Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admissions Guide 2021

Application Dates:
Applications for domestic students open on 7 May 2020 and close on 11 June 2020 at 5pm AEST / 3pm AWST

NO LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED – Please note the closing time is 5pm AEST / 3pm AWST

GAMSAT Consortium Medical Schools
Australian National University
Deakin University
Griffith University
Macquarie University
The University of Melbourne
The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle
The University of Notre Dame Australia, Sydney
The University of Queensland
The University of Western Australia
University of Wollongong
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<td>Early September - Offers of interviews for Medicine are released.</td>
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*Interview dates and information sessions/open days may be subject to change*
How GEMSAS will contact you

Email will be the primary means of contact between GEMSAS and applicants and there may also be a need to send you letters by mail to your nominated postal address.

It is essential that you provide a current email address which will be valid from April 2020 to February 2021 and that you regularly check your emails, including your junk or spam folders. Expect emails from GEMSAS at any time during the process but especially around the time of interview offers. Some of the participating universities will only communicate with applicants via email.

Some email messages may not be accepted or may be flagged as spam by some email providers (e.g. Hotmail or Yahoo).

Applicants are advised to provide an email address other than their current university address (unless it will be available until February 2021), Hotmail or Yahoo email addresses.

Neither GEMSAS nor the universities will be held responsible for undeliverable or unread email communication.

Should you need to change your email or postal address, please do so in your GEMSAS user account.

Contact details for further enquiries

If you have further queries regarding the general application process, please contact GEMSAS: info@gemsas.edu.au. Please check the GEMSAS website and FAQs for details before submitting your query.

For detailed information on the GAMSAT Consortium graduate entry* courses, as well as university specific entry requirements, you should first check the Medicine Admissions Guide and the GEMSAS and school websites. Links to the school websites can be found at www.gemsas.edu.au/medical-schools.

All GPA queries should be addressed to GEMSAS. Please check the GEMSAS website GPA FAQs and try the on-line GPA calculator before submitting your query - https://applygemsas.edu.au/gemsas/#/gpa-calc.

School-specific enquiries should be directed to the schools directly. Contact information can be found on the website at www.gemsas.edu.au/medical-schools and on page 94 of this Guide.

Information about the graduate entry medicine admissions process for GAMSAT Consortium schools (GEMSAS) can be found on the website http://www.gemsas.edu.au/gemsas-processes.

* The University of Sydney, Monash University and Flinders University are not participating in GEMSAS. Applicants for places at these universities must apply directly to them. Applicants can visit their websites at http://www.sydney.edu.au/, http://www.monash.edu/ and www.flinders.edu.au.

Please read this entire guide carefully

The following information is provided as general guidance to applicants to graduate entry medicine in Australia. However, all applicants should routinely check the websites of their chosen institutions and the GEMSAS website for admission updates.
Admission policies

Offers

Successful applicants will be given a firm date by which to accept an offer of a place and offers not accepted according to the school’s instructions by that date will lapse.

If an applicant declines an offer of a place, or allows their offer to lapse, they will not be considered for another place or receive another offer, in the 2021 intake.

Deferral

Deferral of a place is unlikely. However, some universities permit deferral, particularly to complete an Honours year. Please consult the schools’ websites or discuss the possibility of being permitted to defer with the universities to which you wish to apply.

Exclusion

An applicant who has been excluded from any university must indicate this when they apply. The schools may contact applicants for further detail on receipt of the application data.

Admission and application irregularities

Applicants should be aware that the presentation of forged documents is a criminal offence in Australia and that universities may take appropriate action in such cases.

All tertiary study must be declared in the application. For the purpose of university admission, the withholding of information and the submission of incorrect or misleading information are deemed fraudulent. Action taken in such cases may include cancellation of an application for admission, withdrawal of an offer of admission, or cancellation of an enrolment.

Applicants who submit fraudulent documents, or otherwise seek to gain an advantage by fraudulent means, or who engage in any misconduct during the application process may be banned from future applications through GEMSAS.

Only your first submitted application will be processed, regardless of which application has been paid for.

Schools’ policies

Each university may have its own additional admission policies (which may include policies on prior or current studies, enrolment irregularities and/or transfers). To confirm if there are additional policies, review each school’s entry in this Guide and the websites of the schools to which you intend to apply.

Appeals process

If you wish to appeal any decision made in the processing of your application, you are most welcome to do so. Please provide a written explanation of why you disagree with the decision in question. You are welcome to provide supporting evidence. Address your appeal to the GAMSAT Selection Appeals Committee and email it to info@gemsas.edu.au. The Appeals Committee will consider your appeal and provide a written response within two weeks of receipt of your email. The Terms of Reference for the GAMSAT Selection Appeals Committee are available on request (please send your request to info@gemsas.edu.au). Note that this Committee can only hear appeals against decisions made in the processing of your application. Appeals against offer decisions made by participating schools must be made to the individual school concerned.

If you have been offered a place in another course or by an institution not participating in GEMSAS and you intend to accept that place, then please be considerate of fellow applicants and withdraw your application for all GAMSAT Consortium courses as soon as possible.
Application Process

Information in this section is generally common to all the schools, but is subject to the specific requirements outlined in the school entries and on the school websites.

GEMSAS and the schools make every effort to ensure the accuracy of information provided in this Admissions Guide at the time of publication. However, applicants must consult the GEMSAS and university websites for more detailed and specific information and for updates.

There are three components of the application process:

1. GAMSAT
2. The application
3. Documentation

GAMSAT (www.gamsat.acer.edu.au)

The May 2020 GAMSAT results are valid for application in 2020, for entry in 2021.

All applicants for Commonwealth Supported Places and other domestic places at graduate entry schools (i.e. citizens/permanent residents of Australia and citizens of New Zealand) must have a current score on the Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT).

GAMSAT results are valid for two years, i.e. if you sat the May test in 2020 you may use the results obtained to apply for a graduate entry course commencing in 2021 and/or 2022. If you sit the September test in 2020 you may use the results obtained to apply for a graduate entry course commencing in 2022 and/or 2023.

Please see the ACER Information booklet which includes details to the change in date and process for the March 2020 sitting https://gamsat.acer.org/files/GAMSAT_Info_Booklet_May_2020.pdf. The GAMSAT Consortium and the medical schools that participate in GEMSAS are supportive of this process.

There is a very helpful table on page 22 of this guide and information that shows the validity of all the GAMSAT tests at http://gamsat.acer.edu.au/results/currency-of-results

Your GAMSAT results show a score for each of the three test Sections and an Overall Score. All GAMSAT Consortium medical schools (except the University of Melbourne, The University of Queensland and the University of Notre Dame Australia Sydney and Fremantle) rank applicants using the Overall GAMSAT Score (with required minimum Section scores normally around 50). The University of Melbourne, The University of Queensland and the University of Notre Dame Australia Sydney and Fremantle, take an average of the three sections of the GAMSAT, rather than the Overall GAMSAT Score. The acceptable GAMSAT scores may be different for each of the universities, and may vary from year to year. When deciding whether or not to submit an application, you are advised to make sure that your GAMSAT scores fall within the acceptable ranges reported in the individual university entries in this Guide. You can evaluate your standing in relation to other candidates who sat GAMSAT in the same year as you did, by consulting the chart included with your Statement of Results. Please note that neither GEMSAS nor ACER staff have the authority to review individual GAMSAT transcripts or GAMSAT results or to offer advice on the likelihood of selection. GAMSAT candidates are responsible for determining their eligibility to apply.

Registration for the GAMSAT and application for admission to the graduate programs are separate processes.
## Application

Applications are made on-line through the [ApplyGEMSAS.edu.au](https://www.ApplyGEMSAS.edu.au) website. There is a link to this on the home page of the [GEMSAS.edu.au](https://www.GEMSAS.edu.au) website.

Applicants are selected for interview based on one or more of the following criteria:

- performance in GAMSAT;
- performance in a qualifying/key degree (as indicated by GPA);
- performance in a portfolio, special application or supplementary form or personal statement where required;
- performance in the CASPer test where required.

Deakin University and the University of Melbourne combine the first two criteria when ranking applicants for interview. The GPA is weighted. The University of Melbourne uses an unweighted GAMSAT.

The Australian National University and The University of Western Australia combine both standardised GAMSAT and standardised GPA when ranking applicants for interview.

Griffith University ranks applicants for interview based on selections rank derived from a 50/50 combination of an unweighted GPA (converted to a percentage) and the overall GAMSAT score.

The University of Queensland uses an unweighted GPA of 5.0/7.0 and a minimum score of 50 in each of the three sections of the GAMSAT as qualifying hurdles, then ranks applicants for interview based on selections rank derived from a 50/50 combination of an unweighted GPA (converted to a percentage) and an unweighted average GAMSAT score rounded to six decimal places. If required, GPA will be used as a tie breaker.

The University of Wollongong uses performance in the CASPer test as a hurdle, then ranks applicants on combined GPA, GAMSAT results and portfolio/written submission.

The University of Notre Dame, Australia (Fremantle) and The University of Notre Dame, Australia (Sydney) rank applicants on combined GPA, GAMSAT results and portfolio/written submission.

Macquarie University uses the personal statement as a hurdle, then ranks applicants based on a selection rank derived from a 50/50 combination of standardised weighted GPA and standardised overall GAMSAT score.

Applicants will have the following options available to them, as May 2020 GAMSAT results will be available after the close of the application period:

- Cancel their application with a refund, or
- Change their GAMSAT ID to use another valid score, and/or
- Change only their preference order, (NOT add or remove any preference).

Note: Only one change per item above per applicant (i.e. you cannot change your preference order more than once), within 5 days after the release of the GAMSAT results. From late June we will provide, on the application website, a template document to be used to make the updates listed above. The template will include how and when to submit these changes.

## Supporting documentation

Supporting documentation will be required if:

- You studied at a non-ARTS\(^1\) university at any time.
- You have an Australian rural background (see page 20)
- You need to supply supporting documentation required by individual schools

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\(^1\) See Appendix A
Due to COVID-19 disruptions we have made some changes to how applicants are to provide supporting documentation for this application cycle. GEMSAS will not be accepting any hardcopy documentation. Applicants are required to email supporting documentation directly to GEMSAS.

When you complete your Application Form, you will be presented with relevant coversheets which you must read carefully and follow the instruction on the coversheet on how to submit your documentation electronically via email. Print and attach the relevant coversheet to the documents you are submitting, scan and email to the email address detailed on the coversheet. You can view the coversheets that you will be required to submit with supporting documentation, on the Coversheets page in the application, but will only be able to access them once you have submitted and paid for your application. Failure to include all requested documents may disadvantage you.

Please send only those documents that have been specifically requested and are in accordance with the new documentation guidelines. Note that there are three different email addresses to which documents are to be sent. Please ensure you follow the instructions on the coversheets to ensure your documents are sent to the correct email address.

1. If any of your tertiary study is from a non-ARTS university please remember to email a copy of your original transcript(s) - emailed no later than 5:00pm your time on Wednesday 17th June 2020. This can include exchange study and study for which you may have received credit towards another degree.

   Email Academic documents with the Education Coversheet to: GEMSAS-academic@vtac.edu.au

   Any qualification undertaken in a language other than English must be documented by the original transcript, accompanied by an officially translated original (by a NAATI translator), in English. The NAATI translation must be a scan of the original hard copy translation document issued by the translator. It should feature the translator’s original stamp and signature on every page. Electronic versions of the translation, where the translator’s stamp has been affixed electronically, will not be accepted.

   Extra documentation requirements for study in China and India:

   China:
   - Original Transcript in both Chinese and English Language
   - Original Degree Certificate that is "Awarded according to the Regulations Concerning Academic Degrees in the People’s Republic of China (中华人民共和国学位条例)” - both in English and Chinese Language
   - If you have completed a Masters degree we will need your original Graduation Certificate that shows you completed/defended your Thesis - both in English and Chinese Language. In addition to the above.

   *English Translations must either be issued from your school or NAATI Translations.
   *Please note if you do not provide all of the above it may delay the assessment of your application.

   India:
   - Unconsolidated Marksheet including any backlogs - Marksheet must be issued from the awarding University NOT the college.
   - Official Completion Certificate (in addition for the marksheet/transcripts)

   *Please note if you do not provide all of the above it may delay the assessment of your application.
2. Applicants to Deakin University who are applying for any of the adjustments (bonuses) listed must email their documents, with the relevant Deakin adjustment (bonus) coversheet, no later than 5:00pm your time on Wednesday 17th June 2020, to GEMSAS-Deakinbonus@vtac.edu.au

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| Deakin University |        | If you applied for any of the following Deakin adjustments (bonuses) in 2017, 2018 or 2019, please select the “2017/2018/2019 applied for adjustment (bonus)” tick box in the application and we will not require any further documentation:  
Financial disadvantage, Clinical experience, Work experience, Deakin Geelong rural adjustment (bonus).  

NB. If you applied and were found ineligible or did not provide documentation in 2017, 2018 or 2019 (you would have been emailed and informed of this), please DO NOT tick the 2017/2018/2019 box but select yes in the application if you are eligible for the adjustment (bonus) and provide the required documentation.  
If you apply and are found ineligible for any of the 2020 Deakin adjustments (bonuses), you will be emailed and informed of this.  

Please read the Deakin Adjustment (bonus) Document Guide, found on the coversheet, to assist you to understand the expectations that GEMSAS has regarding the documentation.  

Emailed documentation:  
- must include the relevant coversheet, or it will not be assessed  
- subject line must include your full name and GAMSAT ID.  

| Financial Disadvantage | | Applicants who can demonstrate financial disadvantage, which may have impacted on academic performance during their undergraduate degree, may receive a 2% adjustment (bonus) of the combined GPA and GAMSAT score. The Deakin School of Medicine recognises the following benefits as providing eligibility for the financial disadvantage adjustment (bonus):-  
- Centrelink income payments - The School of Medicine recognises the following Centrelink benefits: ABSTUDY, AUSTUDY, Parent Payment (Partnered or Single), Youth Allowance, Disability Pension, Veterans Means Assessed Pension.  
- Department of Veterans’ Affairs income payments.  
- Other Australian Federal or State Government income payments of similar amounts may be considered.  
- StudyLink benefits for applicants from New Zealand, excluding the StudyLink loan.  

Please ensure supporting documentation clearly shows the approved benefit and supports a minimum of 12 months.  

Supporting documentation includes (approved benefit must clearly be listed):  
- A letter/statement from Centrelink or StudyLink (each month must be clearly visible if providing Centrelink documents).  
- A PAYG Centrelink Payment Summary (showing a minimum payment period of 52 weeks).  
- Tax returns (if the approved benefit and time period are clearly shown).  
- Bank statements (only if the approved benefit is detailed).
- Any other document clearly supporting the adjustment (bonus) criteria.

Please note:
- Documents with "Employment or Youth and Student Assistance service" or "NSS" detailed are not sufficient as they do not clearly state the approved benefit.
- Applicants must have been in receipt of the approved benefit for at least 12 months cumulatively, at the time of application (not the end of 2020 or at the time of course commencement, as there is no guarantee that the applicant will receive the benefit in the future).
- Insufficient supporting documentation includes: documents provided with "Employment or Youth and Student Assistance service" listed (the approved benefit must be detailed); documents showing less than 52 weeks payment period; providing one document at the beginning of the time period and one at the end is not sufficient, (each month must clearly be shown).

See school website for details:
https://www.deakin.edu.au/doctor-medicine

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Applicants who have completed the equivalent of one year of full-time clinical practice (i.e. minimum of 36 hours per week) as an AHPRA registered health professional, or in speech pathology or dietetics, may receive a 4% adjustment (bonus) of the combined GPA and GAMSAT score.

Applicants with international clinical practice and registration (that aligns with the professions listed on the AHPRA website [https://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Registers-of-Practitioners/Professions-and-Divisions.aspx]), including speech pathology and dietetics, may also be eligible to receive this adjustment (bonus).

Please provide documentation that will show:
- 12 months of full-time equivalent clinical experience (e.g. letter of support from employer / group certificate),
  **AND**
- Evidence of registered health professional status for the relevant clinical experience year(s) (e.g. proof of registration / print out from AHPRA website).

Supporting documentation includes:
- Supporting letters from the applicant’s employer(s) stating length of employment in the clinical field. The letters must be dated and signed.
- Payslips, ensure the payslips cover one year full-time clinical experience and includes both the applicant name and the employers’ name.
- Group Certificate/PAYG Summary, ensure the group certificate includes both the applicant name and the employers’ name.
- Registration documentation, ensure the documentation covers the clinical year(s) that are being claimed.

Please note:
- Periods of provisional registration, or as an intern, are excluded.
- Offers of employment and contracts are not acceptable documentation as they do not prove actual clinical experience, or that the contract was completed.
- Tax Return application. Please note a notice of tax assessment is not acceptable as it does not state the occupation.
- Future registration or employment cannot be considered. Applicants must have completed the one year (12 months), at the time of application. Adjustments (bonuses) can only be awarded to applicants who will have completed the 1 year (12 months) at the time of application.
- If you receive the Prior Clinical Experience adjustment (bonus) you are not eligible for the Work Experience adjustment (bonus).
### Work Experience

Applicants who have worked full time (i.e. minimum of 36 hours per week) for 2 years cumulatively over a 4 year period, or 2 years consecutively may receive a 2% adjustment (bonus) of the combined GPA and GAMSAT score.

**Supporting documentation includes:**

- Supporting letters from the applicant’s employer(s) stating the length of employment and weekly hours worked. The letters must be dated and signed.
- Group Certificate/PAYG Summary, ensure the group certificate includes both the applicant name and the employers’ name.
- Payslips, ensure the payslips cover the two years full-time equivalent work experience over a maximum 4 years; and includes both the applicant name and the employers’ name.
- Tax Return application / Notice of Tax Assessment.
- Any other documentation supporting the adjustment (bonus) criteria.

**Please note:**

- Applicants can either receive the Work Experience adjustment (bonus) (2%) or the Prior Clinical Work adjustment (bonus) (4%). They cannot claim both adjustments (bonuses). The Work Experience adjustment (bonus) applies to any paid work, non-clinical work or clinical work that is not listed in the defined list of disciplines.
- Adjustments (bonuses) can only be awarded to those applicants who have completed 2 years cumulatively over a 4 year period, or 2 years consecutively at the time of application (not the end of 2020).
- Offers of employment and contracts are not acceptable documentation as they do not prove actual work experience, or that the contract was completed.

See school website for details:
https://www.deakin.edu.au/doctor-medicine

### Deakin Study adjustment (bonus)

Eligible applicants may receive a 4% adjustment (bonus) of the combined GPA and GAMSAT score.

Applicants are eligible for this adjustment (bonus) if, at the time of application, they:-

- Have completed and graduated with an undergraduate degree from Deakin University with a minimum of two full-time equivalent years of study (2FTE)
- Will be completing an undergraduate degree from Deakin University and have completed at least two years full-time equivalent years of study (2FTE).

**Please note:**

- Credit for Prior Learning will not count as having met the 2 years’ FTE completion requirement.

This adjustment (bonus) will be assessed using study results automatically retrieved via ARTS (i.e. no extra documentation will be required).

See school website for details:
https://www.deakin.edu.au/doctor-medicine

### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Applicants

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Applicants** can apply through either GEMSAS or The Indigenous Entry Stream (IES) through Deakin University.

See school website for details:
https://www.deakin.edu.au/doctor-medicine
3. Supporting documents for the University of Melbourne’s Graduate Access Melbourne Scheme:
Applicants must email their documents DIRECTLY to md-dds-dpt@unimelb.edu.au no later than 5:00pm AEST on Thursday 11\textsuperscript{th} June 2020.

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<td>Applicants of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent are given priority access to Medicine at the University of Melbourne under the Indigenous MD Student Entry Pathway. Eligible Indigenous applicants who wish to apply to the University of Melbourne under the Pathway will be required to submit an application directly via the University's formstack: <a href="https://theuniversityofmelbourne.formstack.com/forms/2021_atsi">https://theuniversityofmelbourne.formstack.com/forms/2021_atsi</a></td>
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<td>Prospective Indigenous applicants are strongly encouraged to make contact with the University of Melbourne (via email to <a href="mailto:mdhs-indigenous-admissions@unimelb.edu.au">mdhs-indigenous-admissions@unimelb.edu.au</a>) to receive advice about the direct application process and our Indigenous MD Student Entry Pathway.</td>
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<td>Indigenous applicants are not required to apply via GEMSAS nor sit the GAMSAT if the University of Melbourne is their only preference. Indigenous applicants wishing to be considered by other medical schools (in addition to the University of Melbourne) should consult the relevant entries in this Guide for application details.</td>
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<td>• Applicants who experienced any of the following, with an impact on their undergraduate studies: disadvantaged socio-economic circumstances; disability or a chronic medical condition; or personal difficulties.</td>
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<td>The online GAM submission form is available at: <a href="https://theuniversityofmelbourne.formstack.com/forms/2021_graduate_access_melbourne">https://theuniversityofmelbourne.formstack.com/forms/2021_graduate_access_melbourne</a></td>
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<td>Information about the GAM scheme is available at: <a href="https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/special-entry-access-schemes/access-melbourne-graduate">https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/special-entry-access-schemes/access-melbourne-graduate</a></td>
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<td>Applicants who have completed approved prerequisite subjects do not need to submit subject descriptions. Lists of approved prerequisite subjects can be found in the GEMSAS online application form and at <a href="http://mdhs-study.unimelb.edu.au/prerequisites">http://mdhs-study.unimelb.edu.au/prerequisites</a> For applicants whose subjects have not been assessed for prerequisite equivalence:</td>
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Applicants who submit complete documentation for prerequisite assessment by Friday 1st May 2020 will be advised of the subject equivalence before the course application closing date. Submissions received after this date will take three weeks to be processed.

Applicants who have not submitted documentation for assessment by the end of May OR have not demonstrated equivalence as part of their GEMSAS application (e.g. evidence of relevant completed subjects) will be deemed to have failed the prerequisite requirements and will not be eligible for selection.

If you are going to enrol in one or more subjects from the list of approved prerequisite subjects during semester two in the year of application, you are still eligible to list the University of Melbourne as one of your preferences. However, you must enrol in all prerequisite subjects by the end of July in the year of application, and you must list the subjects you intend to enrol into when you complete the Education section of the GEMSAS online Application Form. GEMSAS will be able to retrieve your enrolment records through the Automated Results Transfer System (if your institution/s use ARTS) at that time, but can only do so if you have listed the prerequisite subjects in your GEMSAS application (or alternately, have advised GEMSAS via email to info@gemsas.edu.au by 31st July).
4. All applicants who have completed the rural background questions in the Application Form must email their supporting documentation, with the Coversheet, to GEMSAS-rural@vtac.edu.au

Note that the supporting documentation must be received via email by no later than 5:00pm your time on Wednesday 17th June 2020. Please ensure the Rural Background coversheet, which is generated when you have paid for your application, is attached in the email.

This is in addition to any university-specific documents requested in this section, pages 7-14, and listed below.

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| Deakin University | Rurality / City of Greater Geelong adjustment (bonus) | This adjustment (bonus) is given to applicants who have lived in the City of Greater Geelong or a Rural/Regional area for at least 5 years consecutively or 10 years cumulatively. Complete the questions in the application form and submit the required supporting documentation (see page 20 for both rural and Deakin Geelong acceptable supporting documentation and notes/conditions).  
  - Residence in ASGS-RA 2 or the City of Greater Geelong: an adjustment (bonus) of 4% of the combined GPA and GAMSAT score.  
  - Residence in ASGS-RA 3-5: an adjustment (bonus) of 8% of the combined GPA and GAMSAT score.  
  
