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Tēnā koe A

I refer to your request for information dated 16 March 2026 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested the following information:

To narrow the scope of my request, I would like to request the following information regarding admission to the Bachelor of Pharmacy programme via the Two or More Years of University Study category.

For the 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 admission cycles, please provide:

• The minimum weighted GPA (wGPA) of applicants who received a first-round offer of admission via the Two or More Years of University Study category.

If readily available in existing reports, I would also appreciate the maximum and mean (or median) weighted GPA of applicants who received a first-round offer via this category.

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

- Information is available on the University's website about entry requirements for admission to the Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm) programme:
[Pharmacy: Guidelines for Admission](#)
- The Two Years or More of University Study category uses "weighted GPA scores". We note that a [scoring example spreadsheet](#) is included in the Guidelines (linked above) and contains information on how to calculate an indicative weighted GPA score, including for three-year, four-year, and five-year degrees. We note that weighted GPA scores for all candidates are confirmed as part of the application process, and the spreadsheet should be used for example purposes only.
- The BPharm programme accepts Single Programme Preference (SPP) applications. SPP is available for applicants wishing to only apply to the BPharm programme. First offers are made to Single Programme Preference applicants. Thereafter, if there are domestic places still available, offers will be made to applicants who have applied to more than one professional programme.
- We do not hold the minimum weighted GPA scores of applicants to receive an offer to the 2022-2025 BPharm programme via the Two Years or More of University Study category, broken down by subcategory or equity pathway. This information is not contained in existing reports held by the University and can only be identified by a small team within the University applying specialised and complex skills. Accordingly, we decline to provide the

requested information as the information would need to be created, and is not held, under section 18(g) of the Act.

However we have compiled the range of weighted GPA scores (minimum and maximum) to receive an offer to the 2026 BPharm programme via the Two Years or More of University Study category, which appears below.

- It is the University's standard practice not to provide 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 disclosed. Accordingly, where there are fewer than five individuals in a particular dataset, we have withheld the data, and indicated using "<5" ("fewer than five") under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. We have also used "N/A" where no offers were made.
- The data is correct as at 30 April 2026.

Range of weighted GPA scores to receive an offer to the 2026 BPharm Programme via the Two Years or More of University Study Admissions Category, broken down by Admissions Pathway	
Admissions Pathway	2026
Maori	N/A
Pacific	N/A
Refugee	N/A
Rural	N/A
SPP	2.88 - 8.14
Socioeconomic	N/A
General	<5
International	N/A

We hope this information will be helpful. If you have further questions please consider contacting our AskOtago service: university@otago.ac.nz, or to book an appointment with a Student Development adviser see: [Request an appointment](#).

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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