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Tēnā koe BT

I refer to your information request dated 20 December 2023 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested information in relation to entry to the 2022 – 2024 Bachelor of Dentistry (BDS) programmes via the Graduate and Alternative categories.

Subject to the following comments, see below our response to your request.

- The data is correct as at 19 February 2024.
- It is the University’s standard practice to not report on information where it relates to fewer than five individuals and we consider that such disclosure could affect an individual’s privacy and wellbeing. Where the numbers are very low, there is a risk that the identity of these individuals could be determined or inferred, and that their personal information could be revealed. Accordingly, where there are fewer than five applicants in a particular dataset, we have withheld the actual number and indicated using “<5” (“fewer than 5”) – pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

1. How many people applied through the “graduate” category from 2022 – 2024? Of those individuals who applied, how many received an interview invite (including general and sub-categories)?

Please see the below table which shows the number of applicants, and the number of applicants interviewed, for entry to the 2022 – 2024 BDS programmes via the Graduate category, broken down by Equity Group:

Category/Equity Group	Applications to the BDS programme, Graduate category					
	Number of applications			Number of applicants interviewed		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
General	108	146	143	48	73	70
International	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Māori & Indigenous Pacific	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Māori	15	13	12	13	11	14
Indigenous Pacific	8	14	11	8	13	11
Refugee	9	7	7	8	<5	7
Rural	14	<5	12	9	<5	<5
Socioeconomic Equity	<5	8	<5	<5	7	<5

2. How many people applied through the “alternative” category from 2022 – 2024? Of those individuals who applied, how many received an interview invite (including general and sub-categories)?

Please see the below table which shows the number of applicants, and the number of applicants interviewed, for entry to the 2022 – 2024 BDS programme via the Alternative category, broken down by Equity Group:

Category/Equity Group	Applications to the BDS programme, Alternative category					
	Number of applications			Number of applicants interviewed		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
General	28	21	42	7	6	12
International	16	27	27	N/A	N/A	N/A
Māori & Indigenous Pacific	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Māori	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Indigenous Pacific	N/A	N/A	<5	N/A	N/A	<5
Refugee	<5	N/A	<5	N/A	N/A	<5
Rural	<5	<5	<5	N/A	<5	<5
Socioeconomic Equity	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

3. Of those individuals who attend an interview via “graduate” category, how many received an offer in 2022 and 2023 (including general and sub-categories)?

Please see the below table which shows the number of applicants to receive offers to the 2022 and 2023 BDS programmes via the Graduate category, broken down by Equity Group:

Category/Equity Group	Applications to the BDS programme, Graduate category	
	Number of applicants to receive offers	
	2022	2023
General	13	16
International	N/A	N/A
Māori & Indigenous Pacific	<5	<5
Māori	6	<5
Indigenous Pacific	<5	<5
Refugee	6	<5
Rural	<5	<5
Socioeconomic Equity	<5	<5

4. Of those individuals who attend an interview via “alternative” category, how many received an offer in 2022 and 2023 (including general and sub-categories)?

Please see the below table which shows the number of applicants to receive offers to the 2022 and 2023 BDS programmes via the Alternative category, broken down by Equity Group:

Category/Equity Group	Applications to the BDS programme, Alternative category	
	Number of applicants to receive offers	
	2022	2023
General	<5	<5
International	N/A	N/A
Māori & Indigenous Pacific	N/A	N/A
Māori	N/A	N/A
Indigenous Pacific	N/A	N/A
Refugee	N/A	N/A
Rural	N/A	<5
Socioeconomic Equity	N/A	N/A

5. The number of individuals who did not receive an outcome (i.e., application on hold) on 18 December 2023 for the BDS programme via “graduate” and “alternative” categories (including general and sub-categories)?

Subject to the following comment, please see the below table which shows the number of applicants to receive decisions on their application after 18 December 2023 for entry to the 2024 BDS programme via the Graduate and Alternative categories, broken down by Equity Group:

- Decisions made on applications after 18 December 2023 may also be due to a limited or conditional offer becoming an unconditional offer.

Category/Equity Group	Applications to the BDS programme, Graduate and Alternative categories	
	Number of applications with decisions made after 18 December 2023	
	Graduate category	Alternative category
General	23	N/A
International	<5	N/A
Māori & Indigenous Pacific	<5	N/A
Māori	<5	N/A
Indigenous Pacific	N/A	N/A
Refugee	<5	N/A
Rural	<5	N/A
Socioeconomic Equity	N/A	N/A

I trust that this information will be helpful.

In the above cases, we consider that good reasons exist for withholding information, and this is not outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available. 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



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