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DOMESTIC APPLICATION GUIDE 2020
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This guide provides information about the current eligibility criteria and application process for entry to the MD in 2020 only. Flinders University reserves the right to make changes to the entry requirements and selection methodology to the MD in the future. Any such changes will be reflected in future editions of this guide online at www.flinders.edu.au/mdapply
WELCOME

WELCOME TO THE 2020 DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD) DOMESTIC APPLICATION GUIDE. READING THIS GUIDE IS THE FIRST STEP ON THE WAY TO APPLYING FOR THE MD AT FLINDERS UNIVERSITY.

This Guide will help applicants determine their eligibility to apply and understand the application process. The required supporting documentation for sub-quotas is also provided as are their submission deadlines.

Reading and understanding this Guide forms part of the application process.

If, after reading this Guide, applicants have any questions relating to the application process, they are asked to email askflinders@flinders.edu.au for assistance.

We thank applicants for considering the Doctor of Medicine at Flinders University.
APPLICATION TIMELINE

2019 for 2020 entry

23 March
GAMSAT test date

Late May
Doctor of Medicine (MD) Application Guide 2020 published online

Late May
GAMSAT results released

Monday 27 May
Applications open 9am (ACST)

Friday 28 June
Applications close 11.59pm (ACST)

Monday 1 July
Final date for submission of statutory declaration and autobiographical statement. Other sub-quota documentation is encouraged to be submitted by this date (ie. supporting letters)

Wednesday 31 July
Final date for submission of academic transcripts to guarantee equal consideration

Wednesday 31 July
Final date for payment of application fee to guarantee equal consideration

Wednesday 31 July
One-year Bachelor degrees to be completed for 2020 entry eligibility

From mid to late August
Applicants invited for interviews notified

Monday 23 September to Friday 04 October
Adelaide and NT interviews held – applicants to provide any outstanding sub-quota supporting documents by their interview date

Friday 20 and Saturday 21 September
PRCC Interviews held

Specific dates TBC
NT Interviews held - applicants to provide any outstanding sub-quota supporting documents by their interview date

From mid-October to mid-February
Applicants notified of outcome of their application. Offers may be made right up until the commencement of the course to fill places available.

Tuesday 31 December
Latest Bachelor degree (2 years or more in duration) or Flinders qualification to be completed for 2020 entry eligibility

Mid-February 2020
New student orientation and Year 1 of MD commences

Applicants are strongly encouraged to regularly consult the website for the most up to date timeline. Flinders University retains the right to introduce subsequent application or interview rounds. In this unlikely event, a notice will be published at: www.flinders.edu.au/mdapply.
ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

In order to be eligible to apply for entry into the MD, applicants must meet citizenship requirements, minimum academic requirements, hold a valid GAMSAT (Graduate Medical School Admissions Test) score and have normally achieved the required minimum score in each Section of the test.

CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents and Humanitarian visa holders are classified as domestic applicants for places in South Australia and the Northern Territory. New Zealand citizens are classified as domestic applicants for places in South Australia only and are not eligible for places in the Northern Territory. Applicants are required to meet domestic eligibility criteria at the time of application.

Applicants who are in the process of applying for permanent residency must have residency confirmed before they submit an application as a domestic student. It is not possible to convert to a domestic place if offered admission to the MD as an international student.

Applicants who do not meet the domestic citizenship classification above are considered international applicants and are not eligible to apply as domestic applicants. Note: New Zealand permanent residents are classified as international students. Details on how to apply as an international applicant are available at www.flinders.edu.au/international/medicine.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

All domestic applicants are required to have completed or be in the final year of a Bachelor degree or equivalent (to be completed by 31 December 2019), either from an Australian university or from another tertiary institution of equivalent standard at the time of application.

For applicants who have studied at a higher education level overseas, Flinders University will use the agreed guidelines and assess their overseas qualifications and determine equivalence to a Bachelor’s degree level study offered by Australian institutions.

Pre-assessment for equivalency is not possible. Applicants can have their qualification assessed for equivalency through https://internationaleducation.gov.au/.

One-year Bachelor degrees or equivalent are considered for entry, however it must be completed by 31 July 2019.

