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Tēnā koe Raheel

I refer to your request for information dated 18 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 Dental Surgery (BDS) programme via the Graduate general category.

In accordance with section 15(1) of the Act, we have decided to **grant** your request. However, we are still compiling this information and will contact you again to provide it without undue delay. In addition, the 2025 information you have requested has not been confirmed yet, as admissions processes for the BDS programme are still ongoing and not expected to be finalised until March 2025 (waitlists usually remain in operation until then).

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. Where the numbers are low, there is a risk that the identity of these students could be determined or inferred, and that their personal information could be revealed. In such cases, we consider that good reasons exist for withholding information, and these are not outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

Finally, we note that there may be occasions where no offers were made from the waitlist. Any data related to these years will be indicated as "N/A" ("not applicable").

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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