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By email: fyi-request-14165-d250ec75@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Patel

We refer to your request under the Official Information Act dated 19 November 2020 in relation to the entry into MBChB programme and the BDS programme through the Health Sciences First Year pathway. We respond to each of the parts of your information request below.

1) Lowest successful first-round offer GPA for the last five years (HSFY General entry only)

MBChB programme

2020: 93.43
2019: 82.06*
2018: 81.23*
2017: 81.02*
2016: 79.66*

*combined score of 67% HSFY grade/33% UMAT score

BDS

2020: 91.14
2019: 92.00
2018: 83.86
2017: 87.14
2016: 89.71

2) Lowest successful waitlist GPA for the last five years (HSFY General entry only)

Lowest score to receive a waitlist offer:

MBChB programme

2020 - 91.29
2019 - 80.10
2018 - 79.87
2017 - 80.11
2016 - 78.39

BDS

2020 - 86.71
2019 - 81.57
2018 - 78.86

2017 - 80.14

2016 - 79.29

3) The 2021 UCAT threshold for each of the 5 sections for admission into the MBChB programme at the University of Otago for 2021

The UCAT selection criteria was reviewed by the University's Medical Admissions Committee last month and it was decided that the criteria remain unchanged from the previous year. Where UCAT is used as a threshold for admission, the University requires that students meet a threshold for two of the five sections:

- Verbal Reasoning – threshold set at the 20th Percentile (scores in the bottom 20% are declined)
- Situational Judgement – threshold set at the 10th Percentile (scores in the bottom 10% are declined)
- No threshold was set for Decision Making, Quantitative Reasoning and Abstract Reasoning.

I trust that this information will be helpful.

Yours sincerely



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