Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admissions Guide 2022

Application Dates:

Applications for domestic students open on 30 April 2021 and close on 31 May 2021 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
| Timeline |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| **MARCH**              | **APRIL**              | **MAY**                | **JUNE**               |
| 30 April – Medicine Applications open. | Ensure you have official academic transcripts if you attended (at any time) an institution NOT participating in ARTS. This includes overseas and exchange transcripts. | 1 May – University of Queensland timely prerequisite assessment submissions due. | 16 June – Supporting documents to be provided, if required: |
|                        |                        | 31 May – Medicine Applications close at 5pm AEST/3pm AWST. | – Deadline to upload official transcripts from non-ARTS institutions to GEMSAS, if you have already completed your degree. |

| JULY                   | AUGUST                | SEPTEMBER             | OCTOBER               |
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| **JULY**              | **AUGUST**            | **SEPTEMBER**          | **OCTOBER**           |
| 16 July – Deadline to upload official transcripts from **non-ARTS** institutions (including 1<sup>st</sup> Semester results and 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester enrolled subjects) to GEMSAS, if you will be completing your undergraduate studies in 2021. | Early September - Offers of interviews for Medicine are released. | Early September - Offers of places for Medicine are released. |
|                       |                       | Griffith Interview (GUMSAA) will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> | Early October *Interviews held. |
|                        |                       | Late September *Interviews held. |                        |

| NOVEMBER              | DECEMBER              | JANUARY 2022           | FEBRUARY 2022          |
|                       |                       |                        |                       |
| **NOVEMBER**          | **DECEMBER**          | **JANUARY 2022**       | **FEBRUARY 2022**      |
| Early November - Offers of places for Medicine are released. | Additional offers made to fill vacancies. | Additional offers made to fill vacancies. | |

*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 2021 to February 2022 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 2022), 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.

Please save the following email addresses to your safe sender list:

info@gemsas.edu.au, donotreply@gemsas.edu.au, donotreply2@gemsas.edu.au, donotreply3@gemsas.edu.au, noreply@gemsas.edu.au

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 97 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.
Admission policies

Offers
Successful applicants will be given a firm date by which to accept an offer of a place and offers not accepted by that date, according to the school’s instructions, 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 2022 intake.
- 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.

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. Actions 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
Queries
If you have a query regarding your application, please contact info@gemsas.edu.au in the first instance.
**Appeals**

If you wish to appeal a decision made by GEMSAS or VTAC relating to the processing of your application, please consult the [GEMSAS Appeals Policy and Procedure](#) for details.

Email the details of your appeal and any required accompanying documentation to gemsasappeals@medicaldeans.org.au with the subject heading “GEMSAS Appeal”. Prior to submission, please ensure you have read the Policy and Procedure document and understand the decisions that can be appealed.

Please note that this Committee can only hear appeals against decisions made in the processing of your application. Appeals against decisions made by participating universities must be made to the individual university concerned.

**Extenuating Circumstances**

If you wish to request the extension of a deadline due to extenuating circumstances, please consult the [GEMSAS Extenuating Circumstances Policy and Procedure](#) for details.

Email the details of your request and any required accompanying documentation to info@gemsas.edu.au with the subject heading of “Extenuating circumstances” and your Name and GAMSAT ID.

Please note that this only applies to requests relating to GEMSAS or VTAC deadlines. Requests relating to deadlines imposed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) or universities must be made to the organisation concerned.
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)

Results from the following GAMSAT tests are valid for application in 2021, for entry in 2022: September 2019, May 2020, September 2020 or March 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 March test in 2021 you may use the results obtained to apply for a graduate entry course commencing in 2022 and/or 2023. If you sit the September test in 2021 you may use the results obtained to apply for a graduate entry course commencing in 2023 and/or 2024.

There is a very helpful table on page 78 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 website. There is a link to this on the home page of the GEMSAS.edu.au website.

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

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• 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 a weighted GPA of 5.5/7.0 and performance in the CASPer test as qualifying hurdles, then ranks applicants using 50% standardised GAMSAT results and 50% standardised portfolio/written submission for interview offer.

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 a minimum weighted GPA of 5.0/7.0 and a minimum score of 50 in each of the three sections and 50 overall in the GAMSAT and the personal statement as hurdles; then ranks applicants based on a selection rank derived from a 50/50 combination of standardised weighted GPA and standardised overall GAMSAT score.

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 22)
• You need to supply supporting documentation required by individual schools

When you complete your Application Form, you will be presented with relevant documentation requirement information which you must read carefully. Follow the instructions on the Documentation page of the Application to submit your documentation, either by upload or via email.

• Academic transcripts and English Language Competency documentation (if required) must be uploaded.
• Rural background and Deakin Adjustment (bonus) supporting documentation (if required) must be emailed with the relevant coversheet, to the email address detailed on the coversheet.
  Note that there are two different email addresses to which documents are to be sent.

You can view the documentation requirements and any relevant coversheets, that you will be required to submit with supporting documentation, on the Documentation page in the application but will only be able to access the upload function and coversheets once you have submitted and paid for your application. Failure to include all requested documents may disadvantage you.

Please submit only those documents that have been specifically requested and are in accordance with the new documentation guidelines. Please ensure you follow the instructions on the Documentation page (and on the coversheets) if applicable, to ensure your documentation is provided using the correct submission method.

\(^1\) See Appendix A
1. If any of your tertiary study is from a non-ARTS university please remember to upload your official transcript(s) - uploaded no later than 5:00pm your time on Wednesday 16th June 2021. You must also include transcripts for exchange study and study for which you may have received credit towards another degree.

Transcripts can only be uploaded once you have submitted and paid for your application. Log into your GEMSAS account to find the upload document function, documentation requirements guide and follow the instructions provided.

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 Marksheets including any backlogs - Marksheets must be issued from the awarding University NOT the college.
- Official Completion Certificate (in addition to the marksheets/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 16th June 2021, to GEMSAS-Deakinbonus@vtac.edu.au

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| Deakin University |        | If you applied for any of the following Deakin adjustments (bonuses) in 2018, 2019 or 2020, please select the “2018/2019/2020 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 2018, 2019 or 2020 (you would have been emailed and informed of this), please DO NOT tick the 2018/2019/2020 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 2021 Deakin adjustments (bonuses), you will be emailed and informed of this.

