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Tēnā koe Mark

Thank you for your request, received on 25 November 2024, for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Information on the number of new applications for funding for PTEs from 2020 to 2024 (to date).*

Identifying applications for additional funding for previously funded PTE's and new previously unfunded PTEs

Applications received year on year.

Applications allocated funding and Rationale.

Applications declined funding and Rationale.

Percentage of TEC funding allocated to PTE's for each of the years above.

I am releasing the information as referenced in the attached table.

Each of the *External Rationales for Plan Assessment* tables outline the different criteria that may not have been met in a declined funding application, and have been categorised in the following way:

- Strategic Intent (SI)
- Mix of Provision (MOP)
- Additional Funding Request (AFR)
- Educational Performance Indicator Commitments (EPIC)
- Programme Development Maintenance Fund (PDMF) (NB: this fund is being discontinued in 2025)
- COVID-19 plan
- Learner Success Plan (LSP)
- Disability Action Plan (DAP)
- Unified Funding System (UFS)



The last document referenced *New Providers Funding Decisions and Allocations 2020 - 2024* provides you with a list of all new providers that have requested funding, and the outcome of their request. It also has tabled the percentage of TEC funding allocated to PTE's each year.

Please note, new requests are as at 25 November 2024 and some new provider requestors listed for 2024 are currently in the Right of Response process for declined decisions. The outcome of the decision for these providers may change as a result of the Right of Response process.

I regret that I am not able to provide you with each individual PTE's specific application and decision rationale that you have requested for the following reason/s in accordance with the Act:

- commercially sensitive information, under section 9(2)(b)(ii) – to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or who is the subject of the information,
- obligation of confidentiality, under section 9(2)(ba)(i) – would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source.

I am satisfied, in terms of section 9(1) of the Act, that the need to withhold the information referred to above is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

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.

Nāku noa, nā



Tim Fowler
Chief Executive
Tertiary Education Commission

Information released under the Official Information Act (1982) - Funding applications and decisions for PTEs 2020 - 2024

Title	Release
2020 External Rationales for Plan Assessment	Released in full
2021 External Rationales for Plan Assessment	Released in full
2022 External Rationales for Plan Assessment	Released in full
2023 External Rationales for Plan Assessment	Released in full
2024 External Rationales for Plan Assessment	Released in full
New Providers Funding Decisions and Allocations 2020 - 2024	Released in full