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By email: fyi-request-21448-cabcd626@requests.fyi.org.nz

Kia ora Rosie

I refer to your request for information dated 18 December 2022 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested information in relation to entry to the 2022 and 2023 Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programmes at the University of Otago via the Graduate General category (excluding sub-categories).

Further to our email of 3 February 2023, please see below our response to the remaining parts of your request.

1. Lowest GPA for successful Graduate applicants (excluding sub-categories) for Dentistry (and their UCAT score if allowed)

The minimum weighted GPA score to receive an offer for entry to the 2023 BDS programme via the Graduate General category was 8.63.

As noted to you in our response of 3 February 2023 in relation to your request for “their UCAT score if allowed”, an overall score is not part of the selection process. Instead, the minimum UCAT requirements to progress to the interview stage for entry to the BDS programme is by meeting the thresholds set by the Dental Admissions Committee. Anyone who has received an offer to enter the BDS programme has met both the UCAT and interview thresholds.

2. Highest GPA for unsuccessful Graduate applicants (excluding sub-categories) for Dentistry (and their UCAT score if allowed)

The highest weighted GPA score to not receive an offer for entry to the 2023 BDS programme via the Graduate General category was 8.38.

As noted above, UCAT is a threshold measure. Students must meet the UCAT thresholds set by the Dental Admissions Committee (as well as any other requirements as determined by the Dental Admissions Committee, set out in the [Guidelines for Admission](#)) in order to be considered for admission to the BDS programme. The minimum UCAT thresholds set for entry to the 2022 and 2023 BDS programme were noted to you in our response of 3 February 2023.

I trust that this information will be helpful.

Ngā mihi

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