

19 August 2024

By email: fyi-request-27824-61e544f1@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Jas,

I refer to your information request dated 25 July 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested the following information in relation to the 2024 Master of Teaching and Learning (MTchgLn) (Secondary Education) programme at the University of Otago:

- The number of applicants for the programme in 2024
- The number of offers made for the programme in 2024
- The number of acceptances of offers in 2024
- I would also like to request a breakdown of the applicants, offers, and acceptances by demographic information such as gender and ethnicity for each category.

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

- the data is correct as at 13 August 2024.
- the data includes all submitted applications. Applications that were started but not submitted are excluded.
- it is the University's standard practice to not report on information where it relates to fewer than five individuals and we consider that such disclosure could affect an individual's privacy and wellbeing. Where the numbers are very low, there is a risk that the identity of these individuals could be determined or inferred, and that their personal information could be revealed. Accordingly, where there are fewer than five individuals in a particular dataset, we have withheld the actual number. This is pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act, in order to protect the privacy of natural persons.

**Number of applicants, offers and accepted offers to the 2024 MTchgLn (Secondary Education) programme at the University of Otago:**

Master of Teaching and Learning (Secondary Education), 2024		
Applicants	Offers	Accepted Offers
124	77	64

**Breakdown by gender of applicants, offers and accepted offers to the 2024 MTchgLn (Secondary Education) programme at the University of Otago:**

Master of Teaching and Learning (Secondary Education), 2024			
Gender	Applicants	Offers	Accepted Offers
Gender Diverse	<5	N/A	N/A
Female	70	44	35
Male	52	33	29

**Breakdown by ethnicity of applicants, offers and accepted offers to the MTchgLn (Secondary Education) programme at the University of Otago:**

- please note that students may identify with up to 3 ethnicities; therefore, the sum of the values may exceed the number of individuals.

<b>Master of Teaching and Learning (Secondary Education), 2024</b>			
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Applicants</b>	<b>Offers</b>	<b>Accepted Offers</b>
<b>Asian</b>	35	13	9
<b>European</b>	81	62	53
<b>Māori</b>	9	8	8
<b>Middle Eastern / Latin American / African</b>	7	<5	<5
<b>Other</b>	<5	<5	<5
<b>Pacific Peoples</b>	5	<5	<5

I trust that this information will be helpful.

In the above cases, 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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Official Information Act Administrator  
Office of the Registrar