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Dear Cody

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 29 March 2014 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

- *'What criteria is used to determine if a license exemption will be given to people with a learner license and/or for work-related purposes, i.e. in regards to the 10pm restriction? Please provide any notes, regulations, guidelines, policies or other document used to provide this service.'*

The NZ Transport Agency's existing guidelines for applications for an exemption from learners and/or restricted licence conditions do not accurately reflect current work practices. The current guidelines outline a firm road safety focus, which is certainly an important factor, but the guidelines do not consider personal circumstances or alternative solutions to the exemption process.

I am therefore declining your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested does not exist or cannot be found. Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, you have the right to apply to an Ombudsman for an investigation and review of the decision to decline your request. The address is:

Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10152
Wellington

You will be pleased to read that the Transport Agency is currently reviewing the exemption application guidelines. The Transport Agency is keen to continue ensuring road safety whilst also considering each application on its own merits. Upon completion, we will send you a copy of the updated guidelines by email.

Thank you again for writing. If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency, please contact Ellena Crafar, Customer Response Team, by email to info@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 0800 108 809.

Yours sincerely



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For Chief Executive