



GAMSAT[®]

Graduate Medical School Admissions Test

INFORMATION BOOKLET

2017

TEST DATES

25 March 2017

13 September 2017



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Overview of important GAMSAT dates, test centres and fees 2017

	March 2017	September 2017	Fee*
Test Date	Saturday 25 March 2017	Wednesday 13 September 2017	
Available test centres	Australia: Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Darwin, Hobart, Melbourne, Perth, Townsville, Sydney; Ireland: Cork, Dublin, Limerick; UK: Liverpool, London; Other: Wellington, Singapore, Washington D.C.	Australia: Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth; Ireland: Dublin; UK: Birmingham, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Liverpool, London, Sheffield; Other: Washington D.C.	Additional overseas levy of AUD\$200 applies for test sittings in Singapore and Washington D.C.
Registrations open	Early November 2016	Early June 2017	
Registrations close	10am GMT [†] OR 9pm AEDT [¶] on Thursday 2 February 2017	1pm BST [#] OR 10pm AEST [‡] on Friday 4 August 2017	Australia: AUD\$490 Ireland: €325 UK: £255
Late registrations close	10am GMT [†] OR 9pm AEDT [¶] on Saturday 11 February 2017	1pm BST [#] OR 10pm AEST [‡] on Monday 14 August 2017	Additional late fee: Australia: AUD\$100 Ireland: €70 UK: £60
Changes to preferred test centre close (subject to availability)	10am GMT [†] OR 9pm AEDT [¶] on Saturday 11 February 2017	1pm BST [#] OR 10pm AEST [‡] on Monday 14 August 2017	
Applications for special testing conditions close	10am GMT [†] OR 9pm AEDT [¶] on Saturday 11 February 2017	1pm BST [#] OR 10pm AEST [‡] on Monday 14 August 2017	
Applications for alternative testing arrangements close	Saturday 11 February 2017	Not available	
Refund requests close	10am GMT [†] OR 9pm AEDT [¶] on Saturday 11 February 2017	1pm BST [#] OR 10pm AEST [‡] on Monday 14 August 2017	Australia: AUD\$70 Ireland: €45 UK: £45
Deferral requests close	10am GMT [†] OR 9pm AEDT [¶] on Saturday 11 February 2017	1pm BST [#] OR 10pm AEST [‡] on Monday 14 August 2017	Australia: AUD\$65 Ireland: €40 UK: £40
Admission Tickets available from	10 March 2017	31 August 2017	
Results available	Late May 2017	Late November 2017	
Results re-check requests close	10am GMT [†] OR 9pm AEDT [¶] on Sunday 28 May 2017	11am GMT [†] OR 10pm AEDT [¶] on Sunday 26 November 2017	Australia: AUD\$135 UK: £80 Ireland: €95
Results re-check outcome notification	Tuesday 13 June 2017	Tuesday 12 December 2017	

* All fees stated in AUD\$ are GST inclusive.

[†] GMT = Greenwich Mean Time

[¶] AEDT = Australian Eastern Daylight Time

[#] BST = British Summer Time

[‡] AEST = Australian Eastern Standard Time

IMPORTANT: Please read the **LEGAL NOTICE** at the end of this Booklet.

This Booklet, including the Legal Notice will form part of the binding agreement between you and the Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd (ABN 19 004 398 145) ("**ACER**") if you register to take the GAMSAT test in March and/or September 2017.

You should make sure that you understand fully and are familiar with the contents of this Booklet (including the Legal Notice) before you register for the GAMSAT test in March and/or September 2017.

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CONTACT US

GAMSAT is developed and administered by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) on behalf of the Consortium of Graduate Medical Schools. ACER is an independent not-for-profit organisation.

All important information about GAMSAT can be found **in this Information Booklet and on the GAMSAT website (www.gamsat.acer.edu.au)**. Due to the high volume of enquiries, the GAMSAT Office will not answer emails if the information requested is already available on the GAMSAT website or in this Information Booklet. For all other enquiries, please contact the GAMSAT Office at ACER. **Please always include your full name and GAMSAT ID number.**

Email is the preferred means of communication on matters concerning GAMSAT and all communications from the GAMSAT Office will be via email, unless otherwise agreed by ACER.

To ensure that your email provider does not flag important communication from the GAMSAT Office as spam, please save the GAMSAT email address (gamsat@acer.edu.au) to your list of safe senders.

The GAMSAT Office will not answer queries relating to the content of the test. Please note personal responses to enquiries are not provided at ACER offices.

GAMSAT OFFICE

Email: gamsat@acer.edu.au

Email services are available:

Monday to Friday

All emails will generally be responded to within 24 hours.

Please note that response time may be longer in busy periods and after weekends or holidays.

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Please note the GAMSAT Office will not be held responsible for postal losses or delays.

The Graduate Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT)

The Graduate Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) is developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) in conjunction with the Consortium of Graduate Medical Schools to assist with the selection of students to graduate-entry medical and health sciences programs.

GAMSAT is designed to assess the capacity to undertake high level intellectual studies in a demanding course. GAMSAT evaluates the nature and extent of abilities and skills gained through prior experience and learning, including the mastery and use of concepts in basic science as well as the acquisition of more general skills in problem solving, critical thinking and writing.

GAMSAT is offered twice a year, in March and September.

If your first degree is in a non-scientific field of study you can still sit GAMSAT and succeed in an application for admission to one of the graduate-entry programs. A science degree is not always a prerequisite and institutions encourage applications from candidates who have achieved academic excellence in other fields. However, it must be stressed that success in GAMSAT is unlikely without knowledge and ability in the biological and physical sciences.

Structure and content of GAMSAT

The purpose of GAMSAT is to assess your ability to understand and analyse material, to think critically about issues and, in the case of the Written Communication section, to organise and express your thoughts in a logical and effective way. GAMSAT questions are based on material drawn from a variety of sources. They typically require you to read and think about a passage of writing, interpret graphical displays of information, use mathematical relationships and apply reasoning skills to tables of data.

GAMSAT is divided into three separately timed sections designed to assess performance in the areas of:

I	Reasoning in Humanities and Social Sciences
II	Written Communication
III	Reasoning in Biological and Physical Sciences

The following table shows the structure of GAMSAT by section and time.

	Number of questions	Reading Time	Writing Time
Section I Reasoning in Humanities and Social Sciences	75	10 minutes	100 minutes
Section II Written Communication	2	5 minutes	60 minutes
Section III Reasoning in Biological and Physical Sciences	110	10 minutes	170 minutes

Section I: Reasoning in Humanities and Social Sciences

The Reasoning in Humanities and Social Sciences section tests skills in the interpretation and understanding of ideas in social and cultural contexts. Different kinds of text are used as stimuli, including passages of personal, imaginative, expository and argumentative writing. Although most of the stimuli materials in this section are in the form of written passages, some units may present ideas and information in visual and tabular form. Materials cover a range of academic and public issues, with an emphasis on socio-cultural, personal and interpersonal topics.

Questions in the Reasoning in Humanities and Social Sciences section demand varying degrees of complex verbal processing and conceptual thinking, logical and plausible reasoning, and objective and subjective thinking.

Questions that emphasise understanding involve the recognition of explicit and implicit meanings through close reading of words and phrases and global interpretations of text.

Questions that emphasise plausible reasoning involve interrelating, elaborating and extending concepts and ideas, and drawing conclusions.

Questions that emphasise critical thinking require candidates to make discriminations and judgments in the realm of plausible reasoning.

Questions in this section are in multiple choice format, with four alternative answers from which candidates choose the most appropriate.

Section II: Written Communication

The Written Communication section tests the ability to produce and develop ideas in writing. It involves two thirty-minute writing tasks. Each task offers a number of ideas related to a common theme. The theme will be general rather than specific in nature. The first task deals with socio-cultural issues while the second deals with more personal and social issues. In selecting topics for the writing tasks every effort is made to minimise factors which might disadvantage candidates from non-English-speaking backgrounds.

Written Communication is assessed on two criteria: the quality of the thinking about a topic and the control of language demonstrated in its development. Assessment focuses on the way in which ideas are integrated into a thoughtful response to the task. Control of language (grammatical structure and expression) is an integral component of a good piece of writing. However, it is only assessed insofar as it contributes to the overall effectiveness of the response to the task and not in isolation. Candidates are not assessed on the 'correctness' of the ideas or attitudes they display. However pre-prepared responses and responses that do not relate to the topic will receive a low score.

CRITERIA FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Raters consider the following issues:

Thought and Content

(the quality of what is said)

- what is made of and developed from the task
- the kinds of thoughts and feelings offered in response to the task

Organisation and Expression

(the quality of the structure developed and the language used)

- the shape and form of the piece
- the effectiveness and fluency of the language

Each piece of writing will be assessed by three independent raters.

