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By email: fyi-request-29564-170f8018@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Emily

I refer to your request for information dated 15 December 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You requested:

"I would like to request the minimum GPA scored by an international student who got into dentistry with the graduate category. And what is the number of international students that they accept each year as graduate category."

I also note our email correspondence of 16 December 2024, in which you clarified your request to be for the following information:

"I would like to request the minimum GPA scored by an international graduate student who got into dent within 5 years as well as the average GPA achieved by graduate international students who got an offer to dentistry. I understand that COVID 19 have effected the admissions for international students, may I please request how many graduate international students have received offer for dentistry within 5 years?"

Please see below our response to your request.

From 2020 – 2024, no offers were made to international applicants applying to the University of Otago's BDS programme via the Graduate category. Therefore, there are no minimum or median weighted GPA scores to receive offers to the programme for international applicants via the Graduate category. On that basis, we decline this part of your request pursuant to section 18(g) of the Act, as the information is not held.

Further information on the BDS programme at the University of Otago is available on the following webpage:

- [Dentistry: Guidelines for Admission](#)

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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