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Kia ora Emma

I refer to your information request dated 1 March 2023 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested:

“admission statistics for applicants to the 2023 MB ChB intake at the University of Otago.

- *The minimum academic score for all offers, for each of the six categories, split by the entry pathways (HSFY, graduate and alternate),*
- *The number of offers made for each of the six categories, for each entry pathway,*
- *The median academic score for all offers, for each of the six categories for each entry pathway and,*
- *The number of students admitted through each category for each entry pathway.”*

Subject to the following comment, please see below the information you have requested.

- For privacy and well-being reasons, it is the University’s standard practice to not report on numbers where those numbers are below 5. Where the numbers are very low, there is a risk that the identity of those individuals can be determined/inferred, and that their personal information could be revealed. We therefore withhold this information pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act. Accordingly, numbers with fewer than 5 individuals are reported as “<5” (fewer than 5).
- 1. The minimum academic score for all offers, for each of the six categories, split by the entry pathways (HSFY, graduate and alternate)**
 - 2. The number of offers made for each of the six categories, for each entry pathway**
 - 3. The median academic score for all offers, for each of the six categories for each entry pathway and**

Please see table below which answers questions 1, 2, and 3.

Please note that:

- the references to “minimum” in the table relate to the lowest grades obtained by the students offered a place;
- applicants can be eligible for multiple equity sub-categories, and some applicants are therefore represented by multiple cells. This also means that the numbers

reported may not be representative of the lowest grade obtained by students offered a place for an application assessed on one equity sub-category exclusively;

- there are no minimum or median academic scores for the Alternative category as the assessment is holistic, and considers academic preparedness, motivation and life experience, and includes an interview;
- The table does not include any data relating to international students.

Sub-category	HSFY	Graduate	Alternative
General	123 offers, 89.43 minimum, 94.14 median	25 offers, 8.43 minimum, 9.08 median	7 offers
Pacific	18 offers, 70.29 minimum, 75.71 median	15 offers, 4.6 minimum, 5.75 median	<5 offers
Māori	36 offers, 70.29 minimum, 81.14 median	12 offers, 4.73 minimum, 5.71 median	<5 offers
Refugee	8 offers, 73.86 minimum, 82.15 median	6 offers, 4.95 minimum, 5.48 median	<5 offers
Rural	26 offers, 71.57 minimum, 91.00 median	12 offers, 4.84 minimum, 7.25 median	<5 offers
Socioeconomic	12 offers, 70.29 minimum, 79 median	9 offers, 4.43 minimum, 5.48 median	0 offers

4. The number of students admitted through each category for each entry pathway

Please see tables below which provide the number of students admitted to the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) programme for the 2023 intake by category and sub-category. The data is accurate as of 22 February 2023 and may not reflect admission changes made after that date.

Admission Category	Admission Sub-category	Number of Students
HSFY	General	108
	Indigenous Pacific	11
	Māori	32
	Refugee	7
	Rural	23
	Socio-economic Equity	9
HSFY Total		195

Admission Category	Admission Sub-category	Number of Students
Graduate	General	20
	Indigenous Pacific	5
	Māori	12
	Refugee	6
	Rural	12
	Socio-economic Equity	5
Graduate Total		61

Admission Category	Admission Sub-category	Number of Students
Alternative	General	12
	Indigenous Pacific	<5
	Māori	<5
	Refugee	<5
	Rural	<5
Alternative Total		20

I trust that this information will be helpful.

In the above case, we consider that good reasons exist for withholding information, and this is not outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

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.

Ngā mihi



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