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Graduate Medical School Admissions Test

INFORMATION BOOKLET

Online Test – May 2020

TEST DATES

28 May 2020 – 2 June 2020

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Overview of important GAMSAT Online May dates

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GAMSAT is developed and administered by The Australian Council *for* Educational Research Ltd (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 (https://gamsat.acer.org)**. 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.org) 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.org 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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Fax:	+61 (0)3 9277 5757 Please address your fax to the GAMSAT Office.
Mail:	GAMSAT Office at ACER Private Bag 55 Camberwell VIC 3124 AUSTRALIA 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. In 2020, the March sitting of GAMSAT has been postponed until May, and will be an online test.

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.

	Section I Reasoning in Humanities and Social Sciences	Section II Written Communication	Section III Reasoning in Biological and Physical Sciences
Number of questions	40	2	60
Reading Time	5 minutes	5 minutes	6 minutes
Writing Time	55 minutes	60 minutes	1 hour 54 minutes
Total test time	60 minutes	65 minutes	120 minutes

Please note: The GAMSAT Online exam will incorporate the reading time into the writing time across all sections.

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 are carefully scrutinised to minimise discrimination and assist with accessibility.

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 University of Plymouth Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, who believes he/she has achieved an appropriate level of intellectual maturity and subject knowledge to meet the demands of the test. *The test is also for those for whom it will be more than two full academic years from the time they completed their level 3 (A level or equivalent) studies. This includes all graduate applicants (*The University of Exeter).

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.

> **Only candidates who were eligible to sit the test from 6 March 2020, or candidates who deferred or refunded after 6 March 2020 are eligible to sit the May 2020 GAMSAT Online sitting.**

Online GAMSAT account

> **All candidates wishing to undertake the GAMSAT Online test must have an ACER GAMSAT account.**

Please ensure that your name and date of birth match EXACTLY the identification document that you will present to the Remote Proctor 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. It is important that your email address remains valid and has been 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 Online

To register for the Online sitting of GAMSAT in May 2020 you will need to follow the registration procedures specified in this booklet (including setting up a GAMSAT account and a ProctorU account).

Eligible candidates (Candidates eligible to sit after 6 March 2020): will be required to log into their account and select one of the three options available to them. Option one is to sit by remote proctoring. Option two is to defer their registration to either the GAMSAT September 2020 test sitting or GAMSAT March 2021 test sitting. Option three is to request a refund. Eligible candidates that do not update their online account by 9 April 2020 will automatically be deferred to the GAMSAT September 2020 sitting.

Deferred candidates (Candidates who deferred their March 2020 GAMSAT sitting after 6 March 2020): will be required to log into their account and select one of the two options available to them. Option one is to sit by remote proctoring. Option two is to request a refund. Deferred candidates who wish to remain deferred do not have to update their registration.

Refunded candidates (Candidates who were refunded after 6 March 2020): will be required to log in to their account and select the option to sit by remote proctoring if they wish to avail of the GAMSAT Online test. Refunded candidates who wish to remain refunded do not have to update their registration.

All candidates that wish to sit the GAMSAT Online test will receive an invitation from ProctorU. It will contain a unique link inviting you to book your GAMSAT Online session. The ProctorU booking window will be open from 27 April until 24 May 2020. No bookings will be permitted before or after this booking window opens.

Registration dates

Your online registration confirmation must be completed by the deadlines provided below:

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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 testing window.

Payment

The fees to sit GAMSAT in 2020 are listed below. No additional payment is required to sit GAMSAT Online in May.

The registration fee already paid includes a copy of the online *Practice Questions* e-book.

	March/May 2020	9 September 2020
Registration fee	Australia: AUD$510 Ireland: €338 UK: £265	Australia: AUD$510 Ireland: €338 UK: £265

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

You would have received a payment confirmation/ tax invoice by email, at the time you registered to sit for the GAMSAT.

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 Online test will be conducted via remote proctoring using the ProctorU platform.

All candidates will be required to create an account with ProctorU in order to undertake the GAMSAT test.

What is remote proctoring?

Remote proctoring involves sitting the test under live supervision using your own computer in a suitable location with internet connectivity. Please watch this short video to have an understanding of how remote proctoring works.