Postgraduate qualifications are not taken into consideration for the purposes of weighted Grade Point Average (wGPA) calculations.

Please note Flinders University does not have a 10-year rule. Applicants who completed a Bachelor degree, or equivalent, more than 10 years ago are eligible to apply for entry to the MD.

GAMSAT REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to hold a valid GAMSAT score at the time of application, normally with minimum score of 50 in each Section of the test (www.gamsat.acer.edu.au) to be eligible to apply. Applicants who do not have a valid GAMSAT score at the time of application will not be considered.

Valid GAMSAT scores are from sittings in Australia, Ireland or the UK from September 2017 – March 2019.

Please note neither ACER nor Flinders University recommend, endorse or have any association with commercial GAMSAT preparation courses or texts.

ACER produces the only official GAMSAT test preparation materials.

For further information please refer to www.gamsat.acer.edu.au
APPLICATION

Applications are submitted directly to Flinders University through the online application system.

HOW TO APPLY

If you have never studied at or have never submitted an application directly to Flinders University, you can register and submit your application to the MD using the Online Application System. You will receive two emails once your application is completed: confirmation of application submission; and a second email with your student ID. Note, it may take 1-4 hours for your student ID to be created.

If you have been made an offer for a course at Flinders University within the last 12 months you can submit your application via the Student Information System. You can apply by selecting the My Applications tab at the top of the page, and searching for the MD.

If you have been made an offer for a course at Flinders University more than 12 months ago you will need to reactivate your FAN first. With an active FAN you will then be able to submit your application via the Student Information System as advised above.

PREFERENCES

Applicants can nominate two locations in order of preference when submitting their application for the MD:

- Bedford Park, Adelaide Medical Program (SAMP)
  - and/or
- Darwin, Northern Territory Medical Program (NTMP)

Parallel Rural Community Curriculum (PRCC)

Rural applicants who wish to be considered for the PRCC must select Bedford Park, Adelaide Medical Program (South Australia) as their first location preference. Applicants are required to nominate all the PRCC locations in South Australia in order of preference as part of the application.

NTMP

The NTMP is based in the NT and requires a four-year return of service after graduation which is not able to be transferred to SA. Applicants who preference the NTMP first will not be considered for the PRCC.

DOCUMENTATION

Applicants will be asked to provide the following information, in addition to their personal details, as part of the application process:

ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT

Applicants must provide details of their most recently completed (or due to be completed by 31 December 2019) Bachelor degree or equivalent qualification for consideration. Applicants must also upload a certified copy or original official academic transcripts by the deadline to their online application as evidence they meet this requirement.

Flinders graduates of a Bachelor degree or Flinders students currently completing their Bachelor degree at Flinders are not required to provide a copy of their official transcript for their Flinders course. Applicants completing a postgraduate course at Flinders are also not required to provide academic transcripts for their Flinders course.

If an applicant’s official academic transcript is available via the My eQuals platform, they can provide their URL link to allow access to the digital document as part of the online application. If they have set a PIN via my eQuals (this is optional) they will also need to supply this. If they wish to set an expiry date for access to the digital document, the date selected should be after February 2020 as the University may need to access the document up to this time. For further information about providing official academic transcripts via My eQuals see: www.myequals.edu.au/faq/.

If academic transcripts are in a language other than English, applicants must submit copies of both the original documents and full translations and grading information to assist in the calculation of the wGPA. Translations must show results for all subjects undertaken and be certified by an independent accredited translator. It is an applicant’s responsibility to comply with requests to provide further documentation, either in the original language or English translation.

GAMSAT CANDIDATE NUMBER

Applicants must provide the GAMSAT identification number of the test results they wish considered for entry into the course. Applicants with multiple valid GAMSAT scores may choose which score to use in their application by providing the corresponding candidate number.
GAMSAT results are valid for two years. Flinders University will obtain applicant results of the GAMSAT based on the identification number provided. Applicants who are intending to sit the GAMSAT in September 2019 who do not hold other valid GAMSAT results will not be eligible to apply for 2020 entry and will need to apply for 2021 entry.

