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Tēnā koe TK

I refer to your request for information dated 5 December 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested:

“the following information for HSFY general category applicants in EACH of the BDS and MBChB professional programs commencing 2025.

- 1. The minimum and median grade average to secure a first round offer.*
- 2. The number of first round offers granted*
- 3. The distribution of grade averages for those to secure a first round offer (to the nearest 1/7th increment**).*
- 4. The minimum and median grade average to secure a place on the waitlist*
- 5. The number of waitlist spots granted*
- 6. The distribution of grade averages for those to secure a place on the waitlist (to the nearest 1/7th increment**).*
- 7. Finalised UCAT thresholds (MBChB only)*

****“to the nearest 1/7th increment” requests that no candidates with distinguishable unrounded averages are reported in the same bracket. For example, a candidate with $626/7 = 89.43$ and another with $627/7 = 89.57$ shall be distinguishable. Please report at the decimal accuracy that programs consider.”*

We respond below to part of your request but need to extend the due date for responding to the remainder of your request.

Extension to questions 1 – 6 of your request:

The Act requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the date your request was received. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for us to respond to your request in its entirety within the time limit. We are therefore writing to notify you, pursuant to section 15A of the Act, of an extension of the time to make our decision in respect of these parts of your request, to 5 February 2025.

This extension is necessary to allow for consultations necessary to make a decision on your request. We thank you for your patience and will endeavour to provide our response to your request sooner if possible. If you are not satisfied with our extension of time, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.

Response to question 7 of your request:

With regards to your request for the UCAT thresholds for entry to the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) programme, we note that the MB ChB UCAT criteria is set annually by the University's Medical Admissions Committee. The thresholds determined by the Medical Admissions Committee entry to the MB ChB programme in 2025 were as follows:

- Verbal Reasoning: threshold set at or above the 20th percentile
- Situational Judgement: threshold set at or above the 10th percentile
- Scores for Decision Making, Quantitative Reasoning and Abstract Reasoning were not considered.

It is important to note that the set thresholds are minimum thresholds – achieving the UCAT thresholds does not guarantee an offer to the programme. The final determining factor for selection of an applicant who has met all of the admission criteria is academic score.

I trust that this information is 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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