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Dear Ms Mechum

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 29 March 2019, under the Official Information Act 1982 ('the Act'), for the following information:

How many Overseas Study Assessment (OSA) were received in years 2017 and years 2018?

What was the total amount charged to customers seeking an Overseas Study Assessment (OSA) in years 2017 and 2018?

What was the total expense to NZQA to provide Overseas Study Assessments (OSA) in years 2017 and 2018?

Does NZQA have an estimate of the cost to NZQA to provide an Overseas Study Assessment (OSA) for years 2017 and 2018?

How many Overseas Study Assessment (OSA) requests were requested on behalf of applicants wishing to study at a Canadian higher education institution in years 2017 and years 2018?

In years 2017 and years 2018 please list total the number of Overseas Study Assessment (OSA) requests by applicants seeking an assessment of a Canadian study programme. Please list by institution and title of course (i.e. University of British Columbia, Master of Science etc).

The response to each question is as follows:

How many Overseas Study Assessment (OSA) were received in years 2017 and years 2018?

The number of Overseas Study Assessments (OSAs) received in 2017 was 547. The number received in 2018 was 436.

What was the total amount charged to customers seeking an Overseas Study Assessment (OSA) in years 2017 and 2018?

The total amount charged to customers seeking an Overseas Study Assessment (OSA) in years 2017 and 2018 was \$178 per application. In 2017, NZQA charged a total of \$87,565.55. In 2018, the total was \$70,101.64.

What was the total expense to NZQA to provide Overseas Study Assessments (OSA) in years 2017 and 2018? Does NZQA have an estimate of the cost to NZQA to provide an Overseas Study Assessment (OSA) for years 2017 and 2018?

The cost of completion of OSA applications is absorbed within the general annual operations of the business unit, Qualifications Recognition Services. Although the level of detail you are seeking is not captured and cannot be provided with specificity, please note that:

- NZQA's hourly rate is \$150.00 plus GST;
- The Qualifications Recognition Services currently employs 23 international qualifications evaluators and 4 applications officers on all three Qualification Recognition services: International Qualification Assessment (IQA), Pre-Assessment Result (PAR) and Overseas Study Assessment (OSA);
- Whilst NZQA staff members do not capture the time taken to process individual applications, we estimate the processing time is between one and one hour and a quarter hours per application.

How many Overseas Study Assessment (OSA) requests were requested on behalf of applicants wishing to study at a Canadian higher education institution in years 2017 and years 2018?

In 2017, we received 18 Overseas Study Assessment (OSA) requests for Canadian qualifications. In 2018, we received 9 OSA requests for Canadian qualifications.

In years 2017 and years 2018 please list total the number of Overseas Study Assessment (OSA) requests by applicants seeking an assessment of a Canadian study programme. Please list by institution and title of course (i.e. University of British Columbia, Master of Science etc).

18 Overseas Study Assessment (OSA) requests for Canadian qualifications were received in 2017:

Algonquin College - Business Marketing Diploma
Carleton University - Bachelor of Arts
Emily Carr University - Master of Design
McGill University - Master of Arts
McMaster University - Bachelor of Arts, Economics
Memorial University of Newfoundland - Master of Science (Aquaculture)
Queen's University - Master of Science
Selkirk College - Advanced Diploma in Geographic Information Systems
University of British Columbia - Doctor of Philosophy in Astronomy
University of British Columbia - Master of Arts in Political Science
University of Calgary - Doctor of Philosophy majoring in Geophysics
University of Lethbridge - Doctor of Philosophy majoring in Chemistry
University of Saskatchewan - Master of Science - Small Animal Clinical Sciences
University of Toronto - Doctor of Philosophy
University of Waterloo - Master of Science in Physics
Western University Faculty of Law (Western Law) - Bachelor of Laws
York University - Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Physics
York University - Master of Fine Arts majoring in Theatre Performance

9 Overseas Study Assessment (OSA) requests for Canadian qualifications were received in 2018:

Concordia University - Doctorate in Geography Urban and Environmental Studies
Emily Carr University of Art and Design - Bachelor of Fine Arts
Knox College - Master of Divinity
McMaster University - Master of Applied Science in Biomedical Engineering
Queen's University - Doctor of Philosophy in Geological Sciences and Geological Engineering
Université du Québec à Montréal - Doctorat en Sciences de l'environnement

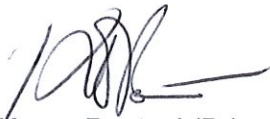
University of Saskatchewan - Doctor of Philosophy in Biology
University of Toronto - Honours Bachelor of Science
University of Toronto - Master of Laws.

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If you require further assistance or believe we have misinterpreted your request, please contact Elizabeth Templeton in the Office of the Chief Executive, email elizabeth.templeton@nzqa.govt.nz or telephone (04) 463 3339.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz. You can also telephone 0800 802 502 or write to the Ombudsman at PO Box 10152, Wellington, 6143.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Poutasi', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Karen Poutasi (Dr)
Chief Executive