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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 Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 24 May 2023 for:

“... how many pharmacies have opened and how many have closed over the past year and where in the country? Also, how many have opened? Which areas of the country are most affected by openings or closures? Do you also have the previous year’s figures that I could use as a comparison?”

The tables overleaf provide detail on pharmacy closures and new openings for the periods of 1 July 2021 - 30 June 2022, and 1 July 2022 - 30 April 2023, separated into independent tables for comparison, including the district in which the pharmacies are located. Please note that the tables exclude pharmacies that have changed ownership or have relocated to another premises.

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 Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā



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Table 1: Pharmacy closures from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

	Legal Entity	Trading Name	District
1.	Johnny & Jasmine Ly Limited	Sommerville Pharmacy	Counties Manukau
2.	Pukekohe Central Pharmacy Limited	Franklin Medical Pharmacy	Counties Manukau
3.	Milford Pharmacy Limited	Unichem Corner Pharmacy Milford	Waitematā
4.	Mills Pharmacy (2007) Limited	Unichem Mills	Southern
5.	Tatri Family Pharmacy Limited	Symonds St Medical Centre Pharmacy	Auckland
6.	Vautier Pharmacy Limited	Vautier Pharmacy Downtown	MidCentral
7.	The Pharmacy Collective Limited	The Pharmacy Collective	Waitematā
8.	Alkabban Limited	Wyndham Street Pharmacy	Auckland
9.	Antidote (NZ) Limited	Antidote Central	Southern
10.	SOJ Pharmacy Limited	Fitzroy Pharmacy	Taranaki
11.	Nicola Johns Pharmacy Limited	Nicola Johns Pharmacy Limited	Auckland
12.	K&CB Govind Limited	Cannons Creek Pharmacy	Capital & Coast
13.	Barnett's Wairakei Road Pharmacy Limited	Barnett's Wairakei Road Pharmacy	Canterbury
14.	Alba Pharmacies Limited	Unichem Faulkner's Pharmacy	Bay of Plenty
15.	Miles Pharmacy Limited	Miles Pharmacy Limited	Canterbury
16.	Palechori Limited	Life Pharmacy Baycourt Kilbirnie	Capital & Coast
17.	LHS International Limited	The Puhinui Pharmacy	Counties Manukau
18.	Lycium Limited	Wisdom Pharmacy	Auckland
19.	Orrs Rust Ave Pharmacy Limited	Orrs Medicine Packaging Pharmacy	Northland
20.	Hawkes Bay United Friendly Societies Dispensary	Unichem UFS Pharmacy (HB)	Hawke's Bay
21.	Mangere Bridge Community Pharmacy Limited	Mangere Bridge Village Pharmacy	Counties Manukau
22.	LHS International Limited	The Auckland City Pharmacy	Auckland
23.	Hamilton Pharmacy 2011 Limited	Hamilton Pharmacy	Waikato

24.	Highpoint Pharmacy Limited	Unichem Birkenhead Pharmacy	Waitematā
25.	McLean's Pharmacy (2020) Limited	McLean's Pharmacy	Tairāwhiti
26.	Manawatu Pharmacies Limited	Life Pharmacy Whangaparaoa	Waitematā
27.	Centre Pharmacy Limited	Unichem Onehunga Main Street Pharmacy	Auckland
28.	Chartwell Pharmacy Limited	Chartwell Pharmacy Limited	Waitematā
29.	Russell Village Pharmacy Limited	Russell Pharmacy	Northland
30.	Shabbir Inc Limited	North Star Pharmacy	Waitematā

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Table 2: Pharmacy closures from 1 July 2022 to 30 April 2023

