

GEMSAS Grade Point Average calculations

For the purposes of selection of graduate-entry applicants into Australian medical schools belonging to the GAMSAT Consortium, the following guidelines have been developed for calculation of Grade Point Averages (GPAs).

The Graduate Entry Medical School Admissions System (GEMSAS) will use these guidelines in the programmatic calculation of base GPAs. In most cases the information needed to calculate new online GPAs will be retrieved from the Automated Results Transfer System (ARTS).

Qualifying degree

The degree used to calculate the GPA will be a Bachelor degree from a recognised university¹ completed within the timeframe required by preferred medical schools. If the applicant has completed two Bachelor degrees within the time frame acceptable to a preferred medical school, the most recently completed degree will be used.

Recognition and Standing of Qualifying Degrees and Awarding Institutions

Only recognised qualifying degrees are acceptable. These include:

- Degrees awarded by Australian universities
- Degrees awarded by Australian Higher Education Providers where accreditation has been provided by the relevant authority (e.g. in Queensland: the Ministry of Education through the Office of Higher Education)
- Degrees awarded by recognised foreign universities

Applicants must have completed the degree or be enrolled in the final year at the time of application. If a separate Honours year has been completed, it will be used in GPA calculations.

An accelerated degree (a three-year degree completed over two years) will be used only if it will be completed within the calendar year of application. Otherwise applicants must complete the accelerated degree prior to application. A two-year Bachelor degree will only be considered by schools whose selection rules allow 2-year degrees. If additional study at an undergraduate level has been completed since the qualifying degree, it will not be included in the automated base GPA calculations; however the programme will automatically notify school who accept subsequent study. Schools that do accept the additional study will manually calculate GPAs from all applicable study. Medical schools will set their own rules about the currency of the qualifying degree.

¹ an Australian university listed in the [Australian Qualifications Framework](#) OR an overseas university listed in the [National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition \(NOOSR\) guide](#).

Calculation of the GPA

From the qualifying degree, a GPA is calculated from the last three “years” of the degree, where a “year” is the equivalent of a year of full time study (not necessarily a calendar year or a level of study). Where applicants have undertaken a Bachelor degree which can normally be completed in 3 years of full-time study, all the subjects studied as part the degree will be used in the GPA calculations. The three full-time equivalent years of study will be referred to as Final Year, Finalminus-1 Year and Final-minus-2 Year. For a four-year degree or a three-year degree plus Honours, the final three years will be used.

A GPA will be calculated for each of the most recent three years of the qualifying degree using percentage marks for each subject if available. Where percentage marks are not available, conversions from grades will be performed as outlined in Appendix 1.

The tables in Appendix 1 provide conversions from university grades and percentage marks to GPA scores. These documents are published annually in the GMAC Admissions Guide.

Part-time and overloaded study will be allocated to each year of the degree by working backwards. The most recently completed subjects will be allocated to Final Year until Final Year is equivalent to a full-time load. Subjects will then be allocated to Final-1 Year and then to Final-2 Year. Should there be ambiguity about a group of subjects completed during the same time period; these subjects will be allocated to constitute, as closely as possible, a full year of credit points for the offering university. Should there be a choice between two or more subjects of equivalent points value; the subjects will be distributed to best advantage applicants applying to courses that use a weighted GPA.

For applicants completing the final year of the qualifying degree at the time of application, results up to and including semester 1 of the current year will be used to calculate a provisional GPA. Any offers of a place will be provisional upon the applicant’s final results for semester 2 reaching the required standard by the offering school. Depending on individual schools, ranking and some offers may be completed after final results are available.

Weighted Grade Point Average

If medical schools use a weighted GPA:

Final Year results will be weighted by a factor of 3

Final-1 Year results will be weighted by a factor of 2

Final-2 Year results will be weighted by a factor of 1

Bonus points for additional study

Bonus points for additional study (such as a PhD) will not be included in the base GPA. However, they will be added by GEMSAS as appropriate when applicants apply to medical schools that include bonuses in their selection processes.

Credits (Advanced Standing), Exchange subjects and Ungraded Passes

Many applicants receive credit or complete exchange subjects in their qualifying degree. GPA calculations will include these subjects, provided they are awarded by a recognised institution. The following methods will apply:

Specified credit: Will be included in GPA calculations.

Unspecified credit: The most recent prior studies up to the FTE credited will be used in GPA calculations.

- If there is no prior study suitable to use (for instance it may not be at university-level) and unspecified credits are equal to or less than 37.5% of credit points in any one year, only the other subjects will count towards the GPA. For example, if there are eight 12.5-credit point subjects making one year of study (100 points) and 37.5 credit points are unspecified credit for which there is no suitable prior study, a GPA will be calculated using the remaining 62.5 credit points for which results are provided.
- If unspecified credit for which there is no suitable prior study comprises more than 37.5% of credit points in any one year, a GPA will be calculated and the application will be referred to each of the schools the applicant has listed as a preference for calculation of the GPA for that year by the school so they can amend or update the GPA if they wish

Exchange subjects:

