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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your request for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Your request was transferred from the New Zealand Qualifications Authority on 10 February 2020 under section 14(b)(i) of the Act as it was believed the information you requested is held by the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC). Your request was for the following information:

- 1. Of the total qualifications in 2019 (93825) how many were funded and how many were unfunded?*
- 2. Of the 100+ micro-credentials that are listed, how many enrolments have there been, and how many completions have there been?*

As advised to you on 14 February 2020, the TEC holds some, but not all, of the information requested. Also the information TEC holds comes with some caveats which are noted below.

- 1. Of the total qualifications in 2019 (93825) how many were funded and how many were unfunded?*

The TEC invests government funding through Investment Plans and contracts with tertiary education organisations (TEOs), to achieve better outcomes for New Zealand and learners. These funds support different activities and types of education and training in the tertiary sector.

Tertiary Education Organisations (TEOs) are required to submit data to TEC throughout the year through the Single Data Return (SDR) or the Industry Training Register (ITR) for the purposes of funding tertiary education.

In 2019\* there were approximately 4,800 unique qualifications where students were enrolled in underlying courses or programmes that were funded by TEC.

- 2. Of the 100+ micro-credentials that are listed, how many enrolments have there been, and how many completions have there been?*

From March 2019 to January 2020, TEC approved 28 micro-credential applications for funding. Please refer to the attached table for a list of TEC approved micro-credentials by TEO.

In 2019\* there were 206 learners enrolled in three micro-credentials. Please note we do not have a full data set at this point due to the introduction of new reporting requirements for micro-credentials. While TEC has approved the micro-credentials outlined below, TEOs decide when to offer these for people to enrol in.



TEC is currently unable to provide 2019 course completion rates. This information will be available in the second quarter of 2020.

Caveats:

- \*Please note 2019 data is indicative only and has not yet been finalised. Data was sourced from multiple reporting tools as at 20 February 2020.
- This data has been compiled specifically to respond to this question. It uses administrative data collected by the TEC for the purposes of funding tertiary education.
- Results are based on information reported through the SDR/ITR for the purposes of funding tertiary education. The data does not include any funds reported outside of the SDR or ITR and relies on the accuracy of data reported into these systems from TEOs. The majority of TEC's funding for tertiary education is reported through the SDR or ITR.
- Care should be taken when making comparisons with other data collected or compiled for other purposes.

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](http://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', with a wavy flourish at the end.

Tim Fowler  
Chief Executive

## Information released under the Official Information Act (1982)

TEC has approved 28 micro-credential applications to the end of January 2020; they are as follows:

Organisation name	Micro-credential name
Ag Challenge	Greyhound Ownership & Racing Good Practice
BCITO	Kitchen Installation
Careerforce	Co-existing problems in mental health and addiction services (Foundation level)
Competenz	Forestry Operations - Environment
Competenz	Forestry Operations - Plant Plantation Trees
Future Skills Academy	Welding Certificate in Health and Safety Industry Practices
Future Skills Academy	Welding Certificate in Introductory Welding Processes
Future Skills Academy	Welding Certificate in Industry Practices – Manual Metal Arc Welding Processes
Future Skills Academy	Welding Certificate in Industry Practices – Gas Metal Arc Welding Processes
Future Skills Academy	Welding Certificate in Industry Practices – Gas Tungsten Arc Welding Process on Steel Sheet and Aluminium Metals
Media Design School	Data Science Essentials 1
Media Design School	Data Science Essentials 2
MITO	Working Safely with Electric Vehicles
Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence for Society and Business Micro-credential
Primary ITO	Biosecurity Advice to Action
Primary ITO	Learner Wool Handler
Primary ITO	Learner Shearer
Primary ITO	Introduction to the Woolshed
Primary ITO	Person Responsible – EnChem
Primary ITO	Refrigeration – EnChem
Primary ITO	Care for Companion Cats in an Animal Facility
Primary ITO	Care for Dogs in an Animal Facility
Primary ITO	Marine Mammal Medic
The Mind Lab	Digital Skills for the Workplace
Victoria University of Wellington	Introduction to digital accessibility: Delivering inclusive digital content
Wintec	Personal Lending Skills (Automotive Industry)
Wintec	The Legal Context (Personal Lending)
Wintec	Contractual Requirements (Automotive Industry)