Remote proctoring for GAMSAT is currently provided by ProctorU. ProctorU is based in the United States and by selecting to sit the test by remote proctoring you will be required to provide your Personal Information to an overseas entity. If you choose to sit the test by remote proctoring you will need to provide your Personal Information to a third party, ProctorU (*ACER's current provider of remote proctoring*). The Personal Information you provide to ProctorU will be stored outside of Australia, the UK and the EU. You may view ProctorU's privacy policy at www.proctoru. com/privacy-policy.

Should you have any conerns about ProctorU storing your Personal Information outside of Australia you may choose to register to sit the test in test centre without remote invigilation at a later date in September 2020 or March 2021.

Creating a ProctorU account

Please note that this is a separate account from your ACER user account.

When you create your account with ProctorU, you **MUST** use the same email address that you used to register and pay for the the GAMSAT test with ACER (your ACER user account). This will ensure that your test booking and identity can be verified when you sit GAMSAT Online.

You do not need to wait for your ProctorU invitation to create your ProctorU account. You can do this at anytime, however you cannot book your GAMSAT Online session until you have received your invitation link.

Please refer to the step-by-step guide to remote proctoring (page 10) for information on how to register, schedule your test session and sit GAMSAT via remote proctoring. You may also like to visit https://vimeo.com/107066503 to watch the test-taker walkthrough made by ProctorU.

Applying for reasonable adjustments

Candidates who applied for reasonable adjustments for the March 2020 GAMSAT sitting will have their applications reviewed by ACER. ACER will attempt to provide previously approved accommodations to the best of their ability. Candidates will be provided with an update of their application prior to the May 2020 Online sitting.

No new reasonable adjustments applications will be processed. For conditions that occurred after March 6 2020, please contact the GAMSAT Office for advice.

Please note: Any requests will be required to provide supporting documentation. The supporting documentation provided must be from a registered health practitioner, and be no more than a year old.

All information regarding reasonable adjustments will be treated confidentially and will not be forwarded to the universities or admission authorities. Proctors on the test day will be informed of the accommodations provided to you, but not of your condition.

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**.

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.

Registration fees for the GAMSAT Online test will be refunded up to the deadline in the table below unless otherwise required by law. Administration charges for refunds requested after the **6 March 2020** have been waived. All refund requests received prior to this date incurred an administration fee which will not be refunded unless permitted 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.

Once your refund request has been submitted you cannot re-register for the May 2020 Online GAMSAT sitting.

Refund requests close (unless otherwise required by law)	9 April 2020 (*7pm AEST* or *10am BST*)

Deferral terms

Candidates who deferred their March 2020 GAMSAT sitting after 6 March 2020 who wish to remain deferred do not have to update their registration.

Candidates who deferred their March 2020 GAMSAT sitting after 6 March 2020 that wish to re-register then please see the information on Registering for GAMSAT Online (page 6).

Eligible candidates that decide they do not wish to sit the GAMSAT Online test, may defer their registration to either the September 2020 or March 2021 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 your deferral request can be made after the 9 April 2020. To defer your registration, log in to your online account and select the 'apply for a deferral' option on your registration.

Deferrals must be completed by no later than the deadline given in the following table. Administration charges for deferrals requested after the 6 March 2020 have been waived. All deferral requests received prior to this date incurred an administration fee which will not refunded. 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 28 May 2020.

Deferral requests close	9 April 2020 (*7pm AEST* or *10am BST*)

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.

Candidates who deferred participation in the GAMSAT Online May 2020 after 6 March 2020 can apply for a refund up until 7pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) 9 April 2020 or 10am British Summer Time (BST) 9 April 2020.

Admission Ticket

Admission Tickets will be released the day before the start of the testing window. You will need to log into your candidate account to access your ticket after it is released. In order to view the Admission Ticket you are required to complete the photo identification document details in your registration.

This ticket is your permission to sit the test by remote proctoring. You should check your Admission Ticket carefully and contact the GAMSAT Office immediately if there are any errors. The details on the Admission Ticket must match the details on the identification document that you will use for your test session. Only your first and last names are required to match and it is not necessary for other names (including middle names) to appear on the Admission Ticket.

You will be required to have a copy of your Admission ticket on your desktop when sitting the GAMSAT Online, so that the Proctor can view it and verify your details.

If you have issues accessing your Admission Ticket, you should contact the GAMSAT Office prior to the day of your test. 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**.

Making sure you are ready to sit the GAMSAT test

This section will guide you through the steps you will need to complete in order to sit GAMSAT via Remote Proctoring. There are seven exam preparation tasks in total and completing each one is essential to a successful exam day experience.

