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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 25 February 2022 for:

"Temporary significant service disruption exemptions for Vaccine Mandate. Please provide a summary list of all the DHB staff that were provided with the above, which DHB area, what dept and role they are in, and the reasoning for the exemption. Gender and age would also be useful, thank you."

On 25 March 2022, under section 15A of the Act, the Ministry extended the timeline to respond to your request until 19 April 2022 as further consultation was required.

Your request is for a significant amount of personal health information about district health board (DHB) workers. Rather than decline the request, the Ministry is providing the attached table which shows the number of DHB employees covered by the DHB's significant service disruption (SSD) exemption, granted by the Hon. Chris Hipkins, Minister for COVID-19 Response.

Some detail in the attached table is marked as '<5' to protect individual privacy and security of health information. Further, gender and age information are not required as a part of the exemption application, as such is not included in this reply. The table reports on data as 25 February 2022

Of the 1,446 granted for temporary SSD exemptions:

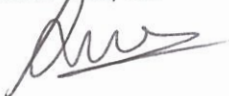
- 654 were for 6 weeks from 22 February
- 792 for ten days from 23 February

All the exemptions were granted because they were assessed as necessary to prevent significant service disruption at the DHB, as a critical health and disability service provider.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku nōa, nā



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Table 1 – DHB exemption data

DHB	Administration- Clerical- Information Technology	Healthcare Assistant-Care Assistant- Mental Health Assistant	Nurse-Midwife	Orderly- Security- Kitchen- Laundry- Cleaner- Transport	Doctor- surgeon-house surgeon- registrar- medical officer- consultant	Allied Health- Technical- Science-other	Total
Northland	8	7	30	<5	5	17	68
Waitematā	26	20	60	9	7	23	145
Auckland	27	16	47	14	11	31	146
Counties-Manukau	13	14	55	15	11	21	129
Waikato	17	5	58	5	14	33	132
Bay of Plenty	19	11	39	<5	6	10	88
Lakes	<5	7	8	<5	<5	<5	25
Tairāwhiti	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	11
Hawke's Bay	14	9	22	9	7	7	68
Taranaki	<5	8	25	<5	5	7	50
Whanganui	8	<5	12	<5	<5	<5	29
Mid-Central	<5	<5	15	<5	<5	5	22
Wairarapa	<5	<5	5	<5	<5	<5	10
Hutt Valley	<5	<5	14	5	<5	<5	32
Capital and Coast	10	9	33	<5	<5	5	63
Nelson-Marlborough	7	<5	16	<5	<5	16	47
Canterbury	5	12	35	6	11	13	82
West Coast	<5	<5	5	<5	<5	<5	14
South Canterbury	<5	<5	6	<5	<5	<5	7
Southern	57	35	107	<5	22	53	278
Total	230	166	597	80	120	253	1446

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