



Inland Revenue
Te Tari Taake

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 7 September 2022. You requested:

Do you have any data on the child outcomes:

- 1. in the families who received payment from Working For Families, and*
- 2. child outcomes in the families who did not receive payment from Working For Families, over the years?*

For example, any academic results/school attendance/ science and maths skills, or health indicators such as birthweight, self-rated/mother-rated health/ general etc., for children of the WFF recipients, and the non-WFF recipients?

Information requested

Inland Revenue does not collect the type of information you have requested. Your request is therefore refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as we do not hold the information.

Additional information

The eligibility criteria to receive Working for Families (WFF) tax credits include caring for a dependent child who is under the age of 18, or aged between 18 and 19 and still at school or in tertiary study.

We request confirmation from a child's principal caregiver that the child is still enrolled in school after their 18th birthday. This is because a child may qualify for WFF payments up to 31 December in the year they turn 18 if they remain in secondary or tertiary education. Otherwise, WFF payments for the child cease the day before they turn 18.

Children aged 16 to 18 do not qualify as dependent if they are financially independent. A child is considered financially independent if they work 30 hours or more a week, or receive a student allowance, benefit or other government financial support.

You can read more about Working for Families on our website (ird.govt.nz) or at the link [Can I get Working for Families? \(ird.govt.nz\)](#).

You may also find useful information on the Stats NZ website (stats.govt.nz). Stats NZ holds microdata in an integrated data infrastructure (IDI), which the public can search (this is different to making an OIA request). You can search the IDI database at: [Research using Stats NZ microdata - Stats NZ Store House \(oclc.org\)](#).

You may also find useful information in the NZ.Stat dataset web tool, which is available on the Stats NZ website under "Tools".

Right of review

If you disagree with my decision on your OIA request, you can ask an Inland Revenue review officer to review my decision. To ask for an internal review, please email: CommissionersCorrespondence@ird.govt.nz.

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Alternatively, under section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. You can contact the office of the Ombudsman at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Publishing OIA responses

Please note that Inland Revenue regularly publishes responses to requests on its website if they may be of interest to the wider public. If this response is published, your personal details and any information that would identify you will be removed.

Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely



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