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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 17 April 2026 asking, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *Why does the New Zealand Defence Force not permit entry to people who are not vaccinated?*

There are a number of responses on this matter that are publicly available on the New Zealand Defence Force website¹.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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¹ <https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/assets/Uploads/DocumentLibrary/OIA-2025-5602-NZDF-vaccination-policy.pdf>
<https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/assets/Uploads/DocumentLibrary/OIA-2026-5687-NZDF-vaccination-policy.pdf>
<https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/assets/Uploads/DocumentLibrary/OIA-2026-5735-vaccination-review.pdf>