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Tēnā koe Margo

I refer to your request for information dated 31 December 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested:

*I just wanted to clarify something regarding graduate med entry gpa calculation. When calculating gpa are the grades or paper score considered.
For example getting a 9 on a 100 level paper = a paper score of 81, but getting a 5 on a 200 level paper = paper score of 90. Which paper out of these two would you take into account?*

Please see below our response to your request.

As noted in the [Medicine: Guidelines for Admission](#), all applicants in the Graduate category are ranked on the basis of a score derived from the grades achieved in a bachelor's degree, bachelor's honours degree, or a bachelor's degree, followed, without break in study, by a postgraduate diploma or postgraduate honours year. No preference is given to degree qualification or major subject, and the qualifying degree is the first university degree awarded to the applicant.

The score is based on the following:

- Papers are given a weighted academic score and are ranked
- Total points scored would be as per the requirement for the relevant degree (typically 360 points for a three-year degree)
- Using the regulations for a standard three-year Otago Bachelor's degree as an example, the admission score would be calculated as follows, in order of precedence:
 - Best score (maximum of) 120 points at 300-level
 - Best scoring of 200-level and 100-level papers to 360 points
 - With 100-level papers weighted x 0.5, 200-level papers weighted x 1.0, and 300-level papers weighted x 1.5.

Please refer to the **attached** examples which may provide you with an indicated of your weighted GPA score. Please note that an applicant's weighted GPA score is confirmed as part of the application process, and that these documents are for example purposes only. With the example you provided in your request, a paper score of 90 is likely to be counted before a paper score of 81. However, as noted, weighted GPA scores are confirmed as part of the application process, and the documents we have included should be used as a reference only.

I trust that this information will be helpful.

Ngā mihi



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