



Information Assurance and Governance  
Office of the Principal

4 March 2022

Dear Nicola,

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**  
**Our Ref: 46-22**

I refer to your enquiry dated 6 February 2022 asking to be supplied with the following information in relation to our A100 Medicine degree programme for years 2019 to 2022 under the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (“the FOISA”):

- Lowest non-contextual UCAT score for Scottish fee status students for each route (Scottish, RUK and No Preference) being invited to interview and if possible, a table of each student’s UCAT scores and also the same info for those who were given an offer.
- The lowest contextual UCAT score for Scottish fee status for each route (Scottish, RUK, No Preference) being invited to interview and if possible, a table of each student’s UCAT scores and also the same for those who were given an offer.

Table 1: Minimum UCAT score for applicants invited to interview

Contextual	CAP_MCRC	Minimum UCAT Score		
		2019/0	2020/1	2021/2
No	England	2390	2370	2490
	No Preference	2460	2580	2640
	Scotland	2420	2490	2480
Yes	England	2450	2350	2350
	No Preference	2410	2360	2300
	Scotland	2400	2370	2400

Table 2/

Table 2: Minimum UCAT score for people given an offer

		Minimum UCAT Score		
Contextual	CAP_MCRC	2019/0	2020/1	2021/2
No	England	2390	2370	2510
	No Preference	2750	-	-
	Scotland	2420	2580	2480
Yes	England	2450	2400	2350
	Scotland	2400	2370	2400

### Request for clarification

For each element of your information request you state:

“And if possible, a table of each student’s UCAT scores and also the same info for those who were given an offer.”

There was uncertainty on how to interpret this. Was this simply a reference to the format in which you would like the data presented i.e. as in the tables above? Or alternatively, were you also looking to be supplied with a list of the UCAT scores for each non-contextual Scottish fee status student for each route (Scottish, RUK and No Preference) that were invited to interview and given an offer; and the same information for contextual Scottish fee status applicants?

This request for additional information is made under section 1(3) of the FOISA. On receipt of the clarification requested, you will receive a response within 20-working days from that date. I await hearing from you and in the meantime this part of your enquiry will be held pending.

### Advice and Assistance.

To manage your expectations, a request for UCAT scores of each individual applicant is unlikely to be successful. When a person applies for a place to study Medicine here at the University of St Andrews, this is a private matter; applicants have no reasonable expectation that specific details from their personal application will be placed into the public domain.

As an alternative, in addition to the minimum UCAT scores provided as part of this response, we could look to supply the:

- highest UCAT scores; and
- number of contextual/non-contextual applications per route.

### 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 timelines 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.

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The Information Assurance and Governance team are currently working remotely due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Any request for review at this time should be sent by email to [foi@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:foi@st-andrews.ac.uk) stating:

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

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> .

This concludes the University's response.

Yours sincerely

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