UCAT 2020

Common questions about UCAT answered by MedEntry, the Leading and Trusted UCAT Preparation Institution



What is UCAT?

UCAT stands for University Clinical Aptitude Test. To enter medical school in Australia, you will need to succeed in the UCAT. The UCAT is a two hour computer based test consisting of multiple-choice questions and is divided into five separately timed subtests: Verbal Reasoning, Decision Making, Quantitative Reasoning, Abstract Reasoning and Situational Judgement.

What courses require UCAT?

| State | University | Course(s) |
|-------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| NSW | UNSW | Medicine |
| | Newcastle/UNE | Medicine |
| | Western Sydney | Medicine |
| | Charles Sturt | Medicine and Dental Science |
| Vic | Monash Uni | Medicine |
| | La Trobe Uni | Dental Science |
| QLD | UQ | Medicine (prov. entry) |
| | | Dental Science |
| SA | Uni of Adelaide | Medicine, Dentistry, Oral Health |
| | Flinders Uni | Clinical Sciences/Medicine |
| WA | UWA | Medicine and Dentistry |
| | | (direct pathway) |
| | Curtin Uni | Medicine |
| Tas | UTas | Medicine |
| NT | Charles Darwin | Clinical Sciences/Medicine |
| NZ | Auckland | Medicine |
| | Otago | Medicine, Dental Surgery |

What are the key dates for UCAT 2020?

Registration & booking opens 2 March 2020
Registration & booking closes 11 May 2020*
Testing begins 1 July 2020
Last testing date 31 July 2020
Results delivered to universities Early September 2020
Uni application deadline September 2020
*late booking deadline 18 May 2020

How can I register to sit UCAT?

You are required to complete a two-step process using the Pearson VUE online registration system to register and then book a test. Further details are available at www.ucat.edu.au You can sit UCAT in your final year of high school and any year thereafter. The cost to sit UCAT in Australia is \$299.

Do I need to prepare for UCAT?

Yes! The UCAT is a skills based test which is completely different to any other test you have sat at school. It is a very difficult, time pressured exam and quality preparation is therefore essential. Even students who obtain a perfect ATAR can miss out on a place in medicine due to poor UCAT scores. For some courses, UCAT is as important or more important than your ATAR. UCAT preparation will also help with your school study as it enhances your thinking and test-taking skills.

Aren't free UCAT resources sufficient?

No! Universities do not want you to undertake quality aditional preparation, because they want a level playing field. Unfortunately, this does not exist. Informed and motivated students will always prepare for UCAT, and MedEntry provides premium UCAT resources to assist. Further, free resources often do not accurately simulate the live UCAT questions.

What UCAT score do I need to get into medicine?

The UCAT score that you need to get into medicine or other health science courses depends on the university to which you are applying. In general for non-rural candidates, a UCAT percentile of at least 85 is usually required to secure a medical interview offer. This may not seem high, but remember you are competing against a much tougher cohort than at school/uni.

Where can I get more information about UCAT?

Please visit www.MedEntry.edu.au for a free trial exam, information about the admissions process, blogs about UCAT and to enrol in one of our UCAT preparation packages. You can also call us on 1300 MEDENTRY. Follow MedEntry on social media for UCAT tips and updates!

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