

# The UMAT Admissions Test is changing in 2019

## Important changes to the Admissions Test for Medicine/Dentistry/Clinical Sciences applicants

For students intending to sit the UMAT in 2019 for entry to university in 2020, the current test is changing.

**2018 will be the final year for students to sit the UMAT. After 2018 it will be replaced by a new test, the UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test).**

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

If you sat the UMAT in July 2018 nothing has changed. You should continue to follow the steps outlined on the UMAT website <https://umat.acer.edu.au/>

If you are planning to sit the UMAT in 2019, you will instead need to register for and sit the UCAT.

The UCAT will be a mandatory admissions test for the courses and programmes listed overleaf for 2020 entry onwards.

### WHEN DO I NEED TO REGISTER FOR THE UCAT?

Registration for the UCAT will open in March 2019 and close in mid-May. Details of the test, including how to register, are available on the UCAT website [www.ucatofficial.com](http://www.ucatofficial.com)



### HAS THE TEST ITSELF CHANGED?

Yes, the UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) is a 2-hour computer-based test. Candidates will sit the test at Pearson VUE test centres located in Australia, New Zealand and some overseas centres.

The UCAT will be offered on a choice of dates throughout the month of July, rather than on one single date.

The test consists of five, separately timed, subtests:

- Verbal Reasoning
- Decision Making
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Abstract Reasoning
- Situational Judgement Test



## WHICH COURSES OR PROGRAMMES WILL REQUIRE THE UCAT IN 2019 FOR 2020 ENTRY?

The courses and programmes which will require the UCAT for 2020 entry include:

The University of Adelaide	Medicine, Dental Surgery, Oral Health
Curtin University	Medicine
Monash University	Medicine
The University of Newcastle/University of New England	Joint Medical Program
The University of New South Wales	Medicine
The University of Queensland	Medicine (provisional entry), Dental Science
University of Tasmania	Medicine
The University of Western Australia	Medicine (Direct Pathway), Dental Medicine (Direct Pathway)
Western Sydney University	Medicine
The University of Auckland	Medicine
University of Otago	Medicine, Dental Surgery

NOTE: Some pathways to medicine/dentistry/clinical sciences will not require the UCAT. For some applicants a different test may be required. For details candidates should refer to the websites of the universities to which they intend to apply.

## HOW DO I PREPARE FOR THE UCAT?

Free, comprehensive preparation materials, including an online guide, tutorials, question banks and practice tests will be available on the UCAT website [www.ucatofficial.com](http://www.ucatofficial.com) in early 2019.

## WHY HAVE WE MOVED TO THIS NEW TEST?

As a computer-based test, the UCAT is an efficient and secure process. It has the additional advantages of offering candidates the convenience of a choice of dates and a wider range of test centres.

The UCAT is a well-established and internationally respected test used widely in the UK since 2006 (under the name UKCAT) to select students for admission to medicine and dentistry courses at the majority of UK universities. For information about UKCAT go to <https://www.ukcat.ac.uk/>

The UCAT assesses a range of abilities identified as important by university medical and dental schools for success in their programmes or courses, and later as a clinician.

The establishment of the UCAT represents an exciting new collaboration between the UMAT Consortium of universities in Australia/New Zealand and the UKCAT Consortium in the UK.



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