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By email: fyi-request-29914-ba92159b@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Anon

I refer to your request for information dated 29 January 2025 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested the grade distribution for certain papers between 2020-2024.

We are pleased to advise that anonymised statistical academic results data for papers offered by the University will soon be published on our website: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/about/quickstats>. We are doing this so that all students can access this information at any time.

The published spreadsheet will indicate the number of students who achieved a particular grade or percentage mark for semester one, semester two, full year and summer school papers for each year from 2019 to 2024. This grade and mark distribution data will essentially be the same as that which we would provide in response to individual information requests made under the Act.

The University will continue to withhold information where necessary to avoid the identity of students being determined or inferred and their personal information being disclosed, to protect their privacy and wellbeing. Data will **not** be published:

- for any students in a paper, if fewer than ten (<10) students were enrolled in that paper, or
- indicating fail grade and mark data, if fewer than five (<5) students have failed a paper (a grade of Fail D, Fail E, Failed Compulsory Assessment or Failed Terms), or
- for students who withdrew from a paper or received an Aegrotat Pass.

The data will be published as it was held as at 31 December 2024. If grade and mark distribution data for any papers was not confirmed at this date, data for those papers may not be initially published. Grade and mark distribution data will later be updated based on data as held at 31 March 2025 and again as held at 31 July 2025, to ensure the data becomes complete over time.

Accordingly, the University declines your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information you have requested will soon be made publicly available. We will endeavour to email you to advise when the data will be or has been published.

Further to other parts of your request, we note the data discussed above will include the highest percentage mark in a course (which may have been achieved by more than one student) and will allow calculation of median and mean marks.

Regarding the grade point averages of all graduates of the Diploma in Public Health over the period 2020-2024, we decline to provide this information as it would involve substantial collation and research, under section 18(f) of the Act. The scope of your request would require substantial effort by specialised staff to isolate the requested information. We considered whether charging or extending the timeframe for responding to your request would help, as required by section 18A of

the Act. However, this would still have a significant and unreasonable impact on the operations of the University as a result of having to divert staff from other responsibilities.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Frewen', written in a cursive style.

Bill Frewen
Manager Policy and Compliance