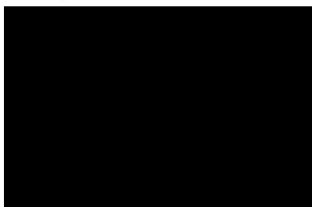




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Thank you for your email of 29 August 2018 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

1. *Any statistics which exist around the number of disabled students who have graduated from New Zealand Universities in the last 5 years (2013-2018).*
2. *The current/ most recent percentage and/ or number of disabled students at New Zealand universities at present.*

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

The Ministry does not report on the number of university graduates reporting a disability. As such this part of your request has been refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

However, disability data is collected by the Ministry for students enrolled at government-funded tertiary institutions. This is reported by tertiary institutions to the Ministry of Education through the Single Data Return.

The table below shows the number of students who were enrolled at a university and reported a disability between 2013 and 2017. Data for 2018 is not yet available. The notes below the table provide more detail on what data is being reported.

Number of students enrolled at a university who reported a disability 2013-2017

Type of student	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Domestic	4,670	4,495	4,655	4,855	6,705
International	170	180	170	200	270
Total	4,845	4,675	4,825	5,055	6,975

Notes:

1. Data relates to students enrolled at any time during the year in a university in formal qualifications of greater than 0.03 EFTS (more than one week's full-time duration).
2. Data excludes all non-formal learning and on-job industry training.
3. Data includes those private training establishments that received Student Achievement Component funding, and/or had students with student loans or allowances, and/or Youth Guarantee programmes.
4. Data in this table, including totals, have been rounded

There are limitations to the disabilities enrolments data. This field is self-reported by students and is therefore very likely to underreport the actual number of students with disabilities. Also, there is no information reported on the type of disability that a student has.

More data on the number of students with disabilities is published on the Ministry's Education Counts website. See sheet ENR.14 in the Excel file at the link below.

https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/data/assets/excel_doc/0006/76659/Provider-based-Enrolments-2008-2017-final.xlsx

If you are unsatisfied with my response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review it. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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