

TEACHING COUNCIL

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Tēnā Koe S Shahil

Thank you for your request to the Ministry of Education for information under the Official Information Act. The Ministry has passed a part of the request to the Teaching Council as the information requested aligns more with our organisation. You asked for the following:

- *A breakdown of the country of origin for overseas teachers that have been approved to teach in New Zealand from 2008 to current date.*

Unfortunately, I am unable to answer your question as we don't capture this data. The Council does not specifically ask for country of origin of applicants, and when teachers apply for registration, they fill out a free text field when answering questions about country of origin or nationality. Because of this, and the usual limitations around retrieving data from free text, any published results would be unreliable.

I am sorry that I have been unable to answer your question on this occasion. If you are unhappy with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman who can be contacted by writing to: The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143, or emailing: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz. A complaint to the Ombudsman can also be made online at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/make-a-complaint/make-a-complaint-now>.

Nāku noa, nā



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