

21 November 2025

By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your emailed letter received on 11 November 2025, requesting information from Unitec | New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology (Unitec).

You requested the following information regarding ākonga (student) applications to Unitec:

I seek data for the most recent full academic year available (e.g., for the 2024 academic year, or if 2025 is complete, then 2025).

The information I am requesting is:

- 1. The total number of domestic and international student applications that were declined by Unitec for the specified academic year.*
- 2. A detailed breakdown of the reasons for these application declines.*

To be specific, I ask that the breakdown of reasons includes, but is not limited to, the following categories:

- a) Academic entry requirements not met (e.g., insufficient grades, missing qualifications).*
- b) English language proficiency requirements not met.*
- c) Programme was full / no available places (this is to be done on a program by program basis).*
- d) Applicant did not meet specific programme requirements (e.g., portfolio not accepted, interview unsuccessful).*
- e) Incomplete application or failure to supply required documentation by the deadline.*
- f) Failure to meet character or fitness for practice requirements (e.g., for nursing, social work).*
- g) Financial reasons (e.g., for international students, evidence of funds not provided).*
- h) Previous academic misconduct or disciplinary issues.*
- i) Any other reasons, which should be specified.*

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

The decision

The information you have requested is attached at **Appendix One**.

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

Applications declined by Unitec for academic/calendar year	2024	
Reasons for application declines (as set out in your request)	International ākonga	Domestic ākonga
a) Academic entry requirements not met.	1,266	564
b) English language proficiency requirements not met.	7	3
c) Programme was full / no available places.	338	515
d) Applicant did not meet specific programme requirements.	1	133
e) Incomplete application or failure to supply required documentation by the deadline.	4,381	3,387
f) Failure to meet character or fitness for practice requirements.	0	1
g) Financial reasons.	59	48
h) Previous academic misconduct or disciplinary issues.	0	0
i) Other - Work history do not meet requirement	25	25
Total	6,077	4,676