  Note: Some suburbs in the Geelong region are deemed RA2 (please check the DoctorConnect site, using the Australian Bureau of Statistics remoteness classification (ASGS Remoteness Areas 2016) [https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator]).  
  If deemed RA2, please apply for both the Rural and the Geelong adjustment (bonus). GEMSAS will assess your application and deem the applicable adjustment (bonus). Please note that only one adjustment (bonus) will be awarded.  
  
  See school website for details: [https://www.deakin.edu.au/doctor-medicine](https://www.deakin.edu.au/doctor-medicine) |

Please refer to the ‘Rurality’ section on page 20 of this guide.

If you do not provide any required additional documentation, you will not be eligible for consideration for the category/sub-quota concerned.
Bachelor degree

All applicants must have completed, or be in the final year, of a Bachelor or Honours degree. Undergraduate Australian degrees must be from a Commonwealth-accredited institution (see http://www.teqsa.gov.au/national-register). (NB. Wollongong require that qualifying/key degrees are from a University and not a Higher Education Provider). Overseas degrees must be recognised by the Australian Department of Education and Training Qualifications Recognition Policy Unit (previously AEI-NOOSR) or UK NARIC as equivalent to an Australian Bachelor degree. Your qualifications will be assessed for equivalency as part of your application process.

Please do not contact the Australian Department of Education and Training Qualifications Recognition Policy Unit for assessment of your degree.

For those in the final year of study, satisfactory completion of the degree in 2020 will be a condition of entry. Note that if you cannot complete and provide evidence of completion of your degree in the 2020 calendar year, any offer you have received that is conditional upon completion of your current degree may be withdrawn.

Applicants enrolled in a two-year degree, a three or four year embedded degree or one-year conversion degree, or those who have completed a higher degree without a prior Bachelor degree should consult their preferred school/s to ascertain eligibility. Note that not all schools accept such degrees. Please see individual school entries in this Guide.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

GEMSAS will calculate a Grade Point Average (GPA) from electronic copies of academic transcripts (from ARTS institutions) or paper transcripts. Scans of original hard-copy transcripts will be needed if you have completed your degree or any part of your qualifying/key degree at an overseas university or any university not included in the list of ARTS institutions in Appendix A.

Applicants may wish to calculate their GPA according to the instructions on the GEMSAS website (www.gemsas.edu.au/gpa-calculations). A GPA calculator is available on the application page (https://applygemsas.edu.au/gemsas/#/home) for use. Please note that any GPA calculated by an applicant will be an estimated GPA and used only for the information of the applicant.

Exception: The University of Queensland (UQ), please check UQ’s school entry in this Guide for further information.

No preference is given to graduates with particular Bachelor degrees. The GAMSAT Consortium encourages individuals from diverse educational backgrounds who will bring to the profession a variety of talents and interests.

Exception: Applicants to Medicine at the University of Melbourne must have successfully completed approved prerequisite second year level studies in anatomy, physiology and biochemistry.

The GPA indicates the level of performance in the qualifying/key degree. There is no differentiation of GPA between institutions or courses. It should be emphasised that a science major is not a prerequisite, and that academic excellence in other areas, such as the humanities and social sciences, is encouraged and recognised.

The GEMSAS medical schools have considered options for changing GPA methodology for this year’s admissions period, recognising the impact of COVID-19 on 2020 study. As a result a number of schools have made changes, deciding whether or not to include 2020 results in GPA calculations. See the school entry section for changes/updates.
Interviews

The interview* is designed to assess qualities considered by the schools to be associated with success in both medical school and later practice, and is conducted by trained interviewers. Academic performance is not discussed at the interview. No domestic applicant will receive more than one interview offer from a medical school participating in GEMSAS in the 2020 admissions round, for entry in 2021.

An exception is for applicants who qualify for the Guaranteed Entry Pathway or the Indigenous MD Student Entry Pathway at the University of Melbourne. Guaranteed Entry Pathway applicants will be considered by the University of Melbourne separately to the GEMSAS process and must apply directly to the University of Melbourne in accordance with instructions available at https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/doctor-of-medicine/how-to-apply/#apply-now. Eligible Indigenous MD Student Entry Pathway applicants will also be considered by the University of Melbourne separately, and can apply directly to the University via https://theuniversityofmelbourne.formstack.com/forms/2021_atsi

All other shortlisted, eligible applicants will be interviewed. Note that if Guaranteed Entry Full Fee eligible applicants wish to be considered for CSP and Bonded Medical Places at the University of Melbourne, they must apply via GEMSAS. If Guaranteed Entry Full Fee or Indigenous MD Student Entry Pathway eligible applicants wish to be considered by the other medical schools, they are advised to consult the relevant entries in this Guide for application details.

Selected applicants receive an invitation to interview by letter or email. This invitation must be presented on arrival at the medical school, together with a valid passport or current photo-bearing driver’s licence for identification purposes. Some schools require that you supply a passport photograph prior to interview. If this applies to you, you will be notified when interview invitations are issued, with instructions on how and when to submit your digital photo.

Applicants must meet all expenses associated with attending the interview.

Applicants unsuccessful in receiving an interview at any of the medical schools they applied to will be notified by email by the GEMSAS team. Applicants who were not interviewed will not participate in further processing.

*Interview dates may be subject to change

If you are eligible to be made an offer at a University that did not interview you, the University reserves the right to call you for an informal conversation prior to offers being made. This is to ensure that the applicant is aware of specific course and University requirements. This conversation does not constitute an interview or indicate an offer of a place.

Offers

Selection into graduate entry medicine is based on up to four criteria:

- performance in GAMSAT;
- performance as indicated by GPA. Please see school entries for details about qualifying/key degrees and GPA calculations;
- performance in interview;
- performance in a portfolio, special application or supplementary form or personal statement.

The way in which each university combines these criteria when making their final offers varies. For more information refer to the individual university entries which begin on page 42 of this Guide. Alternatively, you can consult each university’s website for detailed information. Links are available from http://www.gemsas.edu.au/medical-schools/.

A successful application may lead to an offer of one of a range of places, including bonded and full-fee places. When you apply you will be asked (for each school on your preference list), to choose (and for some schools, rank) the types of places you will be prepared to accept. Selection is based on ranked lists and quotas. The quota (i.e. number of places)
available for each offer type is restricted. To maximise your chances of receiving an offer at the schools of your choice, consider listing all types of places. If you omit (for instance) the Bonded Medical Program (BMP) offer type and you are ranked to get a BMP offer, it will not be made and you’ll drop down to your next preferred school for consideration. Please read carefully all the information about bonded places on the DoH website at [https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/reformed-bonded-programs](https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/reformed-bonded-programs).

When allocations are being made, schools will allocate quotas for each offer type. The allocation will be made using that school’s ranked list in order: CSP, BMP and FEE (if applicable). Some schools will ask you to rank all offer types and some will just want you to indicate which offer types you are prepared to accept if offered. To list only one offer type means you limit the available places that can be offered to you.

Individual School Details:

- **For The University of Queensland** you may specify the types of places you wish to be considered for, however no consideration is given to preferred offer type when offers are made. Offers will be made in the order of CSP first and BMP second.
- **For the University of Melbourne** you may specify the types of places you wish to be considered for. You will not be considered for a type of place that you have not listed, however no consideration is given to the order of preferred offer types listed when offers are made. Offers will be made in the following order: CSP, BMP, and FEE, with the most highly ranked applicants being offered CSP places and so on down the merit order until all vacancies are filled. It is important that applicants who are not in a position to pay for a full fee (FEE) paying place DO NOT list this type of place in their application for the University of Melbourne. Once an applicant is offered a FEE place it is not possible to swap into a CSP or BMP.
- **For The University of Western Australia** you may specify the types of places you wish to be considered for, however no consideration is given to preferred offer type when offers are made. Offers will be made in the following order: CSP then BMP.
- **ANU** will allocate place types based on the ranking of the applicant and their preferences.
- **For the University of Wollongong** you must specify the types of places you wish to be considered for in your preferred order. You must also note your preference for the Wollongong campus or the Shoalhaven campus (or indicate no preference). Allocations will be according to applicant rank and preference.
- **For Deakin University** you may specify the types of places you wish to be considered for. You will not be considered for a type of place that you have not listed. Offers will be made in the following order: CSP and BMP, with the most highly ranked applicants being offered CSP places and so on down the merit order until all vacancies are filled.
- **For Griffith University** you must specify the types of places you wish to be considered for in your preferred order. You must also note your preference (1 and 2 or no preference) for the Gold Coast campus and the Sunshine Coast Health Institute teaching location. Allocations will be according to applicant rank and preferences, however your preference is not guaranteed.
- **For The University of Notre Dame Australia**, Fremantle and Sydney, applicants must specify the types of places they wish to be considered for. Applicants will not be considered for a place they have not selected. Offers will be made in the following order: CSP first and BMP second for Fremantle campus. CSP first, BMP second and Full-Fee third for Sydney campus.
- **For Macquarie University** all places are Full-Fee paying and will be allocated based on the ranking of the applicant and their preferences.

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- If you decline an offer of a place, you will not be considered for another place or receive another offer.
- If you have been offered a place in another course or by an institution not participating in GEMSAS and you intend to accept that place, then please be considerate of fellow applicants and withdraw your application for all GAMSAT Consortium courses as soon as possible.
Quotas

Each university has a quota for the year’s intake of domestic students (Australian citizens/permanent residents and New Zealand citizens). This includes Commonwealth supported non-bonded places (CSP) and Commonwealth supported bonded places (BMP) as well as Australian full fee places (Melbourne and Notre Dame only).

Most schools are obliged to fill at least 25% of all Commonwealth Supported Places with students from a rural background. Rural background sub-quotas can be filled from a combination of offer types and are not restricted to only bonded places.

**Quotas for 2021 are expected to be:**

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<td>57*</td>
<td>Up to 35 international*</td>
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<td>Up to 60 domestic full-fee</td>
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<td>The University of Queensland</td>
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*These quotas are indicative only and are subject to change.*

**BMP – Bonded Medical Program**

The Bonded Medical Program (BMP) is a Federal Government initiative which aims to provide more Australian trained doctors where there are workplace shortages – particularly (but not limited to) rural and remote Australia. The BMP has undergone a major reform in 2019 with many changes taking effect from 1 January 2020. One of these changes is that all BMP offers will be classified as conditional offers, requiring acceptance of the BMP terms and conditions in the Department of Health’s Bonded Return of Service System (BROSS) to retain an offered bonded place.

Information about this scheme can be found on the Australian Government Department of Health website ([https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/reformed-bonded-programs](https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/reformed-bonded-programs)). The BMP is open to all first year medical students who are Australian citizens, permanent residents of Australia or Australian permanent humanitarian visa holders.
Applicants in special categories

Applicants in the following categories should refer to the medical school websites, the entry requirements section (from page 42) and the tables on pages 7 - 14:

- Combined Degree applicants;
- Indigenous applicants;
- Rural resident applicants;
- Other special sub-quota applicants.
Rurality

If you applied for rural background in **2019 ONLY**, please email your **2020 Rural coversheet** to GEMSAS-rural@vtac.edu.au **without** supporting documentation and we will use the documentation you provided last year. **If you applied with a different GAMSAT ID please pen last year’s GAMSAT ID on the 2020 Rural coversheet.**

**NB.** If you applied and were found ineligible or did not provide documentation in 2019 (you would have been emailed and informed of this), please **DO NOT email the Rural coversheet without supporting documentation.**

If you have lived in an Australian rural area, ASGS-RA 2 to 5, for **5 years consecutively or 10 years cumulatively**, you may be eligible for consideration in rural schemes and sub-quotas. You will need to complete the Rurality question in the Application Form and submit supporting documentation. For information about rural sub quotas or bonus points please view the schools' entry requirements pages.

The ASGS-RA is a geographical classification tool developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The purpose of the RA structure is to classify data from census Collection Districts (CDs) into broad geographical categories, called Remoteness Areas (RAs). The RA categories are defined in terms of ‘remoteness’ – the physical distance of a location from the nearest urban centre based on population size. Under this classification system remoteness is updated each census. **The most recent classification, based on 2016 census data, is the one by which we will assess your rurality.**

The Graduate Entry Medical School Admissions System (GEMSAS) will use these guidelines in the processing of Rurality Claims.

The ASGS-RA system is made up of 5 categories:

- RA-1 Major city
- RA-2 Inner regional
- RA-3 Outer regional
- RA-4 Remote
- RA-5 Very remote

If you have lived in an ASGS-RA 2 to 5 area for **5 years consecutively or 10 years cumulatively** and wish to be considered for rural schemes and sub-quotas, you will need to provide documentary evidence. Note that the rural residence must have been your primary residence. You can check your ASGS-RA status at (select **ASGS Remoteness Areas 2016**): [https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator)

Acceptable supporting documents include:

- Professional supporting letters from a GP/dentist, bank, school, university or workplace (signed originals on letterhead). Professional supporting letters must be dated, include your rural residential address and your rural address history, and the dates that you resided at the address.

- Documents to prove residence such as invoices for telephone, utilities (Rates notices are not acceptable), or bank statements showing your (or your family’s) address, can be provided but must be accompanied with: a statutory declaration from a parent (if you were under 18 at the time and the bills are in the family name); **OR** a statutory declaration from you, the applicant (if you were over 18 at the time, as the bills must be in your name).

The professional letters of support and statutory declarations must include the rural address history and time periods. An online printed invoice will only be acceptable if dated the year it was issued. **E.g. a bank statement must be dated the year you are supporting (i.e. dated 19 July 2017 if you are supporting the year 2017, it cannot be dated 2020 if you are supporting the year 2017).**
Please note:

- School reports are not sufficient documentation as we need to clearly see your rural residential address.
- Documents can be copies and don’t need to be certified. The exception to this is professional letters that have been written specifically in support of your claim. These must be original letters.
- Please ensure your documentation supports 5 years consecutively or 10 years cumulatively of rural living and includes the cover sheet you will print off when you submit your on-line application.
- You cannot claim time in the future as part of the 5 or 10 years, as there is no way to establish proof that you will continue to reside in a rural setting.
- Time spent at a holiday home (second residence) or during school holidays in a rural setting, will not be considered.
- If selecting 5 years consecutive then the supporting documentation must support 5 full years and must be consecutive.
- If selecting 10 years cumulative then the supporting documentation must support 10 full years and documentation will be needed for each time period, one document for the start of each time period and one for the end of each time period.
- All rural living should be included in the online application but supporting documentation only needs to support 5 years consecutive or 10 years cumulative rural living.

Please email your supporting documentation with the Rural coversheet to GEMSAS-rural@vtac.edu.au.

Note that the supporting documentation must be emailed no later than 5pm your time on Wednesday 17th June 2020.

Please read the Rural background Document Guide, found on the Rural coversheet, to assist you to understand the expectations that GEMSAS has regarding the documentation.

Emailed documentation:

- must include the Rural coversheet, or it will not be assessed
- subject line must include your full name and GAMSAT ID.

If you apply for the Rural background and are found ineligible, you will be emailed and informed of this.
FAQs about the application process

What happens to my application?

GEMSAS is a computerised matching system which calculates GPAs and bonuses, assesses applications for eligibility, and uses an algorithm to rank and allocate eligible applicants to their highest preferred medical school. For more details about the matching algorithm, please refer to www.gemsas.edu.au/gemsas-processes.

Applications will be assessed according to the selection rules of each preferred school. GEMSAS will assess the eligibility and competitiveness of all applicants for their first preference medical school. If the applicant is not eligible or not ranked highly enough he or she will be assessed for the second-preference school and so on until the applicant has either been allocated an interview at a preferred medical school or all preferences have been exhausted.

Applications will be assessed again after interviews according to the selection rules of each preferred school. Interview scores will be standardised and used by all participating schools. GEMSAS will assess the competitiveness of all interviewed applicants for their first-preference medical school. If the applicant is not ranked highly enough he or she will be assessed for the second-preference school and so on until the applicant has either been offered a place at a preferred medical school or all preferences have been exhausted.

You cannot be considered for an offer at a school which is a higher preference than the school at which you were interviewed. They have already decided you don’t meet their minimum criteria or you were not ranked highly enough to get an interview offer and that can’t change in the subsequent offer round despite how well you do at interview.

Once an application is submitted NO FURTHER changes can be made.

How do I choose between two valid GAMSAT results?

You will have two valid GAMSAT results if you sat two separate GAMSAT tests - for example the GAMSAT in 2019 and 2020. You are advised to compare both results against the acceptable scores for each university and then select the result you wish the universities to consider.

Simply record in the Application Form the appropriate candidate identification number and year of sitting for the test you wish to use for selection. This will be the only GAMSAT result that will be provided to GEMSAS.

It is not possible to mix individual Section scores from different years or to use different tests for different universities.

Will the March or September GAMSAT scores be acceptable for entry to GAMSAT Consortium medical schools?

The May 2020 GAMSAT results are valid for application in 2020, for entry in 2021.

The GAMSAT is held in March and September, however results from the September sitting in the year of GAMSAT application cannot be used for that intake - it may only be used for designated future intakes:

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^2 See page 6 for more information about GAMSAT test validity.

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Helpful information can be found on the GAMSAT website that shows the validity of all the GAMSAT tests. [http://gamsat.acer.edu.au/results/currency-of-results](http://gamsat.acer.edu.au/results/currency-of-results).

### Which school should I apply to?

There are ten Medical Schools in the GAMSAT Consortium. Domestic applicants may nominate up to six preferences. Please take into consideration the special character of each medical school and choose as preferences those schools whose philosophies, location and special character best matches your requirements.

There are significant differences in entry requirements between the schools. You might find that you have a much better chance of gaining admission to one school over another. Please ensure you make your selections with care. Once preferences are entered and your application submitted, you will not be able to change them. Subsequent transfers between Schools are unlikely to be approved.

### If you are not prepared to undertake the course at a particular university you should not list it.

You are advised to put only medical schools and types of places that you are prepared to accept. You are strongly advised to obtain detailed information from the schools’ websites to ensure you are fully informed on both the admissions criteria and the structure of the individual programs. If you are offered a place and you decline it, or if you allow your offer to lapse, then your application will be withdrawn from further processing and you will NOT receive another offer in the current offer period. There is no requirement to list the full six preferences available to you.

### I want to know about indicating the types of places I would be prepared to accept and ranking them in order?

When you apply you will be asked for each school on your preference list, to choose (and for some schools, rank) the types of places you will be prepared to accept. Selection is based on ranked lists and quotas. The quota (i.e. number of places) available for each offer type is restricted. To maximise your chances of receiving an offer at the schools of your choice, list all types of places. If you omit (for instance) the BMP offer type and you are ranked to get a BMP offer, the offer will not be made and you’ll drop down to your next preferred school for consideration. Please read carefully all the information about bonded places on the DoH website at [www.health.gov.au/bmps scheme](http://www.health.gov.au/bmps scheme).

When allocations are being made, schools will allocate quotas for each offer type. The allocation will be made using that school’s ranked list in order: CSP, BMP and FEE (if applicable). Some schools will ask you to rank all offer types and some will just want you to indicate which offer types you are prepared to accept if offered. To list only one offer type means you limit the available places that can be offered to you. Applicants accepting a FEE offer at the University of Melbourne will be required to submit an MD Student Financial Plan.

### Individual School Details:

- **For The University of Queensland** you may specify the types of places you wish to be considered for, however no consideration is given to preferred offer type when offers are made. Offers will be made in the order of CSP first and BMP second.

- **For The University of Melbourne** you may specify the types of places you wish to be considered for. You will not be considered for a type of place that you have not listed, however no consideration is given to the order of preferred place types listed when offers are made. Offers will be made in the following order: CSP, BMP and FEE, with the most highly ranked applicants being offered CSP places and so on down the merit order until all vacancies are filled. It is important that applicants who are not in a position to pay for a full fee (FEE) paying place DO NOT list this type of place in their application for the University of Melbourne. Once an applicant is offered a FEE place it is not possible to swap into a CSP or BMP.

- **For The University of Western Australia** you may specify the types of places you wish to be considered for, however no consideration is given to preferred offer type when offers are made. Offers will be made in the following order: CSP then BMP.

- **ANU** will allocate place types based on the ranking of the applicant and their preferences.
• **For the University of Wollongong** you must specify the types of places you wish to be considered for in your preferred order. You must also note your preference for the Wollongong campus or the Shoalhaven campus (or indicate no preference). Allocations will be according to applicant rank and preference.

• **For Deakin University** you may specify the types of places you wish to be considered for. You will not be considered for a type of place that you have not listed. Offers will be made in the following order: CSP and BMP, with the most highly ranked applicants being offered CSP places and so on down the merit order until all vacancies are filled.

• **For Griffith University** you must specify the types of places you wish to be considered for in your preferred order. You must also note your preference (1 and 2 or no preference) for the Gold Coast campus and the Sunshine Coast Health Institute teaching location. Allocations will be according to applicant rank and preferences, however your preference is not guaranteed.

• **For The University of Notre Dame Australia**, Fremantle and Sydney, applicants must specify the types of places they wish to be considered for. Applicants will not be considered for a place they have not selected. Offers at each campus will be made in the following order: CSP first and BMP second for Fremantle campus. CSP first, BMP second and Full-Fee third for Sydney campus.

• **For Macquarie University** all places are Full-Fee paying and will be allocated based on the ranking of the applicant and their preferences.

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**I want to change my preferences/types of places.**

Once you have submitted your application, this is not possible. For 2020 application, you will only be able to change your preference order, not add or remove a preference, once GAMSAT results are released.

**Exception:**
The University of Notre Dame Australia, Sydney may accept one change of type of place per application year should you wish to add or remove the Full Fee-paying type of place. No other offer type changes will be considered. Changes must be made in writing directly with the Institution on or before **4pm AEST 2nd October 2020**. See the Schools’ pages in this guide for details.

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**My degree is more than 10 years old; am I still eligible to apply?**

Bachelor degrees that were awarded more than 10 years prior to the anticipated commencement date may not be acceptable at the school to which you are applying. Most schools accept postgraduate study within the last 10 years as reason to waive this rule. They will then calculate the GPA on the prior bachelor degree. Some schools do accept Postgraduate study either for calculation of the GPA or to meet their GPA hurdle.

To confirm whether your degree will be recognised, check the relevant schools’ entries in this Guide and their websites and contact the schools if you are still in doubt.

The prerequisite subjects required for entry to the University of Melbourne must be completed within 10 years of commencing the MD.

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**Which degree will you use to calculate my GPA (the Qualifying/Key Degree)?**

We will generally use the GPA from the most recently-completed qualifying/key degree and this may include a degree you will complete in the year in which you apply, except for UWA (see school website for details on what study is included) who consider the most recent three years FTE of valid study. See the schools’ entries in this Guide for more details.

The **GEMSAS medical schools** have considered options for changing GPA methodology for this year’s admissions period, recognising the impact of COVID-19 on 2020 study. As a result a number of schools have made changes, deciding whether or not to include 2020 results in GPA calculations. See the school entry section for changes/updates.
**What is the definition of an Honours Year, in terms of GEMSAS GPA calculations?**

An Honours Degree is a research-intense award pegged at Level 8 in the AQF. One-year honours programs are a specialised year of study undertaken as an extension to an undergraduate degree – this is a ‘standalone’ Honours award. Some four-year (or more) undergraduate programs have honours embedded within their structure, this is an ‘embedded’ Honours award. Standalone Honours are used as the Final GPA year along with the last two years of the preceding bachelor degree. With embedded Honours, it’s just the most recent three years of the degree that’s used.