Section III: Reasoning in Biological and Physical Sciences

Section III is made up of questions in three discipline areas in the following proportions:

Chemistry	40%
Biology	40%
Physics	20%

Questions from the three discipline areas are integrated throughout the section and are in multiple choice format, with four alternative answers from which candidates choose the most appropriate.

Stimulus material is presented in a variety of formats including text, mathematical, graphs, tables and diagrams.

In addition to testing reasoning and problem solving within a scientific context, this section examines the recall and understanding of basic science concepts. The skills assessed include the ability to identify knowledge in new contexts, analyse and interpret data, discover relationships, translate knowledge from one form to another, formulate and apply hypotheses and make generalisations, deduce consequences from models, follow and evaluate a line of reasoning, evaluate evidence, categorise and select information relevant to problems, generate and apply strategies to solve problems, make comparisons, extrapolate, interpolate, estimate and recognise limits in accuracy.

The level of subject knowledge required for the Reasoning in Biological and Physical Sciences section of the test generally corresponds to the first year of university studies in biology and chemistry, and A-level/ Leaving Certificate/Year 12 in physics. The test however focuses primarily on problem solving and on the use of the prerequisite knowledge.

Equity and fairness

GAMSAT is developed to rigorous professional and technical standards. Test questions are designed and developed by a team of ACER writers, expert in their subject areas, in close consultation with university faculty specialists. All test questions must pass detailed panelling, trial testing, analysis and final review. The content, style, duration and sequencing of the tests are determined to ensure that the testing program is relevant, fair, valid and reliable. GAMSAT test data are analysed to check that each question has performed as required. Test questions in development are carefully scrutinised in an ongoing attempt to minimise gender, ethnic or religious bias, and to ensure that the test is culturally fair. The test may contain a small number of trial questions which may not be scored.

Use of personal information

Test results may be used by approved authorities for purposes of research into the GAMSAT program. Candidates are assured that any use of registration and test records will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. Candidate names will be separated from data where ACER provides data to third parties for research purposes.

By completing the GAMSAT registration form you are indicating your acceptance of the processing of your personal and sensitive data for purposes connected to, amongst other things, your GAMSAT registration. Please see the Legal Notice at the end of this Booklet. ACER's policy on the collection, access to, and use of personal information can be found at www.acer.edu.au/privacy.

3 BEFORE THE TEST

Eligibility

GAMSAT is available to any person who has completed a Bachelor or an undergraduate honours degree, or who will be in the penultimate (second-last) or final year of study, at the time of sitting the test, or, in the case of applicants to University of Exeter Medical School and Plymouth University Peninsula Schools of Medicine & Dentistry, who believes he/she has achieved an appropriate level of intellectual maturity and subject knowledge to meet the demands of the test.

To sit GAMSAT you must be a bona fide prospective applicant to a course for which GAMSAT is a prerequisite.

There is no limit to the number of times a bona fide candidate may sit GAMSAT.

Creating an online account

You must create an online account before you can register for GAMSAT or purchase any preparation materials. To create an account you should follow the link on the GAMSAT website and enter your details. When entering your account details you should ensure that your name and date of birth match EXACTLY the identification document that you will present on the test day. These details will also be printed on your Admission Ticket and Statement of Results. To change the name, date of birth or gender in your account, you need to email the GAMSAT Office. To create your online account you must provide a valid email address which will be maintained during the registration, test and reporting cycle. Once an account has been activated it can be used for any future registrations.

Registering for GAMSAT

The only way to register for GAMSAT is online via the website www.gamsat.acer.edu.au.

To register you need an online account with a valid email address and a credit card. This email address will be used for all communication from the GAMSAT Office, including information on how to access your Admission Ticket and GAMSAT results.

Select the GAMSAT test that you wish to register for, fill in the online registration form and submit the payment.

Details entered in the registration form can be amended through your online account at any time.

Before completing your registration you will be asked to confirm that you have read this GAMSAT Information Booklet 2017 and specifically the Legal Notice, and that you agree and accept the terms and conditions of participation in the GAMSAT test and specifically the Legal Notice and Privacy provisions. A copy of the information contained in this declaration can be found on page 25.

Upon successful completion of the registration, a registration confirmation and payment receipt will be sent to your registered email address. Please ensure that the spelling of your name and date of birth listed in your confirmation email match the identification document that you will present on the test day. **The status of your registration can always be checked in your online account.**

Your Admission Ticket with details of your reporting time and test centre address will only be available two weeks before the test for security reasons. You will be notified by email when your Admission Ticket is available for download from your online account.

Registration date

Your online registration and payment must be completed by the deadline given for your preferred test date:

	25 March 2017	13 September 2017
Registrations open	Early November 2016	Early June 2017
Registrations close	10am Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) OR 9pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) on Thursday 2 February 2017	1pm British Summer Time (BST) OR 10pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on Friday 4 August 2017

ACER reserves the right in its absolute discretion to refuse or cancel a registration in any circumstances where ACER considers the application for registration or the registration once completed is not bona fide, or the registration fee as applicable is not received in full and as cleared funds by the payment date above or the late registration date given on the next page.

3 BEFORE THE TEST

Late registration date

Late registrations will be accepted up to the deadline given below upon payment of the late fee in addition to the registration fee.

	25 March 2017	13 September 2017
Late registration period commences from	10am Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) OR 9pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) on Thursday 2 February 2017	1pm British Summer Time (BST) OR 10pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on Friday 4 August 2017
Late registrations close	10am Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) OR 9pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) on Saturday 11 February 2017	1pm British Summer Time (BST) OR 10pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on Monday 14 August 2017

No applications for registration will be accepted after the deadline under any circumstances.

Payment

The fees to sit GAMSAT in 2017 are listed below. An additional late fee applies for registrations completed in the late registration period. The registration fee includes a copy of the online *Practice Questions* e-book. Payment must be submitted online by credit card (Mastercard, Visa).

	25 March 2017	13 September 2017
Registration fee	Australia: AUD\$490 Ireland: €325 UK: £255	Australia: AUD\$490 Ireland: €325 UK: £255
Late fee	Australia: AUD\$100 Ireland: €70 UK: £60	Australia: AUD\$100 Ireland: €70 UK: £60

All fees will be charged in Australian Dollars for candidates sitting GAMSAT outside Ireland and the UK.

You will receive a payment confirmation/tax invoice by email once the payment transaction is completed. The online payment option operates through ACER's e-commerce facility via the ACER website. Credit card details are not recorded or stored

by ACER but are encrypted at point of capture and transmitted directly to the bank, without entering ACER information systems.

Please note that your credit card statement may list ACER as the recipient, and a specific reference to GAMSAT may not be mentioned. If you (as the person registered to sit the GAMSAT test) or any other person wrongfully dispute the amount charged to the credit card provided to complete the registration, your registration may be cancelled, your results may be withheld or you may be blocked from taking further ACER administered tests.

Test centres

The GAMSAT test is held in Australia, Ireland and the UK as well as New Zealand, Singapore* and Washington D.C.* The table below shows the only test centres where GAMSAT is offered in March and September.

	25 March 2017	13 September 2017
Australia	Adelaide Brisbane Canberra Darwin Hobart Melbourne Perth Townsville Sydney	Brisbane Melbourne Perth
Ireland	Cork Dublin Limerick	Dublin
UK	Liverpool London	Birmingham Cardiff Edinburgh Liverpool London Sheffield
Other countries	Singapore* Washington D.C.* Wellington	Washington D.C.*

*An additional overseas test levy of AUD\$200 applies to sit GAMSAT in Singapore or Washington D.C.

The test is held on the same date at all test centres.

When completing the registration form, select the city which is most convenient to you. **Places are limited, so you are advised to register early.** Please note that you will only be able to select your preferred test centre if places are still available.

You can change your preferred test centre online through your account until the closing time of late registrations (see page 7), subject to availability. If a test centre change is required after this date, please email the GAMSAT Office for advice. If you wish to change your test centre to a different country, for example from the UK to Australia, please contact the GAMSAT Office before the registration closing date. A change fee may apply. Please note you can only choose the city in which you prefer to take the test. If there is more than one venue in the selected city, you will be automatically allocated to one of the venues. Test venues cannot be chosen by candidates.

Applying for special testing conditions

If you have a disability or other health-related needs which might interfere with your ability to sit the test in the standard manner, you are advised to apply for special testing conditions as soon as possible after registration. Please note if you require access to food, medication, medical equipment or other devices during testing time, due to a medical condition, you must submit a special testing conditions application. All requests are assessed on a case-by-case basis and all reasonable efforts are made to provide appropriate testing conditions for your needs.

