

UCAT Essentials

What do I need to know?

The University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) is an admissions test, used by a consortium of medical and dental schools to help select applicants to their degree programmes. The test is used alongside other selection criteria such as academic qualifications and interviews.

The UCAT is a computer-based test, delivered in Pearson VUE test centres.

This guide is designed to take you through the essential steps in completing your UCAT journey.

Check your eligibility

Check your **eligibility** to sit the UCAT and confirm which **universities and courses** require the UCAT.

Note the key **test cycle dates** and deadlines.



Register and book

Create a UCAT account and book your test

You must book before the deadline and test within the testing window.

If applicable, apply for **Access Arrangements** and/or a **UCAT Bursary** before booking your test.

Prepare for your test

Use the **free official resources on the UCAT website** including the **UCAT Preparation Plan**, **Question Tutorials**, **Question Banks** and **timed Practice Tests**.

Check you know what to expect on **Test Day** and familiarise yourself with the **Test Rules**.

Sit your test

Plan your journey to the test centre and allow plenty of time for arrival.

Take the **correct photo ID** with you.

Know what to do if you have any **problems before or during testing**.

Receive your results

UCAT results are issued on the day of your test (or shortly after if testing online).

Preliminary candidate scores and final scores after testing ends will be published on our website. Mean scores from previous test cycles are available on the **Test Statistics** page.

Apply to university

Check **how universities use the UCAT** in order to make an informed decision about where to apply.

UCAT will **deliver your result** directly to your chosen UK universities in early November.

The **UCAS application** deadline for medicine and dentistry is 15th October. The deadline may differ for other courses and **UCAT partner universities**.