



GAMSAT TEST CENTRE COVID-19 POLICY

This Policy forms part of your legal agreement with ACER which governs your sitting of the GAMSAT. It is developed for the purpose of your health, the other candidates' health, and the public's health.

All registered candidates for the GAMSAT in 2022 must read and adhere to the following (to not do so is considered misconduct under the legal agreement, except where it is expressed only as a recommendation):

TEST VENUES:

At all times ACER will follow the government regulations as required in each location in which GAMSAT operates. This may mean that guidelines in relation to vaccination and social distancing may differ slightly from location to location.

The following apply to all changes to government restrictions for COVID-19.

- If ACER can no longer provide you with a test centre, or sit you at your allocated test location, ACER will contact you by email with further instructions.
- If you choose not to, or cannot, undertake a sitting of GAMSAT at a test centre that is permitted to remain open (regardless of other government restrictions), ACER is under no obligation to provide alternative arrangements for you to undertake the GAMSAT.

TEST VENUE REQUIREMENTS:

COVID19 Vaccination:

It is ACER's preference that all candidates are double vaccinated when attending a GAMSAT venue. In some locations, government guidelines may not require this to be so, in which case non vaccinated candidates will be admitted. However, in cases where double vaccination is government mandated at in-person events, all candidates will be required to be double vaccinated. In such cases, every candidate's vaccination status will be checked at registration, and those candidates unable to provide government issued proof of vaccination will be turned away.

Those individuals with a medical exemption will be permitted to attend, however they must bring their exemption documents.

If you are unwell:

If you are unwell on the day of your scheduled test and suspect that you might have COVID19, please **do not** attend the test venue. Please contact the GAMSAT Office for advice **immediately** for further advice.

Reasons not to attend a venue and COVID19 symptoms include:

- having recorded a temperature of 37.6°C or above;
- have tested as COVID-19 positive in the 14 days prior to the test day;
- are awaiting results of a COVID-19 test;
- live with or have had close contact with someone who has a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19;
- are currently in official quarantine with COVID-19, or awaiting a test to determine their COVID status; or
- are suffering from cold or flu symptoms including a continuous cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, fatigue, headache, aches and pains, a runny or blocked nose, diarrhoea, or sneezing;

If you are unable to attend due to COVID19, or potential COVID 19, you will be required to show supporting documentation this can include, but is not limited to:

- Medical certificate,
- Results of a COVID test,
- Appointment for scheduled COVID test,
- Notification to isolate.

Test centre set up:

- Test rooms and any associated breakout areas have been adapted to allow for social distancing requirements and will operate in compliance with COVID-19 health regulations;
- Signage will be visible around the venue to remind candidates to follow COVID-19 safe practices;
- Hand sanitisation stations will be provided at all venues for use by candidates;
- Frequent cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces at the test centres will be conducted; and
- Surfaces, including computer equipment in the test rooms, will be cleaned and disinfected after every test session.

WHILE AT A TEST VENUE:

ALL Candidates:

- must follow directions given by ACER and test supervisors in the application of venue specific COVID-19 procedures;
- should wear a face mask while indoors attending a test session (*strongly recommended, even if it is not government mandated*);
- must follow all the COVID-19 social distancing markers at the test centre;
- must practice social distancing and good personal hygiene at all times; and
- must leave the venue if they start feeling unwell or experience the onset of any COVID-19 symptoms on the test day. Before leaving candidates need to:
 - inform the test supervisor immediately; and
 - upon returning home, contact the GAMSAT Office immediately by email to be provided with further advice.

It is each individual GAMSAT candidate's responsibility to familiarise themselves with the COVID19 government mandated regulations pertaining to the test centre they will be attending. All candidates MUST adhere to these regulations in order to attend a GAMSAT sitting in 2022.

For further country-specific information:

- **Ireland:** <https://www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/>
- **UK:** <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- **Australia:** <https://www.australia.gov.au/>
- **Scotland:** <https://www.nhsinform.scot/campaigns/test-and-protect>
- **Singapore:** <https://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19>
- **Washington D.C. (USA):** <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>
- **Wellington (NZ):** <https://www.health.govt.nz/>