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Tēnā koe Sa

I refer to your information request dated 18 December 2023 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested information in relation to entry to the University of Otago's Health Sciences Professional Programmes in 2024 via the Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) category.

We note we contacted you 11 January 2024 to clarify your request, as some of the Health Sciences Professional Programmes (specifically the Bachelor of Oral Health, Bachelor of Dental Technology, and Bachelor of Radiation Therapy programmes) do not have a specific HSFY category. Students enrolled in HSFY apply for these programmes via the 1 Year Tertiary Study category. Your response of 11 January confirmed that you were interested in receiving the minimum average academic scores to receive offers to each of the Professional Programme via the HSFY General category, and that you did not require the information for the Bachelor of Oral Health, Bachelor of Dental Technology, or Bachelor of Radiation Therapy programmes.

Subject to the following comment, see below our response to your request.

1. Number of students who did not receive an outcome (accepted, waitlist, declined) on 18 December 2023 for the HSFY Professional Programmes.

Please see the below table which shows the number of applicants who did not receive a decision on their application by 18 December 2023:

	Entry to the 2024 Health Sciences Professional Programme via the HSFY General category
	Number of applicants who did not receive a decision on their application by 18 December 2023
Dentistry (BDS)	2
Medical Laboratory Science (BMLSc)	3
Medicine (MB ChB)	5
Pharmacy (BPharm)	3
Physiotherapy (BPhty)	3

2. The number of students declined for each Professional Programme as of 18 December 2023.

Please see the below table which shows the number of applicants who received a decline decision on their application on 18 December 2023:

	Entry to the 2024 Health Sciences Professional Programme via the HSFY General category
	Number of applicants who received a decline decision on their application on 18 December 2023
Dentistry (BDS)	126
Medical Laboratory Science (BMLSc)	6
Medicine (MB ChB)	98
Pharmacy (BPharm)	9
Physiotherapy (BPhty)	7

3. The lowest average academic scores to receive offers on 18 December 2023 to each Professional Programme.

Please see the below table which shows the minimum average academic scores to receive an offer to each of the Health Sciences Professional Programmes via the HSFY General category on 18 December 2023:

	Entry to the 2024 Health Sciences Professional Programme via the HSFY General category
	Minimum average academic score to receive an offer on 18 December 2023
Dentistry (BDS)	96.29
Medical Laboratory Science (BMLSc)	67.86
Medicine (MB ChB)	95.43
Pharmacy (BPharm)	57.71
Physiotherapy (BPhty)	60.14

I trust that this information will be helpful.

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



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