Please use the checklist below to ensure you have completed all steps three weeks before your scheduled exam date.

Technical specifications

Please ensure you use a desktop computer or laptop to undertake the GAMSAT Online test. iPads, tablets or mobile phones are not suitable. All candidates are required to have a camera connected to their computer.

For further information please see ProctorU system recommendations.

GAMSAT remote proctoring checklist

Steps	Test preparation tasks	
Step 1	Complete technical readiness as per the ProctorU requirements	☐
Step 2	Log into your ACER account and select the option to 'Sit by remote proctoring'	☐
Step 3	Create a ProctorU account	☐
Step 4	Receive your invitation and schedule your test with ProctorU	☐
Step 5	Receive your Admission Ticket	☐
Step 6	Complete your identification document details	☐
Step 7	Download and check the ACER test application	☐
Step 8	Sit GAMSAT at your scheduled time	☐

Step by step guide to prep

Step 1: Technical readiness

Before you finalise your GAMSAT registration:

1. Go to the 'test-it-out' page on the ProctorU website to complete the equipment test using the computer you plan to sit the test with, at the location from which you will be undertaking the test. If any of your equipment does not pass the automatic test, you can find help by connecting to a live technician (part 2 of the Technical Readiness step) by entering your details into the form at the bottom of the screen. Please also see the ProctorU support page.

2. Regardless of whether your computer has passed or failed the first check you **MUST** also 'connect to a live technician' on the same webpage to request a full check of your equipment. Click the 'Allow' button when a message requesting access to your camera and microphone appears in order to allow the technician to connect to your computer. You can perform this equipment test at any time – **ACER would suggest you do this as soon as possible**.

Network firewalls at public locations, such as your place of work, a university or a library, are likely to prevent access to ProctorU and the automatic equipment test may not detect the firewalls. **It is advised that you sit the test using a personal device connected to your home network.** A desktop device with a webcam will usually be a superior option to a laptop. If you decide to use

a laptop, for best results it is recommended it be a 15" screen or larger. However, a 13" screen will be acceptable, please ensure that your screen resolution is set to a minimum of 1280 x 1024.

It is important that you complete the equipment test using the computer with which you plan to sit the test AND at the location where you will sit the test, and connect to a live technician to do a full equipment check.

If your equipment **does not pass** the technical readiness checks and the issues cannot be resolved by ProctorU's live technicians, you have two options:

A. You can source another test location and/or equipment and complete the technical readiness checks again. If you can meet the technical requirements, you may proceed to register to sit the test by remote proctoring.

OR

B. You can defer your registration and sit the test at an test centre in September 2020 or March 2021.

Step 2: Re-schedule or re-activate your GAMSAT test to sit online in May by logging into your ACER account

Log in to your ACER GAMSAT account and select the sit by remote proctoring option to undertake the GAMSAT Online test.

Step 3: Create a ProctorU account

Go to the ProctorU website to create a ProctorU account. Please note that this is a separate account from your ACER GAMSAT account.

Important: When you create your account with ProctorU, you **MUST** use the same email address that you used to register and pay for the exam with ACER. This will ensure that your test booking and identity can be verified when you sit the test by remote proctoring.

When entering your details to set up your account:

- Please ensure that '***GAMSAT – ACER***' has been selected as your institution under 'Enrolments' when you create your ProctorU account.

- You should be aware that the information that you provide to ProctorU will be stored on a server located outside of Australia, the UK and the EU.

- **Please also select the correct time zone for your location. This is very important to ensure your test session is booked at a time convenient to you.**

Once you have created a ProctorU account, you can use this for any subsequent test session bookings.

NOTE: If you have an existing ProctorU account and previously selected an institution other than ACER, you can log into your account and add '***GAMSAT – ACER***' to the enrolment in your account setting.

Step 4: Schedule your test with ProctorU

Once you have received your invitation from ProctorU containing your unique session link you will be able to log in to your ProctorU account and select 'Schedule New Session'. **Please note: The ProctorU Session booking window opens on 27 April 2020.**

Select 'GAMSAT – ACER' for the institution and the relevant choices for the following selection boxes.

Next, click on the 'Find Session' button. Once you are on the next screen, check the date is correct and select the time that you prefer to sit the test and then click on 'Find Available Times'. A list of possible sessions will appear for you to choose from. **Please note** that the time format on the site is 12-hour and the default time displayed is 12AM. For example, if you would like to book a session at 12PM, you would need to set the time to 12 and PM.

