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Tēnā koe Mar

I refer to your information request dated 24 September 2023 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested information in relation to entry to the 2020 – 2023 Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programmes via the Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) General category.

Please see below our response to your request.

1. Minimum average academic mark to receive an offer from the waitlist into the BDS programme commencing in 2020 – 2023 via the HSFY General category

We are awaiting clarification from our Admissions Office regarding the information you have requested. As soon as this information has been clarified, we will provide a response to you with regards to this part of your request.

2. The number of BDS applicants for entry to the programme in the years 2020 – 2023 via the HSFY General category

Please see the below table which shows the number of applicants to the 2020 – 2023 BDS programmes via the HSFY General category:

	Number of applicants to the BDS programme via the HSFY General category
2020	223
2021	246
2022	197
2023	214

3. The number of BDS applicants for the years 2020 – 2023 that passed the UCAT threshold in each year via the HSFY General category

Subject to the following comments, please see the below table which shows the number of applicants who met the UCAT thresholds and were invited to an interview for entry to the 2020 - 2023 BDS programmes via the HSFY General category:

- To be considered for admission to the BDS programme via the HSFY category, an applicant must have enrolled in the HSFY programme and passed all prescribed papers, at first attempt, and have achieved a minimum average of 70%, with no paper grade less than 65%. Applicants must have a score in all five of the UCAT sections at a threshold level determined annually by the Dental Admissions Committee. Applicants must have also passed the HSFY Diagnostic Test

or have passed the ENGL128 paper. Further information on the entry requirements for the BDS programme (including for all categories and sub-categories) is available on the University [website](#).

- Please note that the UCAT thresholds determined by the Dental Admissions Committee are subject to change from year to year, any may not necessarily remain the same each year.

Number of applicants to meet the UCAT thresholds and be invited to interview for the BDS programme via the HSFY General category	
2020	94
2021	82
2022	80
2023	89

I trust that this information will be helpful. We will be in touch once the information for question 1 of your request has been clarified and is available.

Ngā mihi



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