

Dr Maynard
By email

Reference: FOI-2018-209

6 April 2018

Dear Dr Maynard,

Your request was received on 14 March 2018 (across two emails) and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

I am trying to ascertain whether A-level subjects studied is linked to the results applicants get in the BMAT. This is for the purpose of advising candidates from state-schools who may not have access to good advice on medical applications. I would like to request your assistance in this.

*In spreadsheet or simple table format, I would like to request:
For the latest entry cycle you have available (likely 2017 entry):
Average BMAT score*

- * for students who do and don't take A-level Maths Average BMAT score*
- * for students who do and don't take A-level Biology Average BMAT score*
- * for students who do and don't take A-level Chemistry Average BMAT score*
- * for students who do and don't take A-level Physics Average BMAT score*
- * for students who do and don't take A-level Further Maths Average BMAT score*
- * for students who do and don't take an A-level that is not listed above.*

**Average BMAT score to be considered: separate values for: numerical mean for section 1, numerical mean for section 2, numerical mean for quality of content score for section 3, and, if able, a numerical mean for quality of written English such that A=5, B=4 etc.*

[...]

please could i clarify some things regarding this request.

- 1) This request specifically refers to the A100 medicine course.*

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2) When i refer to 'students', i mean all relevant applicants to said A100 course.

3) If at all possible, please could you include applicant numbers for each group in your response. This would help significantly with further analysis.

The requested information is attached. Please note that the attached document should not be copied, reproduced or used except in accordance with the law of copyright.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request an internal review of this decision, you should write to Dr Kirsty Allen, Head of the Registrary's Office, quoting the reference above, at The Old Schools, Trinity Lane, Cambridge, CB2 1TN or send an email marked for her attention to foi@admin.cam.ac.uk. The University would normally expect to receive your request for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this letter and reserves the right not to review a decision where there has been undue delay in raising a complaint. If you are not content with the outcome of your review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the University. The Information Commissioner may be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (<https://ico.org.uk/>).

Yours sincerely,

James Knapton

Request	Data	<p>"...For the latest entry cycle you have available [2018]:</p> <p>Average BMAT score* for students who do and don't take A-level Maths Average BMAT score* for students who do and don't take A-level Biology Average BMAT score* for students who do and don't take A-level Chemistry Average BMAT score* for students who do and don't take A-level Physics Average BMAT score* for students who do and don't take A-level Further Maths Average BMAT score* for students who do and don't take an A-level that is not listed above.</p> <p>*Average BMAT score to be considered: separate values for: numerical mean for section 1, numerical mean for section 2, numerical mean for quality of content score for section 3..."</p>
	By	Dr Maynard
	On	Friday, 01 January, 1999

Notes	Apply Year	Figures are grouped by UCAS application year. The 2018 application year ran from applications opening in September 2017 to Confirmation in August 2018.
	ApplyID	Qualification information has been anonymized, with each applicant assigned a dummy application identifier.
	Qualifications	Qualification information is declared by applicants through their UCAS application, and is not verified (verification of qualifications is undertaken by individual Colleges and not centrally recorded).

Apply Year	A Level Subject	A Level Taken?	No of Applicants	Average of BMAT Score 1	Average of BMAT Score 2	Average of BMAT Score 3
2018	Maths	Yes	885	4.8	5.2	3.3
		No	71	4.4	4.5	3.1
	Further Maths	Yes	845	5.3	5.7	3.3
		No	111	4.8	5.0	3.2
	Biology	Yes	923	4.8	5.1	3.2
		No	33	4.6	4.9	3.3
	Chemistry	Yes	953	4.8	5.1	3.3
		No	3	4.6	4.0	3.0
	Physics	Yes	300	4.9	5.5	3.2
		No	656	4.8	4.9	3.3