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Tēnā koe Sue,

### Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00066768

Thank you for your email of 24 September 2024, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- Please provide information to show for each region how many vax exemptions were given*
- 1) for medical personnel (and the breakdown between doctors, nurses, other medical staff*
  - 2) for administration staff whom otherwise required a vax pass under mandates or internal policies*
  - 3) the five most common reasons for these exemptions*

### Response

We previously released some of this information to you in our response of 15 March 2024 (HNZ00030829 refers). The appendix provided in that response showed a breakdown of every SSD exemption application submitted, including the location and the reasons.

Applications for exemption for workers employed within publicly funded medical centres or hospitals would have been submitted by DHBs, and when applying they grouped their staff into five roles/categories as follows:

- Administration/Management
- Care and Support
- Nurse/Midwife
- Doctor/Surgeon/House Surgeon/Registrar/Medical Officer/Consultant
- Allied Health/Technical/Science/Other

See below a breakdown of granted applications by role, using the categories outlined above.

Please note that Persons Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBUs) could apply for an exemption for one individual staff member, or for multiple staff members in one application.

<b>PCBU type</b>	<b>Administration- Management</b>	<b>Care and Support</b>	<b>Nurse - Midwife</b>	<b>Doctor - Surgeon - House Surgeon - Registrar - Medical Officer - Consultant</b>	<b>Allied Health - Technical - Science - Other</b>
<i>DHB</i>	992	1,103	1,984	350	787
<i>Non-DHB</i>	-	2,832	-	2	1

## How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at [h.nzOIA@tewhatuora.govt.nz](mailto:h.nzOIA@tewhatuora.govt.nz).

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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