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By email: [fyi-request-20775-0af5b406@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-20775-0af5b406@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Julie

I refer to your information request dated 6 October 2022 made under the Official Information Act 1982. You have requested confirmation whether Wakefield Primary School was within the University of Otago's rural boundary for 2022, and therefore eligible for the Rural Origins sub-category for entry to the 2023 Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) programme.

I note that you advised that the years of attendance at Wakefield Primary School were January 2009 – December 2014.

Based on the information you have provided, I can confirm that Wakefield Primary School (66 Edward Street, Wakefield) was classed as Urban.

It is important to note that whether a school is classified as Rural or Urban is not the sole factor in determining whether or not a candidate is eligible under the New Zealand Rural Origins sub-category. Provided applicants have selected this sub-category as part of their application, each applicant's particular circumstances are considered individually with respect to the requirements listed in the MB ChB [Guidelines for Admission](#) and a determination made taking all factors into account.

Please note that the above information applies to applications received in 2022 for entry to the 2023 MB ChB programme, and may change for entry to the 2024 MB ChB programme.

I trust that this information will be helpful.

Yours sincerely

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