Please read the Deakin Adjustment (bonus) Document Guide, found on the Documentation page in the application, 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 and/or postgraduate 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, Carer’s Allowance, 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 2021 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

Prior Clinical Experience in a Health Discipline

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).
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| 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. |
3. Supporting documents, which must be emailed DIRECTLY to the university, for:

- **The University of Melbourne’s Graduate Access Melbourne Scheme:**
  Applicants must email their documents **DIRECTLY** to the University of Melbourne **md-dds-dpt@unimelb.edu.au** no later than 5:00pm AEST on Monday 31st May 2021.

- **The University of Queensland prerequisite requirement:**
  Applicants must submit documentation **DIRECTLY** to the University of Queensland **by 1st of May 2021** for assessment of prerequisite equivalency.

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<td>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Applicants can apply through either GEMSAS or the University of Melbourne’s Indigenous MD Student Entry Pathway. Applicants applying through GEMSAS will require a valid GAMSAT result, however GAMSAT is not required for applications made directly to the University of Melbourne through the University’s Indigenous MD Student Entry Pathway. For further information on the Indigenous MD Student Entry Pathway see Page 47 of this guide.</td>
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| Graduate Access Melbourne (GAM) eligible applicants only | Only applicants who have experienced disadvantage during their undergraduate degree, or who are members of specific recognised groups, as listed below, are eligible to apply for Graduate Access Melbourne (GAM).  
  - Applicants with previous status as a refugee, or holders of a Humanitarian visa  
  - 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. | The online GAM submission form is available at: [https://theuniversityofmelbourne.formstack.com/forms/2022_graduate_access_melbourne](https://theuniversityofmelbourne.formstack.com/forms/2022_graduate_access_melbourne)  
  Information about the GAM scheme is available at: [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)  
  Only eligible applicants should apply.  
  **Closing date for GAM submissions:** 5:00pm AEST on Monday 31st May 2021.  
  Applicants must email their GAM supporting documents **DIRECTLY** to the University of Melbourne **md-dds-dpt@unimelb.edu.au** no later than 5:00pm AEST on Monday 31st May 2021. |
| The University of Queensland   | All applicants (Prerequisite subject completion) | From entry in 2022, applicants will require two science prerequisites in cell biology and systems physiology completed at second year undergraduate level.  
  A table of approved prerequisite equivalent subjects can be found at: [https://medicine.uq.edu.au/future-students/changes-md-admissions/doctor-medicine-prerequisites](https://medicine.uq.edu.au/future-students/changes-md-admissions/doctor-medicine-prerequisites)  
  Prerequisite subjects must have been completed within 10 years of commencement in the Doctor of Medicine. For example, if applying for the 2022 intake, the prerequisite subjects must be completed from 2012 onwards.  
  If the subjects you have studied are not included in the published lists, you may request an assessment for equivalency. For further information see the above website. Applicants who submit complete documentation **by 1 May 2021** will be advised of the subject equivalence before the closing date for applications. Please note, for submissions after the 1 May 2021 you may not receive the outcome of the assessment before the GEMSAS application deadline and there is no guarantee that your subjects will be approved. |
Applicants who have not submitted documentation of prerequisites by 1 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 have not completed the prerequisite subjects or equivalent at the time of application, you must enrol in your prerequisite subjects by the end of July in the year of application, and these must be listed in 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.

For those enrolling in prerequisite subjects in 2021, you must have results available by Friday 31 December 2021. Applicants should confirm with their enrolling institution that results will be available by this date.
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 16th June 2021. 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 9-16, 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 22 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.  
  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) |
| Rural Training Stream | The Deakin Rural Training Stream (RTS) is designed to increase access to the MD for students from rural and regional communities, with a focus on applicants residing within Deakin’s rural footprint; and provide the opportunity to complete two years of clinical training at our rural clinical schools. The program will make 30 existing training places available only to rural and regional students and give priority to applicants from Deakin’s rural partner communities in South West Victoria and the Grampians region. Successful applicants to this stream are required to undertake four clinical semesters in rural and regional Victoria.  
  Application is made in the GEMSAS application and by selecting YES, if successful, you are committing to complete four semesters in Deakin’s clinical schools in rural and regional Victoria (Rural Clinical Schools).  
  The compulsory requirement will be to complete these clinical semesters in both years 3 and 4 of the course, along with short term rural clinical placements in years 1 and 2. Applicants will be ranked on a tiered priority system (see [https://www.deakin.edu.au/medicine/study-opportunities/rural-training-stream](https://www.deakin.edu.au/medicine/study-opportunities/rural-training-stream)).  
  There is a supporting documentation requirement, which must meet the criteria to have resided in Tier 1, Tier 2 or Tier 3 areas for at least 5 years consecutively or 10 years cumulatively. |
For Tier 1 and Tier 2 please ensure your rural supporting documentation that is provided under the Rural background assessment includes documentation to support the rural areas selected under Tier 1 or Tier 2.

For Tier 3, information supplied on the Rural background page and the rural supporting documentation required for the Rural background assessment, will be used for the Tier 3 assessment.

Applicants will also be required to submit a written application demonstrating rural community connection and a commitment to completing four clinical semesters in rural and regional Victoria.

Please refer to the ‘Rurality’ section on page 22 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](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 ENIC (previously UK NARIC) as comparable to an Australian Bachelor degree. Your qualifications will be assessed for comparability 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 2021 will be a condition of entry. Note that if you cannot complete and provide evidence of completion of your degree in the 2021 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, graduate entry programs 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 transcripts provided by the applicant. Scans of original hard-copy transcripts or an official and secure electronic copy of your transcript 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](http://www.gemsas.edu.au/gpa-calculations)). A GPA calculator is available on the application page ([https://applygemsas.edu.au/gemsas/#/home](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 Queensland must have successfully completed approved prerequisite studies in “Integrative Cell and Tissue Biology” and “Systems Physiology”.

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, 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 2021 admissions round, for entry in 2022.

An exception is for applicants who qualify for the Guaranteed Entry Pathway, MD Rural Pathway or the Indigenous MD Student Entry Pathway at the University of Melbourne. Guaranteed Entry Pathway, MD Rural Pathway and Indigenous MD Student 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/

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 MD Rural Pathway applicants wish to also be considered for a non-bonded CSP and/or place outside of the rural pathway, they must also apply via GEMSAS. If Guaranteed Entry Full Fee, MD Rural Pathway 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 for an in-person interview, 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 an 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 five 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;
- performance in the CASPer test where required.

