

# 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 most medical schools in the United Kingdom, you will need to succeed in the UCAT. The UCAT is a two hour computer based test consisting of multiple-choice questions. It is divided into four separately timed subtests: Verbal Reasoning, Decision Making, Quantitative Reasoning and Situational Judgement.

## What courses require UCAT?

You will need to sit the UCAT if you are interested in applying for most medical and dental courses across the United Kingdom.

For a full list of courses requiring the UCAT, please visit [www.ucat.ac.uk](http://www.ucat.ac.uk)

## What are the key dates for UCAT 2026?

Registration opens	12 May 2026
Booking opens	23 June 2026
Registration & Booking closes	16 September 2026
Testing begins	13 July 2026
Last testing date	24 September 2026
Results delivered to universities	Early November 2026
UCAS application deadline	15 October 2026
Cost	
- Tests taken in the UK:	£70
- Test taken outside the UK:	£115

## 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.ac.uk](http://www.ucat.ac.uk)

You can sit UCAT in the time between year 12 and year 13 and then any year thereafter.

## Do I need to prepare for UCAT?

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

## Aren't free UCAT resources sufficient?

No! Universities do not want you to undertake quality 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.

Free resources will not provide you with feedback or predicted scores, which are essential to improve your performance. MedEntry uses Personalised Adaptive Feedback technology to individualise your UCAT preparation, helping you to track your progress and identify your weaknesses.

## What UCAT score do I need to get into medicine?

The UCAT score that you need to get into medicine or other health science courses depends on the university to which you are applying. The higher your UCAT score, the greater your chances of being admitted into your chosen degree. UCAT scores can be very important in the medical admissions process. Remember: you are competing against a much tougher cohort than at school/university.

## Where can I get more information about UCAT?

Please visit [www.MedEntry.co.uk](http://www.MedEntry.co.uk) for a **free mock exam**, **free UCAT handbook**, blogs about UCAT and to enrol in one of our UCAT preparation packages. You can also call us on +44 (0)20 3137 1050. Follow MedEntry on social media for UCAT tips and updates!

## Why MedEntry?

MedEntry is run by doctors, academics and psychometricians with 25 years' experience in preparing students for medical entry tests such as the UCAT. The quality and extent of our resources is unparalleled. We have more and higher ratings on Google than other educational organisations, including universities!

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