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Tēnā koe Ben

I refer to your information request dated 3 August 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested the following information:

I am writing to make a formal request under the New Zealand Official Information Act 1982. I would like to obtain information regarding the minimum and mean GPA/Score of successful applicants to certain academic courses, within certain categories and subcategories, for the most recent academic year for which data is available. Please provide weighted GPA or score where applicable to the entrance category (e.g. Postgraduate Medicine weighted GPA, or HSFY Medicine score). Specifically, I am requesting the minimum and mean GPA/Score for each of the following courses:

1. Medicine
2. Dentistry
3. Physiotherapy
4. Dental Technology
5. Medical Laboratory Science
6. Oral Health
7. Pharmacy
8. Radiation Therapy

For each course listed, I would like the data to be further categorised into the following groups:

1. Postgraduate
2. HSFY (Health Sciences First Year)

And within each category, the following subcategories:

1. Māori
 2. NZRIPO (New Zealand Residents of Indigenous Pacific Origins)
 3. Socioeconomic Equity
 4. Refugee Background
 5. New Zealand Rural Origins
- Where applicable, I would also appreciate data reflecting Single Programme Preference applications.*

Subject to the following comments, please see below the information you have requested.

- the data is correct as at 20 August 2024.
- With regards to the Bachelor of Oral Health, Bachelor of Dental Technology, and Bachelor of Radiation Therapy, please note:
 - Students in HSFY apply for these programme via the 1 Year of Tertiary Study category, rather than the HSFY category. They receive an average GPA calculation. This category also includes applicants who have studied one year of a non-HSFY programme.

- The calculations used for calculating scores for the admissions categories available for each programme are described on our [Guidelines for Admission to Health Sciences professional programmes](#) webpages.
- The Graduate category uses “weighted GPA scores”, which are calculated from the grades achieved in the qualifying degree, which is usually the first degree awarded to the applicant.
- Selection for some of these programmes is determined by additional factors beyond what is used for others. For example, applicants are required to provide a CV or attend an interview for some programmes, when this may not be a requirement for others. Information about selection criteria can be found on the University’s [website](#). Due to the differing selection criteria across programmes and categories, the data listed below is not indicative or the sufficient criteria for an application to be successful for any programme.
- 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 or their minimum average academic/weighted GPA scores and indicated using “<5” (“fewer than five”). This is pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act, in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. “N/A” will be used where no applicants received offers.
- Single Programme Preference (SPP) is for applicants who are certain what they want to study and therefore only apply for one programme. The Admissions Committees for programmes which allow SPP applications will first select from those applicants applying under Single Programme Preference before considering applicants who have applied to multiple Health Sciences Undergraduate Professional Programmes.

Minimum and mean average academic score of successful applicants to the 2024 intake via the HSFY or One Year Tertiary Study category, broken down by equity group:

Equity Group	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery	
	Average Academic Score	
	Minimum	Mean
General	89.57	94.33
Māori	70.43	82.90
Pacific	65.43	77.98
Socioeconomic Equity	71.57	80.64
Refugee	71.43	83.05
Rural	79.71	90.35

Equity Group	Bachelor of Dentistry	
	Average Academic Score	
	Minimum	Mean
General	90.14	94.63
Māori	70.86	84.53
Pacific	66.43	75.75
Socioeconomic Equity	<5	<5
Refugee	71.43	81.07
Rural	81.29	90.00

	Bachelor of Physiotherapy	
	Average Academic Score	
Equity Group	Minimum	Mean
General	60.14	87.85
Māori	61.00	79.64
Pacific	60.29	73.03
Socioeconomic Equity	67.29	76.92
Refugee	71.43	82.05
Rural	69.57	84.44
SPP	61.29	75.97

	Bachelor of Dental Technology	
	Weighted GPA Score	
Equity Group	Minimum	Mean
General	2.14	6.61
Māori	<5	<5
Pacific	<5	<5
Socioeconomic Equity	<5	<5
Refugee	<5	<5
Rural	<5	<5

	Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science	
	Average Academic Score	
Equity Group	Minimum	Mean
General	67.86	88.01
Māori	71.29	83.41
Pacific	60.29	75.53
Socioeconomic Equity	<5	<5
Refugee	71.43	81.67
Rural	76.00	82.26
SPP	62.57	78.01

	Bachelor of Oral Health	
	Weighted GPA Score	
Equity Group	Minimum	Mean
General	5.67	7.95
Māori	2.00	3.64
Pacific	<5	<5
Socioeconomic Equity	<5	<5
Refugee	<5	<5
Rural	<5	<5

	Bachelor of Pharmacy	
	Average Academic Score	
Equity Group	Minimum	Mean
General	57.71	87.82
Māori	57.43	75.72
Pacific	60.29	72.67
Socioeconomic Equity	67.29	77.14
Refugee	71.43	81.16
Rural	69.86	86.98
SPP	59.00	74.92

	Bachelor of Radiation Therapy	
	Weighted GPA Score	
Equity Group	Minimum	Mean
General	3.88	7.44
Māori	<5	<5
Pacific	<5	<5
Socioeconomic Equity	<5	<5
Refugee	N/A	N/A
Rural	<5	<5

Minimum and mean weighted GPA score of successful applicants to the 2024 intake via the Graduate category, broken down by equity group:

	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery	
	Weighted GPA	
Equity Group	Minimum	Mean
General	8.13	8.86
Māori	4.98	6.15
Pacific	4.68	5.20
Socioeconomic Equity	<5	<5
Refugee	<5	<5
Rural	5.78	7.33

	Bachelor of Dentistry	
	Weighted GPA	
Equity Group	Minimum	Mean
General	7.93	8.73
Māori	4.98	6.07
Pacific	<5	<5
Socioeconomic Equity	<5	<5
Refugee	<5	<5
Rural	<5	<5

	Bachelor of Physiotherapy	
	Weighted GPA	
Equity Group	Minimum	Mean
General	4.27	7.32
Māori	<5	<5
Pacific	2.93	4.25
Socioeconomic Equity	N/A	N/A
Refugee	<5	<5
Rural	<5	<5
SPP	3.38	4.98

	Bachelor of Dental Technology	
	Weighted GPA	
Equity Group	Minimum	Mean
General	<5	<5
Māori	<5	<5
Pacific	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomic Equity	N/A	N/A
Refugee	<5	<5
Rural	N/A	N/A

	Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science	
	Weighted GPA	
Equity Group	Minimum	Mean
General	4.27	7.06
Māori	N/A	N/A
Pacific	2.80	3.82
Socioeconomic Equity	N/A	N/A
Refugee	<5	<5
Rural	<5	<5
SPP	<5	<5

	Bachelor of Oral Health	
	Weighted GPA	
Equity Group	Minimum	Mean
General	<5	<5
Māori	<5	<5
Pacific	<5	<5
Socioeconomic Equity	N/A	N/A
Refugee	<5	<5
Rural	<5	<5

		Bachelor of Pharmacy	
		Weighted GPA	
Equity Group	Minimum	Mean	
General	4.27	7.19	
Māori	<5	<5	
Pacific	2.80	4.16	
Socioeconomic Equity	<5	<5	
Refugee	<5	<5	
Rural	<5	<5	
SPP	<5	<5	

		Bachelor of Radiation Therapy	
		Weighted GPA	
Equity Group	Minimum	Mean	
General	4.07	5.44	
Māori	N/A	N/A	
Pacific	<5	<5	
Socioeconomic Equity	N/A	N/A	
Refugee	N/A	N/A	
Rural	N/A	N/A	

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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