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Anna Lee

By email: fyi-request-16951-00b66036@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Anna

I refer to your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 dated 30 September 2021. You have requested information regarding the UCAT thresholds for entry to the Dentistry (BDS) and Medicine (MB ChB) programmes for the Alternative category from 2019 – 2021.

We set out our responses to each of your questions below.

UCAT threshold for an interview in Dentistry through alternative entry from 2019 – 2021

For entry to the 2020 and 2021 BDS programmes, the UCAT threshold was the same for all BDS applicant categories. 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

For entry to the 2022 BDS programme, UCAT thresholds were not applied to the Alternative category of admission.

UCAT threshold for entry to Medicine through alternative entry from 2019 – 2021

We note that for entry to MB ChB, UCAT is not a requirement for the Alternative category of admission.

I trust that this information will be helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelsey Kennard', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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