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By email: fyi-request-23432-7155b529@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Michelle

I refer to your information request dated 7 July 2023 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested information in relation to entry to the 2024 Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programme via the Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) General category.

Please see below our responses to each of your questions.

1. The threshold for all 5 sections of the UCAT, specifying the threshold for each section of the UCAT in terms of percentile and score.

The BDS UCAT criteria is set annually by the University's Medical Admissions Committee. The UCAT thresholds for entry to the 2024 BDS programme have not been set yet. They are expected to be set in December 2023.

In case it is helpful, the thresholds for entry to the 2023 BDS programme were as follows:

- Verbal Reasoning: threshold set at the bottom 22nd percentile.
- Decision Making: score of 630 or above met the threshold.
- Scores for Situational Judgement, Quantitative Reasoning and Abstract Reasoning were not considered.

2. The 7-paper average minimum and median percentage for students who got these offers via HSFY (not including the subcategories).

To be considered for admission to the BDS programme via the HSFY category, an applicant must be enrolled in HSFY and pass all of the papers prescribed for HSFY at first attempt, and have normally achieved a minimum average 70%, with no paper grade less than 65%. Further information on the BDS programme, including the entry requirements, application process and programme content, can be found online at the [Dentistry: Guidelines for Admission](#) webpage. The [Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery \(BDS\)](#) are also available online.

Applications for the 2024 BDS programme opened on 1 August 2023, and will close on 15 September 2023. Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application on 18 December 2023, with the final class numbers confirmed during March 2024 once the 2024 academic year has commenced. Therefore, we are unable to provide the minimum and median average academic scores of those to receive offers to the 2024 BDS programme via the HSFY General category as the information is not yet held by the University. This is pursuant to section 18(g) of the Act.

However, in case it is helpful, the minimum average academic score to receive an offer to the 2023 BDS programme via the HSFY General category was 87.00. The median average academic score to receive an offer to the 2023 BDS programme via the HSFY General category was 90.86.

3. The minimum and maximum average score of students who were accepted into BDS for the year 2023 via HSFY.

As noted above, the minimum average academic score to receive an offer to the 2023 BDS programme via the HSFY General category was 87.00. The median average academic score to receive an offer to the 2023 BDS programme via the HSFY General category was 90.86.

I trust that this information will be helpful.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kelsey Kennard', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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