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Tēnā koe PAT

I refer to your request for information dated 3 October 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested information in relation to entry to the University of Otago's Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) programme in 2024, as follows:

*i want to request last year (2023) GPA score for admission into MB ChB from highest GPA to lowest GPA*

We have understood your request to refer to the minimum and maximum weighted GPA scores to receive an offer of admission to the 2024 MB ChB programme via the Graduate category, and we have also provided a break down by equity group.

Subject to the following comments, please see below our response to your request:

- the data excludes deferred candidates, who may enter the programme in the same application year but were assessed in a previous year.
- 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 students 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 data indicated using "<5" ("fewer than five") – under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, in order to protect the privacy of natural persons.

		2024 MB ChB programme	
		Minimum weighted GPA score to receive an offer of admission	Maximum weighted GPA score to receive an offer of admission
Graduate	General	8.13	9.65
	Māori	4.98	8.03
	Pacific	4.68	5.86
	Socioeconomic	<5	<5
	Refugee	<5	<5
	Rural	5.78	8.73
	International	<5	<5

I hope 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brewen', written in a cursive style.

Bill Frewen  
Manager Policy and Compliance