

5 April 2022

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By email: s 9(2)(a)
Ref: H202203568

Dear s 9(2)(a)

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 5 March 2022 for information relating to temporary medical exemptions from being vaccinated against COVID-19. You specifically requested:

- "1. The number of vaccination exemptions applied for.*
- 2. The number of vaccination exemptions granted."*

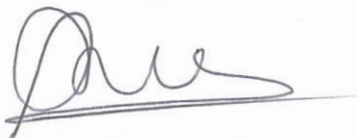
As of 5 March 2022, the date of your request, the Ministry has received 2,283 applications for a temporary medical exemption and 829 have been granted.

The clinical criteria and guidance used when determining whether a person is deemed eligible for a temporary medical exemption is available at:
www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/vaccine-temporary-medical-exemption-30nov21.pdf.

A temporary medical exemption is granted if the application is deemed to meet the specified category's exemption criteria. The Temporary Medical Exemption Panel reviews the application and makes a recommendation to the Director-General of Health.

I trust this satisfies 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.

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