Please complete the following steps:

1. Create an online account and register for GAMSAT (see page 6).
2. Once your registration is complete you can apply for special testing conditions through your online account. Please fill in the online form and give details about your condition and requested accommodations. All such requests must be submitted **no later than the closing time of late registrations (see page 7)**. If you require special testing accommodations due to a condition that occurred after the application deadline, please contact the GAMSAT Office for advice.
3. After you have submitted the online form, send the supporting documentation to the GAMSAT Office (via email, post or fax) for review. The supporting documentation provided must be from a registered health practitioner. The documentation must be no more than one year old for health-related needs or disabilities other than learning disabilities, and no more than three years old for learning disabilities. Applicants with learning disabilities should submit a copy of an appropriate educational psychologist's

report for consideration. If your report is more than three years old, it will still be accepted, as long as it is accompanied by a recent letter from a psychologist stating that the information in the report is still applicable to you as you are today.

The supporting documentation from your health practitioner must give a clear diagnosis and information on your condition, indicate the impact of your disability in testing settings and include a statement as to what accommodations your health practitioner feels are appropriate for you in testing settings. All supporting documentation must be typed on the medical practitioner's official letterhead and include the date and title, name, registration number, contact details, and signature of the health practitioner.

4. Once your supporting documentation is received, a confirmation email will be sent to your registered email address. The GAMSAT Office will contact you if further documentation or information is required for the assessment of your request.
5. All applications will be processed after the closing time of late registrations (see page 7) and you will be informed of the outcome shortly after. If approved, you will be able to view your approved accommodations through your online account and you will be required to bring a printout of that page with you on the test day.

All information regarding special testing conditions will be treated confidentially and will not be forwarded to the universities or admission authorities. Invigilators on the test day will be informed of the accommodations provided to you, but not of your condition. If you wish that invigilators be alerted of the nature of your condition, please indicate this in the application process.

Note: There is no possibility of special consideration being given to test results. In no circumstances will scores be adjusted to account for any perceived disadvantage.

Applying for alternative testing arrangements

If you are unable to sit the March 2017 test during daylight hours on a Saturday for religious reasons, please notify ACER in writing **by Saturday 11 February 2017**, enclosing a supporting letter from your minister of religion. This letter must be printed on letterhead paper from the supporting church. Alternative testing arrangements will be provided for approved candidates.

No other special consideration is available.

3 BEFORE THE TEST

Refund terms

PLEASE NOTE: To the fullest extent permitted at law, except as expressly provided herein, all moneys paid as part of a registration to sit the GAMSAT test are non-refundable if you change your mind about sitting the GAMSAT test due to personal circumstances.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration fees for the GAMSAT test will be refunded up to the deadline in the table below. An administration charge will be deducted unless a refund is required by law. Requests must be submitted online through your account and a confirmation email will be sent to your registered email address if your request has been submitted successfully. Access to any preparation materials included with the GAMSAT registration will be withdrawn upon completion of the refund. The fee will be refunded to the credit card used for payment. Refunds will be processed in the currency used for payment.

	25 March 2017	13 September 2017
Refund requests close	10am Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) OR 9pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) on Saturday 11 February 2017	1pm British Summer Time (BST) OR 10pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on Monday 14 August 2017
Refund administration fee	Australia: AUD\$70 Ireland: €45 UK: £45	Australia: AUD\$70 Ireland: €45 UK: £45

Deferral terms

Should you decide that you do not wish to sit the GAMSAT test that you registered for, you may defer your registration to either the following March or September test sitting of GAMSAT. A list of available test centres will be provided. Please note that you may defer the test date for the GAMSAT test sitting once only. No changes to the test sitting can be made once the deferral request has been submitted. To defer your registration, log in to your online account and select the 'manage' option on your registration.

Deferrals must be completed by no later than the deadline given in the following table. All deferrals will incur an administration fee. Only on rare occasions, where there are extenuating circumstances,

a late deferral may be granted. This will be at ACER's discretion.

If you wish to apply for a late deferral due to extenuating circumstances, please contact the GAMSAT Office no later than the test date.

	25 March 2017	13 September 2017
Deferral requests close	10am Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) OR 9pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) on Saturday 11 February 2017	1pm British Summer Time (BST) OR 10pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on Monday 14 August 2017
Deferral administration fee	Australia: AUD\$65 Ireland: €40 UK: £40	Australia: AUD\$65 Ireland: €40 UK: £40

Deferred candidates will continue to have access to the preparation materials included in the registration for the GAMSAT test for 12 months from the date the GAMSAT registration was completed.

Except as otherwise permitted at law (where law is not capable of being excluded) candidates who have deferred participation in the GAMSAT test cannot then apply for a refund after the refund request deadline (see page 9) under any circumstances. If, however, you defer your GAMSAT test in accordance with the procedure outlined above, you can still up until the refund request deadline (see page 9) apply to cancel your registration totally (for example, if you change your mind or are unable or ineligible to participate in GAMSAT), and receive a refund of the registration fee paid less the refund administration fee. Refunds will be processed and access to preparation materials included in the registration fee paid will be withdrawn as outlined above.

Admission Ticket

The Admission Ticket will tell you exactly where and at what time to report on the day of the test.

It will also contain your personal details. This ticket is your permission to attend the test centre and a printout must be taken with you on the test day. Admission Tickets presented on electronic devices will not be accepted. **If you present without a printed Admission Ticket on the test day you will be refused entry.**

Notification will be sent to your registered email address when **the Admission Ticket is available through your online account, approximately two weeks before the test date**. If your identification document details have not been entered in the registration form you will NOT be able to access your Admission Ticket.

Please check your Admission Ticket carefully and contact the GAMSAT Office immediately if there are any errors. The details on your Admission Ticket must match the details on the identification document that you will use on the test day. Only your first and last names are required to match and it is not necessary for your other names (including middle names) to appear on the Admission Ticket. Your other names, if provided when you created your account, will however be printed on the attendance rolls given to the test centre supervisors so that they can be checked on the day, should there be any issues matching your Admission Ticket and your identification document.

Before you print the Admission Ticket, check that both sides of the print paper are blank; there should not be any marks on your Admission Ticket. Admission Tickets may be printed in black and white; you do not need to bring a colour printout. **Please fill in your identification document number and sign your Admission Ticket beforehand** and have it ready with you on the test day.

Do not write anything else on your Admission Ticket at any time before or during the test or lunch break.

If you have issues accessing your Admission Ticket, you should contact the GAMSAT Office no later than one week before the test date. **Please do not leave this to the last minute**. Remember that you will only be able to download the Admission Ticket once you have entered your identification document details in the registration form.

Preparing for GAMSAT

The purpose of GAMSAT is to assess your ability to understand and analyse written and graphically presented material. GAMSAT measures skills and knowledge acquired over a long period of time, as well as the ability to reason, make logical deductions and form judgments.

There is little benefit to be gained from last-minute 'cramming'. However, for non-science graduates some specific preparation covering relevant basic sciences to

first year university level is highly recommended. Some candidates may wish to enrol in a short tertiary level science course to ensure adequate preparation.

Please note: Neither the GAMSAT Office nor the graduate-entry schools recommend or endorse any particular texts or preparation courses. Nor do they support any commercially available preparation courses or have any association with commercial courses.

GAMSAT preparation materials

ACER produces the only official GAMSAT test preparation materials. There are currently two types of preparation materials available: an automatic scoring service for Written Communication and four publications in the form of e-books.

E-books

The publications are only available in the form of e-books; hard copies are not available. Candidates who have purchased copies of the publications in recent years will not need to do so again this year. The *Practice Questions* e-book is included in the cost of the GAMSAT registration.

Practice Test and *Practice Test 2* are each equivalent to a full test and each will take approximately 5.5 hours to complete under exam conditions. Answers are given for all questions.

Sample Questions and *Practice Questions* are shorter publications which contain the same balance of question types found in a full test. Answers are given for all questions and suggested worked solutions are provided for some.

Though similar in format, the e-books contain different selections of material and are designed to give examples of the types of questions asked in GAMSAT and of the skills and knowledge tested.

The purchase of an e-book (including the *Practice Questions* e-book provided as part of your registration) entitles you to:

- Make 2 hard copies of the e-book which will be imprinted with your name and identifying details.
- Unrestricted access to the e-book you have purchased for 12 months commencing on the date the e-book is made accessible to you for the sole purpose of reading the e-book.

E-book	Price
<i>Practice Test</i>	Australia: AUD\$45 Ireland: €32 UK: £28
<i>Practice Test 2</i>	Australia: AUD\$45 Ireland: €32 UK: £28
<i>Sample Questions</i>	Australia: AUD\$27 Ireland: €19 UK: £17
<i>Practice Questions</i>	Australia: AUD\$27 Ireland: €19 UK: £17

Automatic scoring for Written Communication

The automatic scoring service for Written Communication allows you to submit two pieces of writing addressing two specific tasks. The pieces of writing are then automatically scored and a percentile band and a score range are provided **on completion of both tasks**.

To enable automatic scoring several hundred responses to the tasks were marked using a criterion-referenced analytical marking guide. Responses were hand marked (triple marked and adjudicated where necessary) using the GAMSAT marking guide. The scores were Rasch analysed and a measurement scale was calibrated. Finally, the scores were loaded to the automatic marking system to create a computer model that replicates manual scoring and can 'mimic' the way markers assign scores to the tasks.

