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By email: fyi-request-23188-cedda04a@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Amin

I refer to your information request dated 20 June 2023 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested information in relation to entry to the 2023 Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) programme at the University of Otago.

Subject to the following comment, please see below our response to your request.

- Please note that the data we have provided is accurate as of 18 April 2023.

1. Number of students to receive offers, and the number of students to enter the 2023 MB ChB programme, broken down by sub-category.

Please see the below table which shows the number of students to receive offers, and the number of students to enter (i.e., accept their offers) to the 2023 MB ChB programme via the Health Sciences First Year (HSFY), Graduate, and Alternative categories, broken down by sub-category:

Category	Sub-category	2023 MB ChB programme	
		Number of students to receive offers	Number of students to enter programme (accept offer)
HSFY	General	131	114
	Māori	36	32
	Indigenous Pacific	14	11
	Rural	24	23
	Socio-economic Equity	10	9
	Refugee	7	7
Graduate	General	39	26
	Māori	17	13
	Indigenous Pacific	11	5
	Rural	17	12
	Socio-economic Equity	5	5
	Refugee	6	6
Alternative	General	14	12
	Māori	2	2
	Indigenous Pacific	2	2
	Rural	2	1
	Socio-economic Equity	0	0
	Refugee	3	3

2. Minimum and maximum academic scores to receive offers, and minimum and highest scores to enter the 2023 MB ChB programme via the HSFY and Graduate categories, broken down by sub-category.

Subject to the following comments, please see the below tables which show the minimum and highest average academic scores to receive offers and enter the 2023 MB ChB programme via the HSFY category, broken down by sub-category, and the minimum and highest weighted GPA scores to receive offers and enter the 2023 MB ChB programme via the Graduate category, broken down by sub-category.

- Alternative category applicants are required to submit copies of academic transcripts and attend an interview as part of the application process. However, an applicant's academic record (including GPA) or interview score are not on their own determining factors in whether an applicant will be offered a place to the MB ChB programme via the Alternative category. Assessment for entry to the MB ChB programme via the Alternative category relies on the combined views of a number of assessors, and considers academic aptitude, motivation, life experience, and written communication, as well as attending the interview. Accordingly, there are no minimum or maximum academic scores to receive offers or accept offers for entry to the MB ChB programme via the Alternative category.

		2023 MB ChB programme, HSFY category	
Category	Sub-category	Minimum and highest average academic scores to receive offers	Minimum and highest average academic scores to enter programme (accept offer)
HSFY	General	Minimum = 89.43, Highest = 98.43.	Minimum = 89.43, Highest = 98.43.
	Māori	Minimum = 70.29, Highest = 97.00.	Minimum = 70.29, Highest = 97.00.
	Indigenous Pacific	Minimum = 67.43, Highest = 94.71.	Minimum = 67.43, Highest = 94.71.
	Rural	Minimum = 71.57, Highest = 97.14.	Minimum = 71.57, Highest = 97.14.
	Socio-economic Equity	Minimum = 70.29, Highest = 92.86.	Minimum = 70.29, Highest = 92.86.
	Refugee	Minimum = 73.86, Highest = 92.86	Minimum = 73.86, Highest = 92.86

		2023 MB ChB programme, Graduate category	
Category	Sub-category	Minimum and highest weighted GPA scores to receive offers	Minimum and highest weighted GPA scores to enter programme (accept offer)
Graduate	General	Minimum = 8.43, Highest = 9.91.	Minimum = 8.43, Highest = 9.91.
	Māori	Minimum = 4.45, Highest = 7.93.	Minimum = 4.73, Highest = 7.93.
	Indigenous Pacific	Minimum = 4.60, Highest = 6.95.	Minimum = 4.60, Highest = 6.95.
	Rural	Minimum = 4.84, Highest = 8.75.	Minimum = 4.84, Highest = 8.75.
	Socio-economic Equity	Minimum = 4.43, Highest = 6.10.	Minimum = 4.43, Highest = 5.71.
	Refugee	Minimum = 4.95, Highest = 6.94.	Minimum = 4.95, Highest = 6.94.

I trust that this information will be helpful.

Ngā mihi

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

Kelsey Kennard
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Office of the Registrar