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Dear Anna

We refer to your request under the Official Information Act dated 18 August 2021 in relation to entry to the 2020 and 2021 Medicine (MB ChB) and Dentistry (BDS) programmes via the Graduate category.

We set out our responses to your questions below.

Lowest GPA for successful graduate applicants (excluding sub-categories) for BDS and MB ChB (and their UCAT score if allowed)

Please find below the minimum GPA to receive an offer to the 2020 BDS and MB ChB programmes via the Graduate category.

Minimum GPA to receive an offer via the Graduate category	2020
MB ChB	8.13
BDS	7.51

The equivalent information for the 2021 BDS and MB ChB programmes is still being checked and confirmed by staff. We will provide this to you as soon as it is available. Staff working on this matter have experienced a number of disruptions due to the recent COVID-19 lockdown, and are currently extremely busy with the admissions process for 2022 entry. We thank you for your patience in this matter.

In relation to your request for “their UCAT score if allowed”, an overall score is not part of the selection process. Instead, the minimum UCAT requirement to receive an offer for entry into the MB ChB and BDS programmes is through meeting the thresholds set by the Medical Admissions Committee and the Dental Admissions Committee each year. Please see additional information below.

Highest GPA for unsuccessful graduate applicants (excluding sub-categories) for MB ChB and BDS (and their UCAT score if allowed)

Please find below the highest GPA to not receive an offer to the 2020 BDS and MB ChB programmes via the Graduate category.

Highest GPA to not receive an offer via the Graduate category	2020
MB ChB	8.63
BDS	7.65

As mentioned above, the equivalent information for the 2021 BDS and MB ChB programmes is still being checked and confirmed by staff. We will provide this to you as soon as it is available.

As mentioned above, UCAT is a threshold measure. The minimum threshold set for entry into the 2020 and 2021 MB ChB and BDS programmes is noted below.

Interview UCAT cut-off for graduate applicants for BDS

To be considered for an interview, an applicant must have met the UCAT threshold set by the Dental Admissions Committee, as follows:

BDS – 2020:

- Verbal Reasoning: threshold set at the 20th percentile (scores in the bottom 20% were declined)
- Decision Making: threshold set at the 57th percentile (scores in the bottom 57% were declined)
- Situational Judgement: threshold set at the 10th percentile (scores in the bottom 10% were declined)
- No threshold was set for Quantitative Reasoning and Abstract Reasoning

BDS – 2021:

- Verbal Reasoning: threshold set at the 25th percentile (scores in the bottom 25% were declined)
- Decision Making: score of 640 and above met the threshold
- Situational Judgement: threshold set at the 10th percentile (scores in the bottom 10% were declined)
- No threshold was set for Quantitative Reasoning and Abstract Reasoning

UCAT cut-off for graduate applicants for MB ChB

For entry into the 2020 and 2021 MB ChB programme, general and rural applicants (UCAT thresholds were not used for other sub-categories) needed to have met the UCAT threshold set by the Medical Admissions Committee, as follows:

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

We trust that this information will be helpful. We will forward to you the information in relation to 2021 entry as soon as this is available. Again, we thank you for your patience in this matter.

Yours sincerely



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