

13 May 2026

By email: fyi-request-34172-99b39aeb@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Steve

I refer to your email of 6 May 2026 concerning our response to your request for information dated 19 March 2026, made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested reconsideration and/or clarification of the following points:

To clarify, the key aspect of my request is the aggregated breakdown of applicant outcomes by admission category, including the distinction between those with below and above a 65% HSFY average. This distinction is central to understanding how academic thresholds relate to admission outcomes across the various equity pathways.

As for the second part of my request, I now understand the University's Mirror on Society policy. However, I would like clarification on the rural component, as I believe this contains a Government-funded aspect to it.

Our response to your first point follows.

We provided links to the [Dentistry: Guidelines for Admission](#) and [Medicine: Guidelines for Admission](#). In both cases these Guidelines state that: *To be eligible to be selected for admission under the Health Sciences First Year category an applicant must ... pass all (HSFY) papers with an average mark of at least 65% in the applicant's best seven papers ...*

We have [published](#) the range of **average marks to receive an offer** of admission for each HSFY admission pathway, all which are above 65%. We have also published the numbers of **offers** and **admissions** for each HSFY admission pathway, which likewise include only applicants with an HSFY average mark of 65% or above.

Finally, we have also [published](#) the numbers of **applications** for each HSFY admission pathway. While these may include applicants with an HSFY average mark below a 65% average, we have not compiled this data separately. This is the only part of your request we have declined to provide, for the reasons stated in our original response.

Our response to your second point follows.

We have provided the information above in relation to the Rural admission pathway. This pathway is explained in the [Dentistry: Guidelines for Admission](#) and [Medicine: Guidelines for Admission](#). The 'Mirror on Society' policy no longer applies, having been replaced by the [Admissions Policy for Health Sciences Professional Programmes](#) also available on our website.

We hope this further information is helpful. We would be pleased to consider any new request for information you may choose to make.

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 black ink, appearing to read "B. Frewen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

Bill Frewen
Manager Policy and Compliance