**Exception:**
UQ please see their school entry for more information.

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**I have done (or I am completing) an Honours Year. Will this be used for selection?**

We include Honours results in GPA calculations, however this can become problematic where the Honours year isn’t complete. Typically Honours results are only available at the end of the Honours year and we do a GPA calculation for allocating applicants to interviews in the middle of the year. So you would probably have a GPA calculated on your bachelor degree used for getting an interview and then when the Honours results are available, they would be used to confirm any conditional or provisional offer you may have been made. However, if you do have results for Honours from Semester 1, these may be used in your GPA calculation together with results from the last two years of your bachelor degree.

**Exception:**
- **The University of Melbourne**, if an Honours degree is not completed by mid-year in the year of application, it will not be used.
- **For UWA**, if an Honours degree is not completed by mid-year in the year of application it will not be used.
- **For Griffith University**, if a standalone Honours degree is not completed by 31 July, it will not be used.

Check the relevant schools’ entries in this Guide and their websites to determine if your current Honours will be used in the calculation.

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**Will my Honours subject results or the overall Honours grade be used in my GPA calculation?**

Where a Standalone Honours year is eligible to be included; if your Honours year consists of subjects which have results then these will be used to calculate your GPA. If there are no subject results, and only an overall Honours grade, then that will be used (refer to the GPA Conversion Table).

If both subject results and an overall Honours classification are available:

- **ANU, Griffith, Notre Dame, UWA, Wollongong** the best GPA will be used.
- **Deakin, Macquarie, the University of Melbourne** will use Honours subject results only.
- **The University of Queensland** will use the best GPA where the honours program is integrated (embedded) into a 4-5 year bachelor degree. For standalone one year research based honours programs, the final Honours classification will be the only result used in the GPA assessment. Three year bachelor degrees with integratedhonours will have the honours result disregarded.

Please note the above only refers to Standalone Honours. Only UQ and Griffith will consider the Honours Classification for an embedded program.

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**I have done (or I am completing) a Professional Honours. Will this be used for selection?**

Please see the school entry section, to see which medical schools will consider a professional honours and the conditions around it.
What is the minimum FTE (Full Time Equivalent) study load required for the Final Year GPA with current study?

The GEMSAS medical schools have considered options for changing GPA methodology for this year’s admissions period, recognising the impact of COVID-19 on 2020 study. As a result a number of schools have made changes, deciding whether or not to include 2020 results in GPA calculations. See the school entry section in the Admissions Guide for changes/updates.

The following GEMSAS Institutions will be using 2020 results in the GPA calculation, for study completed by the end of semester 1, 2020:

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# Semester 1 results will only be included in the GPA calculation if at least 0.375 FTE worth of graded course results in the final year of study are available to be used in the calculation.

The following GEMSAS Institutions will NOT be using 2020 results in the GPA calculation. The below minimum study loads for inclusion in Final year GPA calculation apply to study completed prior to 2020:

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*There are additional requirements for current Honours in order for it to be used in the interim GPA.

**The University of Western Australia will only count failed subjects from 2020 towards the GPA.

I am currently studying. How will COVID-19 affect how my results are used for GPA calculations?

For those institutions not using 2020 subjects in GPA calculations:

- If you are completing the entire final year of your degree (1 FTE, typically 8 full-time subjects) in 2020, your Final Year GPA (i.e. all 2020 results) will not be used, and your GPA will be calculated off Final-1 and Final-2.
- Otherwise, if you are completing your degree in 2020 but are undertaking less than one year of full-time study (<1FTE, typically less than 8 units of study) in 2020 then, some subjects from 2019 (or prior) will be included in the Final Year GPA. If the subjects from your final year of study that were completed prior to 2020 meet the
institutions’ minimum current study load, then your Final Year GPA will be based off these subjects. 2020 results will still be excluded*.
*For UWA, if you have a failed subject from 2020, this will be included and used in your Final Year GPA.

For those institutions who are using 2020 subjects in GPA calculations:

For ANU, a Final Year GPA will be calculated provided we have at least 0.375 FTE worth of graded subjects in your final year of study.
All other institutions who will consider 2020 grades will be using their existing GPA methodology.

I am worried that my studies have been adversely impacted by COVID-19. Can I ask GEMSAS to have this taken into consideration for my GPA calculation?

In response to COVID-19 disruptions, GEMSAS medical schools have made changes to the way that GPAs involving 2020 studies will be calculated. However, your GPA will still be calculated based on the grades awarded by your teaching university. Any potential changes made to your grades to compensate for COVID-19 disruptions will need to be discussed with your teaching university.

How do I allocate subjects to years to calculate my GPA?

First, read the documents at www.gemsas.edu.au/gpa-calculations.

The way to calculate your GPA is to take the total credit points and divide by the years normally taken to do the degree. This will give you the number of credit points to allocate to each GPA year.3

Example:
Assume that all the units you did were of equal credit point value.

If you did 24 units in a 3-year degree you would allocate 8 units a year.

Working backwards chronologically take the most recently-completed 8 units and allocate them to the Final GPA Year. Then take the next 8 units and allocate them to the Final-minus-1 GPA Year and the remaining 8 units will be the Final-minus-2 GPA Year.

A GPA calculator is available for use on our application page (https://applygemsas.edu.au/gemsas/#/home).
Exception: The University of Queensland (UQ), please check UQ’s school entry in this Guide for further information.

How are subjects allocated to the three GPA years?

We allocate by the year in which subjects were taken and not the level of the subjects. We use full-time equivalent (FTE) study loads to allocate subjects to GPA years so we can take part-time, overloading and subjects of differing credit point values into consideration.

COVID-19 and 2020 study – Macquarie University will exclude results from the 2020 year for GPA calculations. Please see Macquarie’s school entry in this Guide for further information.

How are subjects allocated to the GPA years, if I have non-standard semesters?

Subjects are still allocated in the year they were taken. If you have undertaken any non-standard teaching periods outside of the standard Semester 1 and Semester 2 teaching periods offered at most institutions, you may be contacted for further clarification via email by the GEMSAS assessment team. If you do receive an email you will be required to attach evidence from your institution that shows the semesters in which subjects were taken, and the overall chronology of semesters (e.g. unofficial transcript or enrolment record) via email to info@gemsas.edu.au.

3 Exception: for The University of Queensland the GPA is calculated over the entire duration of the degree and is not divided into years.
How are credits from prior study used in the GPA calculation?

See the GPA section on our website - GPA guidelines

If results for specified credit are shown, they will be included in GPA calculations. However, specified credit, as per the definition, requires the key degree record to show the subject codes, names, weightings and results. Most results retrieved through ARTS do not show this information. If prior credit does not meet this definition, it is treated as unspecified credit, i.e. we will use the most recent prior study up to the number of credit points awarded as credit for prior study. Please note that we do not use hard copy transcripts where results are available via ARTS, and we will not accept transcripts provided as clarification regarding specified credit not shown in ARTS.

Credits from prior study not at the same study level, will not be used in the GPA calculation (e.g. a bachelor degree with prior credits from a diploma).

Who uses postgraduate study?

The following schools use postgraduate study in GPA calculations –

- UWA, who use the most recent three years FTE of results regardless of whether they are complete (except honours which must be complete). Please see school entry for a list of the type of study included in the GPA.
- UQ, who accept completed postgraduate degrees (Postgraduate Honours, Postgraduate Diplomas, Masters, Doctoral and PhDs) as standalone qualifying/key degrees.
- Griffith will calculate the GPA using the most recently completed qualifying/key degree/s (a Masters by coursework; Masters by Research; or PhD) if completed by 31 July, 2020. Griffith allocates an overall GPA of 7.00 for completed PhDs and a 7.00 for each full time year of a completed Masters by Research (up to a maximum duration of two years). To complete the 3-FTE years of study when using a Masters degree, the next most recently qualifying/key degree final year/s will be included as required.
- ANU will include Honours and Masters by Coursework results in the 3-year GPA calculation if the degree is completed or due to be completed by 31 December in the year of application.
- Macquarie University will calculate a GPA including Graduate Diploma and Coursework Masters, if this degree will be completed by 31 December the year of application. Completed Research Masters and PhD will be used in GPA calculations.
- The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle and Sydney, will calculate the GPA on the most recently completed 3-FTE years of study including qualifications at Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, and Masters by coursework level, if completed by 31 July 2020.

Please see the “Entry requirements – All applicants” section for more detailed information. All other schools use the most recently-completed undergraduate degree only in GPA calculations.

I’ve done a postgraduate degree, do I calculate my GPA on that or on my undergraduate degree?

Postgraduate qualifications such as Masters, PhDs, or postgraduate diplomas, may be included in GPA calculations. However, because schools do have different rules surrounding the use of these qualifications you should read the school entries in this Guide or contact your preferred schools directly for advice.

- For the University of Queensland, Graduate Diploma, Postgraduate Diploma, Masters, Doctoral and PhD results are currently used for the GPA calculation for admission, if the program has been completed in full. The most recently completed award (bachelor or postgraduate) will be used as the key degree. See UQ’s school entry in this Guide for further information.
- For The University of Western Australia, Graduate Certificates, Graduate Diplomas and Masters by Coursework are included in a 3-year GPA calculation. Applicants with a completed Masters by Research will be awarded a 0.2 bonus to their overall GPA. Applicants with completed PhDs will be deemed a GPA of 7.00.
• Griffith awards a GPA of 7.00 for each equivalent full time year taken to complete a Masters by Research only (the remainder of the GPA will be taken from your most recently completed qualifying/key degree) and an overall GPA of 7.00 is given for a completed PhD (when this is the most recent qualification).

• ANU will award a percentage bonus of 2% for a standalone Honours degree if the qualification is completed or due to be completed by 31 December in the year of application. The bonus applies to standalone Honours degrees only. Embedded and Professional Honours programs are included in the GPA calculation but do not receive the percentage bonus. A percentage bonus may be awarded for a Masters by Research (2%) or PhD (4%) if the qualification is completed prior to the date of application, course results for Masters by Research and PhD’s are not included in the GPA calculation. Masters by Coursework degrees will not attract a bonus but may be included in the GPA calculation if the degree is completed or due to be completed in the year of application.

• The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle and Sydney will include Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diplomas and Masters by coursework, completed by 31 July 2020, in the 3-year FTE GPA calculation.

• Macquarie University will calculate a GPA including Graduate Diploma and Coursework Masters, if this degree will be completed by 31 December the year of application. Completed Research Masters and PhD will be used in GPA calculations. See the Macquarie school entry in this Guide for further information.

How will GEMSAS determine equivalency of your overseas qualification/s to the Australian Qualification Framework?

GEMSAS assessors will review all overseas documents that are received and determine the equivalent level of the qualification under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). Often, this means confirming that a Bachelor degree studied overseas is equivalent in educational level to a Bachelor degree completed in Australia. However, GEMSAS will also assess other types of post-secondary overseas qualifications claimed by applicants, such as postgraduate studies and exchange programs.

For all overseas assessments GEMSAS uses the Australian government’s Department of Education and Training Qualifications Recognition Policy Unit (previously known as NOOSR/AEI NOOSR) guidelines and UK NARIC for verification and level equivalency. Where GEMSAS is unable to determine the equivalent level of a qualification using these guidelines, the assessment is passed to the institution/s to which the applicant has applied.

How will my overseas study be converted to an Australian equivalent scale?

GEMSAS uses an Australian 7-point grade point average scale to calculate GPAs. As many other countries use a different grading system, we may need to convert applicants’ grades to a 7-point GPA scale before their GEMSAS GPA can be calculated.

GEMSAS will take the actual results from applicants’ overseas university transcripts and use the institution grading information provided on the transcript to convert these grades to a 7-point GPA scale. To do this, we need to know the minimum required pass marks and the maximum achievable grade. GEMsAS will generally use the percentage grade where a transcript shows both a percentage grade and a letter grade.

If there is no information on a transcript regarding the grading scale, GEMSAS assessors may take further steps, such as researching the institution and checking the grading system on the institution’s official website, or using guidelines provided by The Department of Education & Training. In some cases, we may request further documentation from applicants that confirms the grading system used by their institution. If you know the minimum and maximum marks you can use the GPA Calculator on the GEMSAS website.

Completed vs Graduated?

All medical schools will use the year of completion or award, not the year of graduation. For example, if your final semester of study was Semester 2, 2010 but the degree was conferred in March 2011. The degree will be considered to have been completed in 2010.
What is the definition of a Conversion degree and how will it be used?

For most institutions a conversion degree is a course that is not a genuine minimum three full-time year equivalent (FTE) qualification. If a Bachelor’s degree has a minimum three full-time equivalent (FTE) duration but the applicant has studied less than that period towards that degree because they’ve gained credit from prior studies from an Associate Degree, Advanced Certificate, Diploma or lower (lower than AQF level 7) this is not denoted as a conversion degree.

Exceptions:

For ANU a Conversion Degree is deemed as a Bachelor Degree which has credit or advanced standing from a level below AQF level 7 (e.g. credit or advanced standing from an Associate Degree, Diploma or TAFE level studies). Conversion degrees will be deemed as per the rules below:

- If you have a Bachelor Degree with less than 0.375 FTE of credit from below AQF level 7, the award will not be deemed as a conversion degree and the credit will not be included in the weighted GPA calculation. The GPA will be calculated using the remaining results of which have been completed at AQF level 7 and above.
- If your Bachelor Degree has 0.375 FTE (or more) of credit from below AQF level 7, the award will be deemed as a conversion degree. If you have a conversion degree, it cannot be accepted for admission and cannot be used for GPA purposes.

For Wollongong: If you have received credit of greater than 1FTE from a program below an AQF Level 7 (i.e. Associate Degree, Advanced Certificate, Diploma) then the award is deemed as a conversion degree and will not be accepted. Any credit from an international baccalaureate will also not be accepted. Please contact the school directly for more information.

For Deakin: If you have received credit of greater than 1FTE from a program below an AQF Level 7 (i.e. Associate Degree, Advanced Certificate, Diploma) then the award is deemed as a conversion degree and will not be accepted. Any credit from an international baccalaureate will also not be accepted. Please contact the school directly for more information.

For Macquarie if you receive credit from a program below an AQF level 7 (i.e. Associate Degree, Advanced Certificate, Diploma) then the award is deemed as a conversion degree and will not be accepted.

For Notre Dame: A conversion degree will eligible for use as a qualifying degree if it is proceeded by a relevant diploma or succeeded by a completed minimum one-year full-time (1FTE) postgraduate degree in a related discipline or field.

For The University of Queensland: Conversion degrees cannot be used as a first degree, but they can be used as subsequent degrees if an applicant has previously completed a three year bachelor level degree.

I was interviewed at School X (my 3rd preference) and I did really well in the interview but I would rather be offered a place at School Y (my first preference). Is that possible?

You cannot be considered for an offer at a school above the preference of the school at which you were interviewed. They have already decided that either you don't meet their minimum criteria or you were not ranked highly enough to get an interview offer. That status can't change in the subsequent offer rounds despite how well you perform at interview.

What is the standardisation of interview scores?

The standardisation of interview scores ensures comparability between institutions. This is a statistical process which uses means and standard deviations from the different interview score distributions to put all the sets of scores onto the same scale.
What happens to my application after interview?

If you are not made an offer by the School at which you were interviewed, your application will remain in the system and will automatically be considered by your lower preference Schools (at which you are eligible for consideration) or by the School at which you were interviewed (for a later offer) until you are either offered a place or all preferences have been exhausted. If you are interviewed by your final preference School, your application cannot be considered by any other preference.

Can I get my interview score or ranking data?

GEMSAS is not able to provide any ranking data or interview scores. Many factors impact on who gets an offer and apart from the selection components used, there are also factors at play including your willingness to accept bonded or fee places, whether you are a rural or an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant and whether or not you were eligible for bonuses/adjustment or for special sub-quota places.

How are offers released?

All offers are decided on the same day and unsuccessful applicants are notified by email that day. GEMSAS and some medical schools advise successful applicants by email but for some medical schools offers are complex to generate, so these notifications may take a few days to reach you. Please make sure you have listed info@gemsas.edu.au as a ‘trusted sender’ in your email system.

How many offers will I receive?

Applicants are made only one offer each year. Once you have been made an offer, you are not eligible for subsequent round offers. If you decline your offer you are removed from the applicant pool and can apply again next year.

What is a conditional offer?

If you are made an offer of a place, and you have not completed your degree (or prerequisites for the University of Melbourne, or you are undertaking additional bachelor or postgraduate studies for UWA), then the offer will be conditional. When we get your final results we will calculate your final GPA and check that it meets any conditions the school may have put on your offer (e.g. maintaining a stated GPA). If it does, your offer will be confirmed, and if it doesn’t meet the conditions the offer will be withdrawn. Applicants enrolled in a combined degree (bachelor/bachelor double degree) who receive a conditional offer for a place at the University of Melbourne must complete both awards in order to have their offer confirmed. For The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle or Sydney, please see the School specific requirements for applicants enrolled in a combined degree. If you studied at an ARTS university, we will try to get your final results and confirmation of completion of your degree electronically.

We often have difficulty obtaining your final results and confirmation of completion of your degree and may request your assistance to encourage your university to upload your results and completion data and to authorize the release of this information to GEMSAS.

If you studied at a non-ARTS university you will need to send an original transcript showing final results and evidence of completion of your degree.

I had better GPA and GAMSAT scores than a friend and they were offered a place at X University. Why wasn’t I offered a place?

Selection is very complex and many factors impact on whether or not you will get an offer. There are many reasons why an applicant with the same or lower GPA and GAMSAT scores as you may have been offered a place when you were not.
They may have performed better in the interview and/or portfolio or personal statements
They may have come from a rural background
They may be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island descent
They may have received bonus points for postgraduate study
They may have received adjustment/bonus points or come through a preferential entry scheme that recognises disadvantage
They may have accepted a BMP or Fee place where you indicated that you would not be prepared to accept one of these places
They may have accepted a place in a special sub-quota

I want to decline an offer of a place. Can I be considered for another place or receive another offer?
Applicants are made only one offer each year. Once you have been made an offer, you are not eligible for subsequent round offers. If you decline your offer you are removed from the applicant pool and can apply again next year.

I have not received an offer in the main round – what happens now?
If you do not receive an offer of a place in the main round of offers after interview, your application will remain in the system. Additional offers may be made during December and January after final results of applicants completing their qualifying/key degree are known.

It is NOT possible for applicants to change their preferences after the application closing date.

What happens if I am also applying for courses outside the GAMSAT Consortium medicine courses?
There are many applicants for medical school places who will not be offered an interview or a place. If you have been offered a place in another course or by an institution not participating in GEMSAS and you intend to accept that place, then please be considerate of fellow applicants and withdraw your application for all GAMSAT Consortium courses as soon as possible. Withdraw by emailing info@gemsas.edu.au quoting your GAMSAT ID. You will be contacted to confirm your withdrawal.
How to Apply

1 Complete the online application form

To apply for admission to a course commencing in 2021, you must complete and submit the online Application Form – on the ApplyGEMSAS website – by no later than 5pm AEST/3pm AWST Thursday 11th June 2020. Please do not leave submission until the last minute as many others will also do this and system overloading can impact your ability to meet the deadline.

Late applications will NOT be accepted.

The application fee is paid by credit card, when completing the online application form. You do not need to complete your payment at the time of submission, but must do so by 5pm AEST/3pm AWST 15th June.

In 2020, for 2021 entry, the application fee is AUD$204.

Don’t forget to include info@gemsas.edu.au as a trusted email address, to ensure messages from the GEMSAS team are not treated as spam and sent to your Junk folder. We cannot be held responsible for any email not reaching or not being read by you.

Applicants will have the following options available to them, as May 2020 GAMSAT results will be available after the close of the application period:

- Cancel their application with a refund, or
- Change their GAMSAT ID to use another valid score, and/or
- Change only their preference order, (NOT add or remove any preference).

Note: Only one change per item above per applicant (i.e. you cannot change your preference order more than once), within 5 days after the release of the GAMSAT results. From late June we will provide, on the application website, a template document to be used to make the updates listed above. The template will include how and when to submit these changes.

2 Email your supporting documentation

Due to COVID-19 GEMSAS will not be accepting any hardcopy documentation. Applicants are required to email supporting documentation directly to GEMSAS. Please note there are three different email addresses where you can send your documents, depending on the type (i.e. Academic, English Language Competency, Rural & Deakin Adjustments (bonuses). It is essential that you refer to your coversheet/s upon completing the application to ensure you have all the correct information to email your documents, and that you include the relevant coversheet with any documentation that is emailed. Documentation without a relevant coversheet will not be processed or assessed.

After completing the online Application Form and making your payment, you may need to email supporting documents. All additional documentation must be emailed according to the dates listed below and must adhere to the very strict documentation guidelines. Wherever possible they should be emailed sooner rather than later. Please refer to the information below about where you need to send the required documentation. Please also refer to your individual coversheets which details very important information regarding sending your documents electronically.

**ORIGINAL ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS**

**Due date: Emailed no later than 5:00pm your time on Wednesday 17th June 2020**

If any of your tertiary studies were undertaken at a university not listed in Appendix A (as an institution whose results can be retrieved through ARTS), you MUST email a scanned copy of your original hardcopy academic transcripts for all such studies along with a copy of your Education coversheet to GEMSAS-academic@vtac.edu.au

- You **must** include in the subject line of the email 'Surname' 'GAMSAT ID' 'Country/Countries of Study'. For example, if you have attached a transcript from an Australian University and a transcript from an exchange semester in Italy, the subject line would read: Jones 0102020 Australia Italy.
- Only **one** set of transcripts is required to complete your GEMSAS application, even if you are applying for multiple applications across Medicine, Dentistry and Optometry.
- Emailed documents must be a high-quality colour scan of the original transcript/and or completion certificate.
- Documentation must be in PDF or JPEG file only and a limit of 5MB.
- Please scan each document separately and include both sides (front and back) if applicable. Transcripts received from the same qualification can be combined into one file but must include the Education coversheet.
- Please refer to your coversheet for the full Academic Document Guide.

Any qualification undertaken in a language other than English must be documented by the original transcript, accompanied by an officially translated original (by a NAATI translator), in English. The NAATI translation must be a scan of the original hard copy translation document issued by the translator. It should feature the translator's original stamp and signature on every page. Electronic versions of the translation, where the translator's stamp has been affixed electronically, will not be accepted.

Please see coversheets for details and page 36 for more information.

Extra documentation requirements for study in China and India:
China:
- Original Transcript in both Chinese and English Language
- Original Degree Certificate that is "Awarded according to the Regulations Concerning Academic Degrees in the People's Republic of China (中华人民共和国学位条例)" - both in English and Chinese Language
- If you have completed a Masters degree we will need your original Graduation Certificate that shows you completed/defended your Thesis - both in English and Chinese Language, in addition to the above.

*English Translations must either be issued from your school or NAATI Translations.
*Please note if you do not provide all of the above it may delay the assessment of your application.

