

UCAT Format

What is the structure of the UCAT exam?

The UCAT is a two-hour computer-based test which assesses a range of abilities identified by universities as important to practicing in the fields of medicine/dentistry/clinical sciences.

The test consists of five separately timed subtests which each contain a number of questions in a multiple-choice format. Once started the test cannot be paused for a break but before each subtest, there is a timed instruction section.

Candidates either sit the standard test or apply for an extended version of the test if they are entitled to extra time due to a documented medical condition or disability.

UCAT Subtests 2019	Questions	UCAT ANZ (standard test)	UCATSEN ANZ (extended test)
Verbal Reasoning Assesses the ability to critically evaluate information presented in a written form.	44	1 minute instruction section 21 minutes test time	1 minute 15 second instruction section 26 minutes 15 seconds test time
Decision Making Assesses the ability to make sound decisions and judgements using complex information.	29	1 minute instruction section 31 minutes test time	1 minute 15 second instruction section 38 minutes 45 seconds test time
Quantitative Reasoning Assesses the ability to critically evaluate information presented in a numerical form.	36	1 minute instruction section 24 minutes test time	1 minute 15 second instruction section 30 minutes test time
Abstract Reasoning Assesses the use of convergent and divergent thinking to infer relationships from information.	55	1 minute instruction section 13 minutes test time	1 minute 15 second instruction section 16 minutes 15 seconds test time
Situational Judgement Measures the capacity to understand real world situations and to identify critical factors and appropriate behaviour in dealing with them.	69	1 minute instruction section 26 minutes test time	1 minute 15 second instruction section 32 minutes 30 seconds test time