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Tēnā koe Sarah

I refer to your information request dated 26 September 2023 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested information in relation to entry to the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) and Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programmes via the Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) category for international students.

Please see our responses to each of your questions below.

1. Total number of students currently studying HSFY in 2023 including international students

Please see the below table which shows the total number of students enrolled in HSFY at the University of Otago as at 31 August 2023, broken down by international and domestic students:

	Number of students enrolled in HSFY
Domestic	814
International	105
Total	919

2. Total number of HSFY students and international HSFY students in 2019 – 2022

Please see the below table which shows the total number of students enrolled in HSFY at the University of Otago as at 31 December each year from 2019 – 2022, broken down by international and domestic students:

	Number of students enrolled in HSFY			
	2019	2020	2021	2022
Domestic	937	952	941	815
International	82	60	46	69
Total	1,019	1,012	987	884

3. The lowest successful HSFY average academic score of who entered MB ChB and BDS under the international entry pathway from 2019 – 2022
4. The average successful academic score of students who entered MB ChB and BDS under the international entry pathway from 2019 – 2022
5. The median academic score of students who entered MB ChB and BDS under international entry pathway from 2019 – 2022

Subject to the following comments, please see the below tables which show the minimum, average and median average academic scores of students who entered (i.e., accepted offers to) the BDS and MB ChB programmes via the HSFY category for international students from 2019 – 2022:

- please note that the data includes students who may have received a pre-conditional offer to enter the MB ChB or BDS programmes via the HSFY category for international students.
- it is also important to note that an applicant’s average academic score is not the only factor in determining whether an applicant is successful in receiving an offer to enter the MB ChB or BDS programmes. Further information on the entry requirements for both programmes is available on the University website:
 - [BDS](#)
 - [MB ChB](#)

Average Academic Scores for International Students who entered the BDS programme from 2019 - 2022				
	2019	2020	2021	2022
Minimum Score	77.29	67.43	69.71	67.14
Average Score	84.53	82.79	84.95	72.17
Median Score	86.00	82.78	87.50	72.71

Average Academic Scores for International Students who entered the MB ChB programme from 2019 - 2022				
	2019	2020	2021	2022
Minimum Score	67.58	74.14	78.29	72.71
Average Score	75.32	84.78	90.29	84.08
Median Score	74.34	85.29	94.14	82.71

6. The total number of international applicants who applied for MB ChB and BDS from 2019 – 2022
7. The total number of international students who received an offer for MB ChB and BDS from 2019 – 2022
8. The total number of international students who accepted an offer for MB ChB and BDS from 2019 – 2022

Please see the below tables which show the number of HSFY international applicants to the 2019 – 2022 MB ChB and BDS programmes, as well as the number of applicants to receive and accept their offers to enter the programmes:

BDS programme via the HSFY category for international students			
	Number of applicants	Number to receive offers	Number to enter the programme (accept offer)
2019	49	18	14
2020	90	39	32
2021	44	16	13
2022	34	13	6

MB ChB programme via the HSFY category for international students			
	Number of applicants	Number to receive offers	Number to enter the programme (accept offer)
2019	42	16	8
2020	59	17	10
2021	45	13	8
2022	41	17	12

I trust that this information will be helpful.

Ngā mihi



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