SUB-QUOTA SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION
Applicants must also provide the relevant supporting documentation with their application if they are eligible to be considered under any of the sub-quotas available for entry into the MD.

Applicants are not required to provide the following information in their application as these will not be considered in the selection process:
- Details of academic prizes or awards;
- Supporting letters of recommendation;
- CVs or Resumes;
- Work experience information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
The application assessment process is administered by Flinders University. To maximise chances of gaining entry to the MD an applicant needs to:
- understand and adhere to the application procedures and deadlines;
- provide all the information and supporting documentation asked of them by Flinders University by the relevant deadlines;
- read and understand the terms and conditions of application when they apply;
- follow all the instructions given carefully whilst applying and in any subsequent communications;
- pay any fees by the required date;
- keep personal details up to date.

The information provided by the applicant will be used:
- to confirm they meet the requirements for the course;
- to identify the applicant as the owner of the data they have provided;
- to obtain from other educational institutions details of their enrolment, results and academic qualifications at those institutions, which are considered necessary to process their application;
- for statutory reporting to the Australian Government as indicated in the terms and conditions of application.

FAST FACTS
- Only applications submitted via the Flinders University online application system via www.flinders.edu.au/mdapply will be accepted for consideration.
- Applicants should carefully consider their location (and PRCC location preferences if applicable) as these cannot be altered once the application is submitted.
- Applicants must be available for a face-to-face interview during the published interview period. Requests for alternative arrangements cannot be considered.
- Late applications cannot be accepted.
- Applicants who need to change their contact details, including preferred email, can do so by logging into the Student Information System and updating their information in the My Details tab.
- A $138 (inc. GST) non-refundable application processing fee applies. This fee is payable only once even if applicants apply for both SA and NT places. Payment must be made by the deadline.
- There will be a $55 non-refundable interview administration fee for applicants who are invited to and accept an interview. This will be payable at the time the applicant accepts their invitation to interview.
- Applicants who have been excluded/precluded from a medicine course at another university will not be able to apply until the exclusion/preclusion has been lifted.
- Deferment of a place is unlikely. In the case of genuinely unforeseen and usually compassionate circumstances, however, a request may be considered. Unless successful applicants are able to provide documentary evidence to demonstrate that their circumstances changed between the time they submitted an application and receiving an offer and that these changes were outside of their control and therefore prevent them from commencing the course, deferment requests will not be considered.
- All applications are assessed uniformly, therefore appeals for the outcome of an application are normally not possible. However, a written request should be sent to askflinders@flinders.edu.au in the first instance.
- Pre-assessment of applications, including calculation of wGPA and overseas qualification equivalency cannot be provided.
PLACES TYPES AND SUB-QUOTAS

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL PROGRAM (SAMP)

Up to 93 Commonwealth supported places are available for commencing domestic students in South Australia for 2020 entry. The exact number of places varies in any given year according to course occupancy. All places in South Australia are subsidised by the Commonwealth Government and require students to pay a Student Contribution Amount (https://students.flinders.edu.au/finances-and-admin/fees/domestic-student-financial-assistance).

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<td>Commonwealth Supported Bonded Places (BMP)^</td>
<td>These places require graduates of the MD to work for one year in an Eligible Location after completing their professional training. These places are available in the SAMP only. More information on bonded places can be found here <a href="http://health.gov.au/bmps">http://health.gov.au/bmps</a> scheme.</td>
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^CSPs (bonded and non-bonded) will be made on the basis of applicants’ overall selection rank in the following order: non-bonded then bonded, with the highest ranked applicants being allocated a non-bonded place. As such, applicants are not required to indicate their place type preferences.

Non-bonded places are open to Australian Citizens, Permanent Residents, Humanitarian Visa Holders and New Zealand citizens.
Bonded places are open to Australian Citizens, Permanent Residents, Humanitarian Visa Holders and New Zealand citizens who have held a New Zealand Special Category Visa on or before 26 February 2001.

Flinders University Graduate Sub-quota

Up to 75% of places available in the course are reserved for Flinders University graduates who have completed a Bachelor degree (Australian Qualifications Framework www.aqf.edu.au Level 7) or above at Flinders University.

