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Tēnā koe John

I refer to your information request dated 8 June 2025 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested:

*1. Admission Numbers by Category and Entry Pathway:*

*Please provide the minimum academic score to receive a first round offer, and the minimum academic score to receive admission into both the MB ChB and BDS programmes, broken down by the following categories:*

- General
- Māori
- Indigenous Pacific
- Socioeconomic
- International
- Refugee
- Rural

*Further, please clearly differentiate between students entering via the First Year Health Sciences (FYHS) pathway and those entering via graduate pathways. I request this data for each of the past five years.*

*2. Admission Numbers by Residential College for FYHS Students:*

*Additionally, please provide the number of FYHS students admitted into both the MB ChB and BDS programmes, categorised by the same groups listed above, and separated by residential college (including students who did not reside in any college/hall). Please provide this information for each of the past five years.*

Subject to the following comments, our response to your request follows.

- Further information is available on the University's website about entry requirements for the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) and the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) programmes:  
[Dentistry: Guidelines for Admission](#)  
[Medicine: Guidelines for Admission](#)
- The data is correct as at 14 July 2025.

- 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 students could be determined or inferred, and that their personal information could be revealed. Accordingly, where there are fewer than five individuals in a particular dataset, we have withheld the data, 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. We have also used “N/A” where no offers were made.
- The Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) category uses “average academic scores”, which are calculated using a student’s top seven paper scores across the year. This calculation can include one of the approved optional 8<sup>th</sup> papers if it is one of a student’s top seven scores.
- 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.

### 1. Admission numbers by category and entry pathway:

This part of your request involved substantial research and collation within the meaning of section 18(f) of the Act and neither extending the time limit nor determining a charge would enable the request to be met, as it would involve significant diversion of staff resources. Accordingly, we have limited our response to the data for the years 2022-2025 only rather than 2021-2025. Further, data available for the 2022-2023 minimum average academic scores, weighted GPA scores and number of offers, is not separated by non-waitlist and waitlist offers.

The table below shows the minimum and maximum average academic scores to receive offers to the 2022-2025 BDS programme via the HSFY category broken down by equity group, further broken down by non-waitlist and waitlist offers where applicable:

Minimum and maximum average academic scores to receive an offer 2022-2025 BDS programme, HSFY category										
Equity Group	2022		2023		2024			2025		
	Minimum Score	Maximum Score	Minimum Score	Maximum Score	Non-Waitlist Minimum Score	Waitlist Minimum Score	Maximum Score	Non-Waitlist Minimum Score	Waitlist Minimum Score	Maximum Score
General	88.71*	98.71	87.00*	98	90.14	90.14	97.71	97.00	96.14	98.86
Māori	70.14*	96.43	70.29*	87.57	70.86	N/A	88.57	69.00	<5	93.14
Indigenous Pacific	72.14*	<5	73.43*	<5	66.43	N/A	90.57	75.14	<5	92.86
Socio-economic equity	N/A	<5	<5*	<5	<5	N/A	<5	<5	<5	<5
Refugee	74.71*	<5	77.43*	N/A	75.14	N/A	95.29	80.71	<5	97.86
Rural	81.43*	<5	76.14*	<5	81.29	N/A	96.71	91.86	82.57	97.86

\*Non-waitlist and waitlist offers combined.

The table below shows the minimum and maximum average academic scores to receive offers to the 2022-2025 MB ChB programme via the HSFY category broken down by equity group, further broken down by non-waitlist and waitlist offers where applicable:

Minimum and maximum average academic scores to receive an offer 2022-2025 MB ChB programme, HSFY category										
Equity Group	2022		2023		2024			2025		
	Minimum Score	Maximum Score	Minimum Score	Maximum Score	Non-Waitlist Minimum Score	Waitlist Minimum Score	Maximum Score	Non-Waitlist Minimum Score	Waitlist Minimum Score	Maximum Score
General	93.00*	99.14	89.43*	98.43	95.43	89.57	98.71	90.86	89.29	99.00
Māori	69.14*	98.71	70.29*	97.00	65.29	N/A	97.00	65.71	N/A	95.43
Indigenous Pacific	69.57*	88.29	67.43*	82.71	65.43	N/A	96.57	65.71	<5	92.86
Socio-economic equity	73.29*	91.57	71.57*	92.00	71.57	N/A	91.00	<5	N/A	<5
Refugee	74.71*	92.71	73.86*	92.86	71.43	N/A	95.29	70.29	N/A	91.29
Rural	86.00*	97.86	78.29*	97.14	79.71	N/A	91.29	66.14	N/A	97.29

\*Non-waitlist and waitlist offers combined.

