

4 November 2025

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By email:

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Tēnā koe

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Request under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 9 October 2025, requesting the following information from the New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology (NZIST):

What percentage of the tolerance range for enrolment caps have been reached for the 2025 year for each of Te Pūkenga's [sic] business divisions, as of 1 October 2025.

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

Interpretation

Under the Education and Training Act 2020, the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) allocates funding, rather than “places” or “enrolments”. Based on funding allocations received from TEC, NZIST and its business divisions then forecast the expected number of Equivalent Full-Time Students (EFTS). These forecasts are based on a range of factors, including the specific qualifications (the size and make-up of the courses within those qualifications) and historical enrolment patterns at the business divisions and in particular programmes.

During the year these forecasts are regularly reviewed based on the level of actual enrolments and study loads of individual ākonga (learners). Changes in the level of enrolment and study loads of ākonga can impact on the forecast EFTS levels and subsequently the level of allocated funding consumed.

While the level of EFTS that actually enrol may not line up with the forecast level of EFTS, the TEC funding conditions for several funds provide for 100% of funding to be retained by tertiary education organisations when they have consumed 99% of their allocated funding.

For the purposes of this request we have focused on the number of EFTS NZIST budgeted for each business division rather than the TEC allocated funding. We have then compared it to the actual enrolments achieved year to date.

Please note that enrolment patterns in work-based learning are very different to institutes of technology and polytechnic (ITP)-based learning enrolment patterns. The study loads also differ due to a range of factors including employer workload and the specific programmes being delivered. Therefore, the consumption of funding occurs irregularly compared to ITP-based learning and training.

The decision

The information within scope of your request is provided at **Appendix One**. We have provided the information for ITP-based learning as at 24 October 2025, as this was the most up to date information available at the time of extraction.

Provider-based business divisions (Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics (ITPs))

Please see Table One within Appendix One that provides the 2025 year to date EFTS enrolment figures, and percentage against full year forecast and full year budget for ITPs.

Work-based business divisions

Please see Table Two within Appendix One that provides the year to date EFTS delivery figures as at 30 September 2025, and percentage against the full year budget for work-based learning.

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 dark ink, appearing to read 'Gus Gilmore', with a large, stylized initial 'G'.

Gus Gilmore
Tumuaki | Chief Executive

Appendix One

Table One

ITP business divisions delivered EFTS as at 24 October 2025

ITP Provider-based divisions - 2025 year to date EFTS enrolments as at 24 October 2025					
Business division	2025 year end Budget	2025 year end Forecast	2025 year to date Actual	2025 Actual % Achieved to Forecast	2025 Actual % Achieved to Budget
Open Polytechnic	9338	9327	9465	101%	101%
Manukau Institute of Technology	4927	4921	4759	97%	97%
NorthTec	2100	1685	1574	93%	75%
Unitec	5612	5423	5274	97%	94%
Eastern Institute of Technology	4564	4703	4278	91%	94%
Toi Ohomai	4390	4242	4349	103%	99%
Wintec	5030	5011	4673	93%	93%
Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology	2463	2524	2464	98%	100%
Universal College of Learning	2831	2808	2635	94%	93%
Whitireia and WelTec	3966	3858	3890	101%	98%
Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki	1307	1235	1191	96%	91%
Ara Institute of Canterbury	6986	6932	6745	97%	97%
Otago Polytechnic	5006	4715	4546	96%	91%
Southern Institute of Technology	4761	4638	4423	95%	93%
Tai Poutini Polytechnic	211	208	170	82%	80%

Table Two

Work-based learning business divisions delivered EFTS as at 30 September 2025

Work-based divisions - Delivery EFTS as at 30 September 2025			
Business division	2025 year end Budget	2025 year to date Actual	Year to date Budget Achievement
BCITO	9546	6145	64%
Careerforce	3856	2747	71%
Competenz	4257	2952	69%
Connexis	2057	1586	77%
EarnLearn	4796	3139	65%
HITO	684	404	59%
MITO	3201	2170	68%
PrimaryITO	3720	2130	57%
ServicelQ	2564	1778	69%

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