Sections I and II are bundled together and you are required to book these separately from Section III. Sections I and II are considered one test session, section III the second test session. You will need to schedule each test session separately with ProctorU. You are required to sit the sections in order with a rest break between sections II and III. Please allow at least one hour in between the two test sessions. For example, if you plan to sit the Sections I and II at 10AM, you are advised to schedule your Section III session to start at 1PM.

Select the session timing of your choice and proceed to book your test session by completing the required steps (*your booking is only confirmed when your order has been processed*).

After you have scheduled your session(s), you will receive a verification and confirmation email from ProctorU. If you do not receive the email, please contact ProctorU.

Once you have scheduled your session(s) with ProctorU, you can change your session(s) day/time if required. Test sessions can be rescheduled up to 72 hours before the testing window opens. No changes will be permitted after the 24 May 2020.

Important: Test session(s) can only be scheduled/ rescheduled to take place during the test window. There will be no deferrals offered after the 9 April 2020 unless under extenuating circumstances – and at ACER's discretion. You will forfeit your registration and payment if you do not complete your test sitting(s) during the test window. For this reason, you are strongly advised to complete all of the necessary equipment checks, and to allow enough time for rescheduling your test session within the test window (if necessary) due to genuine misadventure or unforeseeable technical problems.

Step 5: Admission Ticket

Log in to your ACER GAMSAT account and select the sit by remote proctoring option to undertake the GAMSAT Online test. You will be required to have a copy of your Admission ticket on your desktop when sitting the GAMSAT Online, so that the Proctor can view it and verify your details.

Step 6: Identification documents

Ensure your identification documents have a photo of you as you will appear on the test day, that the information matches your admission ticket and is within date. Out of date or expired documents will not be accepted (see page 15 or 16 for document requirements).

Step 7: Download the ACER online test application

To sit the GAMSAT test by remote proctoring, you are required to download and install the ACER online test application. Instructions will be provided to all candidates through the ACER registration system prior to the test window.

You must install the application on the computer that you intend to sit the GAMSAT with. It is important that you download and install the application prior to your test session, as you will not be able to sit the test without having the application ready to use on your test day. To check that the installation was successful,

launch the GAMSAT Test application. You should see the GAMSAT test log in page.

Please note you will NOT be able to log in to the ACER online test application until your scheduled test session(s).

GAMSAT preparation materials

ACER produces the only official GAMSAT test preparation materials. There are currently two types of preparation materials available: two automatically scored online written communication practice tests and five publications in the form of e-books.

E-books (pdf format)

The publications are only available in pdf format; hard copies are not available. Please note that the content of the preparation materials does not change from year to year unless otherwise specified. The *Practice Questions* e-book is included in the cost of the GAMSAT registration.

Practice Test, *Practice Test 2* and *Practice Test 3* 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
Practice Test	Australia: AUD$45 Ireland: €32 UK: £28
Practice Test 2	Australia: AUD$45 Ireland: €32 UK: £28
Practice Test 3	Australia: AUD$45 Ireland: €32 UK: £28
Sample Questions	Australia: AUD$27 Ireland: €19 UK: £17
Practice Questions	Australia: AUD$27 Ireland: €19 UK: £17

Automatic scoring for Written Communication

Each of the *Online Written Communication Practice Test* and the *Online Written Communication Practice Test 2* allow candidates 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 *Online Written Communication Practice Test* and the *Online Written Communication Practice Test 2* are not timed tests 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
Online Written Communication Practice Test	Australia: AUD$15 Ireland: €11 UK: £10
Online Written Communication Practice Test 2	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 but 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.

All GAMSAT preparation materials are copyright works and protected by copyright law both in Australia and outside Australia.

As a condition of purchasing any GAMSAT preparation materials you will be required to complete a declaration expressly confirming your acceptance of the limited licence granted to you to access and use the specific GAMSAT preparation materials.

For any GAMSAT preparation materials purchased, You (being the individual in whose name the online account to purchase the materials has been opened, and no-one else) will be granted a limited licence to access and/or download and print up to 2 copies of the preparation materials in an unaltered form only for your personal non-commercial use. You are not permitted to otherwise copy or reproduce any preparation materials, in whole or in part, by any means whatsoever. Further, under no circumstances whatsoever can you distribute, make available, give or communicate the preparation

materials (in whole or in part) to any other person under any arrangement howsoever described, whether or not for monetary consideration, and whether or not any copying or reproduction of the GAMSAT preparation materials is involved. The limited licence granted runs, in respect of any GAMSAT preparation materials, for a period of 12 months from the date of purchase (as evidenced by ACER's records).

