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John Parker

By email: fyi-request-20452-9bbae5c5@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear John

I refer to your information request dated 2 September 2022 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested information in relation to entry to the University of Otago's Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programme from 2018 – 2022 via the Alternative category.

I note that the original due date for your request was Friday 30 September 2022. However, with the passing of the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day Act 2022, Memorial Day (26 September 2022) [was not considered](#) a 'working day' for the purposes of the Act.

Please see our responses to each of your questions below.

1. How many people applied through the Alternative category?

Please see the below table which shows the total number of domestic applications to the 2018 – 2022 BDS programmes via the Alternative category:

Programme	Category	Total Number of Domestic Applications				
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
BDS	Alternative	27	20	24	24	30

2. Of those individuals who applied, how many received an interview invite?

Please see the below table which shows the number of domestic applicants to receive interview offers to enter the 2018 – 2022 BDS programmes via the Alternative category:

Programme	Category	Number of Interview Offers				
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
BDS	Alternative	4	1	2	9	8

3. Of those individuals who received an interview invite, how many received an offer?

Please see the below table which shows the number of domestic applicants to receive offers to enter the 2018 – 2022 BDS programmes via the Alternative category:

		Number of Offers to Enter Programme				
Programme	Category	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
BDS	Alternative	1	1	2	6	5

4. How many of those who received an offer were applicants with a Master's degree?

Of the domestic applicants to receive offers to enter the 2018 – 2022 BDS programmes via the Alternative category, 5 of these applicants had Masters' Degrees.

5. How many of those who received an offer were applicants with a PhD?

Of the domestic applicants to receive offers to enter the 2018 - 2022 BDS programmes via the Alternative category, there were no applicants who had PhD's.

I trust that this information will be helpful.

Yours sincerely



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