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 27 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.


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.

- 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 2022 are expected to be:**

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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.

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). The BMP is open to all first year medical students who are Australian citizens, permanent residents of Australia or Australian permanent humanitarian visa holders.

Any applicant who has previously studied in a Bonded Medical Place at any University would need to have discharged any obligations they had under their agreement with the Government, including repaying any amounts owing, before being eligible to be offered a medicine CSP or BMP via GEMSAS. If you have previously studied in a BMP, please check and confirm that you are eligible prior to submitting your application.

Applicants in special categories

Applicants in the following categories should refer to the medical school websites, the entry requirements section (from page 27) and the tables on pages 9 - 16:

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

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 2021 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 do not 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 16th June 2021.

Please read the Rural background Document Guide, found on the Documentation page in the application, 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.
How to Apply

1. Complete the online application form

To apply for admission to a course commencing in 2022, you must complete and submit the online Application Form – on the ApplyGEMSAS website – by no later than 5pm AEST/3pm AWST Monday 31st May 2021. 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.

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

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 Monday 7th June.

In 2021, for 2022 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.

2. Upload/Email your supporting documentation

GEMSAS will not be accepting any hardcopy documentation. After completing the online Application Form and making your payment, you may need to upload and/or email supporting documents. You will be presented with relevant documentation requirement information which you must read carefully. Follow the instruction on the Documentation page in the application on how to submit your documentation, either by upload or via email.

- Academic transcripts and English Language Competency documentation (if required) must be uploaded.
- Rural background and Deakin Adjustment (bonus) supporting documentation (if required) must be emailed with the relevant coversheet, to the email address detailed on the coversheet.
  Note that there are two different email addresses to which documents are to be sent.
  Documentation without a relevant coversheet will not be processed or assessed.

Please upload and/or email only those documents that have been specifically requested and are in accordance with the new documentation guidelines. Please ensure you follow the instructions on the Documentation page (and on the coversheets) to ensure your documentation is provided using the correct submission method.

All additional documentation must be uploaded and/or emailed according to the dates listed below and must adhere to the very strict documentation guidelines. Wherever possible they should be provided sooner rather than later. Please refer to the information below about where you need to send the required documentation.

Upload/email documentation requirements, if applicable (see below for further information and due dates):

- Education documentation (e.g. transcripts, exchange study etc.) – upload in your GEMSAS account, My Applications page
- English Language Competency documentation – upload in your GEMSAS account, My Applications page
- Rural background – email with coversheet to GEMSAS-rural@vtac.edu.au
- Deakin adjustment (bonus) – email with coversheet to GEMSAS-Deakinbonus@vtac.edu.au

ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMPETENCY DOCUMENTATION

Due date: Uploaded no later than 5:00pm your time on Wednesday 16th June 2021

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 upload your official academic transcripts for all such studies. Note: supporting documents for any study at Certificate IV level and below are only required if that study has contributed to a Bachelor level or higher qualification. You can upload your transcripts in your GEMSAS account once you have submitted and paid for your application.
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.

If there has been no change to your education history and you applied through GEMSAS within the last two years (in 2019 or 2020) you do not need to provide GEMSAS with your academic documents again. You will be contacted should GEMSAS require any further documentation.

Please refer to your Documentation page in the application 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.

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 to the marksheets/transcripts)

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

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION (if required)
The universities listed in the tables on pages 10 to 16 require applicants to submit additional documents.

Additional supporting documentation for Deakin University should be emailed with the relevant coversheet, as outlined on page 10, to GEMSAS-Deakinbonus@vtac.edu.au
Due date: Emailed no later than 5:00pm your time on Wednesday 16th June 2021

Additional supporting documentation for the University of Melbourne (Graduate Access Melbourne Scheme), as outlined on page 13, should be emailed directly to md-dds-dpt@unimelb.edu.au
Due date: Emailed no later than 5:00pm EST on Monday 31st May 2021

Additional supporting documentation for the University of Queensland assessment of prerequisite equivalency, as outlined on page 13
Due date: 1st of May 2021
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR APPLICANTS FROM A RURAL BACKGROUND
Due date: Emailed no later than 5:00pm your time on Wednesday 16th June 2021

All applicants who have completed the rural background questions in the Application Form, including those applying for the Deakin Rural Training Stream, must email their supporting documentation with the Rural coversheet to GEMSAS-rural@vtac.edu.au
Entry requirements – All applicants

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (ANU)

MEDICAL SCHOOL

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International

Up to 20*

*approximately 40 of the available places are reserved for students through an ANU pathway program

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 2021, 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 2021 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.

Ungraded Pass (UGP/CRS) results will not be included in the GPA calculation. We will include UGP passes in the ‘credit count’ for a particular GPA year, however, they are excluded from the calculation and that particular GPA ‘year’ will be calculated based on the available graded course results only.

An applicant must have a minimum of 0.375 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) worth of graded results available for a GPA to be calculated for that particular GPA ‘year’, i.e.: if 1.0FTE is the equivalent of 8 courses (or 48 credits with 6 credits per course), then using this module, you must have a minimum of 3 courses (0.375 FTE) that are graded (not UGP/CRS) for that year.

However it is important to note that if you have equal to or greater than 1.0 FTE worth of Ungraded pass results across your entire qualifying degree this will be dealt with on a case by case basis and may result in the degree being deemed ineligible.

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 the ANU by completing the application process as outlined on the ANU website:


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](https://health.anu.edu.au/study/doctor-medicine-and-surgery#acton-tabs-link-tabs-degree_program_apply-middle-3) 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 2021-2022 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 2021 will be conditional upon the successful completion of the degree. Evidence of successful completion must be received by GEMSAS no later than 31 December 2021. 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://health.anu.edu.au/study/doctor-medicine-and-surgery](https://health.anu.edu.au/study/doctor-medicine-and-surgery). |
| **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). |
| **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. As a minimum requirement applicants must have achieved a minimum weighted 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) to be considered for selection. The GPA is to be based on academic grades obtained during the final three full-time equivalent years of the most recent study. 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 who completed their qualifying degree in 2020 will have a GPA calculated based on the previous two most recent years of study.

Applicants who studied in the final year of their most recent degree in 2020 and who 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 who studied in the final year of their most recent degree in 2020 and had less than 0.25FTE of their final year requirements completed prior to 2020, 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. Applicants should note that 2020 calendar year results will not be used.

