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Dear G

I refer to your information request dated 16 September 2022 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested information in relation to entry to the University's Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programme via the Graduate General and Graduate Rural sub-categories.

Please see below our responses to each of your questions.

- 1. Number of Graduate General applicants**
- 2. Number of Graduate Rural applicants**
- 3. Number of successful Graduate General applicants**
- 4. Number of successful Graduate Rural applicants**

Please see the below table which shows the number of applications received and the total number of applicants to receive offers to enter the BDS programme from 2020 – 2022 via the Graduate General and Graduate Rural sub-categories.

Programme	Category	Sub-Category	Total Number of Applications			Total Number of Applicants to Receive Offers		
			2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
BDS	Graduate	General	141	167	117	25	43	17
		Rural	17	21	16	5	4	5

- 5. Lowest Graduate General GPA that received a first-round offer**
- 6. Lowest Graduate Rural GPA that received a first-round offer**

Subject to the following comments, please see the below table which shows the minimum weighted GPAs to receive first-round offers to enter the BDS programme from 2020 – 2022 via the Graduate General and Graduate Rural sub-categories:

- please note that not all applicants accept their offers to enter the programme.
- we note that there were fewer than 5 applicants to receive first-round offers to enter the BDS programme from 2020 – 2022 via the Graduate Rural sub-category. We have determined that it is necessary to withhold these minimum weighted GPAs in order to protect the privacy and wellbeing of the student(s) concerned. This is consistent with section 9(2)(a) of the Act.

Programme	Category	Sub-Category	Minimum Weighted GPA to Receive a First-Round Offer		
			2020	2021	2022
BDS	Graduate	General	7.98	8.50	8.13
		Rural	W/H	W/H	W/H

7. Lowest Graduate General GPA that received an offer from the waitlist

8. Lowest Graduate Rural GPA that received an offer from the waitlist

Subject to the following comments, please see the below table which shows the minimum weighted GPAs to receive waitlist offers to enter the BDS programme from 2020 – 2022 via the Graduate General and Graduate Rural sub-categories.

- please note that not all applicants accept their offers to enter the programme.
- we note that there were fewer than 5 applicants to receive waitlist offers to enter the 2020 BDS programme via the Graduate Rural sub-category. As noted above, we have determined that it is necessary to withhold this minimum weighted GPA in order to protect the privacy and wellbeing of the student(s) concerned. This is consistent with section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
- we also note that no waitlist offers were made to applicants to the 2022 BDS programme via the Graduate General sub-category, and no waitlist offers were made to applicants to the 2021 and 2022 BDS programme via the Graduate Rural sub-category.

Programme	Category	Sub-Category	Minimum Weighted GPA to Receive a Waitlist Offer		
			2020	2021	2022
BDS	Graduate	General	7.51	6.85*	N/A
		Rural	W/H	N/A	N/A

*in 2021, a small number of unfilled places emerged once classes had commenced. In seeking to fill these places, the minimum weighted GPA to receive an offer was 6.85.

9. What the UCAT cut-off was for the applicants

The BDS UCAT criteria is set annually by the University’s Dental Admissions Committee.

2020:

- Verbal Reasoning: threshold set at the bottom 20th percentile (scores in the top 80% met the threshold)
- Decision Making: threshold set at the bottom 57th percentile (scores in the top 43% met the threshold)
- Situational Judgement: threshold set at the bottom 10th percentile (scores in the top 90% met the threshold)
- Scores for Quantitative Reasoning and Abstract Reasoning were not considered

2021:

- Verbal Reasoning: threshold set at the bottom 25th percentile (scores in the top 75% met the threshold)
- Decision Making: score of 640 and above met the threshold

- Situational Judgement: threshold set at the bottom 10th percentile (scores in the top 90% met the threshold)

2022:

- Verbal Reasoning: threshold set at the bottom 22nd percentile (scores in the top 78% met the threshold)
- Decision Making: score of 630 and above met the threshold
- Scores for Situational Judgement, Quantitative Reasoning and Abstract Reasoning were not considered

I trust that this information will be helpful.

If you are not satisfied with our response to your information request, section 28(3) of the Act provides you with the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate and review this response. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.

Yours sincerely



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