

**Table A1 Overall Summary Table**

| Category                   | 2022   | 2021   | Difference | % Change |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|------------|----------|
| Total Applications         | 78,012 | 79,176 | -1,164     | -1.5%    |
| Level 8 Applications       | 68,480 | 70,307 | -1,827     | -2.6%    |
| Levels 7/6 Applications    | 31,467 | 33,163 | -1,696     | -5.1%    |
| Indicated DARE application | 8,713  | 7,839  | 874        | 11.1%    |
| Indicated HEAR application | 9,247  | 10,016 | -769       | -7.7%    |

**Table A2 Number of Level 8 Mentions and First Preferences by Course Classification**

| Category   | 2022           |                   | 2021           |                   | Difference     |                   | Percentage Change |                   |
|--|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | Total Mentions | First Preferences | Total Mentions | First Preferences | Total Mentions | First Preferences | Total Mentions    | First Preferences |
| <b>Isced Narrow Field</b>  |                |                   |                |                   |                |                   |                   |                   |
| (011) Education  | 22,976         | 4,995             | 23,071         | 5,073             | -95            | -78               | 0%                | -2%               |
| (021) Arts   | 45,166         | 7,432             | 41,716         | 7,036             | 3,450          | 396               | 8%                | 6%                |
| (022) Humanities (except languages)  | 16,630         | 2,699             | 15,479         | 2,596             | 1,151          | 103               | 7%                | 4%                |
| (023) Languages  | 4,246          | 811               | 4,009          | 694               | 237            | 117               | 6%                | 17%               |
| (028) Interdisciplinary programmes and qualifications involving arts and humanities                          | 345            | 43                | 217            | 27                | 128            | 16                | 59%               | 59%               |
| (031) Social and behavioural sciences  | 34,516         | 5,472             | 35,528         | 5,846             | -1,012         | -374              | -3%               | -6%               |
| (032) Journalism and information   | 2,589          | 321               | 2,665          | 328               | -76            | -7                | -3%               | -2%               |
| (041) Business and administration  | 53,675         | 8,492             | 55,997         | 8,735             | -2,322         | -243              | -4%               | -3%               |
| (042) Law  | 16,553         | 2,627             | 17,666         | 2,772             | -1,113         | -145              | -6%               | -5%               |
| (051) Biological and related sciences  | 23,514         | 3,251             | 24,623         | 3,333             | -1,109         | -82               | -5%               | -2%               |
| (052) Environment  | 4,510          | 532               | 3,633          | 393               | 877            | 139               | 24%               | 35%               |
| (053) Physical sciences  | 9,774          | 1,166             | 9,325          | 1,109             | 449            | 57                | 5%                | 5%                |
| (054) Mathematics and statistics   | 3,456          | 529               | 3,485          | 565               | -29            | -36               | -1%               | -6%               |
| (058) Interdisciplinary programmes and qualifications involving natural sciences, Mathematics and statistics | 5,878          | 889               | 5,744          | 955               | 134            | -66               | 2%                | -7%               |
| (061) Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)  | 23,589         | 3,829             | 22,632         | 3,606             | 957            | 223               | 4%                | 6%                |
| (071) Engineering and engineering trades   | 23,763         | 4,025             | 23,047         | 4,029             | 716            | -4                | 3%                | 0%                |
| (072) Manufacturing and processing   | 2,498          | 267               | 2,219          | 258               | 279            | 9                 | 13%               | 3%                |
| (073) Architecture and construction  | 14,238         | 2,627             | 13,384         | 2,358             | 854            | 269               | 6%                | 11%               |
| (081) Agriculture  | 1,903          | 345               | 2,359          | 422               | -456           | -77               | -19%              | -18%              |
| (084) Veterinary   | 2,231          | 1,050             | 2,251          | 1,050             | -20            | 0                 | -1%               | 0%                |
| (088) Interdisciplinary programmes and qualifications involving agriculture, forestry and veterinary         | 2,074          | 476               | 1,837          | 460               | 237            | 16                | 13%               | 3%                |
| (091) Health   | 72,035         | 13,021            | 82,620         | 14,728            | -10,585        | -1,707            | -13%              | -12%              |
| (092) Welfare  | 9,219          | 1,687             | 9,945          | 1,902             | -726           | -215              | -7%               | -11%              |
| (101) Personal services  | 10,701         | 1,818             | 11,094         | 1,897             | -393           | -79               | -4%               | -4%               |
| (102) Hygiene and occupational health services   | 417            | 57                | 432            | 97                | -15            | -40               | -3%               | -41%              |
| (104) Transport services   | 141            | 19                | 212            | 38                | -71            | -19               | -33%              | -50%              |
| <b>Total Applications</b>  | <b>406,637</b> | <b>68,480</b>     | <b>415,190</b> | <b>70,307</b>     | <b>-8,553</b>  | <b>-1,827</b>     | <b>-2%</b>        | <b>-3%</b>        |
| <b>Specialist Groups</b>   |                |                   |                |                   |                |                   |                   |                   |
| (001) Primary Education  | 9,444          | 2,543             | 10,478         | 2,726             | -1,034         | -183              | -10%              | -7%               |
| (002) Secondary Education  | 9,435          | 1,960             | 8,616          | 1,931             | 819            | 29                | 10%               | 2%                |
| (003) Dentistry (including Dental Nursing and Hygiene)   | 1,530          | 464               | 1,393          | 413               | 137            | 51                | 10%               | 12%               |
| (004) Medicine   | 16,338         | 4,058             | 15,649         | 4,031             | 689            | 27                | 4%                | 1%                |
| (005) Nursing and midwifery  | 30,840         | 4,363             | 40,943         | 5,951             | -10,103        | -1,588            | -25%              | -27%              |
| (006) Pharmacy (including Pharmacy Technician)   | 2,621          | 484               | 2,673          | 518               | -52            | -34               | -2%               | -7%               |
| (007) Art, Design and Media (techniques and production)  | 13,252         | 2,783             | 12,115         | 2,593             | 1,137          | 190               | 9%                | 7%                |
| (008) Veterinary Medicine  | 939            | 620               | 911            | 604               | 28             | 16                | 3%                | 3%                |
| (009) Physiotherapy  | 3,557          | 834               | 3,911          | 871               | -354           | -37               | -9%               | -4%               |

