

Dear Margaret,

Thank you for your email about the recent MCAT exam. Yours is one of many that I have received on the matter.

Students, teachers, parents and other educational experts have all raised serious questions about the level of the exam. That is something that needs to be taken very seriously.

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) needs to investigate the matter and consider how to ensure a fair outcome for all those affected. That many include providing the opportunity to sit another exam. That is a matter for NZQA to determine.

I appreciate that this has been a difficult experience for many, and I expect, as a minimum, that NZQA will openly and honestly investigate how the situation arose and put measures in place to ensure the situation is not repeated again in future.

Best wishes

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