



Information Assurance and Governance
Office of the Principal

23 September 2019

Dear Judy,

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
Our Ref: 342-19

I refer to your enquiry received on 26 August 2019 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (“the FOISA”) asking to be supplied with the following information:

- *What UKCAT score was needed for a standard, non-contextual applicant for 2018 and 2019 entry, broken down into both fee status (Home/EU/RUK/International and also into which pathway was selected (Scottish/English/Neither).*

The University of St Andrews operates a three-year BSc (Honours) Medicine programme that has UCAS code A100. Graduates of this programme then go on to complete an MB ChB/MBBS qualification at a Partner Medical School. Details of the University’s use of UKCAT as part of the interview selection process is available at: <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/medicine/medicine-bsc-a100/entry-requirements/ucats/>.

Table 1: Minimum UKCAT score of all RUK applications that were invited to interview for BSc Medicine (Honours)(A100) for the last two academic years

Fee Status	Pathway	Academic year	
		2017/8	2018/9
Scotland	England	1930	2690
	Scotland	1810	2680
	Neither	1930	2770
EU	England	1930	2700
	Scotland	1930	2680
	Neither	1940	2680
RUK	England	1790	2550
	Scotland	1840	2560
	Neither	1910	2630
Overseas	England	1890	2420
	Scotland	2170	2410
	Neither	1820	2410
Overall minimum UKCAT score		1790	2410

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The following is highlighted for noting:

- a) As part of the Medicine admissions process the University requires a minimum score for the UKCAT examination however, this score varies in each application cycle and reflects the application pool. The University reserves the right to lower the UKCAT criteria due to widening access criteria.
- b) UKCAT scores for 2017/18 entry do not include the score for the Decision-Making element of the test as a new version was piloted and UKCAT did not supply this score to universities.
- c) As part of our contextual admissions process the University of St Andrews may code a Home or RUK fee application if it meets a number of pre-set access criteria. These access codes will be considered as part of the wider application when considering whether to make an offer. Information on contextual admissions is available at: <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry/contextual-admissions/>.
- d) The scores provided exclude applications with access codes.

Your right to seek a review of how your information request was managed

If you are not satisfied with the University's response and/or our reasoning set-out above, you have the right to request a review of our decision. The time lines in which this right is available are set out in section 20(5)(a) and (b) FOISA. In broad terms the right to seek a review must be exercised within 40 working days of receiving this response.

Any request for review should be put in writing or some other permanent form e.g. an e-mail and should be sent to the University of St Andrews, through the contact details provided below.

A request for a Review should:

- a) state your name and address;
- b) describe the nature of your original request; and
- c) explain the reasons why you are dissatisfied with our response.

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If you remain dissatisfied with how your request for information has been dealt with following Review, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner (SIC) for a decision. In the event of an appeal to the SIC, the Commissioner will generally only be able to investigate the matters raised in the request for review.

Details on how to make an appeal online to the SIC can be found on their website: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>

Alternatively, you can contact the SIC by post, telephone or email at:

Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
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Telephone: 01334 464610

E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

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This concludes the University's response.

Yours sincerely

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