The automatic scoring service for Written Communication is not a timed test and candidates may access the writing tasks and submit their responses at a later stage.

Candidates who have submitted their responses and received a score, can purchase the material again. The writing tasks will not change, but candidates may submit different responses and receive a new score.

The purchase of the automatic scoring service for Written Communication entitles you to:

- Provision of two GAMSAT writing tasks: one Task A and one Task B.
- Provision of a single Written Communication score range, for example 54-56, and percentile band. Please note that you will only be able to submit your responses once.
- Submit your completed writing tasks within 12 months from the date of purchase.

Preparation Material	Price
<i>Automatic scoring service for Written Communication</i>	Australia: AUD\$15 Ireland: €11 UK: £10

Purchasing preparation materials

In order to purchase any preparation materials you will need to create an account. This is not a registration for the GAMSAT test. Please note that you cannot purchase these materials without an online account and you can purchase any of these materials without being registered for the GAMSAT test. Any preparation materials you purchase will be accessible online as soon as your payment is received successfully.

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Test-taking strategy for Sections I and III

Questions in Section I and III of the GAMSAT test are in multiple choice format. It is advantageous for you to develop your own strategies for answering this type of question. Work steadily through the test. It is not advisable to spend too much time on any one question. If you think you know the answer to a question, mark it, even if you are not certain. Go on to the next question and come back later if you have time. No credit is given if more than one answer is marked. No marks are deducted for a wrong answer. All questions have the same value, therefore by attempting as many questions as possible you stand the best chance of maximising your score. Mark your answers directly onto the GAMSAT answer sheet and not in the test book. Answers marked in the test book will not be scored. Any rough work may be done in the margins of your test book. Scrap paper is not allowed and not provided.

Test date

The GAMSAT tests in 2017 are held on Saturday 25 March and Wednesday 13 September.

Test centre and arrival time

You will be assigned to a test centre in your chosen city. The exact test centre address and arrival time will be printed on the Admission Ticket that will be available through your online account approximately two weeks before the test (see page 9). You must report to this test centre at the time designated on your Admission Ticket. This will normally be 8.15am local time. It is not necessary to arrive before the indicated arrival time. The test itself will start as soon as all pre-testing procedures are completed. If you report to the centre after all candidates have been seated in the testing room, you may not be admitted. **No latecomers can be admitted once the test has started.**

Timing and order of the test

A full day is needed to sit the GAMSAT test. This is made up of five and a half (5.5) hours of testing time, 25 minutes reading time, and one hour of recess time. In addition, pre-testing procedures will take some time to complete. Therefore, **it is not possible to guarantee start and finish times.** Care should be taken when making return travel arrangements to allow adequate time at the test centre. **You should anticipate being at the test centre for at least nine hours.**

GAMSAT is a high stakes test administered under secure test conditions. **You may not leave the test centre before the full testing time has elapsed, except in the case of illness.** Candidates leaving before the start of Section III will not receive their GAMSAT scores. Candidates leaving during Section III due to illness are expected to provide a medical certificate explaining their need to leave the test centre. This must be provided within seven days of the test administration; failure to do so may result in scores being withheld. Once a candidate has departed the test centre it is not possible to re-enter and continue the test.

There is **no break between Section I and Section II** and you must remain at your desk while Section I test booklets are collected and Section II test booklets are distributed. You are still under exam conditions during this time and for security reasons you will not be allowed to leave your desk and go to the toilet.

There will be a **lunch break of one hour between Section II and Section III.**

You may use the bathroom during testing time, but this will not be permitted during reading time and in the last ten minutes of each section. Please raise your hand to gain the attention of a supervisor and wait for their approval before leaving your seat at any time during the test. No additional time will be granted for bathroom breaks.

Identification on test day

On the day of the test you will be required to show either

- a current passport, or
- a current, photo-bearing driver's licence (learner's permit, probationary or full licence), or
- a current (photo-bearing) Australian Keypass/Australian Proof of Age Card, or
- a current (photo-bearing) New Zealand 18+Card, or
- a current EU/EEA National Identity Card

The photograph in your identification document must be recognisable as a likeness to you as you are on the day of the test. **No other form of identification will be accepted.**

If you do not have one of these forms of identification, please allow enough time to organise one before the test date as you will not be able to enter the test centre without an approved form of identification. Some of these identification documents can take approximately a month to obtain.

Photocopies of documents or expired documents are not accepted.

Your date of birth, first and last name in your identification document must match your Admission Ticket details.

If you do not present one of the above identification documents, together with your printed Admission Ticket, you will NOT be able to sit the GAMSAT test and your registration fee will be forfeited.

What to bring on test day

You need to bring the following with you on the test day:

- Your printed GAMSAT Admission Ticket **filled in and signed** (Note: Admission Tickets presented on electronic devices will not be accepted)
- Acceptable current and photo-bearing identification document as specified on page 13
- Pencils (medium soft No. 2 or HB recommended)
- Pencil sharpener (optional)
- Eraser
- Blue or black pen
- A clear water bottle (no labels attached)

Candidates whose native language is not English may bring a **printed bilingual dictionary** into the test for use in **Section I and Section II only**. The pages must be unmarked and all notes removed. Electronic dictionaries are not permitted. Dictionaries containing definitions of English words into the nominated language are acceptable but there must not be a translated definition back into English. Any candidate taking up this option must submit the dictionary to the supervisor for inspection before the test begins. The final decision on the suitability of dictionaries will be made on the test day by the test supervisors.

Clocks are provided in the test room. You may wear an **analogue** wristwatch, and any alarm or stopwatch features must be switched off. Smart watches are prohibited.

These will be the **only items** allowed on your desk during the test.

Valuables such as wallets, keys and mobile phones may be placed under your desk during the test. Mobile phones must be **switched off** before entering the test centre and placed face up under your desk. **They must not be worn on your body and must not be accessed during the test.**

You are advised to bring only essential items, as neither the test centre nor the GAMSAT Office can be held responsible for the security of your belongings. There will be limited space to store your bags and you will not be allowed to access your bags until the lunch break.

Note: All other items, including but not limited to calculators, pagers, stopwatches, audio or recording devices of any kind, MP3 players, digital watches, smart watches, note paper, coloured pens/pencils, pencil cases, highlighters, and rulers are not permitted.

Access to food (including sweets and nuts), earplugs, medication or other medical equipment (e.g. support

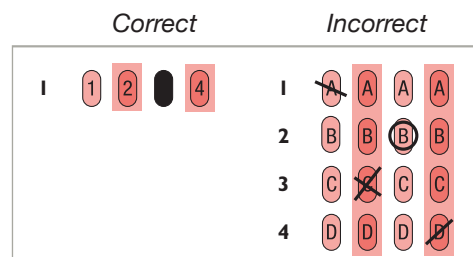
cushion) during the test will only be permitted due to a medical condition and can only be allowed if you have been granted special testing accommodations (see page 8).

It is recommended you have a good breakfast and take a snack to eat in the registration queue if you cannot wait until lunch time. There may not be canteen facilities at the test centres. You are advised to bring lunch.

Large spaces like test centres can be difficult to heat/cool. To avoid being too cold or too hot, it is recommended to wear layers, which will allow you to adjust your own comfort level.

Answer sheets

The GAMSAT answer sheets for Sections I and III are optically scanned and scored by machine. It is very important that you record your answers carefully. Record your answers by completely filling in the oval with pencil. If you decide to change an answer, erase your mark completely and mark the oval corresponding to your new choice.



Mark your answers directly onto the GAMSAT answer sheet and not in the test book. **Answers marked in the test book will not be scored.** Any rough work may be done in the margins of your test book. Scrap paper is not allowed. Do not write on your Admission Ticket.

It is very important that your handwriting is clear and distinct in Section II. You will disadvantage yourself if your writing is illegible.

Test day issues

Should you wish to query a particular test question on the day of the test, you should alert the supervisor of your concern and submit a written note before you leave the test centre. Your query will be reviewed by the GAMSAT Office and you will be notified of the outcome. Similarly, any complaints relating to the test venue or physical discomfort suffered should be reported **immediately** to the supervisor on the day so the issue can be addressed without delay.

Security

The GAMSAT test is a high stakes test. Therefore ACER, in conjunction with the graduate-entry schools, has established security procedures which will be strictly enforced at all times.