Graduate Certificates, Graduate Diplomas and Masters by coursework qualifications successfully completed by 31 July 2021 will also be used towards GPA calculations. Applicants should note that 2020 calendar year results will not be used.

The completed qualifying 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, from below AQF Level 7 study, towards the completion of an 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 degree**

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

If the applicant takes an early exit from the combined 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 degree.
Submission of documentation to the University after the closing date for the purpose of assessing qualifications will not be accepted. All documentation must be submitted with the application.

**Currency of qualification**

Applicants are required to have completed their qualifying degree within 10 years of their projected commencement date. Applicants whose qualifying 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 coursework study (i.e. 1FTE) at Honours, Graduate Certificate, 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.

**GAMSAT**

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.

**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 10 to 16 for more information.

**Rural Training Stream Applicants**

In addition to the entry requirements above, applicants to the RTS will be considered on the basis of their residency within the Deakin rural footprint and greater rural areas. Applicants will be ranked on a tiered priority system (see [https://www.deakin.edu.au/medicine/study-opportunities/rural-training-stream](https://www.deakin.edu.au/medicine/study-opportunities/rural-training-stream)).

Applicants will also be required to submit a written application demonstrating rural community connection and a commitment to completing four clinical semesters in rural and regional Victoria during years 3 and 4 of the course.

**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), and this may require further evidence. to be provided at the time of application.

Further evidence can be demonstrated as follows:

1. Applicants may demonstrate they meet the English language proficiency criteria by providing evidence of ongoing residence and employment for a period of not less than 5 years within Australia or one of the following specified English speaking countries (in an occupation requiring proficient written and verbal communication in English):
   a. Canada
   b. Fiji
   c. Ireland
   d. Kenya
   e. New Zealand
   f. Papua New Guinea
   g. Samoa
   h. Singapore
   i. Solomon Islands
   j. South Africa
   k. United Kingdom (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales)
   l. United States of America
   m. Zambia

2. IELTS
3. Pearson’s Test of English
4. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

Please refer to the policy for the required scores.

If these documents are not provided at the time of application, then any offer made will be conditional on the provision of this evidence.

**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-RA 3-5 (8%);
- Demonstration of financial disadvantage during undergraduate and/or postgraduate 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 in September 2021. 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 2021.

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 qualifying degree MUST provide their finalised transcript to GEMSAS by 31 December 2021. Applicants who receive a conditional offer will have their overall GPA recalculated. Applicants will be expected to maintain or exceed their overall GPA used when shortlisted for an offer.

• An applicant whose overall GPA decreases by 0.4 or less, will have their offer confirmed.
• An applicant whose GPA decreases by more than 0.4 or conditions are not met by the specified date on the offer letter the offer will be withdrawn.

Applicants who are in the process of completing their undergraduate degree MUST provide their finalised transcript to GEMSAS by 31 December 2021.

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 qualifying 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 qualifying 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 University: https://student-deakin.studylink.com

For more information, please use the above link.

Open Days and Information Sessions

Online Information Session

Tuesday, 20th April 2021 from 6.00pm. To register your interest please visit https://www.deakin.edu.au/about-deakin/events/doctor-of-medicine-course-information-session.
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Please visit the Deakin website for information about Open Day,
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### 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](http://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. University of the Sunshine Coast Bachelor of Medical Science Pathway students will not be allocated to the Gold Coast Campus.

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 2022 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 31 May 2021.

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 2022 in a 4 year Bachelor degree with embedded honours will have any study completed in Semester/Trimester 1 2020 assessed in the same way as a 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 Islander 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 2022 entry is scheduled for Wednesday September 22nd 2021 and due to COVID-19 will be held online.
| **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 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. |
| **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)). |
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| **Open day and information sessions** | Griffith Open Day will be on Sunday August 8th at our Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank campuses.  
**Due to COVID-19 this date is subject to change and events may be held online.** |
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## 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, to accommodate universities with 3 semesters this can be extended to 22 January in the year of admission). The bachelor degree must be:

- A level 7 Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) qualification, or an equivalent overseas degree as recognised by The Department of Education and Training Qualifications Recognition Policy Unit.

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
- Higher Degree 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 (Higher Degree Research Masters and PhD) must be:

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

Only one postgraduate qualification will be used in the GPA calculation. This will be the highest or most recent qualification.

### 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.
Macquarie University will calculate a GPA including Graduate Diploma and Coursework Masters, if this degree will be completed by 31 December in the year of application. Completed Higher Degree Research Masters and PhD will be used in GPA calculations. The GPA calculation considers full time equivalent (FTE) years of study. The weightings used give higher level results greater value.

The following method of GPA calculation will be used when a qualifying degree was completed in 2020:

- All graded unit results from 2020 will be included in the calculation using the normal weightings (see below).
- Ungraded units from 2020 will be excluded from the GPA calculation.

Applicants with a 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
- If there are results for less than 0.5 FTE in the Honours degree from semester 1 completed, the Bachelor degree will be used to calculate the GPA. The Honours degree will be the key degree and a conditional offer will be issued on completion of Honours.

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 (Higher Degree 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.

GAMSAT

All domestic applicants must submit GAMSAT scores of:

- A minimum overall score of 50
- A minimum of 50 in each of the three sections

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.
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| **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. |
| **Bonus Points** | A 3% bonus will be applied to the weighted GPA of the following cohorts:  
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants  
- Rural applicants  
- Macquarie University Bachelor of Clinical Science applicants  
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 program requires students to attend clinical placements in both Australian and international settings (travel restrictions permitting). |
| **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 25 September 2021.

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Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander 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, to accommodate universities with 3 semesters this can be extended to 22 January in the year of admission and GPA is maintained or enhanced.

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

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#### 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.
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Open Day: Saturday 14 August 2021, 10.00am to 4.00pm. Updates will be available on the website. |
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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 fee type 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 through Melbourne Medical School’s ‘Fee-Type Change Request’ form no later than 4pm (AEST) on 1 October 2021. Requests received after this date/time will not be considered.

To submit a change of fee-type preference for University of Melbourne, please complete the form at https://melbourneuni.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1XpdcaSwLKLYkaW. All changes will be confirmed by the University via email within 5 business days.

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 for detailed selection policy information.

