

<b>Table A1 Overall Summary Table</b>									
<b>Category</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>% Change</b>					
Total Applications	88,817	83,424	5,393	6.5%					
Level 8 Applications	77,739	72,408	5,331	7.4%					
Levels 7/6 Applications	31,747	30,019	1,728	5.8%					
Indicated DARE application	13,870	12,056	1,814	15.0%					
Indicated HEAR application	8,107	8,224	-117	-1.4%					
<b>Table A2 Number of Level 8 Mentions and First Preferences by Course Classification</b>									
<b>Course Classification</b>	<b>2026</b>		<b>2025</b>		<b>Difference</b>		<b>Percentage Change</b>		
	<b>Total Mentions</b>	<b>First Preferences</b>	<b>Total Mentions</b>	<b>First Preferences</b>	<b>Total Mentions</b>	<b>First Preferences</b>	<b>Total Mentions</b>	<b>First Preferences</b>	
<b>Isced Narrow Field</b>									
(011) Education	24,470	5,330	22,249	4,989	2,221	341	10%	7%	
(021) Arts	44,857	7,572	41,061	7,081	3,796	491	9%	7%	
(022) Humanities (except languages)	14,706	2,414	14,984	2,501	-278	-87	-2%	-3%	
(023) Languages	4,053	684	3,783	692	270	-8	7%	-1%	
(028) Interdisciplinary programmes and qualifications involving arts and humanities	57	3	39	3	18	0	46%	0%	
(031) Social and behavioural sciences	36,954	5,861	33,678	5,502	3,276	359	10%	7%	
(032) Journalism and information	2,641	346	2,382	307	259	39	11%	13%	
(041) Business and administration	57,742	9,495	55,439	9,394	2,303	101	4%	1%	
(042) Law	21,656	3,404	19,915	3,207	1,741	197	9%	6%	
(051) Biological and related sciences	27,183	3,630	24,826	3,475	2,357	155	9%	4%	
(052) Environment	3,836	418	3,419	355	417	63	12%	18%	
(053) Physical sciences	10,774	1,262	10,230	1,220	544	42	5%	3%	
(054) Mathematics and statistics	4,818	728	4,215	615	603	113	14%	18%	
(058) Interdisciplinary programmes and qualifications involving natural sciences, Mathematics and statistics	5,209	799	5,317	836	-108	-37	-2%	-4%	
(061) Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)	20,712	3,265	21,969	3,624	-1,257	-359	-6%	-10%	
(071) Engineering and engineering trades	30,789	5,703	27,922	5,116	2,867	587	10%	11%	
(072) Manufacturing and processing	2,151	262	2,053	280	98	-18	5%	-6%	
(073) Architecture and construction	18,309	3,552	16,335	3,307	1,974	245	12%	7%	
(081) Agriculture	1,926	303	1,668	337	258	-34	15%	-10%	
(084) Veterinary	3,890	1,443	1,982	945	1,908	498	96%	53%	
(088) Interdisciplinary programmes and qualifications involving agriculture, forestry and veterinary	2,198	495	2,127	534	71	-39	3%	-7%	
(091) Health	91,571	16,872	74,897	14,445	16,674	2,427	22%	17%	
(092) Welfare	9,448	1,928	8,730	1,772	718	156	8%	9%	
(101) Personal services	11,250	1,870	10,254	1,770	996	100	10%	6%	
(102) Hygiene and occupational health services	452	79	403	77	49	2	12%	3%	
(104) Transport services	122	21	111	24	11	-3	10%	-13%	
<b>Total Applications</b>	<b>451,774</b>	<b>77,739</b>	<b>409,988</b>	<b>72,408</b>	<b>41,786</b>	<b>5,331</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>7%</b>	
<b>Specialist Groups</b>									
(001) Primary Education	9,414	2,534	9,055	2,523	359	11	4%	0%	
(002) Secondary Education	10,805	2,318	9,386	2,065	1,419	253	15%	12%	
(003) Dentistry (including Dental Nursing and Hygiene)	3,199	891	2,872	774	327	117	11%	15%	
(004) Medicine	19,020	4,397	14,356	3,657	4,664	740	32%	20%	
(005) Nursing and midwifery	34,249	5,082	30,204	4,665	4,045	417	13%	9%	
(006) Pharmacy (including Pharmacy Technician)	4,924	844	2,913	599	2,011	245	69%	41%	
(007) Art, Design and Media (techniques and production)	13,721	2,862	12,965	2,785	756	77	6%	3%	
(008) Veterinary Medicine	2,692	1,082	902	618	1,790	464	198%	75%	
(009) Physiotherapy	5,663	1,337	4,497	1,115	1,166	222	26%	20%	

Table A3 Number of Level 7/6 Mentions and First Preferences by Course Classification								
Course Classification	2026		2025		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	231	69	279	90	-48	-21	-17%	-23%
(021) Arts	6,905	2,356	6,963	2,380	-58	-24	-1%	-1%
(031) Social and behavioural sciences	507	114	517	122	-10	-8	-2%	-7%
(032) Journalism and information	279	63	287	73	-8	-10	-3%	-14%
(041) Business and administration	18,123	5,469	17,401	5,371	722	98	4%	2%
(042) Law	901	361	908	346	-7	15	-1%	4%
(051) Biological and related sciences	11,705	3,203	10,238	2,804	1,467	399	14%	14%
(052) Environment	376	122	590	159	-214	-37	-36%	-23%
(053) Physical sciences	5,320	1,274	4,653	1,189	667	85	14%	7%
(061) Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)	7,287	1,694	7,815	1,933	-528	-239	-7%	-12%
(071) Engineering and engineering trades	16,894	4,546	14,977	3,849	1,917	697	13%	18%
(072) Manufacturing and processing	94	21	199	35	-105	-14	-53%	-40%
(073) Architecture and construction	7,750	2,092	7,560	1,988	190	104	3%	5%
(081) Agriculture	1,294	481	1,433	531	-139	-50	-10%	-9%
(084) Veterinary	3,210	1,115	2,716	987	494	128	18%	13%
(088) Interdisciplinary programmes and qualifications involving agriculture, forestry and veterinary	289	88	287	88	2	0	1%	0%
(091) Health	8,722	3,334	8,523	3,277	199	57	2%	2%
(092) Welfare	6,553	2,738	6,024	2,436	529	302	9%	12%
(101) Personal services	8,930	2,418	8,602	2,196	328	222	4%	10%
(102) Hygiene and occupational health services	175	60	172	64	3	-4	2%	-6%
(104) Transport services	356	129	296	101	60	28	20%	28%
<b>Total Applications</b>	<b>105,901</b>	<b>31,747</b>	<b>100,440</b>	<b>30,019</b>	<b>5,461</b>	<b>1,728</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Specialist Groups</b>								
(003) Dentistry (including Dental Nursing and Hygiene)	2,710	1,171	2,973	1,279	-263	-108	-9%	-8%
(006) Pharmacy (including Pharmacy Technician)	1,481	460	1,391	412	90	48	6%	12%
(007) Art, Design and Media (techniques and production)	4,667	1,551	4,622	1,597	45	-46	1%	-3%