Misconduct

Misconduct (whether occurring prior to, during or after the GAMSAT test) means any unacceptable conduct or any conduct that might result in unfairness or inaccurate results such as, without limitation:

- breach of any of the security arrangements for the GAMSAT test
- impersonation
- attempting to remove a test book or answer sheet or part thereof, or any notes, from the testing room
- failure to follow test supervisor's instructions at all times
- giving or receiving assistance during the test
- creating a disturbance
- using prohibited aids (e.g. notes, note paper, calculator, mobile phone, audio/recording device etc.)
- writing, or marking your test paper or answer sheet, during reading time or after the instruction is given to stop writing
- writing on the Admission Ticket during the test
- copying another candidate's work
- using the test questions, their content or information about them for purposes other than your sitting of the GAMSAT test is prohibited. This includes: publishing the GAMSAT questions or any of their content or information about them on the internet, any digital format or otherwise; and/or passing the GAMSAT questions, any of their content or information about them to third parties
- the giving of false or misleading information at any stage in connection with your participation in the GAMSAT test
- infringement of the "ACER" or "GAMSAT" trade marks. Trade mark infringement includes performing any act which only a trade mark owner or a person authorised by the trade mark owner may do
- infringement of copyright. Copyright infringement includes: performing those rights or authorising the performance of those rights which are granted at law exclusively to the copyright owner. These rights

include the exclusive right to reproduce the copyright work in a material form and to communicate that work to the public

- in any way breaching (as determined by ACER in its absolute discretion) any of the terms and conditions of (a) your registration to participate in the GAMSAT test; or (b) your purchase of any GAMSAT preparation materials
- infringement of any rights (including but not limited to intellectual property rights) whatsoever relating to or subsisting in the GAMSAT test or any part or element of it, including but not limited to the concept, structure, administration or conduct of the GAMSAT test, the GAMSAT trade mark and any GAMSAT preparation materials prepared or published by or on behalf of ACER or the Consortium of Graduate Medical Schools
- any act or omission by you which ACER, in its absolute discretion, renders you to be unfit to participate in any GAMSAT test, whether or not you are registered to participate at the time of ACER's determination

CONSEQUENCES for misconduct may include cancelling your registration to sit the GAMSAT test without any refund, withholding of your GAMSAT test results or disqualification from sitting any GAMSAT test (whether it is the test for which you have registered or otherwise).

It is also possible and you consent to the misconduct being referred to any educational institution (not limited to members of the Consortium) or professional body or other third party to whom such misconduct might be of interest.

YOU ARE PUT ON NOTICE that except as expressly provided at law, there is no right to challenge, appeal or seek review of any determination by ACER that misconduct has occurred or in relation to any consequences imposed by ACER for any misconduct. You should also be aware that your misconduct might also give rise to liability on your part to third parties, including but not limited to the members of the Consortium of Graduate Medical Schools.

ACER and the GAMSAT Consortium reserve the right to take legal action and claim any remedies available to them at law in respect of any incident of misconduct or where Your conduct (whether or not it constitutes "misconduct") infringes any of their rights.

GAMSAT results

GAMSAT results of the March test will be released in late May and results of the September test will be released in late November. You will be notified via email when results are available through your online account. You can only access your Statement of Results online and are advised to save and print a copy of the Statement of Results for your records. Statement of Results are accessible for two years in your online account. Statements of Results include your date of birth and name used at the time the GAMSAT test was taken. Replacement Statements of Results will not be provided to accommodate a subsequent change of name.

No hard copies of the Statement of Results will be sent to candidates. The universities will verify the results used for applications with ACER.

The GAMSAT scores

You will receive a score for each of the three sections, together with an overall GAMSAT score.

The overall score is a weighted average of the three section scores.

Each of the four GAMSAT scores is expressed on a scale of 0 to 100. These are not percentage marks.

The overall GAMSAT score is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Overall Score} = (1 \times \text{Section I} + 1 \times \text{Section II} + 2 \times \text{Section III}) \div 4$$

Please Note: The overall score is calculated to several decimal places and then rounded. The overall score is calculated before the rounding of section scores. It is not possible for candidates to replicate this process.

To assist you in evaluating your test performance your scores will be accompanied by a chart showing an approximate percentile ranking for your overall score. This will give you an indication of how well you performed against other candidates in the same GAMSAT sitting. The universities will consider your section and overall scores, not your percentile ranking.

The universities will set their own cut-off scores from year to year. These are the minimum scores acceptable for consideration for entry to the graduate-entry programs. The schools may also choose to use the scores in other ways. Please see the universities' websites for further information.

Scores are scaled by ACER to make them directly comparable from test to test.

Candidates will not be provided with any additional information on scores or the scoring process. All information remains the property of ACER and no right of inspection will be deemed to be vested in a candidate.

Withholding of results

You will only receive your GAMSAT test scores if you have complied with the GAMSAT test policies and procedures and these terms and conditions. Your scores may be withheld or cancelled if ACER learns, either on or after the test day, that you have violated the GAMSAT test policies and procedures and these terms and conditions. Even if ACER cannot confirm your direct involvement in the breach of policies and procedures your GAMSAT test scores may be withheld or cancelled if ACER has reason to question the validity of your scores or if ACER has reasonable basis for believing you may have been involved in a breach of these terms and conditions. Examples of when the validity of GAMSAT test scores may be challenged are:

- intended or unintended exposure to GAMSAT test content*
- contradictory performance on different parts of the GAMSAT test
- abnormal answer patterns in the GAMSAT test
- atypical performance over different GAMSAT test sittings.

* If you attend a coaching course where you are exposed to questions that appear in the GAMSAT test, you risk having your GAMSAT test scores withheld.

Results for university admissions

GAMSAT results obtained from different sittings are directly comparable and can be used when applying to universities for up to two consecutive years.

Please see the following for details of which results can be used for admission to programs in the different countries where GAMSAT is used.

AUSTRALIA: to apply in 2017 for a course commencing in 2018 ONLY the following results can be used: September 2015, March 2016, September 2016, March 2017.

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IRELAND: to apply in 2017 for a course commencing in 2017 ONLY the following results can be used: September 2015, March 2016, September 2016, March 2017.

UK: to apply in 2017 for a course commencing in 2018 ONLY the following results can be used: March 2016, September 2016, March 2017, September 2017.

There is no restriction on the number of times an eligible candidate may sit GAMSAT. Candidates that have more than one current GAMSAT score may use whichever they prefer in applying for admission to graduate-entry programs. The University Admissions Committees will not have access to GAMSAT scores from other years. You should bear in mind that Admissions Committees may set thresholds for the section scores as well as for overall scores. If you have more than one eligible set of scores and are uncertain which scores to use for your application, you should contact your preferred schools for advice.

For further information please see the application for admission to programs for the relevant country (pages 18-24).

Appeals and re-checks

Unless otherwise required by law or as expressly provided herein, ACER will not entertain any challenges of or requests or demands to review GAMSAT test results or any determination by it that any misconduct has occurred or in relation to any consequences imposed by ACER following a determination that misconduct has occurred. Nor is it possible to give special consideration for impaired performance on the day of the test caused by illness or other unexpected personal situations.

Any complaints relating to the test venue or physical discomfort suffered should be reported **immediately** to the supervisor on the day, and in writing to the GAMSAT Office **within seven days of the test administration**.

You are advised that GAMSAT results are released only after careful calculation and extensive checking and errors in scoring are highly unlikely.

However, following receipt of the GAMSAT Statement of Results, you may apply for a **re-check of your answer sheets for Section I and Section III**, if you believe an error may have been made. A re-check involves individual rescoring of the answer sheets. The resulting scores will then be compared with the computer-generated scores to check that there has been no error in calculating or collating marks.

Requests for re-checks must be made through the online account by the deadline given in the table below. A fee is payable for this service. Payment is by credit card only. In the unlikely case of a scoring error being found, the re-check fee will be refunded and you and the universities will be notified.

All re-checks will be processed after the deadline stated in the table below and you will be notified of the outcome on the notification date stated below.

	25 March 2017	13 September 2017
Re-check requests close	10am Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) OR 9pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) on Sunday 28 May 2017	11am Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) OR 10pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) on Sunday 26 November 2017
Re-check fee	Australia: AUD\$135 Ireland: €95 UK: £80	Australia: AUD\$135 Ireland: €95 UK: £80
Re-check outcome notification	13 June 2017	12 December 2017

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO PROGRAMS IN AUSTRALIA

Eleven medical schools – at the Australian National University, Deakin University, Flinders University, Griffith University, Monash University*, the University of Melbourne, the University of Notre Dame Australia (Fremantle and Sydney), the University of Queensland, the University of Sydney, the University of Western Australia and the University of Wollongong – admit graduates into a four-year medical degree program.

The remaining Australian medical schools offer an undergraduate program of five or six years' duration.

Three dental schools – at the University of Sydney, the University of Melbourne and the University of Western Australia, admit graduates into a four-year graduate-entry program.

The Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Sydney offers a two-year Master of Pharmacy.

The Melbourne School of Health Sciences at the University of Melbourne offers a four-year Doctor of Optometry.

The University of Western Australia offers a three-year Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) graduate-entry program.