Extended Rural Cohort (ERC)

As part of the University of Melbourne’s commitment to rural health, the Melbourne Medical School in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences will be offering an MD Rural Pathway option to the Doctor of Medicine, where training for the entire degree will be conducted in rural Victoria. This new MD Rural Pathway option will replace the standard ERC and applications will be made directly to the University of Melbourne. Therefore, applicants will no longer be able to express an interest in the ERC through their GEMSAS application.

For further information about the MD Rural Pathway go to https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/doctor-of-medicine/entry-requirements/.

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://medicine.unimelb.edu.au/study/current-student-resources/md-students-resources/clinical-schools/clinical-schools-zones](https://medicine.unimelb.edu.au/study/current-student-resources/md-students-resources/clinical-schools/clinical-schools-zones)

| 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). |
| Currency of qualification | 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 2022 in the year of application, a Graduate Diploma, Master or PhD degree, or equivalent, must have been completed within the last 10 years. |
| MCAT | Only international students who reside outside of Australia at the time of application may apply using an MCAT score. |
| Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Applicants | 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: 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 to the University: [https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/doctor-of-medicine/how-to-apply/](https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/doctor-of-medicine/how-to-apply/) Closing date for direct applications: 5:00pm AEST on Monday 31st May 2021. |

*Results for 2020 subjects completed before the COVID-19 pandemic and results for honours subjects completed in 2020 will be included in the GPA calculations for entry to Doctor of Medicine program. All other 2020 subject results will be excluded for entry. This is applicable from 2022 for all forthcoming intakes.*
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/2022_graduate_access_melbourne](https://theuniversityofmelbourne.formstack.com/forms/2022_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 Monday 31st May 2021.

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 between 99.00 AND 99.85 in Year 12) who wish to apply to the Doctor of Medicine 2022 intake under the Guaranteed Entry Pathway will be required to submit a direct application to the University via University of Melbourne’s Student Portal under Applications tab:

[https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/doctor-of-medicine/how-to-apply/](https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/doctor-of-medicine/how-to-apply/)

Closing date for direct applications: 5:00pm AEST on Monday 31st May 2021.

Eligible Guaranteed Entry applicants will be invited to attend a Multi Mini Interview in September 2021, 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), and multi-mini interview requirements via the following webpage:


[https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/doctor-of-medicine/entry-requirements/](https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/doctor-of-medicine/entry-requirements/)
## 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. 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 (CSP) 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 22 of this Guide.

Within this 27%, 30 places will be offered to successful applicants via the MD Rural Pathway (see information below).

### MD Rural Pathway

Students from a rural background who are committed to undertaking their medical education wholly in rural settings and becoming part of rural and regional Australia’s workforce may wish to apply via the University of Melbourne’s MD Rural Pathway. 15 bonded Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) will be available for students who have completed an undergraduate degree with a minimum GPA of 5.0 or above, are able to demonstrate their rural origins and pass a rural specific Multi Mini Interview. The other 15 bonded CSPs will be reserved for graduates of the La Trobe University’s Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences (Medical) degree.

Students from a rural background who wish to apply via the MD Rural Pathway will be required to submit an application directly to the University: [https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/doctor-of-medicine/how-to-apply/](https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/doctor-of-medicine/how-to-apply/)

**Closing date for direct applications:** 5:00pm AEST on Monday 31\(^{st}\) May 2021.

Eligible students for the MD Rural Pathway are not required to apply via GEMSAS nor sit the GAMSAT if the MD Rural Pathway option is their only preference. Rural applicants wishing to also be considered via the University of Melbourne’s non-MD Rural Pathway or by other medical schools (in addition to the University of Melbourne) should consult the relevant entries in this Guide for application details.

### 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](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 is 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.

Successful applicants are required to meet condition by **Thursday 6th January 2022**.

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 and onwards, applicants will not be required to complete prerequisite subjects for the Doctor of Medicine.

These changes are in line with the proposed updates to the curriculum:


### 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-dmed

### 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: [https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/english-language-requirements/graduate-english-language-requirements](https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/english-language-requirements/graduate-english-language-requirements)

| Open Days and Information Sessions | University Open Day: [https://study.unimelb.edu.au/opendays](https://study.unimelb.edu.au/opendays)  
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 MD PROGRAM

The information below only applies to The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle MD Program. Applicants to The University of Notre Dame Australia, Sydney MD Program, 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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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 52;
- Grade Point Average (GPA): Applicants must achieve an overall GPA score of at least 5.4; and
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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 2021. 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 three-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 2021. 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 Degrees**

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.

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Applicants who apply using their current enrolled minimum three-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 2021. Where deferred or supplementary exams are scheduled after 31 December 2021, the applicant will be deemed not to have successfully completed all requirements of the degree as at 31 December 2021. 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 2022. 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, 2021, must be available by 31 July 2021 to be used in the GPA calculation for Interview selection.

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### Offers

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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 2021 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 2021.

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 2022 are not available.

### Medicine Information Session


The Medicine Info Session provides an opportunity to:

- Learn more about studying the Doctor of Medicine at Notre Dame at each of our Campuses
- Find out important information on how to apply
- Hear from current MD students and their experience studying at Notre Dame

For other upcoming events, visit [www.notredame.edu.au/events](http://www.notredame.edu.au/events)

### Changes/Updates

All information contained within this guide is subject to change. Any changes made during the 2022 application round in response to government restrictions will be made available on our website 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)

### 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 2021, 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 MD PROGRAM

The information below only applies to The University of Notre Dame Australia, Sydney MD Program. Applicants to The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle MD Program, 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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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 1 October 2021. 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.

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### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Applicants
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### Interview
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| Details and registration available at [https://www.notredame.edu.au/events-items/doctor-of-medicine-info-session](https://www.notredame.edu.au/events-items/doctor-of-medicine-info-session) The Medicine Info Session provides an opportunity to:  
- Learn more about studying the Doctor of Medicine at Notre Dame at each of our Campuses  
- Find out important information on how to apply  
- Hear from current MD students and their experience studying at Notre Dame For other upcoming events, visit [www.notredame.edu.au/events](http://www.notredame.edu.au/events) |

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<td>All information contained within this guide is subject to change. Any changes made during the 2022 application round in response to government restrictions will be made available on our website at <a href="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</a></td>
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<td>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 2021, 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.</td>
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Places Available in 2022

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<td>Graduate CSP (including rural)</td>
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<td>Graduate BMP (including rural)</td>
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<td>140 (including rural and BMP quotas)</td>
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<td>International</td>
<td>190 (90 UQ-OCHSNER and 100 others)</td>
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Bachelor Degree/ GPA

Applicants must have achieved a UQ equivalent GPA of 5.0/7.0 or above 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 Table 2 of PPL 3.40.06 Undergraduate, Doctor of Medicine, Non-Award and CSP Admissions. 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. An honours degree awarded with class I, IIA, IIB or III, will receive a GPA as per the Honours category in the conversion table on page 95.