Except as otherwise required by law, or as otherwise provided in this document, no refunds will be given for the purchase of any GAMSAT preparation materials.

Please note that as the materials are accessible as soon as the payment is received, you agree that any cooling off period does not apply for any change of mind.

The limited licence granted to you in respect of any GAMSAT preparation materials is subject only to any non-excludable rights or entitlements granted to you at law, including but not limited to the Copyright Act 1968 (Cth) (as amended).

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 by clicking your mouse pointer on the radio button corresponding with your selected response.

Scrap/Note paper

Candidates are permitted to have two sheets of scratch paper per test session i.e. 2 sheets of paper for Sections 1 and 2, 2 sheets of paper for Section 3. Before your session starts you will be required to show both sides of your paper to the proctor. At the completion of each session, the online proctor will ask you to show your rough work to the webcam and then instruct you to dispose of the paper by ripping it up. You will be monitored throughout by the online proctor.

4 ON TEST DAY

Test date

The GAMSAT Online will take place over five consecutive days from the 28 May through to the 2 June 2020.

Sitting your scheduled GAMSAT Online test

To sit GAMSAT on your test day, please log in to your ProctorU account and be ready to sit your test at least five minutes before your scheduled test session.

You must have:

A saved copy of your Admission Ticket on your desktop (accessed from your ACER GAMSAT account).

An appropriate photo-bearing identification document

- a current passport, or
- 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
- a current Irish Public Services Card

A mirror or similar reflective device to show your proctor what is on your monitor.

At your scheduled test time, a button to start the test for your scheduled test session will appear on the home page. The countdown timer for the scheduled test session will read as zero.

When you are ready click the button to '*Start Session*'.

You then need to follow the ProctorU prompts to check your computer settings, watch an informative video and take a photo of your ID and yourself.

You will then be connected to ProctorU and a proctor will see you through the entire test process, including the pre-test administrative and technical checks. Pre-test procedures typically take at least 30 minutes to complete, however, they may take longer if you experience technical issues. If you experience technical issues during the pre-test procedures and the issues cannot be resolved after 30 minutes, you may inform the proctor that you do not wish to continue and would like to reschedule a session or let the proctor continue working on fixing the issues.

Important: Please note that setup time does not form any part of your formal test – no test time will be used.

After the pre-test procedures have been completed, your proctor will check your Admission Ticket and ID, and then instruct you to run the ACER online test application. Your username for the ACER test app should be the same username that you use to log into the ACER registration system. After you have entered your username, your proctor will key in the password for you.

You will not be able to sit your test if you do not have the ACER online test application installed on your computer or if your computer is unable to run the application.

Unpermitted programs such as remote controlling software will be detected by the ACER online test application. You will not be able to continue the GAMSAT test if such programs are detected during your test session, so please ensure that any such programs have been disabled or uninstalled on your computer before you sit the test. For example, TeamViewer allows remote control of your computer and will be detected by the ACER online test application and you will not be able to sit the test if it is running in the background of your computer. Contact ACER at gamsat@acer.org if you have any concerns about applications installed on your computer.

Please note: The use of any such programs will be deemed a serious act of misconduct, resulting in the cancellation of results and a possible disqualification.

Important: Your entire test session will be recorded by ProctorU including your chat logs with proctors, the video recordings of your webcam and your computer desktop, and ACER will have access to the full records.

Timing and order of the test

A full day is needed to sit the GAMSAT Online test. This is made up of four (4) hours of testing time, of which 16 minutes is 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. You should anticipate being under test conditions for at least six hours.

GAMSAT is a high stakes test administered under secure online test conditions. You may not leave the test session before the full testing time has elapsed,

except in the case of illness or a major technical difficulty. Candidates leaving any session before its completion risk not receiving their GAMSAT scores. Candidates leaving due to illness are expected to provide a medical certificate explaining their need to leave the test session. 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 session 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 the Section II session is prepared. 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.

All candidates should schedule a lunch break of one hour between Section II and Section III.