India:
- Unconsolidated Marksheets including any backlogs - Marksheets must be issued from the awarding University NOT the college.
- Official Completion Certificate (in addition for the mark sheets/transcripts)

*Please note if you do not provide all of the above it may delay the assessment of your application.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION (if required)
Due date: Emailed/submitted no later than 5:00pm your time on Wednesday 17th June 2020

The universities listed in the tables on pages 7 to 14 require applicants to submit additional documents. Additional documentation for Deakin University should be emailed with the relevant coversheet to GEMSAS-Deakinbonus@vtac.edu.au

Additional supporting documentation for the University of Melbourne (Graduate Access Melbourne Scheme), as outlined on page 12, should be emailed directly to md-dds-dpt@unimelb.edu.au
Due date: 5:00pm EST on Thursday 11th June 2020.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR APPLICANTS FROM A RURAL BACKGROUND
Due date: Emailed no later than 5:00pm your time on Wednesday 17th June 2020

All applicants who have completed the rural background questions in the Application Form must email their supporting documentation with the Rural coversheet to GEMSAS-rural@vtac.edu.au
FAQs about completing your application

I didn’t receive confirmation of my submitted information or my payment

After completing the Application Form you will need to SUBMIT your application. You will then be taken to the payment system to make your payment. Once your payment has been made successfully you will be shown a receipt screen.

Please note your receipt number or print this screen for your records. If you are not able to complete these steps, please email info@gemsas.edu.au.

You will not receive an email from GEMSAS confirming your application has been submitted. You will receive an email with a receipt number once payment has been made and this is confirmation that your application has been successfully submitted.

I have previously applied through GEMSAS

If you have previously applied through GEMSAS, you are still required to register online and complete and submit a new application.

If you applied prior to last year 2019-2020 you will be required to email ALL documentation. For Deakin adjustment (bonus) and rural background exceptions see pages 9 to 11 and 20.

**Very Important:** If there has been no change to your education history and you applied to GEMSAS last year (2019-2020) you do not need to provide GEMSAS with your academic documents again. You will be contacted should GEMSAS require any further documentation.

Please follow the instruction provided on the Education and English Language Competency coversheets. Coversheets are available once your application has been submitted and paid for.

Do I need to pay for each medical school preference?

You pay a single fee of $204 and this covers up to six preferences.

I can’t see my coversheets for submitting supporting documentation

As your application progresses, a menu item “Coversheets” will appear on the left of your screen. Coversheets are generated according to your selections and responses. You can view the coversheets that you will be required to submit with supporting documentation, but will only be able to access them once you have submitted and paid for your application. To access your coversheets, after you have submitted and paid for your application, log into your application and select the Coversheets button on the My Applications page.

If you are unsure if you should supply supporting documentation, please check pages 7-14 of this guide.

If you cannot save or print any of the documents mentioned above, please email info@gemsas.edu.au and include your GAMSAT ID.

Do I still need to email the Education coversheet if I have no supporting documentation?

The Education coversheet will only be generated if you have selected a university that does not participate in ARTS, for ANY of your study. The Education coversheet will not be generated if no original transcripts are required.

**Very Important:** If you applied to GEMSAS last year (2019-2020) you do not need to provide GEMSAS with your academic documents again. You will be contacted should GEMSAS require any further documentation.
How do I email my supporting documentation?

Your coversheet/s will describe in detail where to send your supporting documentation, deadlines for emailing the documentation and what type of documents can be accepted. It’s very important that you read your coversheet carefully.

Are there any restrictions on the types of academic documentation accepted?

Yes, we will only accept PDF or JPEG file formats, max 5MB. Word documents (.doc, docs, .rtf) are not accepted.

Please ensure all documents are scanned in colour and are a copy of the original hardcopy transcript and/or completion certificate. Scans must be clear, fully legible and includes any notes, codes or logos.

Scan each document separately and include both sides (front and back) if applicable. If your academic documents have information on both sides (even if it is generic information rather than your academic results), please ensure that you scan both sides of the document. Transcripts received from the same qualification can be combined into one file.

You must include in the subject line of the email 'Surname' 'GAMSAT ID' 'Country/Countries of Study'. For example, if you have attached a transcript from an Australian University and a transcript from an exchange semester in Italy, the subject line would read: Jones 0102020 Australia Italy.

It’s very important you read the information on your coversheet/s as any incorrect documentation may delay the processing of your application.

Can digital transcripts be accepted?

The only digital transcripts we will accept are My eQuals. This is applicable only for Australian Institutions and New Zealand Institutions. My eQuals will be accepted provided the PDF is digitally signed by your institution and has the required security features, this includes the certificate key or blue banner verification.

For example, certified documents viewed in Adobe Acrobat Reader have a blue ribbon above the document stating: “Certified by the issuing education provider... all signatures are valid”.

To provide a digitally signed My eQuals PDF Transcript register for My eQuals and create a digitally signed PDF Transcript.

For any other overseas transcript, a digital transcript will not be accepted. We need a scanned copy of your original hardcopy transcript. (E.g. University of San Francisco with an escript/digital US Parchment transcript cannot be accepted).

I don’t have a scanner. How can I send my documents?

Phone applications can be used to scan your documents (e.g. Cam Scanner, Adobe Scan) but askew or poorly focused scans will not be accepted. Ensure that the entire document is scanned, without scanning external surround such as tabletops or a frame or your fingers. The document needs to fill the entire space and all edges of the document must be visible. The documents must not look warped by the scan.

I don’t have an original transcript; can I submit a certified copy?

No, only a scanned copy of original transcript/s will be accepted. Screenshots, photos, certified copies, unofficial results and online printouts are not accepted.

A statement of results is not acceptable and is not considered in place of a full transcript, nor is a printout of an academic record.
My transcript is not in English; should I provide a translation?

Any qualification undertaken in a language other than English must be documented by the original transcript, accompanied by an officially translated original (by a NAATI translator), in English. The NAATI translation must be a scan of the original hard copy translation document issued by the translator. It should feature the translator’s original stamp and signature on every page. Electronic versions of the translation, where the translator’s stamp has been affixed electronically, will not be accepted.

I’m still studying this year; do I need to submit a 2020 transcript?

Yes. Applicants completing their qualifying/key degree in 2020 will be assessed on the basis of the information available at the time of application. Regardless of whether the Institution that you are applying to has decided to exclude 2020 results in GPA calculation you still need to provide GEMSAS with a transcript if you have studied at a non-ARTS or Overseas Institution. For Institutions using 2020 results these will be included in the assessment for interview if they are available at the time of assessment.

If your results are from an ARTS university, your Semester 1, 2020 results will be electronically retrieved during June and July. If you have any unpaid fees at your university we will not be able to retrieve your results until these have been attended to. Please do this ASAP.

For study at a non-ARTS university, in Semester 1, 2020 please supply a scanned copy of your original transcript as soon as possible to GEMSAS-academic@vtac.edu.au. Please email the required transcripts and/or completion certificate by 17 July.

Applicants completing their degree in 2020 will only be offered an interview if the GPA at the time of application (with 2020 results to date) meets the required level.

Such applicants should also note that while decisions on interview offers will be made on the basis of results available at the time of application, final 2020 results may be used to determine offers of a place. Refer to each school’s entry in this Guide for more information.

Exchange studies and transcripts

Exchange studies are part of your degree and therefore we use the results from those studies in calculating your GPA. Exchange studies may appear on your home university transcript as pass/fail subjects, but we use the attained results from the exchange institution’s transcript to calculate your GPA.

You must obtain and supply a scanned copy of your original transcript for any exchange studies you have done.

Exception:
The University of Western Australia will normally use the results that appear on the home university’s transcript (in most cases this is an ungraded pass or an ungraded fail). Please see the Faculty website for further information and for exceptions to this general rule.

Any qualification undertaken in a language other than English must be documented by the original transcript, accompanied by an officially translated original (by a NAATI translator), in English. The NAATI translation must be a scan of the original hard copy translation document issued by the translator. It should feature the translator’s original stamp and signature on every page. Electronic versions of the translation, where the translator’s stamp has been affixed electronically, will not be accepted.

My declared study and/or results have changed. What should I do?

Ensure you inform GEMSAS ASAP if there is any change to your study, especially your qualifying/key degree.
Ensure you inform GEMSAS ASAP if there is an update to a Semester 1 or Semester 2 result or if there is a delay in obtaining a Semester 1 or Semester 2 result (e.g. sitting a special/supplementary or deferred exam), so GEMSAS is made aware of the need to retrieve these results.

Note that ARTS results are retrieved on request and unless you notify us of updates, we will not request ARTS results outside of the scheduled times.

What study should I declare in the application?

ALL tertiary study is to be declared (this includes completed and incomplete study), whether relevant or not to your qualifying/key degree.

I have lodged through GEMSAS two or more applications for medicine

Only your first submitted application will be processed, regardless of which application has been paid for.

How do I submit portfolios for The University of Notre Dame, Australia and the University of Wollongong, and personal statement for Macquarie University?

Portfolios and personal statements are completed in the application form and submitted once you submit your application. To avoid any potential loss of data due to session closure, we suggest you complete your portfolio or personal statement offline first and copy it into the live online application once you are satisfied with your work. As character count methods differ between programs you will need to check your online portfolio using the review of responses generated PDF. If your portfolio was not copied in its entirety you may need to do some further online editing to reduce the character count.

How do I know if my documents have been accepted?

You will receive an email or automated response from GEMSAS acknowledging the receipt of your supporting documentation. If anything further is required, or the documents were not up to the acceptable guidelines you will be notified.

How can I update my personal details after I have submitted my application?

After you have completed your application you can update your gender, previous names, email, postal and/or residential addresses by logging back in to your application at applygemsas.edu.au and updating details in the Account, Personal Details and Contact Details sections.

If you need to advise GEMSAS of an error in your Date of Birth or Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status, or a change to your current name or citizenship details, please email info@gemsas.edu.au and include your GAMSAT ID along with the updated information.
How to calculate your GPA

For information on Grade Point Averages and how to calculate your GPA please view the documents on our website, http://www.gemsas.edu.au/gpa-calculations/. A GPA calculator is available for use on our application page at https://applygemsas.edu.au/gemsas/#/gpa-calc.

In general this information applies to all schools, but please note local variations outlined on university websites and in the university specific information pages in this Guide.

Exception: The University of Queensland (UQ), please check UQ’s school entry in this Guide for further information.

Before you calculate your GPA, you should read the sections ‘Before You Apply’ and ‘How to Apply’.

The GEMSAS medical schools have considered options for changing GPA methodology for this year’s admissions period, recognising the impact of COVID-19 on 2020 study. As a result a number of schools have made changes, deciding whether or not to include 2020 results in GPA calculations. See the school entry section for changes/updates.

International Applications

International applicants must apply directly to all universities at which they wish to study. GEMSAS accepts and processes applications from domestic applicants only.
How can you assist GEMSAS?

PRINT AND SAVE

Once you have completed your application, and prior to submission, we recommend you both save and print your “Review of Responses” and check this thoroughly to ensure the information you have supplied and selected, and your preferences, are correct and accurately convey your intentions. No changes can be made once your application has been submitted.

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ON TIME

Ensure your online application is submitted before the deadline, (once it has been completed and reviewed). No late submissions will be accepted.

Closing time is 5pm AEST /3pm AWST Thursday 11 June.

Only your first submitted application will be processed, regardless of which application has been paid for.

Applicants will have the following options available to them, as May 2020 GAMSAT results will be available after the close of the application period:

- Cancel their application with a refund, or
- Change their GAMSAT ID to use another valid score, and/or
- Change only their preference order, (NOT add or remove any preference).

Note: Only one change per item above per applicant (i.e. you cannot change your preference order more than once), within 5 days after the release of the GAMSAT results. From late June we will provide, on the application website, a template document to be used to make the updates listed above. The template will include how and when to submit these changes.

TECHNICAL ISSUES?

Alert GEMSAS ASAP if there is a technical issue (or any other issue) with your online application, so the issue can be resolved before the submission deadline.

PORTFOLIO OR PERSONAL STATEMENT SECURITY

To avoid any potential loss of data due to session closure, we suggest you complete your portfolio or personal statement offline first and copy it into the live online application once you are satisfied with your work.

As character count methods differ between programs you will need to check your online portfolio using the review of responses generated PDF. If your portfolio was not copied in its entirety you may need to do some further online editing to reduce the character count. Use only plain text. Some characters such as quotation marks may be removed for security and formatting reasons.

DECLARE ALL TERTIARY STUDIES

Ensure you declare all your tertiary study in the application (this includes complete and incomplete study).

UNPAID FEES?

For study at a university that participates in ARTS, if you have any unpaid fees (including student amenities fees and library fines) we will not be able to automatically retrieve your results until these have been attended to. Please do this ASAP.

DOCUMENTATION AND TRANSCRIPTS

Ensure the correct documentation is emailed by due dates (if required), with coversheets included. Note the different email addresses you can send your documentation to. Refer to the coversheet if in doubt. Documentation without the relevant coversheet will not be processed or assessed.

Ensure a scanned copy of the original transcripts are emailed to GEMSAS for all study at non-ARTS institutions including those at which you undertook exchange studies. Ensure you read your coversheet thoroughly on what can or cannot be supplied to GEMSAS as supporting documentation. Any incorrect documentation provided may delay the processing or your application.
You must supply a scanned copy of the original transcript for any exchange studies you have done. Any qualification undertaken in a language other than English must be documented by the original transcript, accompanied by an officially translated original (by a NAATI translator), in English. The NAATI translation must be a scan of the original hard copy translation document issued by the translator. It should feature the translator's original stamp and signature on every page. Electronic versions of the translation, where the translator's stamp has been affixed electronically, will not be accepted.

Ensure you inform GEMSAS if there is a delay in obtaining Semester 1 or Semester 2 results (e.g. sitting a special/supplementary or deferred exam), so GEMSAS is made aware of the need to retrieve these results.

Please send only those documents that have been specifically requested. No additional documentation or general correspondence should be sent to GEMSAS.

Note that there are three email addresses that you can send documentation to, ensure you send your documents to the appropriate one. Refer to your coversheet if unsure. Your contact details need to be operational and GEMSAS informed if they are changed.

If there is a delay in obtaining final results, (if you have been made a conditional offer of a place), alert GEMSAS ASAP (e.g. sitting a special exam). Please ensure you alert GEMSAS well before the 31 December 2020 deadline.

Completions (Academic transcript showing that you have completed your degree) must be emailed to GEMSAS ASAP (by 31 December 2020) if you have been made a conditional offer of a place and you studied at a non-ARTS University.

ENQUIRIES
Read the FAQs and the Admissions guide before submitting an enquiry via info@gemsas.edu.au

YOUR GPA
Please email your full name and GAMSAT ID when requesting your GPA in mid-August.

TIMING AND OFFERS
Universities may not process your course completions as quickly as is needed by GEMSAS to get your offer confirmed in time. You can assist by contacting your central student administration to impress upon them the importance of getting your completion loaded into their student system and made available through ARTS.

For some universities you will need to give them permission to send your completion data to GEMSAS OR you can email a scanned copy of the original academic transcript showing that your degree is completed to GEMSAS at GEMSAS-academic@vtac.edu.au by 31 December 2020.
Entry requirements – All applicants

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (ANU)

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Doctor of Medicine and Surgery

The *Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda* (MChD), Latin for Doctor of Medicine and Surgery, is a comprehensive and varied four year program for graduate students looking to enter the rewarding field of medicine. It aims to produce graduates who are committed to compassionate, ethical health care and the expansion of medical knowledge. The MChD is a Level 9 Extended Masters qualification as defined by the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).

Bachelor Degree

Applicants must have completed a Bachelor degree or be completing the final year of a Bachelor degree at the time of application.

The Bachelor degree must be an AQF Level 7 qualification (at minimum) and must be comprised of at least three full-time equivalent years (3.0 FTE) worth of study.

Two-year accelerated Bachelor degrees (i.e. where 3.0 FTE worth of study is fast-tracked over two years) will be accepted but must be completed at the time of application.

The ANU Medical School does not accept conversion degrees. A conversion degree is defined as a Bachelor degree that includes 0.375 FTE or more worth of credit from previous studies undertaken below AQF Level 7 (e.g. a Bachelor degree containing prior credit from a TAFE certificate/diploma).

Bachelor degrees completed in Australia must be from a Commonwealth-accredited institution.

Bachelor degrees completed overseas must be from a recognised institution and must be equivalent to an Australian Bachelor degree, as determined by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training Qualifications Recognition Policy Unit.

The ANU Medical School welcomes graduates from a variety of undergraduate backgrounds and considers all applicants equally. There is no preferred Bachelor degree or prerequisite subjects for entry to the MChD program.

Applicants who have completed a higher-level qualification but do not hold a recognised Bachelor degree are not eligible for consideration. Standalone Honours and/or Masters by Coursework qualifications will only be accepted as ‘key degrees’ if the applicant has already completed a recognised Bachelor degree prior to undertaking the higher-level study.

Applicants whose Bachelor degree was awarded more than 10 years ago will need to meet further study requirements to be eligible to apply. Please read the ‘Currency of Qualification’ section for more information.

GPA Calculation

The ANU Medical School uses a weighted GPA calculation for admission to the MChD program. This means your most recent results are weighted more heavily:

- Final GPA Year (most recent) = Weighted x3
- Final-1 GPA Year (2nd most recent) = Weighted x2
- Final-2 GPA Year (3rd most recent) = Weighted x1
A minimum weighted GPA of 5.6 is required to be considered for interview. The GPA calculation is based on three years of full-time equivalent study (3.0 FTE) in your most recent eligible degree. For the purpose of the GPA calculation, eligible degrees include Bachelor, Honours and Masters by Coursework programs. Course results from eligible degrees will be included in the GPA calculation if the degree is already completed or due to be completed by 31 December in the year of application.

If your most recent eligible degree comprises less than 3.0 FTE worth of study, course results from your next-most-recent eligible degree(s) may be used to make up the remainder of the 3.0 FTE. For example, if an applicant has completed a 1 year standalone Honours degree after their Bachelor degree, their GPA would be calculated using 1.0 FTE worth of results from the Honours program (Final GPA Year) and the remaining 2.0 FTE worth of results would be taken from the last two years of the Bachelor degree (Final-1 and Final-2 GPA Years).

If the duration of a degree exceeds the equivalent of 3 full-time years of study, only the courses comprising the last 3.0 FTE worth of study will be used in the GPA calculation. For example, for a 5 year combined degree, the GPA calculation will only include the last 3 years of study and will not include the first 2 years.

Where an applicant is completing the final year of their degree in 2020, the current year of study will only be included in the GPA calculation if at least 0.375 FTE worth of graded course results from Semester/Trimester 1 2020 are available to be used in the calculation. If at least 0.375 FTE worth of graded results are not yet available, the Final GPA Year will be excluded from the calculation and the GPA will be calculated using only the Final-1 (x2) and Final-2 (x1) GPA Years.

Please note Graduate Diplomas, Graduate Certificates, Masters by Research, PhDs, non-award study and study completed below AQF Level 7 will not be included in the GPA calculation. However, completion of some higher-level qualifications may attract a percentage bonus. Please refer to the ‘Bonuses’ section for further information.

### Currency of qualification

Applicants are required to have completed their Bachelor degree within 10 years of the date of application. The 10 years is measured from the date your degree was officially completed (i.e. the date of conferral), not the date of your graduation ceremony. If your Bachelor degree was completed more than 10 years ago, the ‘10 year rule’ may be waived if you have undertaken additional undergraduate or postgraduate study in the intervening period. This must be evidenced by successful completion of at least 0.5 years of full-time equivalent study (0.5 FTE) in a Commonwealth-accredited program at Bachelor level or higher (as defined by the Australian Qualifications Framework) in the 10 years prior to the date of application.

A study load of 0.5 FTE is usually equivalent to one semester of full-time study or two semesters of part-time study.

### GAMSAT

Applicants must have achieved a minimum score of 50 in each section of the GAMSAT and a minimum Overall Score of 55 to be considered for an interview.

### Bonuses

**Honours:** A percentage bonus of 2% may be awarded for a standalone Honours degree if the qualification is already complete or due to be completed in the year of application. The bonus applies to standalone Honours degrees only. Embedded and Professional Honours programs are included in the GPA calculation but do not receive the percentage bonus.

**Masters by Research or PhD:** A percentage bonus may be awarded for a Masters by Research (2%) or PhD (4%) if the qualification is completed prior to the date of application.

**Note:** The percentage bonus is applied to the combined GPA/GAMSAT score. Applicants must meet the individual GPA and GAMSAT minimum requirements before they can be eligible for a bonus.

Applicants cannot accumulate additional bonuses for completing more than one of the degrees listed above. If an applicant has completed more than one qualification that is eligible for a bonus, only the highest bonus will apply.
| Indigenous Applicants | The ANU Medical School encourages applications from people of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. The Medical School has recognised places each year available to applicants of this background. Applicants from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent can apply directly to ANU by completing the application form (582KB PDF). You are also required to send the below documentation to admissions.medicalschool@anu.edu.au.  
- Official Academic Transcript/s from all tertiary level study (complete and incomplete)*  
- Official GAMSAT result  
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Declaration Form (882 KB)  
*All tertiary level study must be declared in the application. For the purpose of University admissions, the withholding of information and the submission of incorrect or misleading information are deemed fraudulent.  
If you are from a rural background please indicate this in your application form and provide supporting documentation. Check the Rural background criteria (550KB PDF) to learn what documentation can be used as supporting evidence. Applications will open 30 April 2020 and close 6 July 2020. The admissions procedure for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants will follow similar procedures to that of the domestic GEMSAS process. Applicants will be assessed on their GPA and GAMSAT and may be offered an interview. Upon completion of Interviews, successful applicants will be offered a place. |

| Rural entry | In line with Federal Government initiatives, the ANU Medical School offers 28% of its domestic places to students from a rural background. GEMSAS will use the Australian Standard Geographical Classification - Remoteness Area (ASGS-RA) system to determine if applicants meet the rural background criteria. If your primary place of residence has been in an Australian rural area (ASGS-RA 2 to 5) for 5 years consecutively or 10 years cumulatively, you may be eligible for consideration in the rural sub-quota. You can check the ASGS-RA classification of your address by visiting the Department of Health’s DoctorConnect website. To be considered in the rural sub-quota, applicants must answer the Rurality question when completing their GEMSAS application and must provide supporting documentation to GEMSAS. |

| Interview | Applicants are ranked for interview consideration based on a composite score derived from the standardised weighted GPA and standardised Overall GAMSAT score, using a 50/50 weighting. The ANU Interview format may change for the 2020-2021 admissions cycle in response to COVID-19. |

| Offers | Offers of a place in the program will be based on a total combined score derived from the interview score (weighted 50%) and the composite GPA/GAMSAT score used for the interview ranking (weighted 50%). Meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee admission into the program. An offer made to an applicant who is studying the final year of their key degree in 2020 will be conditional upon the successful completion of the degree. Evidence of successful completion must be received by GEMSAS no later than 31 December 2020. Applicants must meet the minimum weighted GPA threshold of 5.6 upon completion. All students offered a place at the ANU Medical School are required to meet the mandatory screening and vaccination requirements for the ANU, ACT Health and NSW Health. Students who receive an offer of place to the MChD program will receive the screening and vaccination booklet with their offer letter. All requirements included in the booklet must be completed and evidence provided prior to commencement of the program. |
| **Deferral** | An offer of a place is only valid for the year in which it is offered. The Medical School will not consider deferral of enrolment for students unless **exceptional** circumstances arise that **were not** foreseeable at the time of application. |
| **Conjoint MChD/PhD** | The ANU Medical School offers the opportunity for high achieving students to undertake a conjoint Doctor of Medicine and Surgery / Doctor of Philosophy conjoint program. This program caters for students who have a desire to enter the medical profession but also possess a keen interest in cutting-edge research. Applicants wishing to enter the conjoint program must have relevant research experience. Applications and selection for the conjoint program is completed during the first year of the Medicine Program, therefore no application is required prior to starting the program. |
| **English Language Proficiency** | All applicants must meet the Australian National University's English language requirements for graduate admission. Please refer to the ANU Policy Library for further details [https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_000408](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_000408) |
| **International Applicants** | International applicants must apply directly to the ANU. The entry requirements and application process for international applicants can be found on the ANU Medical School website: [https://medicalschool.anu.edu.au/study/doctor-medicine-and-surgery-mchd/how-apply](https://medicalschool.anu.edu.au/study/doctor-medicine-and-surgery-mchd/how-apply) |
| **Scholarships** | The Australian National University offers a wide range of scholarships to current and future students to assist with the cost of their studies. Many of the scholarships on offer are funded by donors and benefactors, external organisations and the Australian Government. Please visit the ANU Scholarships Portal for details: [http://www.anu.edu.au/students/scholarships-fees/scholarships](http://www.anu.edu.au/students/scholarships-fees/scholarships) Additional information about scholarships for medicine students can be found on the ANU Medical School website: [https://medicalschool.anu.edu.au/study/scholarships](https://medicalschool.anu.edu.au/study/scholarships) |
| **Open Days and Information Sessions** | Please visit the ANU website for information about open day and information sessions: [www.anu.edu.au](http://www.anu.edu.au) |
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Bachelor Degree/GPA

A minimum weighted GPA of 5.0 is required. The GPA is to be based on academic grades obtained during the final three full-time equivalent years of the most recent undergraduate degree. Years are progressively weighted x1, x2 and x3, to give greater weight to the most recent results.