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).

Prerequisite subjects and equivalents

From entry in 2022, applicants will require two science prerequisites in cell biology and systems physiology completed at second year undergraduate level.

A table of approved prerequisite equivalent subjects can be found at: https://medicine.uq.edu.au/future-students/changes-md-admissions/doctor-medicine-prerequisites

Prerequisite subjects must have been completed within 10 years of commencement in the Doctor of Medicine. For example, if applying for the 2022 intake, the prerequisite subjects must be completed from 2012 onwards.

If the subjects you have studied are not included in the published lists, you may request an assessment for equivalency. For further information see the above website. Applicants who submit complete documentation by 1 May 2021 will be advised of the subject equivalence before the closing date for applications. Please note, for submissions after the 1 May 2021 you may not receive the outcome of the assessment before the GEMSAS application deadline and there is no guarantee that your courses will be approved.
Applicants who have not submitted documentation of prerequisites by 1 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 have not completed the prerequisite subjects or equivalent at the time of application, you must enrol in your prerequisite subjects by the end of July in the year of application, and these must be listed in 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.

For those enrolling in prerequisite subjects in 2021, you must have results available by Friday 31 December 2021. Applicants should confirm with their enrolling institution that results will be available by this date.

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<td>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. Applicants must be able to provide documented proof of their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status. Eligible applicants will be invited to participate in a panel interview to assess their academic preparedness to enter the MD program. 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 applying directly to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit. Please contact the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Unit (<a href="mailto:atsis@uq.edu.au">atsis@uq.edu.au</a>) for more information.</td>
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<td>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 22 of the GEMSAS Guide and the GEMSAS website.</td>
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| **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 via videoconference using the Zoom platform in September 2021.

Further information on the interview format is provided at this link: [https://medicine.uq.edu.au/future-students/changes-md-admissions/multiple-mini-interview-mmi](https://medicine.uq.edu.au/future-students/changes-md-admissions/multiple-mini-interview-mmi) |

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<td>Interviewed applicants will be ranked in a merit order (and offers made) according to the following methodology:</td>
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- 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.

Please refer to Table 2 of PPL 3.40.06d4 Undergraduate, Doctor of Medicine, Non-Award, and CSP Admissions: [https://my.uq.edu.au/files/16252/PPL34006d4-Table2%20-%202022.pdf](https://my.uq.edu.au/files/16252/PPL34006d4-Table2%20-%202022.pdf)

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 | Deferrals of an offer to study in the MD at UQ are only approved in limited circumstances. If you are in the final year of a bachelor degree, you may defer an offer for the following reasons only:
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| • 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.  
• If you do receive an offer and your circumstances change, please contact UQ Admissions to discuss your options. If you know you cannot commence the program prior to lodging your GEMSAS application, it is highly recommended that you consider applying for a future intake instead. | |

| Annual program requirements | 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) |

| 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 and Biostatistics.  
• 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://my.uq.edu.au/files/5678/PPL34014d1-Table1.pdf](https://my.uq.edu.au/files/5678/PPL34014d1-Table1.pdf) |

| 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/programs/doctor-medicine-5578?year=2021](https://future-students.uq.edu.au/study/programs/doctor-medicine-5578?year=2021) |
Details of the UQ-Ochsner application process can be found at this address: [https://ochsner.uq.edu.au/admissions](https://ochsner.uq.edu.au/admissions)

Please contact UQ International through study@uq.edu.au for additional information regarding admission requirements and application processes for international applicants.

| Open Days and Information Sessions | [https://future-students.uq.edu.au/events/open-day](https://future-students.uq.edu.au/events/open-day) |
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Course Type

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

Places Available in 2022

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.

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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 2021 entry averaged GPA of 6.72.

Study included in the GPA calculation:

Due to COVID-19 implications, all results obtained from Semester 1 and Trimester 1 2020 will be recognised as ungraded pass or fails. The credit value/unit weighting of ungraded passes will count towards the three years of FTE study; however, the result itself is left out of the calculation.

Fails from Trimester/Semester 1 2020 will have both the result and credit value/weighting of ungraded fails included. The point value will be utilised as if results were provided even where there are earlier results which can be utilised. This does not apply to Summer units completed during January 2020, Semester 2 2020 or concurrent non-standard study periods.

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, 2021), 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 graded results for their final GPA year at the end of semester 1, 2021, 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 2021 (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, 2021 results - Conditional Offers:**

Applicants who are eligible for a course offer and have not completed their first bachelor degree by semester 1, 2021 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 2021) **which will result in your offer being withdrawn.**

**Therefore take care when undertaking any course of action in semester 2, 2021 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.*
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<td>Indigenous Applicants</td>
<td>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 <a href="http://www.uwa.edu.au/facilities/centre-for-aboriginal-medical-and-dental-health">www.uwa.edu.au/facilities/centre-for-aboriginal-medical-and-dental-health</a> for further details).</td>
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<td>Rural</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Interview</td>
<td>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 27 September to 2 October. Applicants will need to be prepared to attend their interview in Perth, in person. Please note that not all dates within the period will be available.</td>
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<td>Deferral</td>
<td>There is no deferrals granted to the MD unless under exceptional circumstances. Please see our website for eligibility information.</td>
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<td>Credit/Exemption</td>
<td>As the course is postgraduate, no credit or exemptions can be granted from undergraduate courses, including graduate entry MBBS courses.</td>
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<td>UWA will have approximately 10 places available in 2021 for 2022 entry. International applicants will need to apply directly to the UWA by 31 May 2021 and can find an application form at: <a href="http://www.uwa.edu.au/study/how-to-apply">www.uwa.edu.au/study/how-to-apply</a> Applicants may sit either GAMSAT or MCAT provided their results are available by 31 May 2021. 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.</td>
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<td>English Language Proficiency</td>
<td>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):</td>
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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

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**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. Applications for the DMD will close on 31 May 2021 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. 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. Please refer to our website for closing dates at uwa.edu.au/apply-health

Selection for the MPharm is based on a minimum GPA of 5.0 and interview. Applicants will also need to complete certain prerequisite subjects. Please refer to our website for closing dates at uwa.edu.au/apply-health

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. Please refer to our website for closing dates at uwa.edu.au/apply-health

Please see our website for further admission information and quotas. Applications will be handled directly by the Health and Medical Sciences Admission team and applicants should visit: uwa.edu.au/apply-health for information on how to apply.
# The UOW Doctor of Medicine (MD)

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.