Flinders graduates hold a Flinders Bachelor degree or:
- Honours
- Graduate Certificate
- Graduate Diploma
- Masters or
- PhD

Within this sub-quota, up to 25 places are reserved for competitive applicants who hold the following degrees:
- Bachelor of Health Sciences
- Bachelor of Medical Science*
- Bachelor of Paramedic Science
- Bachelor of Science (Biotechnology) - (Medical Biotechnology Stream (as published in the course rule))

*Graduates of the Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Science) are not eligible for the 25 places.

Non-Flinders University Graduate Sub-Quota

At least 25% of places available will be offered to non-Flinders University graduates.
SUB-QUOTAS (SAMP)

Flinders University Graduates Sub-quota
Up to 75% of places available will be offered to Flinders University graduates who meet the application eligibility requirements. Up to 25 of these places are reserved for graduates of the Flinders Bachelor of Health Sciences, Bachelor of Medical Science, Bachelor of Paramedic Science and Bachelor of Science (Biotechnology – Medical Biotechnology Stream (as published in the course rule)).

To be eligible for this sub-quota, applicants must have completed or are due to complete a Flinders University qualification by 31 December 2019, including postgraduate qualifications such as Graduate Certificates. Applicants must indicate they are either about to complete a Flinders University Bachelor degree or a postgraduate qualification in their application under the ‘Flinders University Studies’ section.

Non-Flinders University Graduates Sub-quota
At least 25% of places will be offered to graduates of a Bachelor degree or equivalent from an Australian university or other tertiary institution of equivalent standard, who do not hold a Flinders qualification.

To be considered for this sub-quota applicants must indicate they are not about to complete or have not completed an undergraduate degree or postgraduate qualification at Flinders University under the ‘Flinders University Studies’ section.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Sub-quota
Flinders University supports the Commonwealth and Northern Territory Governments’ key priority to increase the participation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people in medicine through its commitment to equity and inclusiveness in its medical program.

Up to five places are reserved in the MD for eligible Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants for the SAMP.

To be considered for the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Sub-quota applicants must indicate that they are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander in their application.

Indigenous Entry Stream (IES)
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander graduates who do not have a current GAMSAT result to apply to the MD in the first instance, are able to apply for entry into the MD through the IES pathway.

The IES is a program that will prepare applicants for the Doctor of Medicine by studying science and relevant skills through the;

• Preparation for Medicine Program – a two-week intensive program teaching foundation skills and knowledge needed to study medicine that prepares applicants for tertiary study; and

• Flinders University Extended Learning in Science – a 10-hour per week online course that covers chemistry, physics, biology and numeracy.

Note: IES applications for 2019 (2020 MD entry) are closed. Applications close in February each year. More information on the IES is available at www.flinders.edu.au/study/courses/postgraduate-doctor-medicine/indigenous-entry.

Rural Sub-quota
A minimum of 28% of Commonwealth Supported Places are available in the SAMP for applicants who come from an Australian rural background.

The ‘rural eligibility criteria’ definition is defined as residency for at least 10 years cumulatively or any five years consecutively in an Australian Statistical Geography Standard – Remoteness Areas (2011/2016) (ASGS – RA) 2 to 5 by the commencement of the course.

Applicants can use the Remoteness Area Locator to look up the name of their town and find its remote area number indicator at www.doctorconnect.gov.au/internet/otd/publishing.nsf/Content/locator Some South Australian examples are: Mount Barker in the Adelaide Hills is RA2 (Inner Regional), Loxton in the Riverland is RA3 (Outer Regional), Kimba is RA4 (Remote) and Ceduna and Oodnadatta are RA5 (Very Remote).

To be considered for the Rural Sub-quota applicants must indicate that they are a rural applicant in their application.

Humanitarian Visa Sub-quota
Flinders University is committed to providing an opportunity to study medicine to applicants who have held or currently hold a Humanitarian Visa issued by the Australian Government, and who are also an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident at the time of application.

Up to four places will be offered to humanitarian visa holders in the SAMP.