The table below shows the minimum and maximum weighted GPA scores to receive offers to the 2022-2025 BDS programme via the Graduate category broken down by equity group, further broken down by non-waitlist and waitlist offers where applicable:

Minimum and maximum weighted GPA scores to receive an offer 2022-2025 BDS programme, Graduate category										
Equity Group	2022		2023		2024			2025		
	Minimum Score	Maximum Score	Minimum Score	Maximum Score	Non-Waitlist Minimum Score	Waitlist Minimum Score	Maximum Score	Non-Waitlist Minimum Score	Waitlist Minimum Score	Maximum Score
General	8.13*	9.53	8.63*	9.91	8.6	7.93	9.55	<5	<5	<5
Māori	4.99*	6.20	4.45*	7.93	4.98	N/A	8.03	<5	N/A	<5
Indigenous Pacific	<5*	<5	4.55*	6.95	<5	N/A	<5	<5	N/A	<5
Socio-economic equity	<5*	<5	4.45*	6.10	<5	<5	<5	<5	N/A	<5
Refugee	5.58*	7.91	<5*	<5	<5	N/A	<5	<5	N/A	<5
Rural	<5*	<5	<5*	<5	<5	N/A	<5	<5	<5	<5

\*non-waitlist and waitlist offers combined.

The table below shows the minimum and maximum weighted GPA scores to receive offers to the 2022-2025 MB ChB programme via the Graduate category broken down by equity group, further broken down by non-waitlist and waitlist offers where applicable:

Minimum and maximum weighted GPA scores to receive an offer 2022-2025 MB ChB programme, Graduate category										
Equity Group	2022		2023		2024			2025		
	Minimum Score	Maximum Score	Minimum Score	Maximum Score	Non-Waitlist Minimum Score	Waitlist Minimum Score	Maximum Score	Non-Waitlist Minimum Score	Waitlist Minimum Score	Maximum Score
General	8.59*	9.70	8.43*	9.91	8.90	8.13	9.65	8.66	8.15	9.78
Māori	4.51*	8.13	4.45*	7.93	4.63	<5	8.03	5.98	N/A	7.28
Indigenous Pacific	4.83*	6.2	4.60*	6.95	4.68	<5	5.86	<5	N/A	<5
Socio-economic equity	4.78*	<5	4.43*	6.10	<5	<5	<5	<5	N/A	<5
Refugee	5.58*	7.91	4.95*	6.94	<5	<5	<5	5.38	N/A	8.74
Rural	7.13*	9.54	5.77*	8.75	5.78	<5	8.73	7.15	5.02	8.53

\*Non-waitlist and waitlist offers combined.

## 2. Admission numbers by Residential College for HSFY students:

Please note that providing data by Residential College for each Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) subcategory of entry (ie General, Māori, Indigenous Pacific, Rural, Socioeconomic equity and Refugee) is likely to indicate fewer than five students in many cases, which for reasons stated earlier we withhold. Accordingly, we have instead provided information for all HSFY subcategories combined.

Further, this part of your request also involved substantial research and collation within the meaning of section 18(f) of the Act and neither extending the time limit nor determining a charge would enable the request to be met, as it would involve significant diversion of staff resources. Accordingly, we have limited our response to data for admissions to BDS and MB ChB from the HSFY category by Residential College for the 2025 year only.

The table below shows the number of admissions to the MB ChB and BDS programmes via the HSFY category by Residential College or 'other' (students in flats or elsewhere) in 2025:

<b>Number of students from each Residential College to commence MB ChB and BDS in 2025 via HSFY all subcategories</b>		
<b>Residential College</b>	<b>MB ChB</b>	<b>BDS</b>
192 Castle College	9	N/A
Caroline Freeman College	N/A	<5
Carrington College	35	5
Cumberland College	N/A	<5
Hayward College	N/A	<5
Knox College	11	<5
Salmond College	5	<5
Selwyn College	N/A	<5
St Margaret's College	32	6
Studholme College	N/A	<5
Te Rangihiroa College	27	<5
Toroa College	9	N/A
University College	7	<5
Other	125	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>49</b>

We hope this information will be helpful.

In the cases above, we consider that good reasons exist for withholding information, 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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