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Dear Mr Waldock

Your freedom of information request

Thank you for your email of 12 March 2017 requesting statistical information about University of Edinburgh students with National Christian Schools' Certificate (NCSC) or International Certificate of Christian Education (ICCE) qualifications.

The University of Edinburgh is a global university, rooted in Scotland. We are globally recognised for our research, development and innovation and we have provided world class teaching to our students for more than 425 years. We are consistently ranked in the world's top 50 universities and we are the largest university in Scotland. In 2015/16, our annual revenue was £890 million, of which over 254 million was research income. We have over 37,000 students and over 9,300 full-time equivalent staff. We are a founding member of the UK's Russell Group of leading research universities and a member of the League of European Research Universities.

The University's Admissions Qualifications Subgroup assesses the suitability of qualifications for entry to our undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes. The Subgroup makes recommendations based on papers that summarise the aims and learning objectives of qualifications along with their content and assessment methods. The Subgroup reports to the Recruitment and Admissions Strategy Group. Information about the University's entry requirements and the qualifications we accept is published at <http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/entry-requirements>.

You asked how many students were admitted to the University of Edinburgh with an NCSC or ICCE qualification and how many of them were admitted because they had an NCSC or ICCE qualification as opposed to other qualifications or experience.

The University of Edinburgh does not accept NCSC or ICCE qualifications for entry to any of our degree programmes. This means that while students with ICCE qualifications may have been accepted on to the University's programmes, none of them gained entrance on the basis of having the NCSC or ICCE qualification.

Our student records system records the highest previous qualifications of each student on entry to the University for students who applied since the academic year 2007/08.

Our searches for the qualifications you asked about have not identified any students holding these qualifications, however it is possible that students hold these qualifications and it is not recorded on our system.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anne Grzybowski". The signature is cursive and fluid, with a small flourish at the end.

Anne Grzybowski
Information Compliance Manager

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