2020 Calendar year results will not be used in the GPA calculation. Applicants completing their qualifying degree in 2020 will have a GPA calculated based on the previous two most recent years of study.

Applicants studying in the final year of their degree in 2020 and who have completed at least 0.25FTE of their final year requirements prior to 2020, will have their GPA calculated as Final - 2 x1, Final - 1 x2 and Final x3.

Applicants studying in the final year of their degree in 2020 and have less than 0.25FTE of their final year requirements completed, will have their GPA calculated from the Final - 1 and Final - 2 years only. Years will be progressively weighted x5 and x1 to give greater weight to the most recent results.

An Honours year (embedded or standalone) will be considered and may count as your final year in the GPA calculation.

The completed undergraduate degree must be from an Australian university or a Higher Education Institution recognised by the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF), or equivalent as deemed by Deakin University.

Deakin recognises up to one year of credit towards the completion of your undergraduate degree. Deakin does not recognise 2-year bachelor degrees (accelerated degrees (3FTE) completed over 2 years are accepted).

Any credit from an International Baccalaureate will also not be accepted.

Early exit from a combined bachelor degree

Applicants will meet Deakin University’s admission requirement if they have completed 3FTE when taking an early exit from a combined bachelor degree.

If the applicant takes an early exit from the combined bachelor degree, the GPA will be recalculated and if applicable, made a conditional offer of a place. This is dependent on the successful completion and evidence via an official transcript for the single bachelor degree.

Submission of documentation to the University after the closing date for the purpose assessing qualifications will not be accepted. All documentation must be submitted with the application.

Currency of qualification

Applicants are required to have completed their undergraduate degree within 10 years of their projected commencement date. Applicants whose undergraduate degree was completed
outside this 10 year period may be considered for admission only if they have successfully completed the equivalent of one year of tertiary study (i.e. 1FTE) at Honours or Graduate Diploma level, or higher, at an Australian University or Higher Education Institution recognised by the Australian Qualifications Framework, or at a recognised International University as deemed by Deakin. This postgraduate study **must** have been completed at the time of application and also completed within the 10 years of the projected commencement date of the course.

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| **Adjustments (Bonuses) / Special entry schemes** | Invitations to interview will be sent to a maximum of 220 applicants based on GAMSAT + GPA Score (50:50) with additional weighting for:  
- Rural/Regional residency  
- Prior clinical experience in a health discipline  
- Demonstration of financial disadvantage  
- Work experience  
- Deakin study adjustment (bonus)  
Please see pages 9 to 11 for more information. |
| **Indigenous Applicants** | Up to 5% of domestic places will be held for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) applicants who apply through the Indigenous Entry Stream (IES). ATSI applicants can apply either via GEMSAS or the IES.  
See school website for details: [https://www.deakin.edu.au/doctor-medicine](https://www.deakin.edu.au/doctor-medicine) |
| **English Language Requirement** | English language requirements apply to International applicants and other applicants whose previous study was undertaken in a country other than Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom, the United States of America or South Africa or undertaken in a language other than English.  
Applicants who meet any of the following criteria will be deemed to have automatically met the English Language Requirement for the course:  
1. Studied at an institution in an English-speaking country where English is the language of instruction, completed NO MORE than 2 years prior to enrolment at Deakin and have successfully completed 2 academic years of full-time study at Bachelor degree level equivalent or higher with a minimum WAM of 65. This is equivalent to an unweighted GPA of 5.5.  
2. Studied at an institution within a non-English speaking country, but where English is the language of instruction and assessment for the whole institution, completed no more than 5 years prior to enrolment at Deakin and have successfully completed 2 academic years of full-time study at a Bachelor degree level equivalent or higher, with a minimum WAM of 65. This is equivalent to an unweighted GPA of 5.5.  
3. Completed an Australian Qualification Framework level 5 diploma program or higher (Australian university or other Australian provider) with a WAM of 75. This is equivalent to an unweighted GPA of 6.5.  
Deakin’s English Language Requirements can be satisfied in other ways, as outlined at the following link ([https://policy.deakin.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=161](https://policy.deakin.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=161)), but this may require further evidence to be provided at the time of application. If these documents are not provided at the time of application then any offer made will be conditional on the provision of this documentation. |
| **Interview** | A maximum of 220 applicants will be interviewed. Interviewees will be selected based on GAMSAT and weighted GPA (50:50). The ranking for interview will include additional |
adjustment (bonus) points for:

- Relevant Prior Clinical experience (4%);
- Work Experience (2%);
- Deakin Study adjustment (bonus) (4%);
- Rural/Regional residency (City of Greater Geelong and ASGS-RA 2 (4%) ASGS-RA3-5 (8%);
- Demonstration of financial disadvantage during undergraduate degree (2%).

Interviews will use the Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) format in which applicants are interviewed at up to 10 consecutive stations with 5 minutes for each interaction. Qualities to be assessed at interview include:

- Communication skills
- Commitment to rural and regional practice
- Evidence-based practice
- Self-directed learning
- Teamwork
- Motivation for a career in medicine
- A commitment to social justice
- Professionalism
- Effective use of resources
- Health promotion

Interviews will be held online in the week of 14 September 2020. Applicants are strongly advised to refer to the School website for updated information, https://www.deakin.edu.au/doctor-medicine.

**Offers**

The final ranked list, from which offers will be progressively made, is based on an entry score calculation which weights the GPA (25%), GAMSAT (25%) and Interview (50%). Additional adjustment (bonus) points, previously listed, will be included in this calculation. Offers will be made in early November 2020.

**Conditional Offers**

Offers for applicants in the final year of their degree will be conditional on successfully passing their qualifying degree. Applicants who are in the process of completing their undergraduate degree MUST provide their finalised transcript to GEMSAS by 31 December 2020.

Please note that deferrals are not permitted.

**International students**

International applicants may apply with GAMSAT or MCAT scores. The minimum GAMSAT score is at least 50 in each section and a score of at least 50 overall. The minimum score for MCAT is 125 in each section. GAMSAT and/or MCAT results must be obtained within 2 years prior to the application. Adjustments (bonuses) will be awarded for relevant prior clinical and/or work experience. Students who have undertaken their undergraduate studies in a non-English speaking country must, in addition, obtain a minimum overall IELTS score of 7.0 (with no band less than 7.0). Applicants, whose undergraduate degree was taught and assessed entirely in English, no more than 2 years prior to enrolment at Deakin, are considered as having met the English language requirement. A combination of GAMSAT/MCAT score, GPA score and adjustments (bonuses) will be taken into consideration when selecting applicants for interview.

International applicants must apply directly to International Admissions at Deakin.
| Open Days and Information Sessions | University: [https://student-deakin.studylink.com](https://student-deakin.studylink.com)  
For more information, please use the above link. |
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* included in total CSP and BMP places

Doctor of Medicine (MD)

**Domestic Applicants:** Successful Applicants to Griffith University will be admitted to the Doctor of Medicine (MD), an AQF level 9 Masters extended degree

**International Applicants:** For information: Phone +61 7 373 56425 or Web: www.griffith.edu.au/international

Campus and Place Type Preference

Students will be placed at either the Gold Coast campus or the Sunshine Coast Health Institute Teaching Location* at the time of the offer round.

At the time of application, applicants must specify the types of places (non-bonded CSP and/or bonded CSP (BMP) they wish to be considered for in preferred order. They must also note their preference order for the Gold Coast campus and the Sunshine Coast Health Institute Teaching Location. Please note that preferences will be considered, but not guaranteed as quotas apply.

* Griffith University Bachelor of Medical Science Pathway students will not be allocated to the Sunshine Coast Health Institute Teaching Location

Gold Coast campus is located at Parklands Drive Southport Queensland 4215.

Sunshine Coast Health Institute teaching location is located at 6 Doherty Street Birtinya Queensland 4575.

Key Degree

Griffith University welcomes graduates from a variety of backgrounds (sciences, social sciences, arts, humanities, law, etc.). There is no preferred Area of study or key degree.

**Bachelor Degree**
- Applicants must have achieved a minimum GPA of 5.0 in a completed bachelor degree or be in the final year of a bachelor degree (scheduled for completion by 31 December in the year of application)
- Griffith recognises that some students may undertake other pathways from the standard 3 year and 4 year bachelor degrees, including completed standalone Honours and embedded Honours

*Incomplete 4 year embedded Honours degrees must be completed by 31 December*

If a standalone Honours degree is not completed by 31 July, it will not be used.

**Postgraduate Key Degrees**
- Masters by Research Only complete by 31 July in the year of application
- Masters by Coursework, or a combination of coursework and research complete by 31 July in the year of application
- PhDs complete by 31 July in the year of application
**Completion** means the applicant completed all academic requirements for the qualification, and approval is given for the award to be granted.

| **GPA Calculation** | Griffith University uses an **unweighted** GPA calculation for admission to the Doctor of Medicine.  
- For a **Bachelor** degree, the GPA will be calculated using the GEMSAS grading schema and will be calculated over the final three years of full-time study. Applicants who are in the final year of a Bachelor degree at the time of application will have a GPA calculated over all grades available to date.  
**Due to COVID-19** applicants for admission in 2021 in their final year of a Bachelor degree will have any study completed in Semester/Trimester 1 2020 assessed as follows:  
* **Ungraded passes** to a maximum of one semester/trimester FTE study **will be disregarded**.  
* Graded courses or a combination of graded and ungraded courses will have a GPA calculated using the GEMSAS schema – **ungraded courses will be disregarded**.  
* Applicants may request to have **ALL** Semester/Trimester 1 grades disregarded. However, applicants cannot request to have individual Semester/Trimester 1 grades disregarded Requests to have Semester/Trimester 1 2020 grades disregarded must be sent to medicine@griffith.edu.au no later than 5pm on 24th July 2020. Late requests and multiple requests will not be entertained.  
- The GPA for a completed **standalone Honours** degree will have a final year GPA based on the classification awarded (as per the conversion table in this guide) or **subject results and best GPA used**. The balance of the GPA calculation will be based on the final two years of the Bachelor degree.  
- For an **embedded Honours** degree, the GPA will be calculated using the final year subject results or the classification awarded (if completed) and the best GPA used. The balance of the GPA will be based on the 3rd and 2nd years of subject results.  
**Due to COVID-19** applicants for admission in 2021 in their final year of a 4 year Bachelor degree with embedded honours will have any study completed in Semester/Trimester 1 2020 assessed in the same way as an incomplete Bachelor degree.  
- For a completed **Professional Honours** qualification, please contact Griffith University (medicine@griffith.edu.au).  
- Completed **Masters by Research Only** (where the degree is entirely non-graded) will receive a GPA of 7.0 for the duration of equivalent full-time study (up to a maximum of two years). The balance of the GPA calculation will be based on the final one or two years of the next most recently completed key degree.  
- Completed **Masters by Coursework, or a combination of coursework and research**, will have a GPA calculated from the graded components of the program for the duration of equivalent full-time years of study in the program, with the balance of the GPA calculation being based on the final one or two years of the next most recently completed key degree.  
- Completed **PhDs** receive an **overall GPA of 7.0**. |

| **Currency of qualification** | The key degree must have been completed within 10 years of the projected commencement date. The year of completion is the year the applicant completed all academic requirements for the qualification, and approval is given for the award to be granted. Applicants whose key degree was completed outside the 10-year period are considered for admission if they have completed, with a passing GPA, the equivalent of 1 year’s full time tertiary level studies within the past 10 years. This study does not need to be a completed program of study as long as the duration is equivalent to one year or more full-time study. |

| **GAMSAT** | To be eligible for admission, applicants must achieve:  
- a minimum score of 50 in each GAMSAT section, |
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Applicants

Griffith upholds a commitment to support people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island descent to pursue a medical career.

The First Peoples Health Pathway is:

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Rural Applicants

Griffith University Rural Priority Access Scheme (GURPAS): A proportion of the Griffith University medical intake will include students from a rural background RA2-5. Competitive applicants who meet the rural criteria will be given priority access to Griffith University Doctor of Medicine program.

International students

International applicants apply directly to Griffith University. For further information: Phone +61 7 373 56425 or Web: www.griffith.edu.au/international

International students will be allocated the Gold Coast Campus.

Interview

The interview or Griffith University Multiple Station Admissions Assessment (GUMSAA) is designed to assess personal qualities deemed desirable in medical students and medical practitioners and will take the form of scenario based, multi-station interviews.

Applicants will be invited to GUMSAA based on an interview selections rank derived from a 50:50 combination of the unweighted GPA (converted to a percentage) and the overall GAMSAT score. Entry is competitive and a GPA required for interview selection is likely to be significantly higher than 5.0 out of 7.0. A high GAMSAT can offset a slightly lower GPA and vice versa. As a result of using a 50:50 GPA/GAMSAT selections methodology, there is no discrete cut-off point for GAMSAT

GUMSAA for 2021 entry is scheduled to be held on Wednesday September 30th 2020. GUMSAA will be held on the Gold Coast campus. Due to COVID-19 this date may be subject to change.
NOTE: Griffith University will not offer places in Medicine to any candidate who has achieved an interview score of more than one standard deviation below the mean score, wherever the interview was undertaken.

**Offers**

Offers are made based on an overall ranking of interviewed applicants. This ranking is calculated as 50:50 combination of the interview selections rank (50:50 GPA/GAMSAT) and the overall Interview score (converted to a percentage).

The main round of offers will be made in early November, but if required, ‘top up’ offers will be made in subsequent offer rounds.

The offer letter will state both offer type and campus/teaching location.

Applicants who are in the final year of a Bachelor degree at the time offers are made will receive an offer conditional upon them completing their degree before December 31st while maintaining a GPA above the minimum requirement of 5.00.

**Other requirements**

Orientation will be in mid-January and prior to this date students are required to:

- provide documentation regarding vaccination status;
- complete a Nationally Accredited Training Provider Registered First Aid and CPR Course;
- obtain a National Police Check Certificate; and
- obtain a Queensland Blue Card.


**English Language Proficiency**

English language requirements apply to International applicants and other applicants whose previous study was undertaken in a country other than Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom, the United States of America or South Africa or undertaken in a language other than English. The minimum English language requirements for such applicants for admission to this program are as follows:

- a minimum overall band score of 7.0 on IELTS (Academic) with a minimum of 7.0 in each sub-score;
- OR the Occupational English Test (OET) with a minimum score of B in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking);
- OR an internet-based (iBT) TOEFL score of 94 (minimum score of 24 for listening and reading, 27 for writing and 23 for speaking);
- OR a minimum overall score of 65 in the Pearson Test of English (Academic) with no score less than 65;
- OR successful completion of at least two years of secondary and tertiary studies taught and assessed solely in English from a recognised country*;
- OR successful completion of at least two years in the last five years of tertiary study taught and assessed solely in English from a recognised country* prior to commencement.

English test results must be no more than two years old.

* Recognised countries: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Applicants should refer to the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA) for the English Language Skills Standard for all Doctor of Medicine graduates seeking registration as an Intern.
## Deferrals
Griffith only allows the deferral of the commencement of study for one year when there are documented **exceptional** circumstances that could not have been foreseen at the time of application.

All deferrals must be requested in writing and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Dean of Medicine ([medicine@griffith.edu.au](mailto:medicine@griffith.edu.au)).

## Failure to Enrol
An offer of a place is only available for that year’s intake. An applicant who does not respond to their offer, or accepts their offer but does not enrol, must reapply to undertake the program in a subsequent year.

## Open day and information sessions

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| **Brisbane**                  |
| Tuesday 15 September 2020    |
| 5pm – 7pm                     |
| Building S02                  |
| South Bank Campus             |
| Grey St South Bank Qld        |

**Griffith University Open Day**
Griffith Open Day will be on **Sunday 9th August 2020** at our Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank campuses.

Due to COVID-19 all dates are subject to change and events may be held online.
### Contact details:
- **Telephone**: 02 9850 4538
- **Email**: medicine@mq.edu.au
- **Web**: http://www.mq.edu.au/study/medicine

### Places Available in 2021
- **Full-fee**: 40 places
- **International**: 20 places

These quotas are subject to change.

### Doctor of Medicine selection policies
All applicants should refer to the Macquarie MD website for detailed information on the program including selection and program policies.

### Australian and international clinical placements
The Macquarie MD requires students to attend clinical placements in both Australian and international settings.

### Bachelor degree and GPA

**Bachelor degree**

Applicants must have completed a bachelor degree or be in their final year of a bachelor degree (scheduled for completion by 31 December in the year of application). The bachelor degree must be:

- A level 7 Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) qualification, or an equivalent overseas degree listed in the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (NOSOR) Guide

Bachelor degrees must be completed less than 10 years from intended enrolment unless the applicant meets accepted postgraduate study requirements.

Only the following postgraduate study is accepted:

- Graduate Diploma
- Coursework Masters
- Research Masters
- PhD

Postgraduate coursework (Graduate Diploma and Coursework Masters) must be:

- Complete or scheduled for completion by 31 December in the year of application
- Completed less than 10 years from intended enrolment

Postgraduate research (Research Masters and PhD) must be:

- Complete at the time of application
- Completed less than 10 years from intended enrolment

**Grade Point Average (GPA) or Weighted Average Mark (WAM)**

Applicants are required to have achieved:

- A minimum weighted GPA of 5.0 out of 7.0 to be considered for interview or
- A minimum WAM of 65 to be considered for interview

WAM scores will be converted to a GPA for the ranking calculations through GEMSAS.

Note that entry is competitive and a GPA required for interview selection is likely to be significantly higher than 5.0 out of 7.0.

GPA is calculated through consideration of relevant tertiary transcripts from completed programs or programs scheduled for completion by 31 December in the year of application.
The GPA calculation considers full time equivalent (FTE) years of study. The weightings used give higher level results greater value.

In recognition of the differing impact of COVID-19 on universities and their policies on results for 2020, Macquarie University has decided to exclude results from the 2020 calendar year for GPA calculations of students who are currently studying.

Macquarie University will be applying the following approach to GPA calculations and offers:

Applicants currently studying a bachelor degree will have a GPA calculated from the first 2 years of their degree with the following weightings:

- Final year (most recent FTE year of study) – excluded.
- Final-1 (second most recent FTE year of study) = x 2
- Final-2 (third most recent FTE year of study) = x 1
- An offer will be a conditional offer dependent on successful completion of the undergraduate degree.

Applicants currently studying a standalone Honours year following a completed bachelor degree will have their GPA calculated from their bachelor degree with the following weightings:

- Final year (most recent FTE year of bachelor degree) = x 3
- Final-1 (most recent FTE year of bachelor degree) = x 2
- Final-2 (second most recent FTE year of bachelor degree) = x 1
- An offer will be a conditional offer dependent on successful completion of the standalone Honours.

Applicants currently studying postgraduate coursework (Graduate Diploma and Masters) will have their GPA calculated with the following weightings:

- Postgraduate coursework (available results from 2019 considered as a whole) = x 3
- Final-1 (most recent FTE year of bachelor degree or standalone Honours year) = x 2
- Final-2 (second most recent FTE year of bachelor degree or most recent year of bachelor degree if Honours is used) = x 1
- An offer will be a conditional offer dependent on successful completion of the postgraduate qualification.

Applicants with completed study:

Applicants with bachelor degree only will have their GPA calculated with the following weightings:

- Final year (most recent FTE year of study) = x 3
- Final-1 (second most recent FTE year of study) = x 2
- Final-2 (third most recent FTE year of study) = x 1

Applicants with a bachelor degree and standalone honours year will have their GPA calculated with the following weightings:

- Final year (honours) = x 3
- Final-1 (most recent FTE year of bachelor degree) = x 2
- Final-2 (second most recent FTE year of bachelor degree) = x 1

Applicants with postgraduate coursework (Graduate Diploma and Masters) will have their GPA calculated with the following weightings:

- Postgraduate coursework (considered as whole) = x 3
- Final-1 (most recent FTE year of bachelor degree or standalone honours year) = x 2
- Final-2 (second most recent FTE year of bachelor degree or most recent year of bachelor degree if honours is used) = x 1

Applicants with completed postgraduate research (Research Masters or PhD) will have their GPA calculated with the following weightings:
- Postgraduate research (considered as whole, given maximum GPA value of 7.0) = x 3
- Final-1 (most recent FTE year of bachelor degree or standalone honours year) = x 2
- Final-2 (second most recent FTE year of bachelor degree or most recent year of bachelor degree if honours is used) = x 1

Note that non-award units will not be used as part of the GPA calculation.

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GAMSAT scores submitted must be within two years of intended enrolment.

Please note that an alternative Indigenous Pathway is also available, with details provided in a later section.

| Personal Statement | All applicants must submit a Personal Statement. The personal statement involves responding to a series of targeted questions relating to the program. Personal Statements are not graded but are evaluated as either satisfactory or unsatisfactory. Only applicants who have met eligibility requirements and have satisfactory Personal Statements can progress to interview. |

| Currency of qualification | Qualifications considered for admission must have been completed within 10 years of intended enrolment. |

| English language requirements | Domestic and international applicants will meet English language requirements if their secondary and tertiary qualification(s) have been taught and assessed in English in a country where English is the native or first language (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom, or United States of America). Please see the Macquarie MD website for further information: [http://www.mq.edu.au/study/medicine](http://www.mq.edu.au/study/medicine) |

**IELTS**
Domestic and international applicants who do not meet the above English language requirements must provide evidence of meeting the following International English Language Testing System (IELTS) scores:
- A minimum overall score of 7.0
- A minimum score of 7.0 in each band

Minimum IELTS scores must be achieved in one sitting of the test less than two years from intended enrolment.

