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Dear Charlie

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 30 June 2016 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

- 'I would like the pass rates for each driver licence testing station in New Zealand for the years 2014 and 2015.
Please provide two pass rates for each station – one for restricted licence car tests and one for full licence car tests. (Eg Station X, Auckland: Restricted pass rate 50%, Full pass rate 60%).'

Attachment 1 provides a list of the percentage pass rates of Class 1 (car) full licence and restricted licence tests, by test site, for the period 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2015.

Please note that pass rates for driving tests carried out at different locations, and any changes in rates, are influenced by a wide range of factors, and it is difficult to draw conclusions from comparisons of pass rates between testing sites without the context of all those factors. Factors can include the volume of tests undertaken and other influences in the local community such as applicants' preparation. It should also be noted that there is similar variation in pass rates at different locations for the computerised driver licence theory test, which is an objective set of randomly selected multiple choice questions based on *The New Zealand Road Code*. The best determinant of whether an applicant will pass or fail is their preparation.

Pass rates do not indicate the likelihood of the same person passing the test at different locations – rather, they reflect the overall rates of all the candidates passing or failing at a specific site over a specific period of time.

The Transport Agency maintains a monitoring and assessment programme, examining theory and practical test pass rates and a number of other indicators, including relativity between test routes. The Transport Agency's focus is on ensuring quality and consistency in testing.

Please note the following with regard to the data provided:

- the information is extracted from the Driver Licence Register and was current as at 7 July 2016
- the data is limited to tests sat for Class 1 (Car) restricted and full licence between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2015 (inclusive)
- the test result is limited to pass, fail or stopped (terminated)

- the data includes tests from all application types, and is not limited to tests sat as part of the Graduated Driver Licensing System (for example, the data includes tests sat as part of an application to convert an overseas licence)
- the test site 'Other' includes tests booked as part of a group booking, and tests where a site was not recorded on Driver Licence Register.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Andrew Knackstedt, National Media Manager, by email to Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sue Hardiman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sue Hardiman
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For Chief Executive