- Exchange study results must be provided and they will be included in GPA calculations
- If exchange results from the exchange university are pass/fail (ungraded passes), and credit for these subjects is equal to or less than 37.5% of credit points in any one year, only the other subjects will count towards the GPA. For example, if there are eight 12.5-credit point subjects making one year of study (100 points) and 37.5 credit points are ungraded passes from the exchange subjects, a GPA will be calculated using the remaining 62.5 credit points for which results are provided.
- If ungraded passes for exchange subjects comprise more than 37.5% of credit points in any one year, a GPA will be calculated and the application will be referred to each of the schools the applicant has listed as a preference for a calculation of the GPA for that year by the school so they can amend or update the GPA if they wish.
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Ungraded passes:

- Subjects with a result of Pass or Fail (no percentage or grade results) where the subject has been Passed will be ignored in GPA calculations if such subjects make up no more than 37.5% of the load for any particular GPA year.
- Subjects with a result of Pass or Fail where the subject has been Failed will be treated as a Fail in GPA calculations.

TAFE qualifications as credit / advanced standing.

TAFE results are commonly ungraded (e.g. Not Competent, Competent, and Competent with Merit).

Applications which include TAFE results as credit/advanced standing will be referred to each of the schools the applicant has listed as a preference for calculation of the GPA by the school.

Combined degrees

If a combined degree has been completed, the last three years of the combined degree will be used to calculate the GPA.

If a combined degree has been commenced and the applicant has transferred to a single degree, the GPA will be calculated on the single degree provided the academic results clearly show which subjects are deemed to make up the single degree. Where this information is missing or confusing, all subjects in the final three years will be included, regardless of whether they are a component of the combined degree or the single degree.

Undeclared study

Results not declared by an applicant but identified through ARTS will be used for the calculation of the GPA for the year in which they were studied.

Failed subjects

Results for failed subjects will be included for calculation of the GPA for the year in which they were studied. This may result in overloading for that year.

Repeated subjects

If a subject has been failed and repeated, both sets of results will be included in the GPA calculation.

Conceded passes

Where a conceded pass has been granted, a score of 49% (grade of 3.5) will be attributed to that subject for the purpose of calculating a GPA.

Appendix 1 Undergraduate Grading System Conversion Table

A	GPA	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
100%	7.0	HD/7 7.0	HD 7.0	HD 7.0	HD/≥7/A 7.0	HI 7.0	≥8 7.0	A+/A/A- 7.0
99	7.0							
98	7.0							
97	7.0							
96	7.0							
95	7.0							
94	7.0							
93	7.0							
92	7.0							
91	7.0							
90	7.0							
89	7.0							
88	7.0							
87	7.0							
86	7.0							
85	7.0							
84	7.0	D/6 6.75	D 6.75	D 6.75	D/DI/6/B/DN 6.25	H2A 6.5	7 6.25	B+ 6.5
83	7.0							
82	7.0							
81	7.0							
80	7.0							
79	6.5							
78	6.5							
77	6.5							
76	6.5							
75	6.5							
74	6.0	CR/5 5.75	CR 5.75	C 5.5	CR/5/C 5.25	H3 5.5	6 5.25	B- 5.5
73	6.0							
72	6.0							
71	6.0							
70	6.0							
69	5.5							
68	5.5							
67	5.5							
66	5.5							
65	5.5							
64	5.0	P/4 4.5	Pass Div 1 4.75	P 4.25	P/PA/4 4.25	P 4.5	5 4.25	C 4.5
63	5.0							
62	5.0							
61	5.0							
60	5.0							
59	4.5							
58	4.5							
57	4.5							
56	4.5							
55	4.5							
54	4.0	Pass Div 11 4.0						C- 4.0
53	4.0							
52	4.0							
51	4.0							
50	4.0							
49	3.5*	UP/CQ/PC/3 3.5		PC 3.5	CP/3/NC/ PC/C*/NI 3.5		PC/PX 3.5	D 3.5
48	3.5*							
47	3.5*							
46	3.5*							
45	3.5*							
<44#	0	F/N/<3 0	F/N 0	F 0	F/2/1/N/N2 0	F/N 0	F 0	E 0

* Conceded pass, faculty pass, etc. – GPA grade of 3.5. Otherwise GPA of zero

If you have a percentage mark where the minimum for an unrestricted pass grade is 50 per cent, use column A to read off the corresponding GPA grade.

Honours degree (for Griffith or used only where no subject results are available)	
Award	GPA Grade
First	7.0
2A	6.0
2B	5.0
Third	4.0

Conversion Table Code (only where no subject results are available)	
Column	
A	Use Column A if you have an official record of your mark (percentage)
B	ACU, Adelaide, Bond, Canberra, Central Queensland, Charles Sturt, Flinders, Griffith, James Cook, Macquarie, Newcastle, New England, NSW, Notre Dame, Queensland, QUT, Southern Cross, Southern Queensland, Sunshine Coast, Swinburne, Sydney, UTS, Western Sydney, Wollongong
C	South Australia
D	Charles Darwin
E	ANU, Ballarat, Deakin, Edith Cowan, La Trobe, Monash, Murdoch, RMIT, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia
F	Melbourne
G	Curtin
H	New Zealand universities and Polytechnics

