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By email: fyi-request-22395-0460e367@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear W. Mard

I refer to your information request dated 5 April 2023 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested information in relation to entry to the 2023 Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) programme via the Alternative category. Specifically, you have requested:

“...the minimum acceptance score for 2023 MBChB students via the alternative category.

I would also like to see the rural suborigins minimum and maximum scores.”

Please see below our response to your request.

Alternative category applicants are required to submit copies of academic transcripts and attend an interview as part of the application process. However, an applicant’s academic record (including GPA) or interview score are not on their own determining factors in whether an applicant will be offered a place to the MB ChB programme via the Alternative category. Assessment for entry to the MB ChB programme via the Alternative category relies on the combined views of a number of assessors, and considers academic aptitude, motivation, life experience, and written communication, as well as attending the interview.

Accordingly, there are no minimum or maximum acceptance scores for entry to the MB ChB programme via the Alternative category (including sub-categories).

In case it is helpful, further information on the Alternative category is available online at the [Medicine: Guidelines for Admission](#).

If you are not satisfied with our response to your 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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