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By email: fyi-request-34505-887b67db@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe MMS

I refer to your request for information dated 17 April 2026 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested the following information:

- 1. The minimum, maximum, and median GPAs to receive a non-waitlist first round offer into MBChB for 2026, via all the graduate sub-categories*
- 2. The minimum GPA to receive a waitlist offer for the graduate sub-categories*
- 3. The number of applications, offers given, and the number of offers that got accepted for these graduate sub-categories*
- 4. The successful UCAT cut-off scores for the graduate rural, socioeconomic equity, and refugee sub-categories?*

Information is available on the University's website about admission to the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) programme:

- [Medicine: Guidelines for Admission](#)

Anonymised historical summary statistics on admission to the MB ChB programme offered by the University are now published on our website: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/about/quickstats>.

The published documents indicate the number of applications, the number of offers, the range of academic scores of applicants to receive an offer, and the number of admissions to the programme for each year from 2022 to 2026. The data excludes information we would withhold under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy and wellbeing of students.

Accordingly, we decline your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information you have requested is publicly available.

UCAT Thresholds

As specified in the Guidelines for Admission linked above, domestic applicants to the MB ChB programme via the Graduate category must have a [UCAT](#) result obtained in the year of application and have achieved a score in all four of the UCAT sections at a threshold level determined annually by the Medical Admissions Committee.

The UCAT thresholds determined by the Medical Admissions Committee in the following two UCAT domains in 2026 are:

- **Verbal reasoning:** 20th percentile or higher
- **Situational judgement:** 10th percentile or higher

Thresholds for the other domains may be applied at a later date. Selection for applicants who reach the UCAT threshold is competitive according to the weighted academic score.

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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