



2 October 2020

By email to @requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ms Greer

I write in response to your Official Information Act ('the Act') request of 29 August 2020, which seeks information on admission to the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) for the years 2016 to 2020.

We have decided to grant your request in part. I can also advise on two of your questions immediately:

3. The cut-off GPA for general applicants to be offered an interview.

Selection for interview is based on GPA and UMAT/UCAT scores, so there is no isolated GPA cut-off.

4. The minimum number of seats available to general HSFY applicants.

There is no set minimum.

For the remaining questions, I note that most data on admissions to the BDS are held in our central student management system, but only from 2017. Thus, while we can provide data for 2017 to 2020, we decline to provide 2016 data on the grounds that collating core data outside the main student management system would require substantial collation and research (pursuant to clause 18(f) of the Act). I also advise that where data are provided, we will not report information on groups of fewer than five people for privacy reasons (noting that I don't expect this to be material in terms of many of the parts of your request).

Subject to these decisions, we can provide the remainder of the data requested. However, given the resource involved in supply of this information, we have decided to fix a charge for supply, pursuant to clause 15(1A) of the Act. We have estimated it will take a minimum of five hours of staff time to research and collate the information requested. In accordance with general guidance available from the Office of the Ombudsman, we have thus fixed a charge for supply of this information at \$304 (calculated at \$38 per half hour with the first hour free).

Before we proceed further with your request, please confirm your agreement to pay the charge in full in advance. We will then advise on how to provide this payment. Once payment is received, we expect to be able to provide you with the requested information within 15 working days. Should collation and checking of the information requested take fewer than five hours, we will refund you for unused time at the rate stated above.

I advise of your right to seek review of the decisions communicated above via complaint to an Ombudsman.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CS', written in a cursive style.

Chris Stoddart
Registrar and Secretary to the Council
University of Otago