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Tēnā koe S

I refer to your request for information dated 7 November 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested:

“Please provide the following information for all graduate entry applicants of the following sub-categories: Māori, Pacific, Socioeconomic to the Medical (MBChB) program at UoO for the years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.

- A1. Number of seats available for each sub-category*
- A2. Number of seats filled for each sub-category*
- A3. Number of applicants for each sub-category*
- A4. Number of successful applicants for each sub-category*
- A5. Median GPA of successful applicants for each sub-category*
- A6. Lowest GPA of successful applicants for each sub-category*
- A7. Highest GPA of unsuccessful applicants for each sub-category*
- A8. Highest GPA of successful applicants for each sub-category”*

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

- The data is correct as at 18 December 2024.
- As requested, we have limited your request to the Māori, New Zealand Resident Indigenous Pacific Origins, and Socioeconomic equity groups. Additional equity groups not included in your request, but available for individuals to apply for, are the Refugee and Rural Origins equity groups.
- It is the University’s standard practice to not report on data where it relates to fewer than five individuals and we consider that disclosure of the information 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 indicated using “<5” (“fewer than five”) and withheld (“W/H”) the relevant data – this is pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act, in order to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- Further information on the MB ChB programme, including entry requirements, application process and selection criteria, is available on the University’s website via the [Medicine: Guidelines for Admission](#) webpage.

1. Number of seats available for each sub-category

There is no cap on the number of places available for equity group applicants to the MB ChB programme. Places in the second year of the MB ChB programme are first allocated to the Alternative category (equity group and general applicants combined). This allocation is up to 10% of

the overall places in the following year. Remaining places in the second year of the programme are allocated from the Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) and Graduate categories, with as near as possible to 70% of the places available after Alternative category places are filled allocated to the HSFY category (equity group and general applicants combined), and the balance to the Graduate category (equity group and general applicants combined).

2. Number of seats filled for each sub-category

Please see the below table which shows the number of applicants to be admitted (i.e., accept offers) to the 2021 – 2024 MB ChB programme via the Graduate category, specifically for the Māori, Pacific and Socioeconomic equity groups:

Number of applicants admitted to the MB ChB programme via the Graduate category, 2021 - 2024				
Equity Group	2021	2022	2023	2024
Māori	6	16	11	5
Pacific	<5	<5	5	<5
Socioeconomic	<5	<5	5	<5

3. Number of applicants for each sub-category

Please see the below table which shows the number of applicants to the 2021 – 2024 MB ChB programme via the Graduate category, specifically for the Māori, Pacific and Socioeconomic equity groups:

Number of applicants to the MB ChB programme via the Graduate category, 2021 - 2024				
Equity Group	2021	2022	2023	2024
Māori	13	29	24	16
Pacific	16	14	22	15
Socioeconomic	<5	5	10	<5

4. Number of successful applicants for each sub-category

Please see the below table which shows the number of applicants to receive offers to the 2021 – 2024 MB ChB programme via the Graduate category, specifically for the Māori, Pacific and Socioeconomic equity groups:

Number of applicants to receive offers to the MB ChB programme via the Graduate category, 2021 - 2024				
Equity Group	2021	2022	2023	2024
Māori	7	20	15	10
Pacific	<5	6	11	6
Socioeconomic	<5	<5	5	<5

5. Median GPA of successful applicants for each sub-category

Please see the below table which shows the median weighted GPA scores to receive offers to the 2021 – 2024 MB ChB programme via the Graduate category, specifically for the Māori, Pacific and Socioeconomic equity groups:

Median weighted GPA scores to receive offers to the MB ChB programme via the Graduate category, 2021 - 2024				
Equity Group	2021	2022	2023	2024
Māori	5.69	5.45	5.71	5.80
Pacific	W/H	5.37	6.06	5.05
Socioeconomic	W/H	W/H	5.25	W/H

6. Lowest GPA of successful applicants for each sub-category

Please see the below table which shows the minimum weighted GPA scores to receive offers to the 2021 – 2024 MB ChB programme via the Graduate category, specifically for the Māori, Pacific and Socioeconomic equity groups:

Minimum weighted GPA scores to receive offers to the MB ChB programme via the Graduate category, 2021 - 2024				
Equity Group	2021	2022	2023	2024
Māori	5.00	4.51	4.45	4.98
Pacific	W/H	4.83	4.60	4.68
Socioeconomic	W/H	W/H	4.43	W/H

7. Highest GPA of unsuccessful applicants for each sub-category

Please see the below table which shows the highest weighted GPA scores to not receive offers to the 2021 – 2024 MB ChB programme via the Graduate category, specifically for the Māori, Pacific and Socioeconomic equity groups:

Highest weighted GPA scores to not receive an offer to the MB ChB programme via the Graduate category, 2021 - 2024				
Equity Group	2021	2022	2023	2024
Māori	4.70	4.48	4.38	4.55
Pacific	4.77	4.38	4.55	4.30
Socioeconomic	W/H	W/H	2.95	W/H

8. Highest GPA of successful applicants for each sub-category

Please see the below table which shows the highest weighted GPA scores to receive offers to the 2021 – 2024 MB ChB programme via the Graduate category, specifically for the Māori, Pacific and Socioeconomic equity groups:

Highest weighted GPA scores to receive an offer to the MB ChB programme via the Graduate category, 2021 - 2024				
Equity Group	2021	2022	2023	2024
Māori	8.59	8.13	7.93	8.03
Pacific	W/H	5.98	6.95	5.86
Socioeconomic	W/H	W/H	6.10	W/H

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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