You may use the bathroom during testing time however the session clock will not be stopped unless you have prior approval. No toilet breaks will be permitted in the last ten minutes of each section. You must advise your proctor and wait for their approval before leaving your seat at any time during the test session. 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
- a current Irish Public Services 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 begin the test session without an approved form of identification.

Some of these identification documents can take approximately a month to obtain.

Digital formats of identification, photocopies of documents, student ID cards 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 approved identification documents, together with your saved PDF of the Admission Ticket, you will NOT be able to sit the GAMSAT test and your registration fee will be forfeited.

Items needed for your test session

For your test session you will need:

- Your Admission ticket which will need to be open and visible on your desktop for checking by your proctor.
- Acceptable current and photo-bearing identification document
- A clear water bottle (no labels attached)
- Mirror or other reflective device
- Scrap paper and pencil if needed

Candidates whose native language is not English may have a printed bilingual dictionary during the test session 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 definitions of English words in English. Any candidate taking up this option must show the dictionary to the proctor for inspection before the test session begins. The final decision on the suitability of dictionaries will be made on the test day by the test proctors.

As there is a timer built into the test delivery platform there should be no need for additional timers. Mobile phones, digital, analogue and smart watches are prohibited. Candidates are not permitted to wear hats unless it is for religious reasons.

These should be no other items on your desk during the test session.

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

Access to food (including sweets and nuts) or medication is not permitted unless prior permission has been sought from ACER and can only be permitted if you have been approved reasonable adjustments.

It is recommended you have a good breakfast and take a snack to eat while proceeding through the system checks if you cannot wait until lunch time.

Test session issues

Should you wish to query a particular test question on the day of the test, please alert your proctor of your concern and provide an outline via email to the GAMSAT office. Your query will be reviewed by the GAMSAT Office and you will be notified of the outcome. Similarly, any **complaints relating to the test session should be reported immediately to the GAMSAT Office 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 copy a test question or any part of the test, via screen sharing, or any other means
- failure to follow a proctor's instructions at all times
- giving or receiving assistance during the test

- using prohibited aids (e.g. notes, calculator, mobile phone, audio/recording device etc.)
- copying your screen and sharing with others, receiving information about the test from another party
- 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 include:

- cancelling registration to sit the GAMSAT test without any refund;

- withholding of GAMSAT test results;

- disqualification from undertaking the GAMSAT:
  - for a period of time; or
  - at all.

Both ACER and the GAMSAT Consortium have discretion in respect of any penalty applied.

Misconduct may also be referred to educational institutions (not limited to members of the GAMSAT Consortium), professional bodies or other relevant third parties.

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.

Whilst ACER will make every effort to ensure the GAMSAT Online test will run as scheduled. We make no guarantees, given the current global epidemic. If for any reason the test is cancelled ACER will notify candidates via email. Any such cancellations will be at the discretion of ACER and the GAMSAT Consortium.

GAMSAT results

GAMSAT results of the May Online test will be released in early July. 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:

Overall Score =
(1 × Section I + 1 × Section II + 2 × Section III) ÷ 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.

ACER psychometricians will apply Item Response Theory methods to scale and equate the May 2020 GAMSAT Online test onto the existing GAMSAT scale. These methods reflect international best-practice for scaling and equating high-stakes admissions tests.

This is the same process that occurs each year to allow for differences across tests and testing cohorts.

Although Sections I and III of the Online test contain fewer questions than past pen and paper tests, sitting times for these Online test Sections have been reduced accordingly to ensure that time allowances are comparable across tests, and that all candidates receive a similar test experience. The number of tasks and time allowance for Section II is unchanged.

During equating and analysis, additional quality assurance analyses will be applied to monitor and account for any performance differences arising from the differing test lengths, as well as from the differing testing modes (i.e. online versus pen and paper).

While a longer test will generally provide more precision around candidates' scores, the shorter Online test will still enable reliable ranking of candidates. The equating process will ensure those ranks are comparable to those obtained on past tests.

During the test itself, the major practical difference for candidates will be the requirement – for each question – to select an answer by clicking one of four 'radio' buttons next to the options (rather than using a pencil to fill in either A, B,C or D on an answer sheet); and, in Section II, typing written responses rather than scribing them by hand.

ACER reminds candidates that, when being scored, Section II written responses are judged for the quality of the ideas and how well they are communicated. Script length is not, of itself, a measure of a high score, and likewise the number of typos is not a measure of a low score.