Applicants must indicate they meet the humanitarian visa sub-quota eligibility requirements in their application.
The PRCC sub-quota offers students the unique opportunity to complete their third year of the MD in a rural community. Up to 24 places are available to applicants from an Australian rural background who are interested in pursuing a career in rural medicine.

World recognised and highly regarded, the PRCC program has produced medical professionals of the highest standard, many of whom have returned to regional locations to make their homes within the community.

Students attend Bedford Park for years one, two and four of the MD and spend their third year living and studying in one of the PRCC regions listed above. Students will also be scheduled to visit their PRCC regions in first and second year as well as receive support from rural staff over their entire MD.

The PRCC program is available in four regions of rural South Australia including:

- **Riverland** – established in 1997 with students located in Renmark, Berri, Loxton, Barmera and Waikerie.
- **South East** – established in 2002 with students located Mount Gambier, Naracoorte and Hamilton (western Victoria).
- **Hills, Mallee, Fleurieu** – established in 2006 with students located in Strathalbyn, Murray Bridge, Mannum, Goolwa, Middleton and Kangaroo Island.
- **Barossa Valley** – established in 2008 with students located in Angaston, Kapunda, Nuriootpa and Tanunda. The Barossa program is a collaboration with the University of Adelaide.

Rural applicants who wish to be considered for the PRCC Sub-quota must select Bedford Park, Adelaide Medical Program (South Australia) as their first location preference. Applicants must nominate all PRCC sites in order of preference on their application.

All applicants to the PRCC Sub-quota must hold a current driver’s licence and have access to a roadworthy vehicle.

Applicants whose first preference is the NTMP are not eligible to apply for the PRCC.

**PRCC SELECTION PROCESS**

PRCC Sub-quota applicants with competitive overall GAMSAT scores will be invited to participate in the PRCC Selection Process and will be required to travel to the relevant location and stay for the duration of the process. During the selection process applicants will undertake a semi-structured interview and participate in a range of activities.

Applicants must participate in and will be assessed on all selection process activities by members of the relevant PRCC Community Liaison Committee.

Applicants will be advised of any available reimbursement at the time of invitation.

Rural applicants who wish to be considered for the PRCC Sub-quota, will also be required to attend an interview for a SAMP place at Bedford Park, SA.
NORTHERN TERRITORY MEDICAL PROGRAM (NTMP)

The MD is also offered in the Northern Territory, providing opportunities for applicants who are either Australian citizens or permanent residents to undertake medicine in the Northern Territory. New Zealand citizens are not eligible to apply for the NTMP. Applicants who nominate the NTMP as their first preference are not able to apply for the PRCC.

Preference for the NTMP is given to applicants who are Northern Territory residents and particularly to Australian Indigenous Northern Territorians (please see priority listing below). Other Australian citizens and permanent residents may apply and may be considered in the event that there are places available. In 2019 a small number of places were offered to Priority 4 applicants.

Up to 12 places are available each year and these places are funded by the Northern Territory Government. This means that course fees for all four years of the course are funded by the Northern Territory Government. These places are associated with a four-year Return of Service Obligation in the Northern Territory after graduation.

Selection Priority of applicants for the NTMP and required documentation

Priority 1: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicant who meets the Northern Territory residency requirements.

Required to provide a Flinders statutory declaration confirming they meet Northern Territory residency requirements and confirmation they meet Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status.

Priority 2: Non-Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicant who meets the Northern Territory residency requirements.

Required to provide a Flinders statutory declaration confirming they meet Northern Territory residency requirements.

Priority 3: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicant but not a Northern Territory resident.

Required to provide a Flinders statutory declaration and confirmation they meet Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status.

Priority 4: Non-Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicant and not a Northern Territory resident.

Northern Territory Residency Requirements:

A Northern Territory resident is defined as a person who is either an Australian citizen or permanent resident, and who at the time of commencement of the medical course, will have:

- Resided with a permanent address in the Northern Territory for a total of at least two years out of the last six years; i.e. resided at permanent address in the NT for two years or more between 2014-2019.

or

- Resided with a permanent address in the Northern Territory for a total of at least five years since commencing primary school.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

STATUTORY DECLARATIONS AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF
SUB-QUOTA ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Flinders University statutory declarations for each sub-quota are available for download from the online application portal and are also included in this Guide.