The graduate-entry programs provide opportunities for medical, dental, optometry, pharmacy and podiatric medicine training to a wide range of graduates who have made a mature decision to commit to a demanding profession. By extending the selection to graduates of the humanities and social sciences as well as the physical and biological sciences, it is expected that students with a diverse range of interests, skills and talents will be represented in each school. The programs are open to graduates of any field who are able to meet the selection criteria. Please note that the University of Melbourne requires satisfactory completion of approved prerequisite subjects prior to entry.

Each of the schools has defined its own goals for the graduate-entry programs; they share features in common but the emphasis differs. All programs aim to build on the diverse interests and talents of the graduates admitted. Graduates of the programs will have the skills and knowledge to practise effectively as medical interns under supervision, or in the case of dental and optometry graduates, to practise effectively as general practitioners, and to develop their careers through subsequent entry into further vocational training. Graduates of the Master of Pharmacy will be able to practise as pharmacists after a compulsory pre-registration period. Graduates of the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine will be able to practise as podiatrists.

In recognition of the fact that medical knowledge continues to expand and that doctors, dentists, pharmacists, podiatrists and optometrists will continue to learn throughout their lives, self-directed learning is a major focus of the graduate-entry programs. Effective communication with patients and colleagues is seen as crucial. Teamwork and an awareness of community concerns are stressed.

*Monash University does not require GAMSAT for entry into its graduate-entry medical program.

Admission to a graduate-entry program

Applicants are selected for admission into the graduate-entry programs on the basis of three criteria. These are:

- Bachelor degree
- GAMSAT score
- Interview

The universities may differ in the weighting of performance on each of the criteria.

Exceptions: The University of Queensland does not interview applicants for their MD program. Entry to the dental program at the University of Melbourne does not require an interview. Optometry at the University of Melbourne reserves the right to interview. Selection for medicine, dentistry and optometry at the University of Melbourne is also based on satisfactory completion of approved prerequisite subjects. Details are available from the website <http://sc.mdhs.unimelb.edu.au/prerequisites> and <http://mdhs-study.unimelb.edu.au/degrees/doctor-of-optometry/entry-requirements#entry-requirements>. Selection into the DPM at UWA is based on either: GAMSAT and academic achievement OR satisfactory completion of specified prerequisite subjects and academic achievement. There is no interview for the DPM. Further admissions tests are required for dentistry at UWA. Please see www.meddent.uwa.edu.au/admissions for further information about their courses.

In addition to the above criteria, The University of Notre Dame Australia (Sydney and Fremantle) also select applicants for admission based on their Notre Dame Portfolio. For more information regarding the portfolio please see the university website www.nd.edu.au.

The University of Wollongong additionally requires the submission of an Admissions Portfolio. For more information see <http://smah.uow.edu.au/medicine/future/md>.

Selection into the Master of Pharmacy at the University of Sydney program is based on four criteria: Bachelor degree, seven essential prerequisites (completed within the previous ten years) and meeting the GPA or GAMSAT cut-off.

More specific information can be obtained by contacting the schools directly and by referring to the Graduate Entry Medical School Admissions System (GEMSAS) website (www.gemsas.edu.au), the University of Sydney website (<http://sydney.edu.au>), the University of Western Australia website (www.meddent.uwa.edu.au/admissions) and the Flinders University website (www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/courses/medical-course).

Applicants who completed their Bachelor degrees and/or prerequisites more than ten years ago are advised to check their eligibility with their preferred schools before registering for GAMSAT.

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, contact the schools to which you intend to apply.

Applying for admission

The process of applying for admission to the graduate-entry programs is separate from the process of registering to sit the GAMSAT test, and takes place later.

There are two separate steps in the process of application to graduate-entry medicine:

First step – sit the GAMSAT test

Second step – March to May 2017 submit application to applicable educational institution(s)

GAMSAT candidates are responsible for determining their eligibility to apply for admission to the graduate-entry programs.

GEMSAS will process applications for admission to graduate-entry medicine at the GAMSAT Consortium Medical Schools and for the University of Melbourne Dentistry and Optometry programs. The University of Sydney will process applications for medicine, dentistry and pharmacy at the University of Sydney. The University of Western Australia will process applications for dentistry and podiatric medicine at the University of Western Australia. Flinders University will process applications for medicine at Flinders University.

TIMELINE FOR ADMISSION TO PROGRAMS IN 2018:

TIMELINE FOR ADMISSION

GAMSAT: To apply in 2017 for a course commencing in 2018 ONLY the following GAMSAT results can be used: September 2015, March 2016, September 2016, March 2017

University applications open:

March 2017: Dentistry and podiatric medicine at The University of Western Australia

April 2017: The University of Sydney

Early May 2017: GEMSAS and Flinders University

Applicants should consult the GEMSAS website and the schools' websites for the relevant admissions cycle deadlines, including those for:

- submission of online application data and hard copy documents;
- release of interview offers by the schools;
- offers of places by the schools.

These dates will be published online as soon as they become available.

It is the individual applicant's responsibility to regularly check the GAMSAT, GEMSAS, University of Sydney, University of Western Australia and Flinders University websites for updated information.

COURSE-SPECIFIC ENQUIRIES AUSTRALIA

Australian National University

Medicine

Medical School

- ✉ admissions.medicalschool@anu.edu.au
- 🌐 <http://medicalschool.anu.edu.au>
- ☎ (02) 6125 1304
- ☎ (02) 6125 3622

Deakin University

Medicine

School of Medicine

- ✉ health-enquire@deakin.edu.au
- 🌐 www.deakin.edu.au/medicine
- ☎ (03) 9251 7777
- ☎ (03) 9251 7450

Flinders University

Medicine

Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

- ✉ medadmissions@flinders.edu.au
- 🌐 www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/courses/medical-course
- ☎ (08) 8201 3800
- ☎ (08) 7221 8433
- ☎ (08) 8201 3905

Griffith University

Medicine

Griffith University Health Centre (G40)

- ✉ medicine@griffith.edu.au
- 🌐 www.griffith.edu.au/medicine
- 🌐 www.griffith.edu.au/ask-us
- ☎ toll free 1800 677 728

The University of Melbourne

Future Student Contact

- 🌐 <http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au>
- ☎ 13MELB (13 6352) (within Australia)
- ☎ +61 3 9035 5511 (international)

Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences online enquiries

- 🌐 <http://mdhs.unimelb.edu.au/about/contact>

Course Information

Doctor of Medicine

- 🌐 <http://mdhs-study.unimelb.edu.au/degrees/doctor-of-medicine/overview>

Doctor of Dental Surgery

- 🌐 <http://mdhs-study.unimelb.edu.au/degrees/doctor-of-dental-surgery/overview>

Doctor of Optometry

- 🌐 <http://mdhs-study.unimelb.edu.au/degrees/doctor-of-optometry/overview>

The University of Notre Dame Australia

Medicine

Prospective Students Office, Fremantle

- ✉ future@nd.edu.au
- 🌐 www.nd.edu.au/fremantle/courses/undergraduate/medicine/md
- ☎ (08) 9433 0533

The University of Notre Dame Australia

Medicine

Prospective Students Office, Sydney

- ✉ sydney@nd.edu.au
- 🌐 www.nd.edu.au/sydMD
- ☎ (02) 8204 4404

The University of Queensland

UQ Admissions (admissions information)

- ✉ admissions@uq.edu.au
- ☎ (07) 3365 2203

Medicine

Faculty of Medicine (program information)

- ✉ mbs@uq.edu.au
- 🌐 <https://mbs.uq.edu.au>
- ☎ (07) 3365 5342

The University of Sydney

Future Student Contact Centre

- 🌐 Online enquiry <http://sydney.edu.au/ask-domestic>
<http://sydney.edu.au/ask-international>
- 🌐 http://sydney.edu.au/future_students
- ☎ 1800 SYD UNI (1800 793 864) (in Australia)
- ☎ +61 2 8627 1444 (outside Australia)

Medicine

- 🌐 <http://sydney.edu.au/medicine>

Dentistry

- 🌐 <http://sydney.edu.au/dentistry>

Pharmacy

- 🌐 <http://sydney.edu.au/pharmacy>

The University of Western Australia

Medicine, Dentistry & Podiatric Medicine

Faculty of Health and Medical Science

- ✉ meddentadmissions@uwa.edu.au
- 🌐 www.meddent.uwa.edu.au/admissions
- ☎ (08) 6488 4646/4850
- ☎ (08) 6488 4848

The University of Wollongong

Graduate School of Medicine

Faculty of Science, Medicine and Health

- ✉ futurestudents@uow.edu.au
- 🌐 <http://smah.uow.edu.au/medicine/future/md>
- ☎ 1300 367 869 (within Australia)
- ☎ +61 2 4221 3218 (international)

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO PROGRAMS IN IRELAND

The process of applying for admission to the graduate-entry programs is separate from the process of registering to sit GAMSAT.

The University of Limerick processes applications for the Master of Science in Physiotherapy (Professional Qualification) at the University of Limerick.