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 may 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 2020 for a course commencing in 2021 ONLY the following results can be used: September 2018, March 2019, September 2019, May 2020.

IRELAND: to apply in 2020 for a course commencing in 2020 ONLY the following results can be used: September 2018, March 2019, September 2019, May 2020.

UK: to apply in 2020 for a course commencing in 2021 ONLY the following results can be used: March 2019, September 2019, May 2020, September 2020.

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. 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 21–29).

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 session or physical discomfort suffered should be reported immediately to the proctor 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.

Twelve medical schools – at the Australian National University, Deakin University, Flinders University, Griffith University, Monash University, the University of Melbourne, Macquarie University, 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.

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.

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 we will be introducing tertiary prerequisites for their 2022 intake onwards.

- 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://mdhs-study.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.

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

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.

Macquarie University additionally requires the submission of a Personal Statement. For more information see www.mq.edu.au/about/about-the-university/faculties-and-departments/faculty-of-medicine-and-health-sciences/macquarie-md/admissions.

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 2020 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 2021:

TIMELINE FOR ADMISSION
GAMSAT: to apply in 2020 for a program commencing in 2021 ONLY the following GAMSAT results can be used: September 2018, March 2019, September 2019, May 2020.
University applications open:
March 2020: Dentistry and Podiatric Medicine at The University of Western Australia **April/May 2020:** The University of Sydney **Early May 2020:** 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.

7 COURSE-SPECIFIC ENQUIRIES AUSTRALIA

Australian National University
Medicine
Medical School
- admissions.medicalschool@anu.edu.au
- 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
Office of Student Recruitment
- askflinders@flinders.edu.au
- www.flinders.edu.au/mdapply
- 1300 354 633 (Option1)

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

Macquarie University
Medicine
- medicine@mq.edu.au
- mq.edu.au/study/medicine
- (02) 9850 4538

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)
- med.enquiries@uq.edu.au
- https://mbs.uq.edu.au
- (07) 3346 4922

The University of Sydney

Student 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 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 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 indicated that you are an applicant to a program in Ireland, the Central Application Office (CAO) will be provided with your GAMSAT results and will pass these onto the institutions to which you have applied.

IMPORTANT NOTE: In order for your results to be forwarded to the CAO, you **must** indicate on any of your current registrations (September 2018, March 2019, September 2019, May 2020) that you are an applicant to an Irish program. You must complete this step by 28 April 2020 by logging into your account and ensuring that 'Ireland' has been ticked in the course application section. Your results with your best Overall Score will then be forwarded to the CAO for inclusion in your application.

You must also 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 28 April 2020.

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 2020:

TIMELINE FOR ADMISSION
GAMSAT: to apply in 2020 for a program commencing in 2020 ONLY the following GAMSAT results can be used: September 2018, March 2019, September 2019, May 2020.
CAO Dates for 2020: Closing date for applications: 1 February 5:15pm GMT Closing date for late applications: 1 May at 5:15pm GMT Closing date for change of mind applications: 1 July at 5:15pm GMT **Please check the CAO website for changes to CAO dates in 2020.**
Early August 2020: Offers made to successful applicants

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

9 COURSE-SPECIFIC ENQUIRIES IRELAND

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
Medicine
Graduate Entry Medicine Programme
- e admissions@rcsi.ie
- w www.rcsi.ie
- t +353 1 402 2228

University College Cork
Medicine
School of Medicine
- e gem@ucc.ie
- w www.ucc.ie/en/medical/prosstud
- t +353 21 490 1575
- f +353 21 490 1594

University College Dublin
Medicine
UCD School of Medicine
- e healthscience@ucd.ie
- w www.ucd.ie/medicine
- t +353 1 716-6686

Veterinary Medicine
UCD School of Veterinary Medicine
- e vetprogrammes@ucd.ie
- w www.ucd.ie/vetmed
- t +353 1 716 6100

University of Limerick
Medicine
Graduate Entry Medical School
- e medicalschool@ul.ie
- w www.ul.ie/medicalschool
- t +35361-234850/-234851

Physiotherapy
School of Allied Health
- e schoolalliedhealth@ul.ie
- w www.ul.ie/graduateschool/course/physiotherapy-professional-qualification-msc
- t +353 61 234232

UCAS application

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

Course Codes:

A102 (institution code CARDF A102) to Cardiff

*Exeter A100 (institution code EXETR E84)

*Keele A100 (institution code KEELE K12)

Liverpool A100 or A101 (institution code LVRPL L41)

Nottingham A101 (institution code NOTTM N84)

University of Plymouth Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry A100 or A206 (institution code PLYM P60)

St Andrews / Dundee A101 (institution code STA S36)

St George's A101 (institution code SGEO S49)

Swansea A101 (institution code SWAN S93)

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

The closing date for UCAS applications is 15 October 2020. International applicants may apply for the A101 programme at Swansea University Medical School until 15 January 2020.

