

9 December 2024

By email: fyi-request-29251-5fdf5865@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe L

I refer to your information request dated 19 November 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested the grade distributions and highest marks for all 200-, 300-, 400- and 500-level DENT papers offered by the University in 2024.

We respond below to part of your request but need to extend the due date for responding to the remainder of your request.

Extension for all Semester 2 and Full Year papers:

The Act requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the date your request was received. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to meet that time limit. We are therefore writing to notify you, pursuant to section 15A of the Act, of an extension of the time to make our decision in respect of your request, by a further 20 working days (to 5 February 2025). Please note that “working days” is as defined in the Act and excludes public holidays and the period between 25 December – 15 January.

This extension is necessary to allow for internal consultations to collate the requested data and make a decision on your request. We note that your request was made before 22 November 2024, when Semester 2 and Full Year examinations results are made available to students (see <https://www.otago.ac.nz/study/examinations/examination-scripts-and-results>). We thank you for your patience and will endeavour to provide our response sooner if possible.

If you are not satisfied with our extension of time, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.

Response for DENT462 (Semester 1 paper):

Subject to the following comments, please see **attached** the information you have requested:

- the data is correct as at 4 December 2024.
- we note that the Faculty of Dentistry uses A+ Distinction (“AE”) for marks on or above 90.00.
- students who withdrew from the papers or received an Aegrotat Pass (not a grade or mark) are excluded from the data.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kelsey Kennard', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kelsey Kennard
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Office of the Registrar and Secretary to the Council