The CAO (Central Applications Office - www.cao.ie) processes applications for admission to graduate-entry medicine and veterinary medicine in Ireland for the following institutions:

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	RC101	Medicine
University College Cork	CK791	Medicine
University College Dublin	DN401	Medicine
University College Dublin	DN301	Veterinary Medicine
University of Limerick	LM101	Medicine

GAMSAT candidates are responsible for determining their eligibility to apply for admission to the graduate-entry programs.

Applicants should consult the CAO website (www.cao.ie) and/or the institutions' websites for the relevant eligibility criteria for admissions. If you have any questions in regard to your eligibility, please contact the Admissions Office of one of the institutions listed above well in advance of the application closing date.

If you sit GAMSAT at a test centre in Ireland the Central Applications Office (CAO) will be provided with your GAMSAT results and will pass these onto the institutions to which you have applied.

Please note: you must provide your CAO application number to the GAMSAT Office when you register for the test. If you do not have a CAO application number at the time of registering for GAMSAT, you should add it to your GAMSAT online account by **2 February**.

If you do not provide your CAO application number, or if you give an incorrect number, this may affect the delivery of your GAMSAT results to the CAO and the institutions.

TIMELINE FOR ADMISSION TO PROGRAMS IN 2017:

TIMELINE FOR ADMISSION

GAMSAT: To apply in 2017 for a program commencing in 2017 ONLY the following GAMSAT results can be used: September 2015, March 2016, September 2016, March 2017

By 5.15pm GMT 1 February 2017:

Submit CAO application online

Early August 2017:

Offers made to successful applicants

If you are using a GAMSAT score from tests other than the September 2016 and/or March 2017 sittings at Irish test centres to apply, you must provide a copy of your Statement of Results by post to CAO, Tower House, Eglinton Street, Galway, Ireland by **1 July 2017**. Only GAMSAT results from tests taken after 1 September 2015 are accepted for consideration in 2017. CAO will verify your scores with ACER.



COURSE-SPECIFIC ENQUIRIES IRELAND

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

Medicine

Graduate Entry Medicine Programme

✉ admissions@rcsi.ie

🌐 www.rcsi.ie/gem

☎ +353 1 402 8671

University College Cork

Medicine

School of Medicine

✉ gem@ucc.ie

🌐 www.ucc.ie/en/medical/prostud

☎ +353 21 490 1575

☎ +353 21 490 1594

University College Dublin

Medicine

UCD School of Medicine and Medical Science

✉ healthscience@ucd.ie

🌐 www.ucd.ie/medicine

☎ +353 1 716-6686 / -6652

Veterinary Medicine

UCD School of Veterinary Medicine

✉ vetprogrammes@ucd.ie

🌐 www.ucd.ie/vetmed

☎ +353 1 716 6100

☎ +353 1 716 6104

University of Limerick

Medicine

Graduate Entry Medical School

✉ medicalschooll@ul.ie

🌐 www.ul.ie/medicalschooll

☎ +35361-234850/-234851

Physiotherapy

Department of Clinical Therapies

✉ clinicaltherapies@ul.ie

🌐 www.ul.ie/clinicaltherapies

☎ +353 61 234232

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO PROGRAMS IN THE UK

UCAS application

Applications for the following programs should be made through UCAS (www.ucas.com) in the usual way.

Course Codes:

Cardiff	A100, A101 or A104 (institution code CARDF C15)
*Exeter	A100 (institution code EXETR E84)
*Keele	A100 or A104 (institution code KEELE K12)
Liverpool	A100 or A101 (institution code LVRPL L41)
Nottingham	A101 (institution code NOTTM N84)
Plymouth University Peninsula Schools of Medicine & Dentistry	A100 or A206 (institution code PLYM P60)
St George's	A101 or A901 (institution code SGEO S49)
Swansea	A101 (institution code SWAN S93)

* Applicants to these programs should refer to the universities' websites regarding eligibility.

Please note: you must provide your UCAS Personal ID number to the GAMSAT Office. If you do not have a UCAS number at the time of registering for GAMSAT, you should add it to your account later. If you do not provide your UCAS Personal ID number, or if you give an incorrect number, this may affect the delivery of your GAMSAT results to the universities.

The closing date for UCAS applications is 15 October 2017.

Admission to the programs

Candidates applying for the graduate-entry programs must fulfil the following criteria:

- have, or be predicted to receive, at least a lower second class honours degree in any discipline (St George's and Nottingham). Candidates in the final year of their studies may apply but will only be offered a place conditional on their achieving a lower second class degree.
- be classed as a home student, which includes nationals of EU countries. At present International Students, or students from outside the EU, are not accepted, with the exception of the A100 program at the University of Liverpool and the A901 program at St George's University of London.

Graduate applicants are selected on the basis of three criteria:

- Undergraduate Honours Degree
- GAMSAT
- Interview

The schools may also apply additional criteria.

Non-school leaver applicants are selected into the Plymouth medical and dental, and Exeter medical programs on the basis of performance in GAMSAT and in an interview.

Performance in GAMSAT constitutes the only necessary information on an applicant's aptitude for the purpose of entry to medicine or dentistry at Plymouth University Schools of Medicine and Dentistry. Applicants who reach the threshold level in GAMSAT are invited to interview for assessment of non-academic attributes. Neither performance in a prior degree nor performance at secondary school will be considered.

It is not within the scope of this Booklet to give details of admissions procedures. More specific information should be obtained by contacting the schools directly and by referring to their websites. Contact details for the universities are given in this Booklet.

Timetable for admission to the programs in 2018

Admissions will follow the steps set out in the timeline below.

TIMELINE FOR ADMISSION
GAMSAT: To apply in 2017 for a program commencing in 2018 ONLY the following GAMSAT results can be used: March 2016, September 2016, March 2017, September 2017.
By 15 October 2017: Submit UCAS application form
December 2017 – April 2018: Interviews for admission
March – April 2018: Offers made to successful applicants
August – September 2018: Programs begin

If applying for a course in the UK, GAMSAT scores from the September 2017 test will automatically be passed by UCAS to your university choices; you do not need to notify UCAS that you are sitting the test.

If you wish to use a current score from any other GAMSAT test to apply, please provide your full name, date of birth, UCAS Personal ID number and GAMSAT Registration ID number to gamsat@ucas.ac.uk by the 25 October 2017. Please ensure the subject line of the email indicates 'Previous GAMSAT score'. UCAS will then verify your scores with ACER before forwarding on to the universities.

If you have multiple current test results you may ask for more than one set of scores to be included. You should bear in mind that Admissions Committees may set thresholds for the section scores as well as for overall scores and will use the best set of scores when assessing your application.



COURSE-SPECIFIC ENQUIRIES UK

Cardiff University

Medicine

School of Medicine

- ✉ medadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk
- 🌐 www.cardiff.ac.uk/medicine
- ☎ +44 (0)29 2068 8113

Keele University

Medicine

School of Medicine

- ✉ medicine@keele.ac.uk
- 🌐 www.keele.ac.uk/medicine
- ☎ +44 (0)1782 733642 or 734651

Plymouth University

Medicine and Dentistry

Peninsula Schools of Medicine and Dentistry

- ✉ meddent-admissions@plymouth.ac.uk
- 🌐 www.plymouth.ac.uk/peninsula
- ☎ +44 (0)1752 437333/437444
- ☎ +44 (0)752 517842

University of Exeter

Medicine

Medical School

- ✉ medicine@exeter.ac.uk
- 🌐 www.exeter.ac.uk/medicine
- ☎ 0300 555 60 60 (UK callers)
- ☎ +44 (0)1392 723044 (EU/International callers)
- ☎ +44 (0)1392 722479

University of Liverpool

Medicine

School of Medicine

- ✉ mbchb@liv.ac.uk
- 🌐 www.liverpool.ac.uk/medicine
- ☎ +44 (0)151 795 4370
- ☎ +44 (0)151 795 4324

St George's University of London

Medicine

Institute of Medical and Biomedical Education

- ✉ study@sgul.ac.uk
- 🌐 www.sgul.ac.uk
- ☎ +44 (0)20 8725 2333
- ☎ +44 (0)20 8725 0841

Swansea University

Medicine

Medical School

- ✉ medicine@swan.ac.uk
- 🌐 www.swansea.ac.uk/medicine
- ☎ +44 (0)1792 602618

The University of Nottingham

Medicine

School of Medicine

- ✉ GEM@nottingham.ac.uk
- 🌐 www.nottingham.ac.uk/medicine
- ☎ +44 (0)1332 724900
- ☎ +44 (0)1332 724960

IMPORTANT: Please read the **LEGAL NOTICE** at the end of GAMSAT Information Booklet 2017.

This Booklet, including the Legal Notice will form part of the binding agreement between You and the Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd (ABN 19 004 398 145) ("**ACER**") if you register to take the GAMSAT test in 2017.

You should make sure that you understand fully and are familiar with the contents of this Booklet (including the Legal Notice) before You submit Your registration for a GAMSAT test in 2017.

