

15 April 2021

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 18 March 2021 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

A list of all centres that have been moved to a provisional license after a 'Full Licence Assessment' between January 2019- March 2020.

- *A list of all breaches for each centre*
- *A list of what centres met the conditions and were returned to a full license*
- *A list of what centres failed to meet the conditions and had their licenses cancelled*
- *What conditions did they fail to meet?*
- *A list of what centres had their provisional licenses extended*
- *For what reasons were they extended?*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The well-being and safety of our children is always our top priority and is of foremost importance in everything we do.

Our staff in 10 regions across the country are able to visit early learning services at any time to check that they are complying with minimum licensing standards. If we become aware that a service may not be meeting the standards, we work with the service to address the concerns.

In some cases, we place the service on a provisional licence. This licence must be available to parents and lists our concerns as conditions. When this occurs, we monitor the service closely against the conditions and deadlines for improvement. If we identify that children are at risk, we can act immediately to suspend or cancel a licence.

Further information about licensing requirements can be found on our website at:

www.education.govt.nz/early-childhood/running-an-ece-service/the-regulatory-framework-for-ece/licensing-criteria/

Please find attached as **Appendix A** to this response is a list of early learning services that were placed on a provisional licence following a licensing assessment.

- Page 1 'Master' provides an overview of all early learning services that were placed on a provisional licence between 1 January 2019 and 31 March 2020, including the conditions that were placed on the licence.
- Page 2 'Licence returned to full' provides a list of early learning services that were returned to a full licence following their provisional licence.
- Page 3 'Licence then cancelled' provides a list of early learning services that had their licence cancelled following their provisional licence. Where applicable the outstanding conditions have been included.

- Page 4 '*Extended provisionals*' provides a list of early learning services that had their provisional licence extended, including the reason why they were extended. When multiple reasons were applicable, only the main reason has been provided. Following an extension, a service will either return to full licence or have their licence cancelled.

Monitoring Implementation as used within page four, is defined as the monitoring of the breach to ensure practices/procedures are sufficiently implemented and are embedded into the service's regular operations.

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes OIA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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