Applicants are required to submit a separate Flinders University statutory declaration by 1 July 2019 for each sub-quota for which they wish to be considered. Statutory declarations pertaining to other Universities CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

The PRCC autobiographical statement is due to be submitted by 1 July 2019.

All other sub-quota supporting documentation is encouraged to be submitted at the time of application. The final date to submit documents will be at the time of interview to meet eligibility requirements. Please note that documents submitted after this date will not be accepted and applicants will not be considered for the relevant sub-quota.

Applicants should note that a person who makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under Section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 and may have their offer withdrawn as a result of the provision of inaccurate or incomplete information.

Rural Sub-quota Eligibility Criteria
Rural and PRCC applicants are required to provide a current year Flinders University statutory declaration which confirms that they meet the rural eligibility criteria. This is defined as residency for at least 10 years cumulatively or any five years consecutively in an Australian Statistical Geography Standard (2011/2016) – Remoteness Areas (ASGS – RA) 2 to 5. Applicants can check their ASGS – RA status at: www.doctorconnect.gov.au/.

The statutory declaration must be received by 1 July 2019.

Additionally, rural applicants who are invited to interview will be required to provide documentary evidence that confirms they meet the rural eligibility criteria.

Acceptable sources of documentary evidence include supporting letters from a:

- School
- University
- Medical Practitioner
- Dentist
- Employer
- Lawyer

Letters from one or more sources must be original and on letterhead and include:

- your full rural address;
- the dates (month/year) and duration that you resided at that address;
- the author’s name, position and contact details.

Letters from relatives will not be accepted. Applicants are encouraged to submit this document at the time of submitting their application, the final date to submit documents will be at the time of interview to meet eligibility requirements.

Humanitarian Visa
Humanitarian Visa applicants are required to provide a Flinders statutory declaration which confirms that they hold or have held a refugee or humanitarian visa at some point in the past. The statutory declaration must be received by 1 July 2019. Please note that documents submitted after this date will not be accepted and applicants will not be considered for the relevant sub-quota.

In addition to this, applicants who are invited to interview under the Humanitarian Visa Sub-quota must also provide a certified copy of their original humanitarian visa. Applicants are encouraged to submit this document at the time of submitting their application, the final date to submit documents will be at the time of interview to meet eligibility requirements.
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Origin

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants are required to provide a Flinders statutory declaration which confirms:

- that they are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Origin
- that they identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- that they are accepted as such in the community in which they live or have lived.

The statutory declaration must be received by 1 July 2019. Please note that documents submitted after this date will not be accepted and applicants will not be considered for the relevant sub-quota.

In addition to this, applicants invited to interview in the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Sub-quota must also provide a document signed under the seal by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation in the community from which the applicant originates or is recognised, confirming that the applicant is recognised by that community. Applicants are encouraged to submit this document at the time of submitting their application, the final date to submit documents will be at the time of interview to meet eligibility requirements.

Northern Territory Residency Status

Applicants who are Northern Territory residents are required to provide a Flinders statutory declaration confirming their residency when submitting their application.

A Northern Territory resident is defined as an Australian citizen or permanent resident who, at the time of commencement of the medical course, has:

- resided with a permanent address in the Northern Territory for a total of at least two years out of the last six years; or
- resided with a permanent address in the Northern Territory for a total of at least five years since commencing primary school.

The statutory declaration must be received by 01 July 2019. Please note that documents submitted after this date will not be accepted and applicants will not be considered for the relevant sub-quota.

Additionally, those applicants who identify as Northern Territory residents and who are invited to interview for a Northern Territory place will be required to provide documentary evidence that confirms they meet the Northern Territory residency requirements.

Acceptable sources of documentary evidence include supporting letters from a:

- School
- University
- Medical Practitioner
- Dentist
- Employer
- Lawyer

Letters from one or more sources must be original and on letterhead and include:

- your full address;
- the dates (month/year) and duration that you resided at that address;
- the author’s name, position and contact details.

Letters from relatives will not be accepted.

