

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

Otago Student I.D. number

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE SECOND YEAR LAW COURSE IN 2010
ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

This form must be returned to the Administrator, Faculty of Law, University of Otago, PO Box 56, Dunedin 9054, by 20 November 2009.

Form with fields for: 1 Surname, First Names, Title preferred; 2 Contact address in December / January, Email address, Phone Number.

3 Korowai Māori

Please name your

Iwi: _____

Hapu: _____

Marae: _____

4 Whakapapa

You may choose to give your whakapapa orally to your Kaumatua / Kuia instead of in writing. This should be noted on the application form by your Kaumatua / Kuia when endorsing it.

Signature lines for TIPUNA (tane/wahine), MATUA, WHAEA, and KAITONO.

Kaumatua / Kuia signature: _____

Kaumatua / Kuia name: _____

To the Kaumatua / Kuia - please state here how you know the applicant: _____

Three horizontal lines for providing details of how the applicant is known.

and please indicate (✓) if the whakapapa was provided orally:

Small square box for indicating oral whakapapa.

- 5 Please tick the box marked 'S' if you believe that your academic record does not reflect your true ability because you have been disadvantaged by illness, disability, or social or economic background, or because of reduced access to educational opportunities. Please attach a letter outlining your circumstances. If your reason concerns illness or a medical condition please attach a medical certificate. (You need not attach a letter or supporting certificate if you have already supplied this information with your application for Standard Entry or if you plan to do so.)

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6 Application

I apply for entry to the second year Law course through the Alternative Entry category. I understand that I will also be considered for Standard Entry and I have submitted an application for Standard Entry.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

7 Endorsement

This Iwi/Māori endorsement should be completed by one of the following (**it must not be the Kaumatua/Kuia who signed your whakapapa**):

- an Iwi representative of a Māori authority;
- an Iwi representative of a Runanga or Trust Board;
- a teacher who is Māori;
- a leader of a Māori community group (eg: Marae, Church, Māori Women's Welfare League, an SES Kaumatua/Kuia);
- or a Māori Liaison Officer.

I endorse this application because:

Endorser's signature: _____ Endorser's name: _____

Designation/Organisation: _____

**UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO
LAW ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE**

ALTERNATIVE ENTRY 2010

NOTES

1. The formal 'alternative entry' category for Māori applicants was introduced in 1996. Before that the Law Admissions Committee used to ask applicants whether they wished to receive special consideration because of their Māori status. From that experience it learnt roughly how many such applicants to expect in each year and also what range of academic records they will typically have. The Committee is using that experience in operating the new system, but it has made a few changes. In particular it has adopted the form of endorsement used for the Manaaki Tauira fees assistance programme. These Notes explain how you can apply and how the Law Admissions Committee will treat applications. The Notes should be read with the Explanatory Notes for Standard Entry, because every applicant for Alternative Entry will also be considered for Standard Entry.
2. There is no quota of Māori places, neither a maximum nor a minimum. Each applicant will be looked at individually. Nor is the Committee setting an absolute standard for entry by this route. This is because the standard set for Standard Entry is not absolute either - applicants for Standard Entry must meet the B- requirement for their non-Law papers, but whether their mark in The Legal System is good enough depends on what everyone else's mark is like. So the Committee cannot just say 'get such-and-such a mark and you will be admitted.'
3. Instead the Committee will admit you under the Alternative Entry category if:
 - (a) you meet this year's qualifying mark for The Legal System and have a supporting record in your non-Law papers such that the Committee thinks that you can cope with the heavy demands that the four second year Law papers make; or
 - (b) you meet the requirement for Standard Entry of having a B- in your non-Law papers and have got near enough to the qualifying mark in The Legal System for the Committee to feel reasonably confident that you can tackle second year Law; or
 - (c) the only thing that is keeping you out of Standard Entry is that your most recent mark in The Legal System exams has to be averaged with a previous year's, and that averaged mark falls below the cut.
4. To apply please
 - fill out the application form attached to these notes and have it endorsed
 - return it to the Administrator, Faculty of Law, University of Otago, PO Box 56, Dunedin 9054, no later than **20 November 2009**.
 - **make sure that you have also completed a 'Standard Entry' application form and returned it by 1 October 2009.**
5. Unless you are applying from another New Zealand university the Law Admissions Committee will consider your application in December 2009. We will write to you by the end of December to tell you the outcome. If you are applying from another New Zealand university the Committee will consider you in January 2010. We will write to you with the outcome by the end of January 2010.