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Thank you for your email of 3 February 2025 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) in relation to the Manaaki New Zealand Scholarships:

- *The reasoning behind these Scholarships, the application process for each student and the reasoning behind this been offered to each country.*
- *The total number of students who accessed this scheme over the last three years (2022-2024) broken down by year and then country and then type of degree.*
- *The total cost of students accessing this scheme over the last three years broken down by year and then country and then type of degree.*

On 10 February 2025, we contacted you to clarify your request. On 11 February 2025 you confirmed the following refinement of your request for information relating to the Manaaki New Zealand Scholarships:

1. *The country eligibility criteria for countries where students were offered tertiary scholarships in the 2022, 2023 and 2024 calendar years.*
2. *The total number of students who were offered the tertiary scholarships scheme over the last three years (2022-2024) broken down by year and then country.*
3. *The total amount the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade has provided to the student who were offered the tertiary scholarships scheme over the last three years broken down by year and then country.*

On 11 March 2025, the timeframes for responding to your request were extended by an additional 10 working days due to the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request (section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA refers).

A response to each part of your request is provided below.

Part one

Eligibility criteria for Manaaki Tertiary Scholarships can be found on the Manaaki New Zealand Scholarship website at:

<https://www.nzscholarships.govt.nz/category/eligibility/2-check-if-you-are-eligible-to-apply-for-a-manaaki-new-zealand-scholarship/>

Additionally, specific eligible subjects for study are set in consultation with partner countries. Information about these can be found via the region and country links at:

<https://www.nzscholarships.govt.nz/category/research/3-study-subjects-we-recommend-for-your-country/>

Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA as the information you requested is publicly available.

Part two

A table showing the number students who accessed Manaaki New Zealand Tertiary Scholarships by calendar year is attached in **Annex A**. Scholarships are awarded every calendar year, with some students spanning multiple years.

Part three

A table showing the amounts that have been paid to Manaaki New Zealand Tertiary Scholars over the past 3 years is **Annex B**. Payments are organised by financial year, in keeping with Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) financial processes. The information is being provided in the form that is held by the Ministry, noting that some information is grouped by region.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website:

www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Annex A: Manaaki Tertiary Scholarships Awarded by Country

Manaaki Tertiary Scholarships offered for the calendar years 2022, 2023 and 2024 by country				
Country name	2022	2023	2024	Total
Barbados	1	0	0	1
Belize	0	0	3	3
Bolivia	0	0	1	1
Botswana	0	0	4	4
Cambodia	2	16	31	49
Colombia	0	0	3	3
Dominica	0	0	0	0
Dominican Republic	0	0	2	2
Ecuador	0	0	2	2
Egypt	0	0	4	4
El Salvador	0	0	1	1
Eswatini	0	0	1	1
Fiji	8	6	10	24
Ghana	0	0	3	3
Grenada	0	0	1	1
Guatemala	0	0	1	1
Guyana	0	1	1	2
Indonesia	6	38	34	78
Jamaica	0	1	0	1
Jordan	0	0	2	2
Kenya	0	2	5	7
Kiribati	6	11	15	32
Lao PDR	9	24	10	43
Malawi	0	1	2	3
Malaysia	0	1	1	2
Marshall Islands	0	1	1	2
Mexico	0	0	1	1
Mongolia	0	0	2	2
Mozambique	0	1	0	1
Myanmar	11	30	15	56
Namibia	0	0	1	1
Nauru	1	3	1	5
Nepal	0	1	4	5
Nicaragua	0	0	1	1
Nigeria	0	2	2	4
Niue	1	2	3	6
Pakistan	0	1	0	1

Palau	0	0	1	1
Papua New Guinea	13	26	26	65
Philippines	1	7	15	23
Rwanda	0	0	1	1
Samoa	43	45	36	124
Solomon Islands	9	33	17	59
South Africa	0	0	3	3
St Vincent and the Grenadines	0	0	2	2
Suriname	0	0	1	1
Tanzania	0	0	1	1
Thailand	0	3	4	7
Timor-Leste	3	7	12	22
Tonga	11	27	19	57
Tuvalu	2	5	7	14
Uganda	0	1	1	2
Vanuatu	20	19	17	56
Viet Nam	4	14	25	43
Zambia	0	1	1	2
Zimbabwe	0	1	1	2
Total	151	331	358	840

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Annex B: Amounts paid to Students offered Manaaki Tertiary Scholarships by country

Amounts paid to students who were awarded Manaaki Tertiary scholarships over the last three years financial year by year and country or region (NZD)				
Country/region	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
Africa Regional/multi-country	0	1,915,271	837,878	2,753,149
Latin America and Caribbean multi-country	197,819	1,233,507	521,325	1,952,652
Asia Regional/multi-country	173,274	(43,259)		130,015
Cambodia	944,794	2,580,611	1,053,310	4,578,715
Fiji	884,157	909,524	352,651	2,146,331
Indonesia	2,372,932	4,032,371	1,333,306	7,738,609
Jordan	0	142,468	50,724	193,191
Kiribati	905,407	1,906,533	662,871	3,474,811
Laos	2,071,308	2,391,444	809,776	5,272,527
Malaysia	117,559	156,606	39,215	313,381
Marshall Islands	0	60,966	25,569	86,535
Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	136,820	44,125	24,817	205,762
Mongolia	0	142,468	50,724	193,191
Myanmar	2,292,602	2,725,451	787,014	5,805,068
Nauru	195,412	288,018	81,371	564,802
Nepal	0	284,936	101,447	386,383
Niue	264,902	411,630	138,708	815,240
Palau	0	59,173	24,817	83,990
Papua New Guinea	2,716,211	3,666,884	1,451,546	7,834,641
Philippines	530,769	1,082,960	526,627	2,140,356
Samoa	4,290,945	6,558,312	2,962,090	13,811,347
Solomon Islands	1,386,122	3,115,313	1,108,545	5,609,980
Thailand	202,351	258,593	80,289	541,233
Timor-Leste	701,872	1,155,204	478,536	2,335,612
Tonga	1,780,293	3,112,657	1,008,180	5,901,129
Tuvalu	246,464	942,202	339,654	1,528,320
Vanuatu	815,210	2,729,637	768,952	4,313,798
Viet Nam	1,042,496	2,210,906	837,459	4,090,862
Totals	24,269,718	44,074,510	16,457,400	84,801,629