Applicants are encouraged to submit this document at the time of submitting their application, the final date to submit documents will be at the time of interview to meet eligibility requirements.

Academic Transcripts

Non-Flinders graduates of a Bachelor degree or equivalent, are required to submit a copy of their original official academic transcript by 31 July 2019. Applicants are not required to provide academic transcripts for postgraduate study (i.e. graduate diploma, graduate certificate).

Applicants who are due to complete their Bachelor degree by 31 Dec 2019 must have Semester 1 and/or the first half of academic year results stated in the official academic transcript they provide, as these will be used in the wGPA calculation.

If an applicant’s official academic transcript is available via the My eQuals platform, they can provide their URL link to allow access to the digital document as part of the online application. If they have set a PIN via my eQuals (this is optional) they will also need to supply this. If they wish to set an expiry date for access to the digital document, please ensure the date selected is after February 2020 as the University may need to access the document up to this time. For further information about providing original official academic transcripts via My eQuals see: www.myequals.edu.au/faq/.
Applicants must upload all supporting documentation to their online application in one of the following file formats: DOC, DOCX, or PDF e.g. transcript.pdf. Applicants must submit each academic transcript, PRCC document or statutory declaration, as a separate file for each of the sub-quotas they are eligible for.

Statutory declarations and the PRCC Autobiographical Statement are due by 1 July 2019. Documents submitted after this date will not be accepted.

Official academic transcripts are due by 31 July 2019. The online application portal will remain open until this date to enable applicants to upload their transcripts. Academic transcripts submitted after this date will not be accepted.

**Parallel Rural Community Curriculum**

Applicants wishing to be considered for the PRCC must submit the following additional documentation by 1 July 2019:

- Statutory declaration;
- Autobiographical Statement document in this guide (maximum 600 words).

Applicants who indicate a preference for the PRCC Sub-quota are also required to submit an autobiographical statement (maximum 600 words) describing their personal background relevant to the course and, in particular, why they have applied to the PRCC Sub-quota and why they are suited to learning medicine in a rural environment. A template is available in the Statutory Declaration section of this Guide.

The Autobiographical Statement must also demonstrate evidence of the following personal domains:

- Resilience
- Flexibility
- Teamwork
- Academic Stability
- Passion for the work of rural Medical Practitioners
- Indication of a rural career path

Overall, the applicant must demonstrate that they will flourish in the PRCC and will advocate for, and contribute to, the rural medical workforce.

Applicants must ensure their full name and student ID number (provided during online application process) is stated in the Autobiographical Statement document provided in this guide.

Applicants are also required to submit a letter from an acceptable source as evidence that confirms they meet the rural eligibility criteria if invited for an interview. Applicants are encouraged to submit this document at the time of submitting their application, the final date to submit documents will be at the time of interview to meet eligibility requirements.

Acceptable sources of supporting letters can include a:

- School
- University
- Medical Practitioner
- Dentist
- Employer
- Lawyer
SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants will be selected for a place in the MD on an overall rank calculated using the following:

- Interview score
- wGPA from latest completed Bachelor degree
- GAMSAT score

INTERVIEW

SA and NT interviews will be held from 23 September - 4 October 2019.

Applicants must normally meet the minimum application requirement of a minimum score of 50 in each section of the GAMSAT, to be invited to interview on the basis of their overall GAMSAT score. The GAMSAT score is used for invitation to interview and the cut-offs are dependent upon the profile of the applicant pool and therefore vary every year.

As a guide, the GAMSAT overall cut-off scores for 2019 interview invitation were as follows:

- Rural (Including PRCC) = 63
- Flinders Graduates = 62
- Humanitarian Visa Holders = 61
- Non-Flinders Graduates (Non-Rural / Non-Humanitarian Visa) = 76

The GAMSAT overall score is calculated using the following formula: \((1 \times \text{Section I}) + (1 \times \text{Section II}) + (2 \times \text{Section III}) / 4\)

Applicants who accept an invitation to interview will be required to pay a non-refundable interview administration fee of $55. Applicants who have a high Grade Point Average (GPA), but whose overall GAMSAT score is slightly below the cut-off, may be invited to interview. The exact GPA used in these cases may vary depending on the sub-quota they are eligible for.

