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Thank you for your request, received on 14 January 2020, on performance-linked funding (PLF) under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

I am releasing the information requested for PLF referenced in the attached excel sheet Appendix 1. This table provides you with the total Student Achievement Component (SAC), the PLF repayment amounts, PLF percentage of total SAC funding, 5% of total SAC funding amount and PLF percentage of 5% SAC funding broken down by calendar year for each provider.

I have interpreted your request for the upper and lower benchmarks levels set and published by the TEC each year to be for the upper and lower threshold. You can access the information that TEC has published for each year via the National Library of New Zealand for Tertiary Education Commission [electronic resource]-Te Amorangi Mātauranga Matua; here is a link to the TEC archived website <https://natlib.govt.nz/records/20712811>. However, for your convenience we have attached the links to the threshold information published by year in Appendix 2.

The formulae used for the PLF during operation can also be accessed via the links supplied in Appendix 2. However, the formulae for the 2017 and 2018 years were published on their own individual page which can be accessed in Appendix 3. Please note that from 2018 PLF for part-time and full-time study was calculated separately so that like for like provision can be better compared. This replaced the previous part-time adjustor; more information on the methodology can be found here: <https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/webarchive/wayback/20180401105116/http://tec.govt.nz/funding/funding-and-performance/funding/performance-linked/full-time-and-part-time-study-calculations/>.

If you have any questions or trouble accessing the information provided please do not hesitate to contact Hugh McIlraith, Team Leader Ministerial Services by phone 04 462 5175 or email Hugh.McIlraith@tec.govt.nz. Alternatively you can contact your TEC Relationship Manager.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

The TEC intends to publish its response to this request on our website with your personal details removed. Consistent with the Act, we are publishing responses in the interests of transparency and accountability, and to improve access to official information.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Fowler'.

Tim Fowler
Chief Executive



Appendix 2

Below is a list of the published threshold pages for each year:

Page name - Details for the SAC funded sector

Published 2011 Thresholds scores performance and formulae for PLF calculations

<https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/webarchive/wayback/20110528091126/http://www.tec.govt.nz/Funding/Policies-and-processes/Performance-linked-funding/Details-for-TEOs/>

Page name - Details for the SAC funded sector

Published 2012 Thresholds scores performance and formulae for PLF calculations

<https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/webarchive/wayback/20120528093206/http://www.tec.govt.nz/Funding/Policies-and-processes/Performance-linked-funding/Details-for-TEOs/>

Page name - Details for the SAC funded sector

Published 2013 Thresholds scores performance and formulae for PLF calculations

<https://web.archive.org/web/20130603235430/http://www.tec.govt.nz/Funding/Policies-and-processes/Performance-linked-funding/Details-for-TEOs>

Page name- Details for the SAC funded sector

Published 2014 Thresholds scores performance and formulae for PLF calculations

<https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/webarchive/wayback/20140528113536/http://www.tec.govt.nz/Funding/Policies-and-processes/Performance-linked-funding/Details-for-TEOs/>

Page name- Details for the SAC funded sector

Published 2015 Thresholds scores performance and formulae for PLF calculations

<https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/webarchive/wayback/20150401091550/http://www.tec.govt.nz/Funding/Policies-and-processes/Performance-linked-funding/Details-for-TEOs/>

Page name- Performance-linked funding for the Student Achievement Component-funded sector

Published 2016 Thresholds scores performance and formulae for PLF calculations

<https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/webarchive/wayback/20160401102234/http://www.tec.govt.nz/Funding/Policies-and-processes/Performance-linked-funding/Details-for-TEOs/>

Page name- Thresholds for measuring performance

Published 2017 thresholds scores performance

<https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/webarchive/wayback/20170401093546/http://www.tec.govt.nz/funding/funding-and-performance/funding/performance-linked/thresholds-for-measuring-performance/>

Thresholds for measuring performance

Published 2018 thresholds scores performance

<https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/webarchive/wayback/20180401094733/http://tec.govt.nz/funding/funding-and-performance/funding/performance-linked/thresholds-for-measuring-performance/>

Appendix 3

Please find below the PLF formulae for 2017 and 2018:

2017- Performance scores (for performance-linked funding)

<https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/webarchive/wayback/20170401093025/http://www.tec.govt.nz/funding/funding-and-performance/funding/performance-linked/performance-scores/>

<https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/webarchive/wayback/20170401091038/http://www.tec.govt.nz/funding/funding-and-performance/funding/performance-linked/part-time-study-adjustment/>

2018- Performance scores (for performance-linked funding)

<https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/webarchive/wayback/20180401085921/http://www.tec.govt.nz/funding/funding-and-performance/funding/performance-linked/performance-scores/>

Full-time and part-time study calculations

<https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/webarchive/wayback/20180401105116/http://tec.govt.nz/funding/funding-and-performance/funding/performance-linked/full-time-and-part-time-study-calculations/>