Direct application

Applications for the MSc Physician Associate Studies at the University of East Anglia should be made directly to the University of East Anglia. The start date for the course is January each year and there is no September intake. Further details about the entry requirements and the application process can be found at https://www2.uea.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/taught-degree/detail/msc-physician-associate-studies

Admission to the programs

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

(i) have, or be predicted to receive, at least an upper second class honours degree in any discipline with the exception of Nottingham University (lower second class honours degree).

(ii) 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, the A101 programme at Swansea University Medical School and the the A101 programme at the University of Nottingham.

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 University of Plymouth Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry and entry to medicine at the University of Exeter. 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.

TIMELINE FOR ADMISSION TO PROGRAMS IN 2021:

TIMELINE FOR ADMISSION
GAMSAT: to apply in 2020 for a program commencing in 2021 ONLY the following GAMSAT results can be used: March 2019, September 2019, May 2020, September 2020.
By 15 January 2020: International candidates submit applications to Swansea University Medical School
By 15 October 2020: Submit UCAS application form
December 2020 – April 2021: Interviews for admission
March – June 2021: Offers made to successful applicants
August – September 2021: Programs begin

IMPORTANT NOTE: In order for your results to be forwarded to the institutions of your choice, you must indicate on any of your current registrations (March 2019, September 2019, May 2020 and/or September 2020) that you are an applicant to a UK program. You **must** complete this step by **31 October 2020** by logging into your account and ensuring that 'UK' has been ticked in the course application section of your registration/s.

You **must** also provide your UCAS Personal ID number (UCAS PID) and indicate to which institutions/courses you are applying to **(candidates will be contacted by the GAMSAT office in mid-October when this form becomes available through their account)**. Changes to your selections can be made at any time until 31 October 2019 via your account. Your results will then be forwarded to the universities for inclusion in your application.

If you do not indicate you are a UK applicant, provide your UCAS PID and course selection information by **31 October 2020**, or if you provide incorrect information, this may affect the delivery of your GAMSAT results.

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
University of Plymouth Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
- meddent-admissions@plymouth.ac.uk
- www.plymouth.ac.uk/peninsula
- +44 (0)1752 437333
- +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

Swansea University
Medicine
Medical School
- study@swansea.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

The Universities of St Andrews and Dundee
Medicine
School of Medicine
- scotgem-admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk
- www.st-andrews.ac.uk/medicine
- + 44 (0) 1334 463619

University of East Anglia
MSc Physician Associate Studies
Norwich Medical School
- enquiries@uea.ac.uk
- https://www.uea.ac.uk/medicine
- + 44 (0) 1603 591515

12 GAMSAT DECLARATION

IMPORTANT: Please read the **LEGAL NOTICE** at the end of GAMSAT Information Booklet 2020.

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 2020.

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 2020.

When you submit your registration You AGREE:

1. To the terms and conditions contained in the GAMSAT Online Information Booklet May 2020 applying to Your sitting of GAMSAT in 2020 and all matters consequent thereon;

2. In the event of a GAMSAT sitting in 2020 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 2020 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 Online Information Booklet May 2020;

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 2020 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 You are the person whose name and address appears on this registration form.

☐ I confirm that I have read the GAMSAT Online Information Booklet May 2020 including the Legal Notice and the Privacy Statement locatable at: https://gamsat.acer.org/about-gamsat/privacy-statement

☐ I **AGREE** to the terms and conditions of participation in the GAMSAT contained in the GAMSAT Online Information Booklet May 2020 and provide the **CONSENTS*** specified in the GAMSAT privacy statement.

* should you not wish to provide the consents or have a query about the same please contact **gamsat@acer.org**.

1. By completing and submitting the registration form for the GAMSAT test in 2020 located at https://gamsat.acer.org 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 2020 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 2020 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 https://gamsat.acer.org.

9. 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 2020 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 2020.

   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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