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Students who belong to more than one of the above cohorts will have a maximum 5% bonus applied to their weighted GPA. Please note that bonus points are not available to International applicants.

| Indigenous Pathway | All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants will have a 3% bonus applied to their weighted GPA. |
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants can choose to apply through the standard pathway and / or the Indigenous Pathway. The Indigenous Pathway offers:

- Case-by-case application consideration for interview and offer
- Optional submission of GAMSAT results
- Support through the interview process

To be eligible for the Indigenous Pathway applicants are required to demonstrate:

- Proof of Aboriginality (Macquarie University will liaise directly with candidates who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander). Please note that this pathway is not available to International applicants.

| Campus and place type preference | Macquarie University  
|----------------------------------|-------------------------  
| Balaclava Road, North Ryde  
| NSW, 2109, Australia  
| All places in the Macquarie University Doctor of Medicine are full-fee.  
| The MD program requires students to attend clinical placements in both Australian and international settings. |

### Interview

#### Interview selection

Applicants will be ranked and selected for interview based on the following criteria:

- Meeting minimum eligibility requirements outlined above
- 50% weighted GPA
- 50% GAMSAT (50% MCAT for international applicants residing outside of Australia only)
- Personal statement evaluated as satisfactory

Up to 20 interview places will be reserved for Macquarie University Bachelor of Clinical Science graduates / final year students.

#### Interview format

Interviews will be conducted in the Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) format, which will see applicants rotate through a series of short interview stations.

International applicants will be offered a modified MMI conducted via videoconference.

MMIs for domestic applicants will be on Saturday 26 September 2020.

### Offer

#### Offer selection

Applicants will be ranked and selected for offer based on the following:

- 50% GPA
- 50% MMI

Indigenous applicants will be selected on a case-by-case basis.

#### Conditional offers

If an offer is made where a degree is not yet complete, the offer will be conditional. To be made a full offer, study must be complete by the 31 December in the year of application and a minimum GPA of 5.0 out of 7.0 must be maintained.

If conditions are not met by the specified date in the offer letter, the offer will be withdrawn.

### International applicants

International applicants apply directly to Macquarie University.

Visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/study/medicine](http://www.mq.edu.au/study/medicine) for more information.

International applicants must meet the same minimum entry requirements as domestic applicants with three variations:
- MCAT scores as indicated below will be accepted as an alternative to GAMSAT scores (for international applicants residing outside of Australia)
- IELTS scores may be required, as per the ‘English language requirements’ section above
- Modified MMI

**MCAT**

International applicants residing outside of Australia can choose to submit Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) scores or GAMSAT scores. International applicants residing in Australia at the time of application must submit GAMSAT scores.

MCAT scores will be used and weighted for selection for interview and offer in the same way that GAMSAT scores are used (see ‘Interview’ and ‘Offer’ sections above).

MCAT scores submitted must satisfy:
- A minimum total score of 500
- Completion less than three years from intended enrolment

**IELTS**

Some international applicants will be required to submit IELTS scores. See ‘English language requirements’ section above for details.

**Interviews**

International applicants who receive an interview will be offered a modified MMI conducted via videoconference. MMIs will take place on a rolling basis.

**Offers**

Successful international applicants will be notified by Macquarie University on a rolling basis up to October 2020.

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### Melbourne MD Selection Policies

All applicants to the University of Melbourne are asked to refer to the MD Selection Guidelines [https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/doctor-of-medicine/entry-requirements/entry-requirements](https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/doctor-of-medicine/entry-requirements/entry-requirements) for detailed selection policy information.

### Extended Rural Cohort (ERC) stream

Thirty (30) ERC places are allocated from the domestic quotas above; they are not additional places.

Students will be allocated to the ERC at the time of offer. The ERC program relates primarily to Year 3. ERC students will undertake a significant portion of their clinical education in hospitals and community-based practices within the Northern Victoria Regional Medical Education Network. This network brings together the clinical resources of Monash University and the University of Melbourne in northern Victoria.

Preference will be given to applicants who express a particular interest in the program. Note however that any domestic applicant may be offered an ERC place. Students offered a place as part of the ERC will not be able to transfer into any other type of place. International students are not eligible for admission to the ERC stream.

For further information go to [https://medicine.unimelb.edu.au/study/current-student-resources/md-students-resources/clinical-schools/clinical-schools-zones/rural-zone/extended-rural-cohort](https://medicine.unimelb.edu.au/study/current-student-resources/md-students-resources/clinical-schools/clinical-schools-zones/rural-zone/extended-rural-cohort)

### Clinical School Zone allocation

Most of the Melbourne MD is delivered through clinical schools based within health services. Applicants are asked to choose their preferred clinical school zone (i.e. rural or metropolitan). Allocation to zones is based on a random order list and applicant preference, although those whose MD offer results from their rural origins will be allocated to the rural zone. Government regulations prevent international students from being placed in the rural clinical school zone. A successful applicant’s acceptance of their offer of a place in the course is also acceptance of their allocated clinical school zone.

Successful applicants will also be asked to express their preferences for the specific clinical school they would like to attend within their allocated zone. A randomised process will allocate students to their highest-ranked clinical school at which a place is available, while ensuring a similar mix of student characteristics (such as gender and fee type) at each site. Information on each clinical school is available from: [https://mdhs-study.unimelb.edu.au/degrees/doctor-of-medicine/clinical-experience#clinical-experience](https://mdhs-study.unimelb.edu.au/degrees/doctor-of-medicine/clinical-experience#clinical-experience)

### Bachelor Degree/ GPA/ GAMSAT

A minimum GPA of 5 and a minimum GAMSAT Score of 50 in each of the three sections of the GAMSAT is required. These are minimum requirements only, and selection into the course is highly competitive.
Applicants are ranked for interview based on the combined weighted GPA and the GAMSAT score (where each of the three sections is weighted equally). The GPA and GAMSAT score are weighted equally to create the ranked list for interview.

The Grade Point Average (GPA) is measured by considering the last 3 years of the applicant’s undergraduate coursework studies (only including Honours where the Honours Degree is completed by mid-year in the year of application, and the results are available for selection). GPA years will be weighted: the final-minus-2 x 1, the final-minus-1 x 2 and the final x 2.

If an Honours degree is not completed by mid-year in the year of application, then GPA weightings will be applied by weighting the first of the final three pre-honours undergraduate years, as outlined above.

An undergraduate degree is defined as a degree of at least three years duration when studied full-time, or equivalent, from a recognised university. However, accelerated entry and conversion degrees may be accepted, depending on the level and extent of credited study, at the discretion of the selection committee. GPAs may be adjusted in the applicant’s favour for applicants with a completed PhD or Masters qualification in a related discipline (quotas apply).

If you are currently completing key degree (the degree for GPA calculation) in 2020, results from 2020 calendar year will be excluded from GPA calculations.

Undergraduate degree must have been completed within 10 years of commencing the Doctor of Medicine. For applicants whose most recently completed undergraduate degree was completed 10 or more years before 1 January 2021 in the year of application, a Graduate Diploma, Master or PhD degree, or equivalent, must have been completed within the last 10 years.

Prerequisites subjects must also be completed within the 10 years prior to commencement of the Doctor of Medicine. For example, if applying for the 2021 intake, prerequisite subjects must be completed from 2011 onwards.

Only international students who reside outside of Australia at the time of application may apply using an MCAT score.

Applicants of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent are given priority access to Medicine at the University of Melbourne under the Indigenous MD Student Entry Pathway. Verified indigenous applicants are required to meet minimum selection criteria only. Applicants eligible for the Indigenous Pathway will not be subject to ranking and will be selected into the program if the following minimum requirements are met: prerequisite subjects passed; GPA of 5.0 or above; and Multi Mini Interviews passed. Indigenous applicants who satisfy these minimum requirements will be invited to attend an interview with a panel chaired by the Associate Dean (Indigenous) of the Faculty (or their nominee), and other appropriate Indigenous representatives.

Eligible Indigenous applicants who wish to apply to the University of Melbourne under the Pathway will be required to submit a direct application via the University’s formstack: https://theuniversityofmelbourne.formstack.com/forms/2021_atsi

Closing date for direct applications: 5:00pm AEST on Thursday 11th June 2020.

Indigenous applicants are not required to apply via GEMSAS nor sit the GAMSAT if the University of Melbourne is their only preference. Indigenous applicants wishing to be considered by other medical schools (in addition to the University of Melbourne) should consult the relevant entries in this Guide for application details.
Prospective Indigenous applicants are strongly encouraged to make contact with the University of Melbourne (via email to mdhs-indigenous-admissions@unimelb.edu.au) for advice about the direct application process and our Indigenous MD Student Entry Pathway.

### Special entry schemes

**Graduate Access Melbourne (GAM)**

Applicants approved for the Graduate Access Melbourne scheme may be re-ranked based on their level of disadvantage. GAM applications must be submitted directly to the University of Melbourne by the closing date for applications. The online GAM application form can be accessed at [https://theuniversityofmelbourne.formstack.com/forms/2021_graduate_access_melbourne](https://theuniversityofmelbourne.formstack.com/forms/2021_graduate_access_melbourne).

Supporting documents for the University of Melbourne’s Graduate Access Melbourne Scheme: Applicants must email their documents DIRECTLY to md-dds-dpt@unimelb.edu.au no later than 5:00pm AEST on Thursday 11th June 2020.

To check your eligibility for Graduate Access Melbourne, please go to: [https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/special-entry-access-schemes/access-melbourne-graduate](https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/special-entry-access-schemes/access-melbourne-graduate)

We do not accept the hard copy application form found on the University of Melbourne Graduate Access Melbourne website. All Graduate Access Melbourne applications for the MD must be submitted through the GAM formstack link above.

### Guaranteed Entry Scheme Application Process

All Chancellor’s Scholars (who entered their undergraduate degree at the University of Melbourne with an ATAR of 99.90 or above) and Guaranteed Full Fee students (with an ATAR of 99.00+) for the Doctor of Medicine 2021 intake must apply via the Future Student website by Thursday 11th June 2020 in order to be considered for a guaranteed place:


Eligible Guaranteed Entry applicants will be invited to attend a Multi Mini Interview in September 2020, provided they have applied via the above website, by the due date.

### Guaranteed Entry Scheme Eligibility

Please view the eligibility criteria for these pathways to determine if you are eligible via the following Guaranteed Entry Scheme webpage:

[https://students.unimelb.edu.au/future/graduate-study-for-current-students/guaranteed-entry](https://students.unimelb.edu.au/future/graduate-study-for-current-students/guaranteed-entry)

Please be sure to check the specific course ATAR, weighted average mark (WAM), prerequisite subjects and multi-mini interview requirements via the following webpage:

[https://students.unimelb.edu.au/future/graduate-study-for-current-students/explore-graduate-study-options](https://students.unimelb.edu.au/future/graduate-study-for-current-students/explore-graduate-study-options)

**Important note for Guaranteed Entry Scheme:**

- Undergraduate degrees must be completed at the University of Melbourne.
- Satisfactory performance at a multi-mini interview to demonstrate adequate communication skills. All students who commence their undergraduate degree at the University of Melbourne after the 2016 intake will be required to pass on the first attempt any course prerequisite subjects taken at the University of Melbourne. Students who fail to achieve this will not be eligible for guaranteed entry into the course.
Applicants eligible for guaranteed entry will not be required to complete the Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT).

Full-Fee Guaranteed Entry applicants must also meet course Weighted Average Mark of 75 or above.

Full-Fee Guaranteed Entry applicants who wish to be considered for other fee type places must apply via the standard GEMSAS process. These applications will be considered separately.

**Rural entry**

The Melbourne Medical School at the University of Melbourne recognises the importance of building and sustaining a rural medical workforce and will therefore offer priority access to at least 27% of Commonwealth Supported Places in the Melbourne MD to applicants from a rural background, subject to the standard selection policies.

For further information on rurality classification please refer to page 20 of this Guide.

**Interview**

Multi Mini Interviews (MMI): The interview component will be an eight station Multiple Mini Interview. Each station takes five minutes and has a single interviewer.

The MMI aims to assess non-academic qualities including cultural sensitivity, maturity, collaboration, reliability and communication skills.

The stations could include practical tasks, commenting on short films, or explaining your thinking.

Further important information on how the MMI is applied to guaranteed entry and GEMSAS applications can be found here: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/doctor-of-medicine/entry-requirements/#entry-requirements

**Offers**

Course offers will be made on the basis of a combined ranked list where ranks by GAMSAT will be weighted by 25%, GPA by 25%, and interview by 50%. Eligible Guaranteed Entry and Indigenous applications will not be subject to ranking. Eligible rural background applicants may be selected above higher-ranked applicants, in order to satisfy the University's rural-background quota.

**Conditional offers**

If an offer is made where a degree or prerequisite subjects are not yet complete, the offer will be conditional. When the degree is completed and the final results are received a final GPA will be calculated. Applicants will be expected to maintain or exceed the GPA used when shortlisted for interview. An applicant whose final GPA drops, but only by 0.3 or less, will in most cases have their offer confirmed. If conditions aren’t met by the specified date on the offer letter the offer will be withdrawn.

Applicants enrolled in a combined degree (bachelor/bachelor double degree) who receive a conditional offer for a place at the University of Melbourne based on that combined degree, must complete both awards in order to have their offer confirmed.

For further information, refer to the MD Selection Guidelines: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/doctor-of-medicine/entry-requirements/

**Prerequisite subjects and equivalents**

As of the 2022 intake, applicants will not be required to complete prerequisite subjects for the Doctor of Medicine. Applicants for the 2021 intake are still required to complete prerequisites. These changes are in line with the proposed updates to the curriculum: https://medicine.unimelb.edu.au/news-and-events/towards-2022-the-new-doctor-of-medicine

The three prerequisite subjects for 2021 intake are anatomy, physiology and biochemistry successfully completed at second year undergraduate level.

A table of approved prerequisite equivalent subjects can be found at: http://mdhs-study.unimelb.edu.au/prerequisites
If the subjects you have studied are not included in the published lists, please review the instructions on how to have your subjects assessed (available on the prerequisite website). Applicants who submit complete documentation by Friday 1st May 2020 will be advised of the subject equivalence before the closing date for applications. Submissions received after this date will take three weeks to be processed.

Applicants who have not submitted documentation for assessment by the end of May OR have not demonstrated equivalence as part of their GEMSAS application (e.g. evidence of relevant completed subjects) will be deemed to have failed the prerequisite requirements and will not be eligible for selection into the MD.

If you are going to enrol in one or more subjects from the list of approved prerequisites subjects in semester two in the year of application, you are still eligible to list University of Melbourne as one of your preferences. However, you must enrol in your prerequisite subjects by the end of July in the year of application, and you must list the subjects you intend to enrol in, when you complete the **Education section** of the GEMSAS online Application Form.

GEMSAS will be able to retrieve your enrolment records through Automated Results Transfer System (if your institution uses ARTS) at that time, but can only do so if you have listed the subjects in the application or advised GEMSAS at info@gemsas.edu.au by 31st July.

Applicants enrolling in prerequisite subjects in 2020 must have results available by Thursday 7th January 2021. Applicants should confirm with their enrolling institution that results will be available by this date. Prerequisite subjects must be completed within 10 years prior to commencement of the Doctor of Medicine. For example, if applying for the 2021 intake, the prerequisite subjects must be completed from 2011 onwards.

### Selection Criteria

For detailed selection criteria, refer to the University of Melbourne website https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/doctor-of-medicine/ OR the University Handbook: https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/courses/mc-mdmed

### Core Participation Requirements

All applicants must familiarise themselves with the Doctor of Medicine **Core Participation Requirements** before applying to enter the MD at Melbourne. These can be found on the following website: http://medicine.unimelb.edu.au/study/current-student-resources/mms-students-resources/policies-procedures-and-forms This document outlines the aptitude required to achieve the necessary attributes to progress through the course.

All successful applicants will be asked to acknowledge that they have read and understood the Core Participation Requirements of the MD before commencing the course.

### International students

International students may apply with either a score from GAMSAT or MCAT. International applicants with an MCAT cannot be considered if they are residing in Australia at the time of application (these applicants must apply with GAMSAT).

Applicants who use the MCAT must achieve a minimum score of at least 492 in order to be considered eligible for entry.

Applicants who have undertaken their undergraduate studies in a language other than English should consult this website for information about minimum English language requirements at the University of Melbourne: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/english-language-requirements/graduate-english-language-requirements

The Melbourne Medical School Doctor of Medicine International Admissions Guide can be found here: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/doctor-of-medicine/how-to-apply/

### English Language Proficiency

Domestic applicants who have completed their undergraduate studies at an institution where the degree was taught and assessed in English are deemed to have met the English Language Requirements.

Applicants who **have not completed undergraduate studies in English** can satisfy the English Language Requirements in a number of ways, as outlined on the website, and must provide evidence to support this upon receipt of an offer at the University of Melbourne:
| Open Days and Information Sessions | University Open Day: Sunday 16th August 2020  
[https://study.unimelb.edu.au/openday](https://study.unimelb.edu.au/openday)  
For further updates and details of Information Sessions refer to:  
[https://mdhs.unimelb.edu.au/study/meet-us](https://mdhs.unimelb.edu.au/study/meet-us) |

THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, FREMANTLE

The information below only applies to The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle. Applicants to The University of Notre Dame Australia, Sydney, must read the separate section contained in this Guide.

The Objects of The University of Notre Dame Australia are:

a. The provision of university education, within a context of Catholic faith and values; and

b. The provision of an excellent standard of:
   i. teaching, scholarship and research;
   ii. training for the professions; and
   iii. pastoral care for its students.

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Places Available in 2021*

*The expected number of places available for the Doctor of Medicine (MD) in 2021 is subject to change.

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Fee-type and Quotas

Applicants must specify which fee-type places they are applying for. Applicants will not be considered for places they have not selected. Offers will be made in the following order: CSP first and BMP second.

Change of Fee-Type Preferences

No fee-type changes whatsoever will be allowed for Commonwealth Supported (bonded or non-bonded) places.

No Transfer of Offer between Notre Dame’s Fremantle and Sydney campuses.

Under no circumstances will any offer of a place be transferable between Notre Dame’s Sydney and Fremantle campuses. Applicants should not preference a given campus unless they are willing and able to commit to the full duration of the Doctor of Medicine program at that campus.

Selection Process

Candidates are ranked for offer on the following criteria:

- Notre Dame Portfolio: Personal qualities, motivation to study medicine and to study at Notre Dame Fremantle;
- Unweighted average GAMSAT Score: Notre Dame will take an average of the three sections of GAMSAT and an applicant must achieve a score of at least 50;
- Grade Point Average (GPA): Applicants must achieve an overall GPA score of at least 5.2; and
- Interview (Multi Mini/Structured Interview). If this is not possible in the 2020 environment, notification regarding any changes to this process or substitution of a suitable alternative will be made available on the School's website. It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure that they inform themselves of these possible alternatives or updates by checking the website regularly.

Qualifying Bachelor Degree

Applicants must have completed, or be in the final year of a minimum three year full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate degree (including an Honours year if applicable.)

The following degrees may also be used as qualifying degrees, subject to the conditions stated:

Vertical Double/Combined Degrees
An undergraduate/postgraduate combined degree - consisting of at least two undergraduate years plus at least one postgraduate year - must be completed by 31 December 2020. Completion of the undergraduate component alone will be deemed insufficient, unless the applicant has been approved by the conferring institution to exit the qualification early with a 3-year FTE degree. Where an undergraduate/postgraduate degree has been used as the qualifying undergraduate degree, and it is the most recent study undertaken, all available units will be used in calculating the GPA.

**Accelerated degrees**

An accelerated degree consists of three trimesters per year completed in two years. Applicants in their final year of an accelerated degree must be due to complete their degree by 31 December 2020. Where an accelerated degree is later completed as a standard duration undergraduate degree, the most recent three years of study will be used in the GPA calculation.

**Conversion Degree**

A conversion degree will be eligible for use as a qualifying degree if it is preceded by a relevant diploma or succeeded by a completed minimum one-year full-time (1FTE) postgraduate degree in a related discipline or field.

**Other accepted study**

Applicants who have completed a combined minimum of three years’ study at AQF Level 7 or higher in a single discipline or in related fields may also be eligible, provided the qualifications/degrees are complete at the time of application.

**Applicants in the final year of study of qualifying degree**

Applicants who apply using their current enrolled minimum 3-year full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate degree will be expected to successfully complete all requirements of the degree, including any Study Abroad components, as at 31 December 2020. Where deferred or supplementary exams are scheduled after 31 December 2020, the applicant will be deemed not to have successfully completed all requirements of the degree as at 31 December 2020. As such, applicants must note the stipulated deadlines carefully if and when requesting deferred or supplementary exams. The MD program at Notre Dame commences in early 2021. As such, an extension cannot be granted in any circumstances. Where an applicant is in the final year of study, the final-year GPA will be calculated based on the completed units within their final year. For example, if 0.25FTE units have been completed and the applicant is expected to complete 0.75FTE that year in order to complete their degree, their final year GPA will be calculated using 0.25FTE of units. Some institutions have decided to change their grading system to pass/fail for either Semester One, 2020 or for the whole of 2020. These qualifications will still be accepted provided they remain a minimum three year full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate degree, or other accepted qualifying degree. An applicant’s GPA will be calculated in line with the appropriate rules. Results for Semester One, 2020, must be available by 31 July 2020 to be used in the GPA calculation for Interview selection.

Offers to successful candidates completing their degree in 2020 will be conditional upon maintenance of a competitive GPA and documentary evidence to GEMSAS of degree completion prior to 31 December 2020. Where relevant, this documentary evidence includes results from all Study Abroad components of their degree. As such, applicants must note their international institution’s timeframe for supplying results if they are taking part in Study Abroad.
### GPA Calculation

An applicant’s GPA will, subject to the exclusions below, be calculated on the most recent 3-FTE years of study of completed/completing degrees at an AQF level 7 or above. All grades/results (including fail grades, if applicable) from the most recent 3-FTE years of completed/completing study will be used.

Not-for-Degree and Audit study that is not credited to a degree will not be used for the purposes of GPA calculation.

GPAs will be calculated using study at Bachelor, Honours (excluding clinical and professional honours), Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, and Masters by coursework only. Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Masters by coursework qualifications must be completed by 31 July 2020 to be used in the GPA calculation.

Masters by research, Doctoral Degrees, clinical and professional honours and study below bachelor AQF level 7 will not be considered for the purpose of GPA calculation.

Qualifications must be completed at a TEQSA accredited institution (or for equivalent international qualifications, defined by the Australian Department of Education and Training Qualifications Recognition Policy Unit (previously AEI-NOOSR).

GPA years will be progressively weighted Final-minus-2 x 1, Final-minus-1 x 2 and Final x 3, to give greatest weight to the most recent results. If Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Masters by Coursework are to be included in an applicant’s GPA calculation, the GPA calculation will not be weighted. The results from each of an applicant’s three most recent years of eligible study would be of equal weight.

For more information regarding GPA calculations and this terminology please refer to the GPA Guides on the GEMSAS Website: [http://www.gemsas.edu.au/gpa-calculations/](http://www.gemsas.edu.au/gpa-calculations/)

Masters by Research or Doctoral degrees, classified by the host institution as Course Complete (or equivalent) by 31 July 2020, will be awarded bonus points on the Notre Dame Portfolio. These qualifications will not be used for the purposes of GPA calculations.