## Places Available in 2022

Approximately 84 places will be available, including up to 17 places for international students or full fee-paying domestic students (subject to final approval). 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.

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## Bachelor Degree/GPA

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 AEI-NOOSR). All qualifying degrees need to be completed by 31st December 2021.

Applicants must have a weighted GPA of greater than 5.5 on a 7 point scale or 3.2 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.

For 2022 entry, GPA scores will be used as a qualifying hurdle for interview offers. Applicants must achieve a weighted GPA of 5.5/7.0 to meet the hurdle requirement. It will not be used in ranking for interview or places offers once the hurdle has been met.
In response to the changes in coursework subject grading by Universities as a result of COVID-19, all 2020 subjects will be excluded from the GPA calculation. A research honours year completed in 2020 is exempt from this rule and will be included in the GPA calculation.

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. 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 2021. 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.**

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**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 2022 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.

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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 2022 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 will be available on the UOW website shortly. Please visit the [UOW website](https://www.uow.edu.au) for updates and for our Frequently Asked Questions.

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).

**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 and for an offer of a place. This information must be submitted regardless of UOW ranking on your preference form. 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. It is essential to download the portfolio guide to assist in the completion of your application. Please note that all activities highlighted in the portfolio require a current email contact for verification.

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

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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 selection criteria as determined by the school. Applicants who can demonstrate academic proficiency in cognate disciplines such as health professions and biomedical science may be exempt from sitting GAMSAT – please contact the GM to determine if GAMSAT is required for your application.

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 (ASGSA-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 currently offers CSP and BMP places.

UOW is currently seeking approval to also offer a small number of full fee-paying domestic places for the 2022 intake. Up to 17 places may be offered, pending approval. Further details regarding these places will be available on the UOW website once approved. If an applicant preferences an FFP place but there are none available for 2022, they will automatically revert to their next place type preference.

Campus and place type preferences have no influence on the decision for offer.

**Interview**

Applicants for the UOW MD who meet the qualifying hurdles of GPA and CASPer performance are ranked for interview using 50% standardised GAMSAT and 50% standardised portfolio scores (including rurality). Approximately 160 applicants will be invited to interview.

Domestic interviews for 2022 entry will be conducted by formally trained interviewers in an online format 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.

**Offers**

On the completion of the interview process, candidates’ standardised 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.

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 2021 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 2021, 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 2021. 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.
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 Monday 31 May.**

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

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, WRITTEN APPLICATION 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

If required, ensure the correct documentation is

- uploaded (Education transcripts and English Language Competency) and
- emailed (Rural background and Deakin adjustments (bonuses) **with coversheets**) by the due dates.

Note the different upload/email submission methods and the two different email addresses you can send your documentation to. Refer to the coversheet/s for rural background and Deakin adjustment/s (bonuses) if applicable and in doubt, as documentation without the relevant coversheet will not be processed or assessed.

Ensure your official **academic transcripts** are uploaded to GEMSAS for all study at non-ARTS institutions including those at which you undertook exchange studies. Ensure you read the Documentation page in the application 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 upload an official **academic 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 upload and/or email only those documents that have been specifically requested. No additional documentation or general correspondence should be sent to GEMSAS.

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 2021 deadline.

Completions (Academic transcript showing that you have completed your degree) must be uploaded to the GEMSAS application portal ASAP (by 31 December 2021) 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 upload the official academic transcript showing that your degree is completed by 31 December 2021.
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 medical 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 medical 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 do not 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 2020 and 2021. 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 September 2019, May 2020, September 2020, and March 2021 GAMSAT results are valid for application in 2021, for entry in 2022.

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 7 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. 

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 change my preferences/types of places.

Once you have submitted your application, this is not possible.

Exceptions:
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 1st October 2021. See the Schools’ pages in this guide for details.

The University of Melbourne 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. All changes must be submitted through Melbourne Medical School’s ‘Fee-Type Change Request’ form no later than 4pm (AEST) on 1st October 2021. See the Schools’ pages in this guide for details.

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 Queensland must be completed within 10 years of commencing the MD.

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, 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 is just the most recent three years of the degree that are used.

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

I have done (or I am completing) a standalone 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 the final two years from your bachelor degree which will be 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 a standalone Honours degree is not completed by mid-year in the year of application, it will not be used.
For UWA, if a standalone Honours degree is not completed by mid-year in the year of application it will not be used.
For UQ, a standalone Honours must be completed at the end of Semester 1 in the year of application to be included in the assessment.
For Griffith University, if a standalone Honours degree is not completed by 31 July, it will not be used.
For Macquarie University, if there are results for less than 0.5 FTE in the standalone Honours degree from semester 1 completed, the Bachelor degree will be used to calculate the GPA. The Honours degree will be the key degree and a conditional offer will be issued on completion of Honours.

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

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 final Honours classification in the GPA assessment as per the Honours category in the conversion table on page 95 for both standalone and embedded honours programs. Three year bachelor degrees with integrated honours 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.

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?

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# must have at least 0.375 FTE worth of graded course results for a GPA to be calculated for that year
## must have at least 0.25 FTE worth of graded course results for a GPA to be calculated for that year
*There are minimum requirements for current Honours in order for it to be used in the interim GPA.

How will my 2020 results be used in GPA calculations?

The GEMSAS medical schools have considered options for changing GPA methodology, 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.

For ANU, for each ‘GPA year’ an applicant must have a minimum of 0.375 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) worth of graded results from 2020 available for a GPA to be calculated for that particular GPA ‘year’.

For Deakin, all 2020 results will be excluded from GPA calculations.
For Griffith, 2020 results will be used in GPA calculations. Applicants may request to have ALL Semester 1/Trimester 1 grades from 2020 disregarded. Please refer to the Griffith school entry section for more details.

For Macquarie, Notre Dame, and UQ, all 2020 results will be used in GPA calculations.

