



31 March 2020

Albert

By email: fyi-request-12094-55b4d5c8@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Albert,

I am writing in regard to your Official Information Act request of 27 January regarding domestic applicants to the Medical (MB ChB) and Dentistry (BDS) programmes through the Health Science First Year course for 2020.

Thank you for agreeing to extend the due date for your request until 31 March when we anticipated that we would have finalised data for the 2020 year. Unfortunately, it is no longer possible to meet that time limit and I am therefore writing to formally notify you of an extension under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act.

The extension is due to the time needed to complete consultation in the preparation of the response in light of the Covid 19 lockdown. I am thus advising that the response will now be provided no later than Friday 1 May (20 working days). I have specified this timeframe to ensure there is sufficient time to prepare the response, however, I will endeavour to provide the information well in advance of this date.

I note your right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman about this extension under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CGallop', is written over a horizontal line.

Claire Gallop
Manager, Policy and Compliance, Office of the Registrar