	Legal Entity	Trading Name	District
1.	Hunters Plaza Pharmacy Limited	Unichem Hunters Plaza Pharmacy	Counties Manukau
2.	Alkaloid Pharm Limited	Waymouth's Pharmacy	Auckland
3.	Tatri Pharmacy Limited	Dodson Medical Pharmacy	Waitematā
4.	Elstree Pharmacy (2006) Limited	Elstree Pharmacy (2006) Limited	Auckland
5.	Calm Future Limited	Eltham Pharmacy	Taranaki
6.	GDL Rx No6 Limited	Countdown Pharmacy The Valley	Taranaki
7.	TJ Pharmacy Limited	Opunake Coastal Pharmacy	Taranaki
8.	Thorndon Pharmacy Limited	Thorndon Pharmacy	Capital and Coast
9.	GDL Rx No8 Limited	Countdown Pharmacy Gisborne	Tairāwhiti
10.	GDL Rx No8 Limited	Countdown Pharmacy Richmond	Nelson Marlborough
11.	Robertsons Pharmacy Limited	Robertsons Strandon Pharmacy	Taranaki
12.	Te Puke Pharmacies Limited	Te Puke Pharmacies Limited	Bay of Plenty
13.	BBJM Limited	Unichem Bell Block Pharmacy	Taranaki
14.	Hastings And District United Friendly Societies Association	Hastings UFS Dispensary	Hawkes Bay
15.	Northmed Pharmacy Limited	Northmed Pharmacy	Waitematā
16.	BC Riccarton Limited	Bargain Chemist Riccarton	Canterbury
17.	GDL Rx No2 Limited	Countdown Pharmacy Eastgate	Canterbury
18.	GDL Rx No6 Limited	Countdown Pharmacy Lower Hutt	Hutt Valley
19.	Pharmacy 2000 NZ Limited	Unichem Airport Pharmacy	Counties Manukau
20.	Peter Balle Pharmacy Limited	Peter Balle Pharmacy Limited	Auckland
21.	Palomino Pharmacy Limited	Palomino Pharmacy	Waitematā
22.	Bunny Street Pharmacy Limited	City Pharmacies Bunny Street	Capital and Coast
23.	Unichem Ferrymead Pharmacy Limited	Unichem Ferrymead Pharmacy	Canterbury
24.	Glenfield Mall Pharmacy Limited	Life Pharmacy Glenfield	Waitematā

25.	JAGCAL Limited	Lakes Pharmacy	Bay of Plenty
26.	East Coast Bays Pharmacy Limited	East Coast Bays Pharmacy	Waitematā
27.	Rosedale Pharmacy 2015 Limited	Unichem Family Pharmacy Albany	Waitematā
28.	King Pharmacy Group Limited	Bush Inn Pharmacy	Canterbury
29.	Total Health Pharmacy Limited	Total Health Pharmacy	Waikato
30.	D. H. Saunders Pharmacy Limited	Conifer Grove Pharmacy	Canterbury
31.	Natural NZ Pharmacy Limited	Natural NZ Pharmacy	Waitematā
32.	Albany Village Pharmacy (2018) Limited	Albany Village Pharmacy	Waitematā
33.	Zeniva Pharmacy Services Limited	Dispensary Plus Pharmacy	Waitematā

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Table 3: New pharmacy openings from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