For the University of Melbourne, results for 2020 subjects completed before the COVID-19 pandemic and results for standalone honours subjects completed in 2020 will be included in the GPA calculations for entry to the Doctor of Medicine program. All other 2020 subject results will be excluded for entry. This is applicable from 2022 for all forthcoming intakes.

For UWA, all results obtained from Semester 1 and Trimester 1 2020 will be recognised as ungraded pass or fails. The credit value/unit weighting of ungraded passes will count towards the three years of FTE study; however, the result itself is left out of the calculation. Fails from Trimester/Semester 1 2020 will have both the result and credit value/weighting of ungraded fails included.

For the University of Wollongong, all 2020 subjects will be excluded from the GPA calculation. A research honours year completed in 2020 is exempt from this rule and will be included in the GPA calculation.

Where 2020 results are excluded we would not seek to include earlier results in their place.

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 year⁴.

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.

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⁴ 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 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.

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 eligible 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 may not be used in the GPA calculation.

Examples:

- A bachelor degree with credit from a lower AQF level qualification (e.g. Diploma, Advanced Diploma) typically will not be used to calculate the GPA, even where grades are available.
- A standalone Honours or higher level qualification (AQF level 8 and higher) typically will not be credited to a Bachelor degree, we would use your older Bachelor degree to make up the credit.

**Exception:** This does not affect UWA, they consider the most recent 3 full time equivalent years of eligible study.

**Exception:** For Deakin, if unspecified credit is received the next most eligible prior study at AQF level 7 or above will be used.

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.
- Deakin will calculate the GPA on the most recently completed three years FTE of study, including qualifications at Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Masters by coursework if successfully completed by 31 July 2021.
- 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, 2021. 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 recent 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 in the year of application. Completed Higher Degree Research Masters and PhD will be used in GPA calculations if completed at the time of application.
- 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 2021.
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.
- Deakin will calculate the GPA on the most recent 3FTE of study. This will include Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diplomas and Masters by coursework if successfully completed by 31 July 2021.
- The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle and Sydney will include Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diplomas and Masters by coursework, completed by 31 July 2021, 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 in the year of application. Completed Higher Degree Research Masters and PhD will be used in GPA calculations if completed at the time of application. See the Macquarie University school entry in this Guide for further information.

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

GEMSAS assessors will review all overseas documents that are received and determine the comparison level of the qualification under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). Often, this means confirming that a Bachelor degree studied overseas is comparable 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 ENIC (previously UK NARIC) for verification and level comparability. Where GEMSAS is unable to determine the comparison level of a qualification using these guidelines, the assessment is passed to the institution/s to which the applicant has applied.

For more information on GEMSAS Overseas qualification assessments please visit: http://www.gemsas.edu.au/gpa-calculations/
How will my overseas study be converted to an Australian comparable 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 mark. GEMSAS will generally use the percentage mark where a transcript shows both an exact percentage mark 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 applicants provide further documentation 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, 2011 but the degree was conferred in March 2012. The degree will be considered to have been completed in 2011.

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 may be considered if the applicant has subsequently completed an AQF 7 or above qualification.

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 be 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 do not 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 and noreply@gemsas.edu.au as ‘trusted senders’ 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 Queensland, 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. If you studied at an ARTS university, we will try to get your final results and confirmation of completion of your degree electronically.

We may 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 authorise the release of this information to GEMSAS.

If you studied at a non-ARTS university you will need to upload an official academic transcript that shows 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.
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.

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

For Deakin adjustment (bonus) exceptions see pages 10 to 16.

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 the documentation requirements and coversheets for submitting supporting documentation

Documentation requirements and coversheets are generated according to your selections and responses. As your application progresses, the Documentation page with:

- documentation requirements for academic transcripts and English Language Competency documentation and
- coversheets for rural background and Deakin Adjustment (bonus)

will appear on the left of your screen. You will only have access to your coversheets once you have submitted and paid for your application. To access your documentation requirements and coversheets, after you have submitted and paid for your application, log into your application and select the Documentation button on the My Applications page.

If you are unsure if you should supply supporting documentation, please check pages 9 to 16 of this guide.

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

How do I email my supporting documentation (Rural background and/or Deakin adjustments (bonuses))?

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 is very important that you read your coversheet/s carefully.
How do I upload my supporting documentation (Education transcripts and/or English Language Competency)?

The documentation requirements page will describe in detail where to upload your supporting documentation, deadlines for uploading the documentation and what type of documents can be accepted. It is very important that you read this page carefully. Any incorrect documentation provided may delay the processing of your application.

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

Yes, we will only accept PDF or JPEG file formats, max 15MB. Word documents (.doc, docs, .rtf) are not accepted.

For Australian and New Zealand qualifications digital documents issued by My eQuals are accepted, provided they meet the My eQuals guidelines. You must download a PDF of your document from the My eQuals portal which is digitally signed by your institution and has the required security features including the certificate key or blue banner verification. Sharing links for download via My eQuals is not permitted. 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”.

For overseas qualifications colour scans of official hard copy documents or institution-issued secure PDF documents are accepted. Scans must be fully legible, including any notes, codes, logos and legends. Whether security features on a PDF meet GEMSAS requirements is at the discretion of GEMSAS Assessment. Documents which do not meet security requirements, may be rejected, or may only be conditionally accepted.

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.

It is very important you read the information on the Documentation requirements page as any incorrect documentation may delay the processing of your application.

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 official transcript/s or digitally secure PDFs 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.

If you are required to provide documentation, detailed guidelines will be available in the Documentation page in the GEMSAS application portal.

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 2021 transcript?

Yes. Applicants completing their qualifying/key degree in 2021 will be assessed on the basis of the information available at the time of application.

If your results are from an ARTS university, your Semester 1, 2021 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, 2021 please upload an official academic transcript as soon as possible. Please upload the required official transcripts and/or completion certificate by 16 July.

Applicants completing their degree in 2021 will only be offered an interview if the GPA at the time of application (with 2021 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 2021 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 an official 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 submit my written application for the Deakin University Rural Training Stream (RTS)?

The written application for the RTS is completed in the application form and submitted once you submit your application. To avoid any loss of data due to session closure we suggest you complete your written application 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?

If you have uploaded your documentation, you will be able to view the documents that have been accepted in the Documentation button on the My Applications page of your application. If anything further is required, or the documents were not up to the acceptable guidelines you will be notified via email.

For the Deakin Adjustment and Rural background supporting documentation, you will receive an automated response acknowledging receipt once you email your supporting documentation.

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, 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.
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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