

UCAT 2026

Common questions about UCAT answered by MedEntry, the leading and trusted UCAT Preparation Institution



What is UCAT?

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

What courses require UCAT?

Region	University	Course(s)	
NZ	Auckland	Medicine	
	Otago	Medicine	
NSW	Western Sydney	Medicine	
	Newcastle/UNE	Medicine	
	Charles Sturt	Medicine and Dental Science	
	UNSW	Medicine	
	Notre Dame (Syd)	Medicine (Assured Pathway)	
Vic	Monash Uni	Medicine	
QLD	UQ	Medicine (prov. entry)	
		Dental Science	
	Griffith Uni	Dental Science	
		Medical Science/Medicine (tie-breaker)	
	CQU	Medical Science/Medicine	
	USQ	Biomedical Science/Medicine	
	USC	Medical Science/Medicine	
	QUT	Medicine (For 2028 Entry)	
	SA	Uni of Adelaide	Medicine, Dentistry, Oral Health
		Flinders Uni	Clinical Sciences/Medicine
WA	Curtin Uni	Medicine	
	UWA	Medicine and Dentistry (prov. entry)	
	Notre Dame (WA)	Medicine (Assured Pathway)	
Tas	UTas	Medicine	

What are the key dates for UCAT 2026?

Booking opens	3 March 2026
Booking closes	15 May 2026
Testing begins	1 July 2026
Last testing date	5 August 2026
Results delivered to universities	Early September 2026
Cost (for test taken in NZ)	\$335 AUD

How can I register to sit UCAT?

You are required to complete a two-step process using the Pearson VUE online registration system to register and then book a test. Further details are available at www.ucat.edu.au

You can sit UCAT in year 13 and any year thereafter. We strongly suggest you sit UCAT in year 13 for several reasons, discussed on the MedEntry website.

Do I need to prepare for UCAT?

Yes! The UCAT is a skills based test which is completely different to any other test you have sat at school or university. It is a very difficult, time pressured exam and quality preparation is therefore essential. Even students with high academic scores have missed out on a place in medicine due to a poor UCAT score. Both the University of Auckland and Otago have restrictions on the number of times you can apply to the medical program. UCAT preparation will also help with your tertiary study as it enhances your thinking and test-taking skills.

Aren't free UCAT resources sufficient?

No! Universities do not want you to undertake quality additional preparation, because they want a level playing field. Unfortunately, this does not exist. Informed and motivated students will always prepare for UCAT, and MedEntry provides premium UCAT resources to assist.

What UCAT score do I need to get into medicine?

The UCAT score that you need to get into medicine or dentistry depends on your GPA and the university to which you are applying. In general, the higher your UCAT score, the lower the required GPA.

Where can I get more information about UCAT?

Please visit www.MedEntry.co.nz for a free trial exam, free UCAT Handbook, blogs about UCAT and to enrol in one of our UCAT preparation packages. You can also call us on (09) 88 66 849. Follow MedEntry on social media for UCAT tips and updates!

Why MedEntry?

MedEntry is an organisation run by doctors and academics with 25 years' experience in preparing students for aptitude tests such as the UCAT. MedEntry has higher ratings and more reviews on Google than any other prep course (and even higher than any university!). We help more students into medicine in New Zealand than all other prep courses combined.

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