### Currency of Qualification

Notre Dame requires qualifying degrees to be completed after 31 May 2010.

Applicants whose qualifying degrees were completed before 31 May 2010, must have, between 31 May 2010 and 31 July 2020, successfully completed a 0.5 FTE Graduate Certificate or the equivalent duration at AQF Level 8 or above or the equivalent of 1.0 FTE study at Bachelor Level AQF 7 as defined by the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) or for international qualifications, defined by the Australian Department of Education and Training Qualifications Recognition Policy Unit (previously AEI-NOOSR).

### Application Process

All applicants must complete the online GEMSAS Application inclusive of the embedded Notre Dame Portfolio.

The Notre Dame Portfolio must be completed irrespective of the ranking of Notre Dame Fremantle in the GEMSAS application. Applicants who fail to submit a Notre Dame Portfolio will not be considered for a place.

As part of the Notre Dame Portfolio, applicants MUST complete the Personal Statement section (on-line). In this, applicants will be asked to outline their motivation for pursuing a career in Medicine and for studying at Notre Dame, including their understanding of and respect for the Objects of the University. Applicants who fail to submit an acceptable Personal Statement as part of the Notre Dame Portfolio will not be considered for a place.

The Notre Dame Portfolio may take time to complete and it is recommended that applicants commence preparation early and submit well before the closing date.

A Notre Dame Portfolio template and guide will be available from the Notre Dame website from 30 April 2020 at [https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/fremantle/medicine/how-to-](https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/fremantle/medicine/how-to-)
**Higher Degrees (Doctoral Degrees & Masters)**

Masters by Research or Doctoral degrees, classified by the host institution as Course Complete (or equivalent) by 31 July 2020, will be awarded bonus points on the Notre Dame Portfolio. Combined undergraduate/postgraduate degrees will not be awarded recognition through the scoring on the Notre Dame Portfolio.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Applicants**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants can apply through GEMSAS or may contact The Notre Dame Fremantle Admissions Office on 08 9433 0537 for advice on alternative pathways. Information on the Aboriginal Entry Pathway can be found at: [https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/fremantle/school-of-medicine/postgraduate/doctor-of-medicine](https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/fremantle/school-of-medicine/postgraduate/doctor-of-medicine).

**Rural Applicants**

The equivalent of at least 28% of the University’s Commonwealth-supported medical student allocation must be of rural background as defined by the Rural Health Multidisciplinary Training (RHMT) Program.

If you come from a rural background (ASGS-RA 2 to 5 area) and wish this to be taken into account in your application, you will need to provide documentary evidence to GEMSAS and meet the eligibility requirements as defined by the RHMT Program. Eligibility requirements are detailed by GEMSAS in this publication.

Applicants of demonstrated rural background will receive bonus points on the Notre Dame Portfolio.

**Western Australian Residency Scheme**

Applicants who have resided cumulatively in Western Australia for 10 years or more as at 31 May 2020 may have this taken into consideration in the scoring of their Notre Dame Portfolio. Specific documented evidence of this will be requested from applicants who are offered an interview. If an applicant cannot supply the required documentation, they may no longer be eligible for the interview.

**Interview**

Applicants are ranked according to a composite of the GPA, unweighted average GAMSAT and Notre Dame Portfolio scores.

Approximately 200* applicants will be interviewed. Interview offers will be made in September 2020. Further details regarding any changes to the Interview process or substitution of a suitable alternative will be provided on the School’s website. It is the Applicant’s responsibility to ensure that they inform themselves of these possible alternatives or updates by checking the website regularly.

*Subject to change.

The University of Notre Dame Australia reserves the right to offer additional interviews to applicants from alternative pathways.

**Offers**

Interviewed applicants are ranked by combining the scores calculated from the GPA, unweighted average GAMSAT and Notre Dame Portfolio with the applicant’s interview score. Offers for both
Interview and course places are made via email to the email address provided by the applicant in his or her application. If no acceptance is received from an applicant within the stipulated timeframe, the offer will no longer be valid.

Offers to successful candidates completing their degrees in 2020 will be conditional upon maintenance of a competitive GPA. Offers will be conditional until evidence is received by GEMSAS from the applicant that the applicant has achieved the required GPA as stated in the offer letter. Applicants who are conditionally-offered are encouraged to approach their conferring institutions to ensure that their completion will be confirmed by 31 December 2020. Under no circumstances will offers to study the Doctor of Medicine at Notre Dame, Fremantle be deferred or transferred.

| International Students | Places for international students in 2021 are not available. |

| Open days and Medicine Information Session | **Medicine Online Info Session – Wednesday 22 April 2020**, 6pm  
Register now: [https://www.notredame.edu.au/events-items/medicine-info-session](https://www.notredame.edu.au/events-items/medicine-info-session)  
For other upcoming events, visit [www.notredame.edu.au/events](http://www.notredame.edu.au/events) |

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| Verification | In fairness to all applicants, all information and documentation (Material) submitted in support of an application will be subject to strict verification and checking processes. A selection of verifiers will be contacted to confirm the Material of applicants. In the event that any Material is not verified, the University may request further additional documentation, seek clarification and/or take any action in relation to the application, at any stage in the process that it deems appropriate. As GEMSAS will not be accepting hard copy transcripts to verify documents in 2020, successful applicants who attended non-ARTS institutions will need to provide hard copies of original transcripts to the Notre Dame Admissions team for assessment before enrolment is accepted. Please do not provide documents directly to Notre Dame unless specifically requested. |

| Feedback | Notre Dame Fremantle will not provide feedback on any portion of the application. The average GPA and GAMSAT scores of the successful cohort will be published. |
THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, SYDNEY

The information below only applies to The University of Notre Dame Australia, Sydney. Applicants to The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle, must read the separate section contained in this Guide.

The Objects of the University of Notre Dame Australia are:

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Places Available in 2021*

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*The expected number of places available for the Doctor of Medicine (MD) in 2021 is subject to change.

Fee-type and Quotas

Applicants must specify which fee-type places they are applying for. Applicants will not be considered for places they have not selected. Offers will be made in the following order: CSP first, BMP second and Full-Fee third.

Change of Fee-Type Preferences

No fee-type changes whatsoever will be allowed for Commonwealth Supported (bonded or non-bonded) places.

The only permissible request for fee-type change is a request to add or remove the Full-Fee category. However, applicants must note that ONLY one change per application per year is permissible. All changes must be submitted by email no later than 4pm (AEST) on 2 October 2020. Requests received after this date/time will not be considered.

To submit a change of fee-type preference for Notre Dame Sydney, please email Sydney Admissions at sydney.admissions@nd.edu.au. All changes will be confirmed by the University via email.

No Transfer of Offer between Notre Dame’s Fremantle and Sydney Campuses.

Under no circumstances will any offer of a place be transferable between Notre Dame’s Sydney and Fremantle campuses. Applicants should not preference a given campus unless they are willing and able to commit to the full duration of the Doctor of Medicine program at that campus.

Selection Process

Candidates are ranked for offer on the following criteria:

- Notre Dame Portfolio: Personal qualities, motivation to study medicine and to study at Notre Dame Sydney;
- Unweighted average GAMSAT Score: Notre Dame will take an average of the three sections of GAMSAT and an applicant must achieve a score of at least 50;
- Grade Point Average (GPA): Applicants must achieve an overall GPA score of at least 5.2; and
- Interview (Multi Mini/Structured Interview). If this is not possible in the 2020 environment, notification regarding any changes to this process or substitution of a suitable alternative will be made available on the School’s website. It is the Applicant’s responsibility to ensure that
they inform themselves of these possible alternatives or updates by checking the website regularly.

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<th>Qualifying Bachelor Degree</th>
<th>Applicants must have completed, or be in the final year of a minimum three year full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate degree (including an Honours year if applicable.) The following degrees may also be used as qualifying degrees, subject to the conditions stated:</th>
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<td><strong>Vertical Double/ Combined Degrees</strong></td>
<td>An undergraduate/postgraduate combined degree - consisting of at least two undergraduate years plus at least one postgraduate year - must be completed by 31 December 2020. Completion of the undergraduate component alone will be deemed insufficient, unless the applicant has been approved by the conferring institution to exit the qualification early with a 3-year FTE degree. Where an undergraduate/postgraduate degree has been used as the qualifying undergraduate degree, and it is the most recent study undertaken, all available units will be used in calculating the GPA.</td>
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<td><strong>Accelerated degrees</strong></td>
<td>An accelerated degree consists of three trimesters per year completed in two years. Applicants in their final year of an accelerated degree must be due to complete their degree by 31 December 2020. Where an accelerated degree is later completed as a standard duration undergraduate degree, the most recent three years of study will be used in the GPA calculation.</td>
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<td><strong>Conversion Degree</strong></td>
<td>A conversion degree will be eligible for use as a qualifying degree if it is preceded by a relevant diploma or succeeded by a completed minimum one-year full-time (1FTE) postgraduate degree in a related discipline or field.</td>
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<td><strong>Other accepted study</strong></td>
<td>Applicants who have completed a combined minimum of three years’ study at AQF Level 7 or higher in a single discipline or in related fields may also be eligible, provided the qualifications/degrees are complete at the time of application.</td>
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<td><strong>Applicants in the final year of study of qualifying degree</strong></td>
<td>Applicants who apply using their current enrolled minimum 3-year full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate degree will be expected to successfully complete all requirements of the degree, including any Study Abroad components, as at 31 December 2020. Where deferred or supplementary exams are scheduled after 31 December 2020, the applicant will be deemed not to have successfully completed all requirements of the degree as at 31 December 2020. As such, applicants must note the stipulated deadlines carefully if and when requesting deferred or supplementary exams. The MD program at Notre Dame commences in early 2021. As such, an extension cannot be granted in any circumstances. Where an applicant is in the final year of study, the final-year GPA will be calculated based on the completed units within their final year. For example, if 0.25FTE units have been completed and the applicant is expected to complete 0.75FTE that year in order to complete their degree, their final year GPA will be calculated using 0.25FTE of units. Some institutions have decided to change their grading system to pass/fail for either Semester One, 2020 or for the whole of 2020. These qualifications will still be accepted provided they remain a minimum three year full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate degree, or other accepted qualifying degree. An applicant’s GPA will be calculated in line with the appropriate rules. Results for Semester One, 2020, must be available by 31 July 2020 to be used in the GPA calculation for Interview selection.</td>
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Offers to successful candidates completing their degree in 2020 will be conditional upon maintenance of a competitive GPA and documentary evidence to GEMSAS of degree completion prior to 31 December 2020. Where relevant, this documentary evidence includes results from all Study Abroad components of their degree. As such, applicants must note their international institution’s timeframe for supplying results if they are taking part in Study Abroad.

**GPA Calculation**

An applicant’s GPA will, subject to the exclusions below, be calculated on the most recent 3-FTE years of study of completed/completing degrees at an AQF level 7 or above. All grades/results (including fail grades, if applicable) from the most recent 3-FTE years of completed/completing study will be used.

Not-for-Degree and Audit study that is not credited to a degree will not be used for the purposes of GPA calculation.

GPAs will be calculated using study at Bachelor, Honours (excluding clinical and professional honours), Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, and Masters by coursework only. Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Masters by coursework qualifications must be completed by 31 July 2020 to be used in the GPA calculation.

Masters by research, Doctoral Degrees, clinical and professional honours and study below Bachelor AQF level 7 will not be considered for the purpose of GPA calculation.

Qualifications must be completed at a TEQSA-accredited institution (or for equivalent international qualifications, defined by the Australian Department of Education and Training Qualifications Recognition Policy Unit (previously AEI-NOOSR).

GPA years will be progressively weighted Final-minus-2 x 1, Final-minus-1 x 2 and Final x 3, to give greatest weight to the most recent results. If Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Masters by Coursework are to be included in an applicant’s GPA calculation, the GPA calculation will not be weighted. The results from each of an applicant’s three most recent years of eligible study would be of equal weight.

For more information regarding GPA calculations and this terminology please refer to the GPA Guides on the GEMSAS Website: [http://www.gemsas.edu.au/gpa-calculations/](http://www.gemsas.edu.au/gpa-calculations/)

Masters by Research or Doctoral degrees, classified by the host institution as Course Complete (or equivalent) by 31 July 2020, will be awarded bonus points on the Notre Dame Portfolio. These qualifications will not be used for the purposes of GPA calculations.

**Currency of Qualification**

Notre Dame requires qualifying degrees to be completed after 31 May 2010.

Applicants whose qualifying degrees were completed before 31 May 2010, must have, between 31 May 2010 and 31 July 2020, successfully completed a 0.5 FTE Graduate Certificate or the equivalent duration at AQF Level 8 or above or the equivalent of 1.0 FTE study at Bachelor Level AQF 7 as defined by the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) or for international qualifications, defined by the Australian Department of Education and Training Qualifications Recognition Policy Unit (previously AEI-NOOSR).

**Application Process**

All applicants (including CSP, BMP and Full-Fee-paying) must complete the online GEMSAS Application inclusive of the embedded Notre Dame Portfolio.

The Notre Dame Portfolio must be completed irrespective of the ranking of Notre Dame Sydney in the GEMSAS application. Applicants who fail to submit a Notre Dame Portfolio will not be considered for a place.

As part of the Notre Dame Portfolio, applicants MUST complete the Personal Statement section (on-line). In this, applicants will be asked to outline their motivation for pursuing a career in Medicine and for studying at Notre Dame, including their understanding of and respect for the
Objects of the University. Applicants who fail to submit an acceptable Personal Statement as part of the Notre Dame Portfolio will not be considered for a place.

The Notre Dame Portfolio may take time to complete and it is recommended that applicants commence preparation early and submit well before the closing date.

A Notre Dame Portfolio template and guide will be available from the Notre Dame website from 30 April 2020 at [https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/sydney/school-of-medicine/postgraduate/doctor-of-medicine](https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/sydney/school-of-medicine/postgraduate/doctor-of-medicine) and applicants are strongly encouraged to consider this template and guide when completing the Notre Dame Portfolio.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to review their application BEFORE submission. STRICTLY no changes can be made once submitted, with the exception of updating verification contact information. Verification contact detail changes should only be requested if the verifier has updated contact details or is no longer able to verify experience due to unforeseen circumstances outside of the applicant’s control. All verification contact details should be finalised before the submission of your portfolio.

To update verification contact details please contact the Notre Dame Sydney Admissions Office at sydney.admissions@nd.edu.au. The final date for changing verification contact details is Friday 28 August 2020. If the applicant has nominated both the Fremantle and Sydney campuses as preferences, the applicant must send the updated details to both offices. To update verification contact details for The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle, please contact the Fremantle Admissions Office at fremantle.admissions@nd.edu.au.

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If you come from a rural background (ASGS-RA 2 to 5 area) and wish this to be taken into account in your application, you will need to provide documentary evidence to GEMSAS and meet the eligibility requirements as defined by the RHMT Program. Eligibility requirements are detailed by GEMSAS in this publication.  
Applicants of demonstrated rural background will receive bonus points on the Notre Dame Portfolio. |
| Interview | Applicants are ranked according to a composite of the GPA, unweighted average GAMSAT and Notre Dame Portfolio scores.  
Approximately 300* applicants will be interviewed. Interview offers will be made in September 2020. Further details regarding any changes to the Interview process or substitution of a suitable alternative will be provided on the School’s website. It is the Applicant’s responsibility to ensure that they inform themselves of these possible alternatives or updates by checking the website regularly.  
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Bachelor Degree/GPA

Applicants must have achieved a UQ equivalent GPA of 5.0/7.0 in the designated key degree.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Competitive applicants with a GEMSAS GPA of between 5.0/7.0 and 5.75/7.0 will be reviewed to determine equivalency to the UQ GPA assessment method as outlined in the Doctor of Medicine GPA information sheet found under the information sheets menu of the link below. There will be no variation to the GPA assessment methodology for periods of study that were affected by COVID-19.


The first key degree must be a Bachelor level degree which has a minimum standard duration of six semesters of full time study (i.e. 3.0 FTE). Bachelor degrees which have a standard duration of less than six semesters of full time study will not be classified as an approved first key degree. Postgraduate degrees and shorter duration bachelor level degrees can only be accepted as a 'subsequent' key degree after an applicant has previously completed a Bachelor degree of the required minimum standard duration.

A subsequent key degree can be a new bachelor level degree, or an approved Honours, Graduate Diploma, Postgraduate Diploma, Masters or Doctoral degree after completion of an acceptable first Bachelor degree. Where multiple key degrees have been completed, the most recently completed key degree will be used as the basis of the GPA assessment.

A new key degree must be completed at the end of Semester 1 in the year of application to be included in the assessment. Current study assessments are only available for applicants who are currently completing their first key degree.

Undergraduate degrees delivered below the bachelor level (AQF Level 7) and graduate certificates are not classified as key degrees. Grades from these degrees will only be included in the GPA assessment when they have contributed credit towards the designated key degree.

The GPA for the UQ preference is calculated over the entire duration of the degree. This means that grades are not divided into years for a ‘count back’ assessment of the GPA. As a result, UQ’s GPA assessments are weighted by credit value of the subjects rather than the year in which the subjects were completed.

All subjects studied while enrolled in the key degree are included in the GPA calculation, whether or not they counted towards the award of the degree. Any other study for which credit was given towards the degree must also be included, this includes failed attempts at subjects in earlier degrees that were repeated and passed to attain credit in the new degree.
Where the degree was completed as part of a combined, dual or parallel degree, all subjects studied towards both degrees are included in the calculation of the GPA. This includes dual bachelor/master degrees that have an integrated delivery of content.

Letter grades are used in all GPA calculations by The University of Queensland. Percentages are only used when equivalent letter grades are unavailable.

Completed Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Master of Philosophy (MPhil) degrees are allocated a deemed GPA of 7.0. Honours (by research) receive a GPA as per the Honours category in the conversion table on page 92. To classify as a research based degree, a degree must contain a research component that comprises at least 67% of the overall degree content.

The GPA for Bachelor degrees with embedded or ‘on-course’ Honours (typically 4 or 5 year degrees) may be calculated using whichever method gives the highest result. That is, either GPA calculation based on the coursework, or from the honours category (see honours section on page 25 as well).

First key degrees are often incomplete at the time of offers. Applicants are advised not to include a UQ preference if their first key degree cannot be completed in full with a minimum GPA of 5.0/7.0 before 31 December in the year of application.

| Current study assessments | UQ will only consider a current study assessment where all of the following conditions apply:
1. The applicant is currently completing their first key degree, and
2. The majority of finalised grades are available for the first key degree, and
3. The progressive GPA of the first key degree is above 5.0, and
4. It is possible for the applicant to complete the first key degree before 31 December in the year of application.

Any offer made based on a current study assessment will require completion of the first key degree prior to 31 December in the year of application with the required minimum overall GPA of 5.0. If either the completion requirement or the GPA requirement are not met, the conditional offer will be rescinded and the applicant’s place in the MD program will be cancelled.

| Currency of qualification | Applicants whose most recent key degree was completed more than 10 years prior to commencement in the MD may be considered if they have successfully completed the equivalent of at least one full time equivalent semester (i.e. 0.50 FTE years) of graded tertiary level coursework study with an assessed GPA of at least 5.0/7.0 in the 10 year period prior to the intake they are applying for.

Any credit received from prior studies or work experience will not contribute to the 0.5 FTE requirement or the assessed GPA. If more than 0.5 FTE additional study has been undertaken in the previous 10 years, the whole period of the additional study will be included in the GPA assessment of the activation studies.

| GAMSAT | Applicants must achieve a minimum score of 50 in each section. Applicants with any section score below 50 are deemed ineligible. UQ uses an unweighted GAMSAT score (an average of the three sections rounded to six decimal places).

| Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Applicants | Applicants who are from an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background submit their application directly to UQ’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit for consideration under a separate selection process which involves short listing and interview. Short listed applicants must be able to provide documented proof of their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status at their interview. Please contact the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Unit (atsis@uq.edu.au) for more information.

Sitting the GAMSAT is not compulsory for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants at UQ. However, it is recommended that Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants who choose to undertake the GAMSAT exam also apply through GEMSAS and include UQ in their preference list, in addition to undertaking the alternative process which is administered by the
### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants who choose not to sit the GAMSAT exam should apply directly to UQ, and not through GEMSAS.

### Rural entry

In accordance with agreed government quotas, The University of Queensland will offer 28% of places to students from a rural background.

Students will be eligible for consideration in the Rural Background Students (RBS) sub quota if they have spent at least 5 years continuously, or 10 years cumulatively, living in a rural Australian area as determined by the ASGS-RA (Australian Statistical Geography Standard - Remoteness Area) system. As approved rural background applicants compete for places within a sub quota, the interview short listing threshold may be lower for this cohort.

UQ awards two adjustments to the unweighted average GAMSAT score to assist rural background applicants in being more competitive for non-bonded places. All other standard selection policies and procedures still apply.

Applicants who wish to be considered through this scheme will need to provide documentary evidence to GEMSAS as detailed on page 20 of the GEMSAS Guide and the GEMSAS website.

### Interview

**Interview Selection:**

Selection for interview will be based on a 50:50 combination of the unweighted average GAMSAT score and the assessed GPA (converted to a percentage). If required, the GPA will be used as a tiebreaker.

**Interview Format:**

Interviews will be conducted in the Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) format consisting of several interview stations, each with a single interviewer. MMIs will be held in Brisbane and in a nominated rural location in September 2020.

### Offers

Interviewed applicants will be ranked in a merit order (and offers made) according to the following methodology:

- 50% Interview (MMI) score
- 25% Unweighted average GAMSAT Score
- 25% Grade Point Average (GPA)

If required, the MMI score will be used as a tie breaker between applicants.

Quotas are filled in the order of non-bonded CSP, then bonded CSP (known as BMP). Rural Background (RBS) places will be filled from both bonded and non-bonded places.

Offers made to applicants in the final year of their first key degree will be conditional upon the completion of their current degree before 31 December in the year of application with a final overall degree GPA of 5.0 or better.

Offers are made in November with a small number of subsequent offers in December and January (if required).

### Deferrals

If you are successful in gaining an offer to study at UQ and you have experienced an unexpected life event (after lodging your application) that will delay your commencement of study, please contact UQ Admissions to discuss your options. If you expect to be requesting deferment prior to lodging your GEMSAS application, it is highly recommended that you consider applying for a future intake instead.

An offered applicant who is currently studying in the final year of a bachelor degree may defer an offer for the following reasons:

- For one year for the purpose of completing a one year full time research degree (honours or research masters) related to their current bachelor level degree.
- For one year to complete a mandatory yearlong professional registration degree related to the applicant’s current bachelor degree (e.g. pharmacy or paramedic internships).
- For two years to study on a full time basis towards a PhD degree undertaken at UQ only. This deferment category is not available for undertaking PhD studies elsewhere.

### Annual program requirements

**Program requirements for commencement:**

- Provide a completed schedule of immunisations and evidence of status with respect to specific blood-borne viruses;
- Obtained a current Apply First Aid (including CPR) certificate;
- Applied for a Working with Children (‘Blue Card’) clearance (during Orientation week);
- Queensland Health checklist and deed; and
- Criminal History Check approved by the faculty

Further information is available at this site: [https://medicine-program.uq.edu.au/current-students/annual-program-requirements-year-1](https://medicine-program.uq.edu.au/current-students/annual-program-requirements-year-1)

### Clinical Units

Students in year 1 of Phase 1 (year 1 and 2) spend 4 hours per week in their clinical unit, the remainder of the time will be at the St Lucia campus. Students in year 2 will spend the majority of their time at their clinical unit. Please note, your clinical unit may change from year 1 to year 2.

