), broken down by offering for each year during the above period;
2. The number of **graduates** from each Certificate programme, broken down by offering for each year during this same period; and
3. The number of students who **exit or withdraw** from each of these programmes, broken down by offering for each year during this same period.

This letter provides a formal decision on your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The decision

The information you have requested is set out in the three tables attached as **Appendix One** for the following three programmes:

- NZ1886 - New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Introduction to Pharmacy Practice) Level 3
- NZ1888 - New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Technician - Core) Level 4
- NZ1889 - New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Technician - Advanced) Level 5

This information is provided by programme enrolment cohort year. Ākonga (learners) can enrol in these programmes and begin their study with Open Polytechnic in any month within a given year. However, qualification completion calculations are based on ākonga commencement year, not month. Therefore, in the tables, 'Completed (graduates)' provides the number of graduates for the ākonga intake in that year.

You have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA if you are not happy with this response. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

We may publish our OIA responses and the information contained in our reply to you on our website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gus Gilmore', with a large circular flourish above the name.

Gus Gilmore

Tumuaki | Chief Executive

Appendix One

NZ1886 - New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Introduction to Pharmacy Practice) Level 3				
Status of ākonga	Start year			
	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD
New to the programme	395	273	188	123
Completed (graduates)	297	165	53	0
Exited/Withdrawn	91	82	0	0
Not withdrawn/Still to complete	7	26	135	123

NZ1888 - New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Technician - Core) Level 4				
Status of ākonga	Start year			
	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD
New to the programme	229	237	204	107
Completed (graduates)	201	75	0	0
Exited/Withdrawn	16	51	0	0
Not withdrawn/Still to complete	12	111	204	107

NZ1889 - New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Technician - Advanced) Level 5				
Status of ākonga	Start year			
	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD
New to the programme	21	18	34	17
Completed (graduates)	5	3	0	0
Exited/Withdrawn	9	7	0	0
Not withdrawn/Still to complete	7	8	34	17