



21 February 2023

Tēnā koe

On 6 January 2023, you contacted Waka Kotahi - New Zealand Transport Agency requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- 1. How many people who sat their restricted licence test for the first time passed it?*
- 2. Of those people who didn't pass on their first attempt, how many went on to pass the restricted licence test on their second attempt?*
- 3. On average, how many attempts did it take for people to pass their restricted licence?*
- 4. Can you please provide the same breakdown for people sitting their full licence test.*
- 5. Does the Government cover the cost for people on a Government funded benefit to sit a restricted or full licence test?*

On 1 February 2023, question five of your request was partially transferred to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) for response, as we hold this information. Waka Kotahi will respond to your first four questions.

The Ministry, through Work and Income, provides assistance to help New Zealanders towards getting their driving licence. Recoverable assistance is available to help people with the cost of the Drivers test. You can find more information about the qualifications on the Ministry's website: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/extra-help/special-needs-grant/driver-licence-01.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/extra-help/special-needs-grant/driver-licence-01.html)

More information about recoverable assistance can be found here: [Qualifications - Map \(workandincome.govt.nz\)](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/qualifications-map)

Further information about financial assistance and eligibility can be found on the Work and Income website: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/individuals/a-z-benefits/index.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/individuals/a-z-benefits/index.html).

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry's website. Your personal details will be deleted, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

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

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