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Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to your request for information dated 27 January 2021 made under the Official Information Act (Act). We note our decision below in respect of each part of your request in relation to the 2021 MBChB programme at the University of Otago.

1. Number of 2021 general graduate applicants for MB ChB

The number of General applicants under the Graduate admission category for the 2021 MBChB programme is 287.

2. Number of 2021 rural graduate applicants for MB ChB

The number of rural sub-category applicants under the Graduate admission category for the 2021 MBChB programme is 40.

3. Number of successful 2021 general graduate applicants for MB ChB

We have decided to grant your request. However, the University's Medical School has not yet confirmed final numbers for its 2021 MBChB programme. This includes final admission numbers under the general category and each of the sub-categories. There is currently a waitlist which remains open until March 2021. The Medical School will have final data for 2021 available once these numbers have been confirmed. We will provide the information that you have requested once the Medical School have confirmed these numbers.

4. Number of successful 2021 rural graduate applicants for MB ChB

The number of successful rural sub-category applicants under the Graduate admission category for the 2021 MBChB programme is 11.

5. Lowest 2021 general graduate GPA that received a first round offer for MB ChB

The lowest GPA was 8.90.

6. Lowest 2021 rural graduate GPA that received a first round offer for MB ChB

The lowest GPA was 7.92.

7. Lowest 2021 general graduate GPA that received an offer from the waitlist for MB ChB

The wait list is currently still open. We will provide the information that you have requested once the Medical School have confirmed these numbers.

8. Lowest 2021 rural graduate GPA that received an offer from the waitlist for MB ChB

There is no waitlist for rural sub-category applicants under the Graduate admission category for the 2021 MBCHB programme.

9. What the UCAT cut-off was for 2021 MB ChB applicants

The UCAT selection criteria was reviewed by the University's Medical Admissions Committee in November 2020 and it was decided that the criteria remain unchanged from the previous year. Where UCAT is used as a threshold for admission (i.e. General and Rural admission categories), the University requires that students meet a threshold for two of the five sections:

- Verbal Reasoning – threshold set at the 20th Percentile (scores in the bottom 20% are declined)
- Situational Judgement – threshold set at the 10th Percentile (scores in the bottom 10% are declined)
- No threshold was set for Decision Making, Quantitative Reasoning and Abstract Reasoning.

We note that there is no UCAT threshold required for the following Mirror on Society sub-categories:

- Māori
- Indigenous Pacific
- Refugee
- Socio-economic.

As noted above, we will be in touch with regards to the data for items 3, and 7 of your request once this data has been confirmed.

Yours faithfully



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