When you submit your registration You **AGREE**:

1. To the terms and conditions contained in the GAMSAT Information Booklet 2017 applying to Your sitting of GAMSAT in 2017 and all matters consequent thereon;
2. In the event of a GAMSAT sitting in 2017 being compromised or having to be cancelled due to circumstances beyond ACER's control it may be necessary for You to re-sit GAMSAT on a date and at a testing venue to be specified by ACER;
3. That to sit GAMSAT in 2017 You are a bona fide prospective applicant to a course for which GAMSAT is a prerequisite;
4. You meet the requirements for eligibility set out in the GAMSAT Information Booklet 2017;
5. Not to use or divulge to any third party information concerning the test questions in the GAMSAT test for Your own or any third party's personal or commercial gain;
6. Not to post or publish any specific part or aspect of the content of GAMSAT. This includes publication on the internet, in any digital format or other format;
7. That the information that You give in Your application for registration for the GAMSAT test in 2017 is true and correct. The giving of false or misleading information constitutes misconduct and may jeopardise Your chances of being admitted into any course for which GAMSAT is a prerequisite;
8. That any personal information You provide in respect of Your registration for the GAMSAT test in 2017 may be used by ACER for:
 - a. All purposes connected with administering GAMSAT;
 - b. Research purposes;

c. Provision to the CAO, UCAS and the Tertiary Admissions Centres in Australia, as well as the universities for which GAMSAT is a prerequisite; and

d. Identifying any misconduct and candidates who may have engaged in misconduct as specified in the GAMSAT Information Booklet 2017 and for application of penalties in respect to any misconduct.

9. That You are the person whose name and address appears on this registration form.

I confirm that I have read the GAMSAT Information Booklet 2017 and specifically the Legal Notice. *

I agree/accept the terms and conditions of participation in the GAMSAT test and specifically the Legal Notice and Privacy provisions. *

13 LEGAL NOTICE

1. By completing and submitting the registration form for the GAMSAT test in 2017 located at www.gamsat.acer.edu.au You are offering to enter into a legal agreement with the Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd (ABN 19 004 398 145) (**ACER**).
 2. The **TERMS AND CONDITIONS** which will apply to Your application for registration and to Your registration to participate in the GAMSAT test in 2017 are contained in this Booklet, including this Legal Notice. The Terms and Conditions cover, amongst other things, Your sitting the GAMSAT test, payment of the registration fee, refunds of fees, access to GAMSAT preparation materials and release of the GAMSAT test results.
 3. Before lodging Your Registration, You should make sure You understand fully and are familiar with the contents of this Booklet, including this Legal Notice.
 4. You may have legal rights and guarantees under certain laws including the Australian Consumer Law (being Schedule 2 to the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth), as amended from time to time). If the publication of this Booklet or Your registration for or participation in the GAMSAT test in 2017 involves a supply of goods or services to a consumer within the meaning given in those laws, nothing contained in this Booklet excludes, restricts or modifies the application of any consumer guarantee provided in those laws, the exercise of any right or remedy in respect of, or the imposition of any liability for the failure to comply with any relevant guarantee.
 5. Subject to point 4:
 - a) the GAMSAT test is a selection tool used by certain educational institutions and your results in respect of GAMSAT may not be used or relied on for any other purpose;
 - b) To the maximum extent permissible by law (and for the avoidance of doubt, subject to any guarantees, rights, remedies or obligations which cannot be excluded, restricted or modified under certain laws including the Australian Consumer Law), ACER expressly, irrevocably and totally disclaims any liability whatsoever for any loss or damage whatsoever and howsoever arising in connection with or resulting from: Your participation (actual, potential, contemplated or cancelled for any reason whatsoever) in GAMSAT; and Your test results, including, but not limited to, any representations made by ACER or its personnel (including agents, subcontractors and consultants) in respect of GAMSAT and the accuracy of any information contained in this Booklet;
 - c) To the fullest extent permitted at law, You acknowledge and accept that the entire risk of Your participation in GAMSAT is assumed by You and that ACER will have no liability whatsoever to You for any loss, harm, damage, cost or expense (including legal fees) or any direct, special, indirect, incidental, punitive or consequential loss or damage (including, without limitation, economic loss, loss of contract, profit, revenue, income, opportunity, goodwill, information, anticipated savings, business relationships, production or data) whatsoever and howsoever arising;
 - d) You acknowledge and accept that, to the fullest extent permitted at law, ACER gives NO WARRANTY or guarantee and makes no representation whatsoever that: registering for or sitting the GAMSAT test will guarantee You or secure for You a placement with an educational institution; or that You will be provided with Your GAMSAT results (other than in strict accord with this Agreement).
6. Subject to the Australian Consumer Law and, otherwise to the fullest extent permitted at law, You release and fully indemnify ACER, its officers, employees and agents from and against all claims, liabilities, costs, demands and expenses whatsoever caused by you and howsoever arising from or in connection with:
 - a) Your registration for or participation (actual, potential, contemplated or cancelled) in the GAMSAT test; or
 - b) Any breach by You of the terms and conditions of Your participation (actual, potential, contemplated or cancelled) in the GAMSAT test.These releases and indemnities survive Your participation (actual, contemplated, potential or cancelled) in the GAMSAT test and whether or not You are offered or accept a placement with any educational institution for any course whatsoever.
 7. In the event that any law implies terms or guarantees into the offering or conduct of the GAMSAT test which cannot be lawfully excluded, restricted or modified, such terms or guarantees will apply, save that the liability of ACER for breach of any such term or guarantee will, to the extent legally permitted, be limited to the refund of the price paid for any relevant goods or services.

8. ACER has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information provided in this Booklet. However, from time to time, due to changed circumstances ACER may need to change the arrangements concerning the administration of the GAMSAT test and ACER (without amending your legal obligations or remedies) reserves the right to alter or amend any detail contained in the Booklet in its absolute and unqualified discretion. Any alteration or amendment will take effect immediately upon publication of the alteration or amendment on www.gamsat.acer.edu.au.

9. **PRIVACY, PERSONAL INFORMATION and SENSITIVE DATA:** By completing the GAMSAT registration form You agree to be bound by the ACER privacy policy and You consent to:

- a) ACER collecting Your personal information including any sensitive (such as health) information and other information. The information ACER may collect about You includes Your registration information, Your payment details, Your test answers and results, any application for special testing conditions and any communications You have with GAMSAT;
- b) ACER collecting, storing, using, disclosing and transferring to, or outside of, Australia your personal information in accordance with its privacy policy specified at the end of this clause, any relevant collection statement and these terms and conditions.
- c) ACER using and disclosing the personal information and other information it collects about You for purposes connected with Your GAMSAT test registration and testing which may include investigating any suspected misconduct and determining and administering any consequences for misconduct. You understand that if You do not provide ACER with all the information requested, ACER may not be able to process Your GAMSAT registration or test or respond to Your communications;
- d) Your personal information (including sensitive information), for the purposes of GAMSAT, being:
 - * transferred from the EU to Australia and from Australia to the EU. For the purposes of Australian law such consent means that ACER does not have to take steps to ensure that the persons it discloses to in the EU comply with the Australian Privacy Principles; and
 - * disclosed to the universities that require GAMSAT scores, the CAO, UCAS, the Tertiary Admissions Centres in Australia and other

persons or bodies connected with GAMSAT and them collecting, storing, using, disclosing Your personal information in accordance with their policies from time to time; and

- e) ACER using Your personal information for research purposes and disclosing it to relevant research bodies (in a de-identified form). Candidate names will be separated from data in all cases.

In all respects, ACER will comply with all relevant provisions of the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and any other applicable data protection legislation. For a complete copy of ACER's privacy policy and how to access or correct Your information, please see www.acer.edu.au/privacy.

10. By completing and submitting the GAMSAT registration form:

- a) You confirm that You have read in its entirety and accept the contents of this Booklet, including the Legal Notice.
- b) You confirm Your agreement with the terms and conditions contained in this Booklet.
- c) You acknowledge that You have been entitled to obtain legal advice concerning any matter covered in this Booklet, whether or not You have in fact sought any legal advice.
- d) You acknowledge and accept that this Booklet contains the entire agreement between You and ACER concerning Your participation in the GAMSAT test in 2017 and that no matter, information or representation not expressly contained in this Booklet has induced You or had any bearing on You to seek registration for the GAMSAT test in 2017.
- e) You accept and unconditionally undertake to strictly comply with the terms and conditions contained in this Booklet.
- f) You acknowledge and accept that Your agreement with ACER will be governed by the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia.
- g) You submit to the jurisdiction of the Courts chosen by ACER and any of the Courts of Appeal therefrom to determine any dispute (whether as to the interpretation of Your agreement with ACER, or any matter concerning performance or compliance of the agreement or otherwise) or to determine any claims brought or made against You by ACER or its authorised nominee.



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