In years 1 and 2 students will be able to self-select one of three clinical units through UQ’s student system in the weeks before classes commence on a ‘first in’ basis. Details of this process will be provided on the Medical program website.

Each of the three Phase 1 clinical units are accessible through two bus services (Routes 66 and 332) which run every 5 minutes from the St Lucia campus during semester periods.

During Phase 2 (years 3 & 4), there are 10 clinical units to choose from (subject to quotas). The majority are located in Brisbane and its surrounding cities, with four located in rural Queensland.

In Phase 2, students are able to rank order their preferred clinical units for the year, final allocations will be determined by the faculty.

The full list of clinical units is available at this site: [https://medicine.uq.edu.au/clinical-schools](https://medicine.uq.edu.au/clinical-schools)

### Other Recommendations & Requirements

**Recommendations for all applicants:**

- For the MD program, undergraduate university studies in science, biomedical science or health sciences with time spent studying social sciences and humanities may be helpful.
- Useful university courses are: Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry.
- For more information visit [https://medicine.uq.edu.au/future-students/pathways-medicine](https://medicine.uq.edu.au/future-students/pathways-medicine).
- Please refer to this webpage for the Australian Medical Deans inherent requirements to study medicine: [https://medicine-program.uq.edu.au/node/5103/5#5](https://medicine-program.uq.edu.au/node/5103/5#5)

### English Proficiency

An applicant from a non-English speaking background (NESB) must satisfy the English Language Proficiency (ELP) requirements in order to be considered for a place. The ELP requirements of domestic NESB students are the same as those for international NESB applicants and they can be found at the following link: [https://future-students.uq.edu.au/apply/english-language-proficiency-requirements](https://future-students.uq.edu.au/apply/english-language-proficiency-requirements)

### International Students

International students do not apply through GEMSAS for entry to UQ’s MD program.

Details of the standard MD entry requirements for international applicants can be found at this address (note that you must set the page to “I’m an international student”): [https://future-students.uq.edu.au/study/program/Doctor-of-Medicine-5578?year=2020](https://future-students.uq.edu.au/study/program/Doctor-of-Medicine-5578?year=2020)
Details of the UQ-Ochsner application process can be found at this address:
Please contact UQ International through study@uq.edu.au for additional information regarding admission requirements and application processes for international applicants.

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Course Type

UWA offers a 4-year Doctor of Medicine (MD) course.

Places Available in 2021

Up to 63 Places, of which:
- approximately 30% of places are available for rural applicants;
- up to 10% of places are available for Indigenous students.
- 28.5% of all domestic medical places are BMPs.

Further information on quotas can be found on our website.

Bachelor Degree/GPA

In order to be eligible for entry, applicants must have completed a recognised* bachelor degree, or will complete a recognised* bachelor degree by the end of the application year.

Applicants who only hold higher degrees

As all applicants require a recognised* bachelor degree for entry to the UWA MD course, applicants who have completed a higher degree but have not completed a recognised* bachelor degree will not be eligible for consideration.

GPA

Domestic applicants who were successful in obtaining an interview for 2020 entry averaged GPA of 6.73.

Study included in the GPA calculation:

Due to COVID-19 implications, all results obtained from 2020 will be recognised as ungraded pass/fail and no marks will be attributed to the GPA result. The point value will be utilised as if results were provided even where there are earlier results which can be utilised.

Applicants must have achieved a GPA of at least 5.5 at time of interview selection. The GPA is calculated on the most recent three full-time-equivalent years (FTE) of study (e.g. 3 FTE is 144 credit points at UWA). Please note this excludes any exemptions, credit or advanced standing.

The Faculty includes Bachelor, Honours (only if already completed or if it will be completed by end of semester one, 2020), Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, and Masters by coursework level of study in the GPA calculation if undertaken in the most recent three years FTE. Additional study (other than honours) does not need to be completed. Applicants who have undertaken additional study (whether postgraduate or additional undergraduate study) should indicate this on the GEMSAS application.

Unweighted GPA:

The GPA for UWA is not weighted. To calculate an unweighted GPA you simply need to add the three GPA years (final GPA year, final GPA year -1 and final GPA year -2) together and divide by three. If you only have two years of results at the time you calculate your GPA you would add the two GPA years together and divide by 2.

Further GPA Complications:
Please see our website for information on how we deal with the following complications to a GPA calculation:

- Ungraded Passes (and Fails)
- Exchange Studies
- Credit/Exemptions/Advanced Standing
- Not-for-degree/Open University studies.
- Repeating Units

**Minimal results in the current year of study:**

Where an applicant has 0.25 FTE (or less) of results for their final GPA year at the end of semester 1, 2020, the Faculty will include older study, where available. Where no older study is available, the Faculty will calculate the GPA on only the “GPA Final-1” and “GPA Final-2” years and will calculate over 1FTE to include all results. For example if an applicant has a total of 2.125 FTE studies, one of the GPA years will be calculated from 1.125 FTE. In this instance, if an applicant is made an offer, it will be conditional upon their performance in all units in 2020 (see section below about conditional offers).

**Applicants with completed PhDs:**

Applicants who have completed a PhD (from a recognised Institution) by the time of application will be awarded/deemed a GPA of 7.0.

**Applicants with completed Masters by Research:**

Completed Masters by research qualifications are not included in the GPA calculation. Instead the Faculty will add a small bonus of 0.2 to the overall GPA for applicants who have completed this qualification at time of application.

**Degree Completion and semester two, 2020 results - Conditional Offers:**

Applicants who are eligible for a course offer and have not completed their first bachelor degree by semester 1, 2020 will be made a conditional offer requiring them to achieving a minimum GPA of 5.5 in the final semester.

Please note that if you are completing your initial bachelor degree and undertake a course of action that will result in you receiving late results, you may not meet offer conditions by the required deadline (i.e. 31 December 2020) which will result in your offer being withdrawn. Therefore take care when undertaking any course of action in semester 2, 2020 that could delay your results or degree completion. This may include undertaking deferred/supplementary exams, undertaking units that fall outside normal semesters (e.g. summer units or trimester units) or going on exchange. If you anticipate any problems, please contact the Faculty as soon as possible to determine whether your offer will be withdrawn.

**Accelerated degrees and conversion courses:**

UWA will accept 2-year bachelor degrees and 1-year conversion degrees for the purposes of admission to our medical course. However, applicants undertaking a 1-year conversion degree who have not completed a previous bachelor degree must complete that course before applying for entry to UWA (i.e. applicants cannot apply during the conversion course).

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*The completed undergraduate degree must be from an Australian university or a Higher Education Institution recognised by the Australian Qualifications Framework, or a recognised Bachelor qualification listed in the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (NOOSR) Guide.

| Currency of qualification | There is no 10-year rule for entry to UWA which means that we will consider applicants with degrees older than 10 years. |
| **GAMSAT** | Applicants must obtain a minimum overall score of 55 with no individual section score below 50. Domestic applicants who were successful in gaining an interview for 2020 entry averaged a GAMSAT score of 66.85. |
| **Indigenous Applicants** | The Faculty encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to consider applying for entry into the MD. In addition to the pathways listed here, there are alternative pathways available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants. These are available through the Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health (see [www.uwa.edu.au/facilities/centre-for-aboriginal-medical-and-dental-health](http://www.uwa.edu.au/facilities/centre-for-aboriginal-medical-and-dental-health) for further details). |
| **Rural** | Applicants must meet eligibility requirements in order to apply for the Rural Pathway. Applicants, who wish to apply for the choose medicine Rural Pathway, must complete the relevant questions in the application form and submit supporting documentation to GEMSAS by 17 June 2020 in order to prove their eligibility for the pathway. |
| **Interview** | Selection for interview is based equally on standardised GAMSAT Overall Score and GPA. Structured interviews will be held in Perth, and are expected to take place within the period 1st to 7th October. Applicants will need to attend their interview in Perth, in person. There are no skype or videoconferencing options. Please note that not all dates within the period will be available. |
| **Offers** | Applicants are ranked by combining and equally weighting standardised scores calculated from the: GAMSAT Overall Score; GPA; and interview score. For rural applicants, a rural rating will be included in the ranking. |
| **Deferral** | There is no deferrals granted to the MD unless under exceptional circumstances. Please see our website for eligibility information. |
| **Credit/Exemption** | As the course is postgraduate, no credit or exemptions can be granted from undergraduate courses, including graduate entry MBBS courses. |
| **International Students** | UWA will have approximately 10 places available in 2020 for 2021 entry. International applicants will need to apply directly to the UWA by 31 May 2020 and can find an application form at: [www.uwa.edu.au/study/how-to-apply](http://www.uwa.edu.au/study/how-to-apply). Applicants may sit either GAMSAT or MCAT provided their results are available by 31 May 2020. Applicants who will receive their results slightly after this deadline should contact the Faculty for advice on eligibility to apply. All applicants must have a minimum GPA of 5.5. Applicants must have a minimum overall GAMSAT of 50 and require minimum sectional scores of 50. Applicants applying with a MCAT result require minimum test scores of 123 in each section and an overall minimum of 492. Applicants with one sectional score marginally below 123 should contact the Faculty for advice on eligibility. Interviews will be held in Singapore, Canada and Hong Kong* (in July) or in Perth (in August). All interviews must be conducted in person. *Subject to availability. |
| **English Language Proficiency** | Domestic and international applicants will meet English language requirements if their tertiary qualification(s) have been taught and assessed in one of the following countries (minimum two years FTE): |
|  | • Australia |
|  | • Canada (except Quebec) |
|  | • New Zealand |
|  | • Republic of Ireland |
|  | • United Kingdom |
|  | • United States of America |
Domestic and international applicants who do not meet the above English language requirements can provide evidence of meeting via the following International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic scores:

- A minimum overall score of 7.0
- A minimum score of 7.0 in each band

Minimum IELTS scores must be achieved less than two years from intended enrolment.

Applicants with other qualifications in English are assessed by UWA on a case by case basis, and may be required to sit an IELTS Academic in addition to their previous studies.

For additional ways of satisfying English language requirements, please visit study.uwa.edu.au/how-to-apply/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements

| Open Days and Information Sessions | The Faculty will host an information evening for graduate applicants to the MD/DMD/DPM and MPharm on Wednesday 20 May UWA (Crawley Campus). Please contact the Admissions Office for confirmation of venue in May. |

**Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD), Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM), Master of Pharmacy (MPharm) & Doctor of Optometry (DOpt)**

Selection for the DMD is based on suitable GAMSAT (or MCAT for international applicants), a minimum GPA of 5.5 and interview. Shortlisted applicants to the DMD will also be required to sit a spatial awareness test. Applications for the DMD will close on 31 May 2020 for both international and domestic applicants.

Selection for the DPM is based on suitable GAMSAT (or MCAT for international applicants) and a minimum GPA of 5.0 (there is no interview). An alternate pathway is available for students who have not undertaken GAMSAT (or MCAT if an international student) but who have successfully completed certain prerequisite subjects. Applications for the DPM will close on 30 September 2020 for both domestic and international applicants.

Selection for the MPharm is based on a minimum GPA of 5.0 and interview. Applicants will also need to complete certain prerequisite subjects. Applications for the MPharm will close on 31 May 2020 for international applicants and 1 August 2020 for domestic applications.

Selection for DOpt is based on a minimum GPA of 5.0 and interview. Applicants will also need to complete a Bachelor of Biomedical Science or equivalent and certain prerequisite subjects. Applications for DOpt will close on 31 May 2020 for international applicants and 1 August 2020 for domestic applications.

Please see our website for further admission information and quotas. Applications will be handled directly by the Faculty and applicants should visit: uwa.edu.au/apply-health for information on how to apply.
The UOW Doctor of Medicine (MD) program aims to produce excellent medical practitioners who have the capacity and desire to contribute to the enhancement of health care for patients in all geographic settings, but particularly in regional, rural and remote communities. We strive to use recent technology, best educational practice and an innovative curriculum to produce graduates with a commitment to patient-centred, evidence-based, reflective and cost-effective medical practice. The program is based on the best educational evidence from medical schools around the world. It features an innovative, integrated spiral curriculum which revolves around a case based learning core.

Clinical exposure begins from the first semester of the program within hospitals, primary care settings and community health centres. Students spend significant time during their training undertaking both short and long term clinical placements in many regional and rural locations. These attachments allow students to gain insight into life in regional, rural and remote communities and to gain an insight into the challenges and rewards that come with practicing medicine in these settings.

Approximately 84 places will be available, including up to 17 places for international students. Students will be placed at either Wollongong campus or Shoalhaven campus for the first 18 months of the program (Phase 1). Students may complete placement outside of these areas during Phase 1.

- CSP: 50 (subject to change)
- BMP: 17 (subject to change)
- International: Up to 17 (subject to change)

All applicants must have completed, or be in their final year of study at time of application, an undergraduate degree consisting of at least three years duration when studied full-time, or equivalent (FTE). The undergraduate degree must be from an Australian university or an equivalent overseas Bachelor qualification from an institution that is recognised under the framework and guidelines set by the Australian Department of Education and Training Qualifications Recognition Policy Unit (previously AEl-NOOSR). All qualifying degrees need to be completed by 31st December 2020.

Applicants must have a weighted GPA of greater than 5.0 on a 7 point scale or 2.8 on a 4 point scale at the time of interview selection to be eligible to apply. The GPA score required to receive an offer for interview may fluctuate annually. This GPA will be calculated based on the most recently completed Bachelor degree (including an Honours year if applicable). Postgraduate qualifications are not included in GPA calculations.

GPA years will be progressively weighted Final-minus-2 x 1, Final-minus-1 x 2 and Final x 3, and then divided by 6, to give greater weight to the most recent results.

In response to the changes in grading and timelines for release of results across universities due to COVID-19, there will be no results from the first half of 2020 included in GPA calculations.

Applicants currently studying: if an applicant has completed less than 37.5 FTE of their final year subjects prior to 2020 then a two year calculation will be used (Final-minus-2 x 1, Final-minus-1 x 2) which will then be divided by 3.
If an applicant has completed 37.5 FTE or more of final year subjects prior to 2020 then these will be included in the final year of the GPA calculation.

The inclusion of results from the second half of 2020 is currently under review for those with provisional GPAs.

UOW does not normally recognise two year Bachelor degrees or one year conversion degrees for the purpose of admission to the medical course. Two year FTE (e.g. graduate entry) Bachelor degrees may only be accepted if completed at time of application, and if there has been a three year Bachelor degree completed prior. In this instance, a two year GPA will be calculated for admissions purposes. Applicants who have completed the equivalent of a three year FTE Bachelor degree but have been awarded credit for prior academic learning may be exempt from this rule. However, UOW generally requires applicants to have completed at least two years of full time study within their awarding institution. Please contact GM for more information if your degree is less than three years FTE in duration.

**Accelerated Bachelor degrees are accepted by UOW; that is, a degree consisting of three full time trimesters per year for two years from a recognised institution.**

Combined Bachelor/Masters degrees must have all program requirements completed for the qualification to be accepted for admissions purposes by 31st December 2020. This qualification must have a minimum length of three years FTE, with at least two years FTE of Bachelor level study. Where the Bachelor level units are identifiable, this will be the basis for the GPA calculation. If the Bachelor level units cannot be ascertained, all units from the final three years will be included.

Applicants completing combined/double degrees will have their GPA calculated using the final three years of their combined degree. If an applicant exits their combined degree to graduate with a single degree (and the single degree must be a valid three year FTE Bachelor degree), the GPA will be calculated to include only units from the single degree if identifiable; otherwise UOW will revert back to using all units in the final three years. If an applicant is made an offer and subsequently exits their combined degree to graduate with a single degree (and the single degree must be a valid three year FTE Bachelor degree), then their offer is conditional to their maintenance of the minimum required GPA.

**UOW reserves the right to recalculate GPAs at any time before the close of the admissions cycle if required.**

**Currency of qualification**

Applicants are required to have graduated from their undergraduate degree within ten years of the closing date of applications.

Applicants whose undergraduate degree was completed outside the ten year period may still be considered for admission if they have completed the equivalent of one year full-time tertiary study at Graduate Diploma level or higher at a recognised university within the last ten years. If no postgraduate study has been completed in the last ten years, applicants can apply for a waiver of this rule if they can demonstrate through other activities that they hold current high level academic skills.

To request a waiver, applicants need to provide a copy of their university transcripts, CV, and any other documentation in support of their request to md-enquiries@uow.edu.au. This should be submitted prior to the closing date of applications to ensure that academic currency has been deemed suitable to continue your application to UOW.

Applicants who are required to be assessed for academic currency due to the ten year rule will be deemed ineligible for consideration of an interview and place at UOW for 2021 entry if:

- An applicant submits a waiver request that is not approved by the UOW Admissions Executive.
- An applicant does not submit a waiver request at all.
It is the responsibility of the applicant to research UOW requirements and submit a waiver request if needed. UOW does not take responsibility if an applicant has been deemed ineligible at UOW due to non-submission or late submission of a waiver request.

If a waiver request is submitted and not approved after the closing date of applications, no changes to preferences can be made at this time. If a waiver request is submitted close to the application closing date, UOW cannot guarantee that it will be processed before applications close.

**GAMSAT, CASPer and Portfolio**

A minimum *GAMSAT* Overall Score of 50 with a minimum of 50 in each of the three Sections is required to be considered for interview.

*CASPer* is an online video based scenario, situational judgement test and is designed to measure the personal and professional traits, such as ethics, empathy and communication and how these traits will be best suited towards a career in medicine. For domestic applications to be considered at UOW GM, applicants need to have completed the CASPer test during the testing periods identified for UOW MD applicants. Applicants who do not have a valid CASPer score will not be considered eligible for entry, regardless of their competitiveness against other entry criteria. For 2021 entry, CASPer scores will be used as a primary hurdle requirement for interview ranking and will be included along with interview score and portfolio score for final offers.

CASPer testing dates for UOW MD applicants are available now. Please visit the UOW website for updates.

It is recommended that applicants try and register to take the test on the first available date. If you have not yet registered for CASPer by the time of GEMSAS applications closing you must register IMMEDIATELY to ensure you are included in the final test dates in time for consideration this year. Applicants without a CASPer score will not be considered for entry.

For more information on CASPer at UOW and how to register for the test, please review UOW MD Admissions webpage or head directly to [https://takecasper.com](https://takecasper.com).

**CASPer FAQs**

**MD Admissions page**

The GEMSAS application form also incorporates the *GM Admissions Portfolio* which must be completed by all applicants. The portfolio, application and rural residency forms should be submitted electronically directly to GEMSAS and will be used as one of the criteria to rank your eligibility for interview. This information must be submitted regardless of UOW ranking on your preference form as applicants who fail to submit a portfolio will not be considered.

The GM Admissions Portfolio may take time to complete and it is recommended that applicants commence preparation early and submit well prior to the closing date.

To assist in your preparation, a draft portfolio template is available from the GM website for your consideration. This is a template only to be used as a guide - only portfolios submitted in the approved format via GEMSAS will be accepted. Please note that all activities highlighted in the portfolio require a current email contact for verification.

**GM Draft Portfolio Template**

**GM Portfolio Guide for 2021 Entry**

The application form and portfolio must be completed electronically via GEMSAS by the advertised closing date.

**Bonuses / Special entry schemes**

No GPA bonuses are awarded for postgraduate study; however applicants are encouraged to include these academic experiences in their portfolio as they will be viewed favourably during scoring. Rural applicants should read the sections below for further information.
| Indigenous Applicants | GM understands the important role of Indigenous medical practitioners in addressing the disparity of health outcomes for Indigenous people. This is demonstrated through a commitment to training Indigenous doctors by providing a range of support mechanisms for applicants who are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. A dedicated selection process is available for Indigenous applicants. For further information on this, please contact the GM. To be considered for these places when applying via GEMSAS, applicants must indicate their Indigenous status at the time of application. Applicants will be contacted by GM to supply relevant supporting documentation. Applicants in this category are required to reach acceptable levels of performance in GAMSAT, interview and GPA as determined by the school. A panel interview with the Academic Leader: Admissions and Selection, Academic Leader: Indigenous Health and a representative from the community is required. |
| Rural entry | Rural applicants do not need to apply specifically for a rural sub quota as GM gives preference to students who can demonstrate ties to regional, rural and remote communities. UOW GM uses the rural residency/schooling part of the application to assess your background as far as living and studying in rural and regional areas. The information on your form is assessed and scored using the Australian Standard Geographical Classification - Remoteness Area (ASG-RA). GM will require rurality verification of your schooling and residential address details as outlined in your Admissions Portfolio. Rurality supporting documentation must be submitted directly to GEMSAS as per the instructions outlined in this guide. |
| Campus and place type preference | At the time of application applicants will need to indicate their preferred campus (Wollongong or Shoalhaven) for the first 18 months of the program. This preference will be considered but not guaranteed. Extenuating circumstances for campus preference may be considered. Applicants will be contacted by GM to supply relevant supporting documentation if required. Applicants must also indicate their place type preferences at time of application, in the order they would most like to be offered. UOW offers CSP and BMP places. There are no Fee paying places available. Campus and place type preferences have no influence on the decision for offer. |
| Interview | Applicants for the UOW MD are ranked for interview using the overall total of their weighted GPA, GAMSAT and Portfolio scores (including rurality). The weighting of each criterion is 30%, 30% and 40% respectively. Approximately 160 applicants will be invited to interview. Domestic interviews for 2021 entry will be conducted by formally trained interviewers in an online format in consideration of isolation rules that are in place at the time of writing due to COVID-19. Interviewees are rated on personal qualities including their communication skills, empathetic and ethical approach, reflective manner, teamwork and decision making skills. The interviews will take place in late September. We will provide updated information as it is confirmed. |
| Offers | On the completion of the interview process, candidates’ interview/CASPer scores and portfolio scores are used to rank for offer, with equal weighting. GPA and GAMSAT results are not included in the formula after interview. Offers are made in November with a small number of subsequent offers in December and January (if required). Offers are made for a specific status, campus and year only. Offers to UOW GM may not be deferred. |
| **International Applicants** | Candidates who do not respond to their official Letter of Offer by the required due date as specified by University will have it rescinded, and the offer may be allocated to the next eligible applicant in a subsequent offer round at the discretion of the University.

Offers to successful candidates completing their degree in 2020 will be conditional to their maintenance of the minimum required GPA. Evidence of completion must be produced for the offer to be ratified.

Qualifying degrees must be completed by 31st December 2020, unless otherwise approved by the Admissions Executive. |
| **International Applicants** | International application processes are slightly different and international applications are assessed on a rolling basis from January 2020. International applicants should apply directly to GM.

Please check the UOW GM website for further information regarding International applications at [UOW International MD Applicants](#). |
| **Open Days and Information Sessions** | Details to come on the [UOW website](#).

The Annual GM MD Admissions Information Evening provides an opportunity to:
- Receive information on admissions, your application, course structure, and career pathways
- Learn what it is like to be a medical student of UOW

Contact MD Enquiries ([md-enquiries@uow.edu.au](mailto:md-enquiries@uow.edu.au), 4221 5925) for any further information. |
Appendix A: Institutions Participating in ARTS (Automated Results Transfer System)

You do **NOT** need to provide academic transcripts for studies undertaken at the following institutions:

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