**Table A3 Number of Level 7/6 Mentions and First Preferences by Course Classification**

| Category   | 2022           |                   | 2021           |                   | Difference     |                   | Percentage Change |                   |
|--|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | Total Mentions | First Preferences | Total Mentions | First Preferences | Total Mentions | First Preferences | Total Mentions    | First Preferences |
| <b>Isced Narrow Field</b>  |                |                   |                |                   |                |                   |                   |                   |
| (011) Education  | 1,533          | 485               | 1,640          | 561               | -107           | -76               | -7%               | -14%              |
| (021) Arts   | 9,017          | 2,705             | 8,286          | 2,505             | 731            | 200               | 9%                | 8%                |
| (022) Humanities (except languages)  | 538            | 231               | 657            | 271               | -119           | -40               | -18%              | -15%              |
| (031) Social and behavioural sciences  | 880            | 191               | 949            | 203               | -69            | -12               | -7%               | -6%               |
| (032) Journalism and information   | 359            | 70                | 162            | 29                | 197            | 41                | 122%              | 141%              |
| (041) Business and administration  | 22,822         | 5,864             | 25,097         | 6,436             | -2,275         | -572              | -9%               | -9%               |
| (042) Law  | 1,025          | 363               | 1,199          | 437               | -174           | -74               | -15%              | -17%              |
| (051) Biological and related sciences  | 12,168         | 3,132             | 11,817         | 3,046             | 351            | 86                | 3%                | 3%                |
| (052) Environment  | 1,331          | 255               | 1,539          | 270               | -208           | -15               | -14%              | -6%               |
| (053) Physical sciences  | 4,458          | 1,112             | 4,595          | 1,068             | -137           | 44                | -3%               | 4%                |
| (061) Information and Communication Technologies   | 8,950          | 2,012             | 9,533          | 2,095             | -583           | -83               | -6%               | -4%               |
| (071) Engineering and engineering trades   | 14,672         | 3,459             | 15,678         | 3,681             | -1,006         | -222              | -6%               | -6%               |
| (072) Manufacturing and processing   | 504            | 79                | 923            | 158               | -419           | -79               | -45%              | -50%              |
| (073) Architecture and construction  | 6,690          | 1,631             | 5,901          | 1,411             | 789            | 220               | 13%               | 16%               |
| (081) Agriculture  | 1,773          | 619               | 2,016          | 712               | -243           | -93               | -12%              | -13%              |
| (084) Veterinary   | 3,117          | 1,060             | 3,036          | 1,101             | 81             | -41               | 3%                | -4%               |
| (088) Interdisciplinary programmes and qualifications involving agriculture, forestry and veterinary | 145            | 55                | 154            | 46                | -9             | 9                 | -6%               | 20%               |
| (091) Health   | 8,685          | 2,772             | 9,036          | 2,964             | -351           | -192              | -4%               | -6%               |
| (092) Welfare  | 7,109          | 2,503             | 8,927          | 3,002             | -1,818         | -499              | -20%              | -17%              |
| (101) Personal services  | 11,157         | 2,733             | 12,763         | 3,006             | -1,606         | -273              | -13%              | -9%               |
| (102) Hygiene and occupational health services   | 163            | 50                | 160            | 61                | 3              | -11               | 2%                | -18%              |
| (104) Transport services   | 244            | 86                | 324            | 100               | -80            | -14               | -25%              | -14%              |
| <b>Total Applications</b>  | <b>117,340</b> | <b>31,467</b>     | <b>124,392</b> | <b>33,163</b>     | <b>-7,052</b>  | <b>-1,696</b>     | <b>-6%</b>        | <b>-5%</b>        |
| <b>Specialist Groups</b>   |                |                   |                |                   |                |                   |                   |                   |
| (003) Dentistry (including Dental)   | 2,367          | 922               | 2,497          | 953               | -130           | -31               | -5%               | -3%               |
| (006) Pharmacy (including Pharmacy Technician)   | 1,315          | 370               | 1,522          | 463               | -207           | -93               | -14%              | -20%              |
| (007) Art, Design and Media (techniques and production)  | 5,267          | 1,546             | 4,902          | 1,403             | 365            | 143               | 7%                | 10%               |