

23 September 2020



Tēnā koe

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-006706

Thank you for your email of 2 September 2020 to Review Specialist asking for the following information:

Can you please get the information on how many in her occupation have this condition.

As advised, your request was transferred to the OIA Services team to respond to under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Our response

We have interpreted your request as being for the number of claims ACC has received for trigger finger/thumb in hairdressers. Please find this information provided in the table below, for the last 10 years.

Table: Number of new trigger finger/thumb related claims for hairdressers between 2010 and 2020, broken down by calendar year and decision.

Decision	Registration Calendar Year										
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*
Accept	<4	<4	5	<4	5	4	<4	<4	<4	<4	-
Decline	12	11	12	<4	5	<4	7	5	7	9	<4
Held	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<4

*to 31 August 2020

Notes about the data

Please consider the following caveats when reviewing the data provided above:

- The data provided is by calendar year. A calendar year is 1 January to 31 December.
- The 2020 calendar year is from 1 January to 31 August.
- Data has been extracted where the Read Code contains 'trigger', 'tenosynovitis', 'tenovaginitis', or 'tenovaginitis' and the classification unit is equal to 'Hairdressing and Beauty Services'.
- The data provided is by the date of claim registration. A claim can be registered with ACC immediately after the injury occurred or at any later stage.
- Claims with a decision of 'held' are still being reviewed and are yet to have a final decision issued by ACC on the claim.
- Accredited employer claims have been excluded.
- Data was extracted on 15 September 2020 and may differ if rerun at a later date.

ACC takes privacy seriously

ACC does not disclose routinely low value numbers related to claims. Accordingly, some of the values in the tables only indicate that the number is less than 4 (denoted as <4). This limits the potential for particular individuals or matters specific to certain individuals from being identified.

Withholding in this way is necessary to protect the privacy of these individuals under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. In doing so, we have considered the public interest in making the information available and have determined that it does not outweigh the need to protect the privacy of these persons.

Questions

If you have any questions, you can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sasha Wood', with a stylized, cursive script.

Sasha Wood

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