	Legal Entity	Trading Name	District
1.	Pharmacy Investments 22 Limited	Chemist Warehouse The Zone	Counties Manukau
2.	APS Pharmacy Limited	Austin Street Pharmacy	Hawke's Bay
3.	BCH 11 Limited	Bargain Chemist Tower Junction	Canterbury
4.	Highbrook Pharmacy Limited	Highbrook Pharmacy	Counties Manukau
5.	GDL Rx No9 Limited	Countdown Pharmacy Hastings	Hawke's Bay
6.	Pharmacy Investments 28 Limited	Chemist Warehouse The Palms	Canterbury
7.	Pharmacy Investments 26 Limited	Chemist Warehouse Springlands	Nelson Marlborough
8.	Pharmacy Investments 30 Limited	Chemist Warehouse Onehunga	Auckland
9.	Marsden Cove Pharmacy Limited	Marsden Cove Pharmacy	Northland
10.	BCH 20 Limited	Bargain Chemist Archers Road	Waitematā
11.	BCH 13 Limited	Bargain Chemist Pakuranga	Counties Manukau
12.	Eco Signa Limited	Beckford Health Pharmacy	Canterbury
13.	Pharmacy Investments 32 Limited	Chemist Warehouse Bayfair	Bay of Plenty
14.	Te Ara Manaaki Pharmacy Limited	Te Ara Manaaki Pharmacy Limited	Waikato
15.	Northwood Pharmacy Limited	Kiwi Pharmacy Highsted	Canterbury
16.	GDL Rx No9 Limited	Countdown Pharmacy Waiata Shores	Counties Manukau
17.	Pharmacy Investments 29 Limited	Chemist Warehouse Hunters Plaza	Counties Manukau
18.	Te Puna Pharmacy Limited	Te Puna Pharmacy	Bay of Plenty
19.	Devonport Health Centre Pharmacy Limited	Devonport Health Centre Pharmacy	Waitematā
20.	Pharmacy Investments 36 Limited	Chemist Warehouse Pakuranga	Counties Manukau
21.	GDL Rx No9 Limited	Countdown Pharmacy Greville Road	Waitematā
22.	Pharmacy B102 Limited	Unichem Katikati Pharmacy	Bay of Plenty
23.	Pharmacy Investments 34 Limited	Chemist Warehouse Kilbirnie	Capital and Coast
24.	Pharmacy Investments 33 Limited	Chemist Warehouse Birkenhead	Waitematā

25.	Natural NZ Pharmacy Limited	Natural NZ Pharmacy	Waitematā
26.	Pharmacy Investments 44 Limited	Chemist Warehouse Browns Bay	Waitematā
27.	BCH 22 Limited	Bargain Chemist Upper Hutt	Hutt Valley

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Table 4: New pharmacy openings from 1 July 2022 to 30 April 2023

	Legal entity	Trading name	District
1.	Prebbleton Village Pharmacy Limited	Prebbleton Pharmacy	Canterbury
2.	BCH 16 Limited	Bargain Chemist Whangaparaoa	Waitematā
3.	Pharmacy Investments 35 Limited	Chemist Warehouse Hastings	Hawke's Bay
4.	GDL Rx No10 Limited	Countdown Pharmacy The Palms	Canterbury
5.	SNW Pharmacy Limited	Citycare Pharmacy Auckland	Auckland
6.	GDL Rx No10 Limited	Countdown Pharmacy Belfast	Canterbury
7.	GDL Rx No10 Limited	Countdown Pharmacy Hobsonville	Waitematā
8.	Costco New Zealand Pharmacy Limited	Costco Pharmacy Westgate	Waitematā
9.	Pharmacy Investments 45 Limited	Chemist Warehouse Wairau Valley	Auckland
10.	JiHyun Kim	Birkenhead 7 Day Pharmacy	Waitematā
11.	Stewart's Central Otago Pharmacy Limited	Central Otago Pharmacy	Southern
12.	GDL Rx No10 Limited	Countdown Pharmacy Hornby	Canterbury
13.	Pharmacy Investments 31 Limited	Chemist Warehouse Milford	Waitematā
14.	Kotahi Te Hauora Limited	LAB Pharmacy	Waitematā
15.	Pharmacy Investments 41 Limited	Chemist Warehouse Fraser Cove	Bay of Plenty
16.	BCH 14 Limited	Bargain Chemist Pukekohe	Counties Manukau
17.	BCH 15 Limited	Bargain Chemist Westgate	Waitematā
18.	Pharmacy Investments 40 Limited	Chemist Warehouse Meridian Mall	Southern
19.	LD Group Limited	Pharmacy Now	Canterbury
20.	Pharmacy Investments 9 Limited	Chemist Warehouse Online	Counties Manukau