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Tēnā koe S

I refer to your request for information dated 19 September 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You requested:

"I would like to request the following information regarding MbChB applicants under the general graduate category for entry in 2023, 2024, and 2025:

1. The median, upper quartile, and maximum cumulative GPA. For applicants applying under 2025 entry, as they have outstanding Semester 2 and PXSS results, I am just requesting their median, upper quartile, and maximum cumulative GPA as of the date of this request.

2. The median, upper quartile, and maximum weighted GPA. For applicants applying under 2025 entry, as they have outstanding Semester 2 and PXSS results, I am just requesting the median, upper quartile, and maximum weighted GPA disregarding any paper with outstanding results from the GPA calculation.

3. The number of students who have completed a PXSS paper in their final year of their degree. For applicants applying under 2025 entry, I am just requesting the number of enrollments in an upcoming PXSS paper as of the date of this request."

I also note our email correspondence of 26 September 2024, in which you were willing to limit your request to the following information:

- 1. The number of Mb ChB applicants applying under the graduate general category for entry in 2023, 2024, and 2025.*
- 2. The number of BDS applicants applying under the graduate general category for entry in 2023, 2024, and 2025.*
- 3. The mean, upper quartile, and maximum weighted GPA score to receive an offer to the 2023 and 2024 MB ChB programmes via the Graduate General category.*
- 4. The mean, upper quartile, and maximum weighted GPA score to receive an offer to the 2023 and 2024 BDS programmes via the Graduate General category.*
- 5. The number of Graduate General category applicants who were taking Pre-Christmas Summer School papers ahead of entry to the 2024 MB ChB programme.*

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

- The data is correct as at 18 October 2024.

- 1. Number of applicants to the 2023, 2024 and 2025 MB ChB programmes via the Graduate general category**
- 2. Number of applicants to the 2023, 2024 and 2025 BDS programme via the Graduate general category**

Subject to the following comment, please see the below table which shows the number of applicants to the 2023 and 2024 Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) and Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programmes via the Graduate general category:

- Unfortunately, it is not possible at this time to provide the number of verified applications for entry to the 2025 MB ChB and BDS programmes, for any of the various admissions categories. While the process for submitting applications for the 2025 MB ChB and BDS programmes closed on 15 September 2024, the process of verifying applications is ongoing. Each category for admission has its own documentation requirements including identity, academic records, ethnicity, rurality and visa eligibility. The source of this documentation is external to the University and is not necessarily included or verified at the time of applications closing. In addition, an application can move between categories, including to the general category, depending upon the outcome of the verification process. Until the verification process is complete, the University cannot confirm how many valid applications exist for any of the various admissions categories. We therefore decline providing any 2025 data pursuant to section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held.

	Number of applications via the Graduate general category	
	MB ChB	BDS
2023	266	150
2024	235	143

- 3. The mean, upper quartile, and maximum weighted GPA score to receive an offer to the 2023 and 2024 MB ChB programmes via the Graduate General category**
- 4. The mean, upper quartile, and maximum weighted GPA score to receive an offer to the 2023 and 2024 BDS programme via the Graduate General category**

Subject to the following comment, please see the below tables which show the minimum, mean, and maximum weighted GPA scores to receive offers to the 2023 and 2024 MB ChB and BDS programmes via the Graduate general category.

- The University does not calculate the “upper quartile” weighted GPA score to receive offers – therefore, we decline to respond to this part of your request pursuant to section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the University. Alternatively, we have provided you with the minimum weighted GPA scores to receive offers.

	Weighted GPA scores to receive offers to the MB ChB programme via the Graduate general category		
	Minimum	Mean	Maximum
2023	8.43	9.09	9.91
2024	8.13	8.86	9.65

Weighted GPA scores to receive offers to the BDS programme via the Graduate general category			
	Minimum	Mean	Maximum
2023	8.63	9.11	9.91
2024	7.93	8.73	9.55

5. The number of Graduate general category applicants who were taking Pre-Christmas Summer School papers ahead of entry to the 2024 MB ChB programme

Of the total number of applicants to the 2024 MB ChB programme via the Graduate general category, 22 were enrolled in a Pre-Christmas Summer School paper in 2023. 17 of these individuals received an offer to enter the 2024 MB ChB programme.

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.

Ngā mihi



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