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Tēnā koe Bernard B

I refer to your information request dated 21 February 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982. You have requested information in relation to entry to the 2020 - 2023 Bachelor of Dentistry (BDS) programmes via the domestic general alternative categories.

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

- The data is correct as at 20 March 2024.
- It is the University's standard practice to not report on information where it relates to fewer than five individuals and we consider that such disclosure could affect an individual's privacy and wellbeing. Where the numbers are very low, there is a risk that the identity of these individuals could be determined or inferred, and that their personal information could be revealed. Accordingly, where there are fewer than five applicants in a particular dataset, we have withheld the actual number and indicated using "<5" ("fewer than 5") – pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

1. How many applicants applied for BDS from 2020-2023?

Please see the below table which shows the number of applicants, for entry to the 2020 – 2023 BDS programmes via the domestic general alternative category:

Category	Applications to the BDS programme, Alternative category			
	Number of applications			
	2020	2021	2022	2023
General	22	22	28	21

2. How many applicants applied for BDS from 2020-2023?

Please see the below table which shows the number of applicants interviewed, for entry to the 2020 – 2023 BDS programmes via the domestic general alternative category:

Category	Applications to the BDS programme, Alternative category			
	Number of applicants interviewed			
	2020	2021	2022	2023
General	<5	8	7	6

3. How many of those applicants offered an interview, were successfully accepted into the BDS programme 2020-2023?

Please see the below table which shows the number of applicants offered an interview and accepted, for entry to the 2020 – 2023 BDS programmes via the domestic general alternative category:

Category	Applications to the BDS programme, Alternative category			
	Number of applicants interviewed			
	2020	2021	2022	2023
General	<5	<5	13	16

4. How many applicants who were offered a place in the BDS programmed declined it?

Please see the below table which shows the number of applicants accepted for entry but declined the entry offer to the 2020 – 2023 BDS programmes via the domestic general alternative category:

Category	Applications to the BDS programme, Alternative category			
	Number of applicants interviewed			
	2020	2021	2022	2023
General	<5	<5	<5	<5

I trust that this information will be helpful.

In the above cases, we consider that good reasons exist for withholding information, and this is not outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available. 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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