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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 information in relation to entry to the University of Otago's Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB); and Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programmes via the Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) category. We note we responded to part of your request (question 7) on 24 January 2025, but extended the due date for the remainder of your request, to 5 February 2025.

In accordance with section 15(1) of the Act, we have decided to **grant** your request for the following information for each programme:

- Maximum, minimum and median average academic scores to receive a first round offer;
- Maximum, minimum and median average academic scores to accept offers to be on the waitlist;
- The number of applicants to receive first round offers and the number of applicants to be on the waitlist.

We note that average academic scores are calculated to two decimal places, and therefore candidates will be distinguishable. Further information on how average academic scores are calculated is available on the University's [website](#).

We are still compiling this information and will contact you again to provide it without undue delay. As waitlists are still in operation, some of the data (e.g., the number of applicants to be on the waitlist) may be subject to change, and unlikely to be confirmed until the beginning of March, when final class lists are confirmed (the waitlist remains in operation until then). Therefore, we may provide the information to you as it becomes available in two separate tranches (i.e., the information relating to first round offers may be sent earlier than the information relating to waitlist offers).

Please note that some information may be withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, particularly where there are low numbers of applicants in a dataset. This is in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. In such cases we consider that good reasons exist for withholding this information, and these are not outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

We will be back in touch soon. 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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