Applicants will be invited to interview via their preferred email address, as selected in their Flinders University application. They will be provided with an online link to book their preferred interview date and time, for a limited time. The interview is not confirmed until payment has been made.

All applicants are required to attend their interview in person and alternative arrangements will not be considered. Applicants invited to interview are required to travel, at their own expense, to the interview venue (i.e., Bedford Park, SA or Darwin, NT) as specified.

Applicants invited to interview who are eligible for consideration under NT, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Rural and Humanitarian Visa Holder Sub-quotas will be required to provide documentary evidence of eligibility by the deadline. To avoid delays in the finalisation of their invitation to interview, applicants are encouraged to provide this documentation at the time they submit their application.

The interview conducted in both South Australia and the Northern Territory is semi-structured and uses a common set of scenarios and questions for all applicants, to assess qualities considered important both for success in the medical program and in subsequent medical practice.
The qualities assessed include:

- Quality of motivation
- Learning style and team skills
- Communication skills
- Pro-social attitude
- Personal management and self-evaluation skills
- Approach to decision-making

Interviews will be conducted by a small panel. Interviewers are not provided with any information about applicants, other than applicant names. Interviews normally last approximately 45-50 minutes.

Interviews are regarded as being conducted under examination conditions. Failure to comply with these examination conditions may result in failing the interview.

Applicants must normally pass the interview to be considered for selection.

**Parallel Rural Community Curriculum**

PRCC interviews will be held 20-21 September 2019.

Applicants who are invited to interview for the PRCC are required to undergo an additional selection process. These applicants will be advised of any available reimbursement of expenses incurred at the time of invitation.

The selection process conducted for the PRCC Sub-quota is semi-structured and uses a common set of scenarios and questions for all applicants, to assess qualities considered important for success in the PRCC program and in subsequent rural medical practice.

The qualities assessed include:

- Resilience
- Flexibility
- Teamwork
- Academic stability
- Passion for the work of rural Medical Practitioners
- Indication of a rural career path

Overall, the applicant must demonstrate that they will flourish in the PRCC and will advocate for, and contribute to, the rural medical workforce.

Interviews will be conducted by a panel. Interviewers are provided with applicant’s autobiographical statement prior to the selection process.

The selection process is regarded as being conducted under examination conditions. Failure to comply with the examination conditions may result in failing the interview.

Applicants selected for the PRCC sub-quota on the basis of the additional selection process must also attend and pass the Bedford Park interview.
GRADE POINT AVERAGE
There is no minimum GPA requirement for entry to the MD, however strong academic performance in the Bachelor degree is an important indicator of the intellectual abilities necessary for success in the MD, and a Flinders equivalent GPA of 5.5 is considered a competitive minimum depending on GAMSAT and interview scores. The weighted Grade Point Average (wGPA) in that degree makes up a third of the overall ranking for place offers.

CALCULATION OF WEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGE (wGPA)
Applicants who are in the final year of study of their Bachelor degree and have been invited to interview, will have their wGPA calculated on the last two full-time equivalent years of study in the most recently completed Bachelor degree or equivalent and will include 50% or more of final year results, as per their official academic transcripts.

Applicants who hold a completed Bachelor degree, including Bachelor degrees comprising an Honours component, who are enrolled in an additional Bachelor qualification due to be completed by 31 December 2019 and have been invited to interview, will have their wGPA calculated using the first half of academic year results available from the latest degree they are completing.

In order for Semester 1, 2019 results to be included in the wGPA calculation, they must be provided by 31 July 2019. Results provided after 31 July 2019 will not be used in the wGPA calculation.

- **Specified credit** is included in the wGPA calculation (except if the grade is a non-graded pass). Applicants whose Bachelor degree contains specified credit are required to provide copies of the relevant official academic transcripts showing grades achieved in this study by 31 July 2019.
- **Unspecified credit** is not included in the wGPA calculation. Credit granted on the basis of VET qualifications such as a Diploma or Advanced Diploma will not be used in the wGPA calculation.
- **Exchange/cross-institutional study** results that contribute to an applicant’s Bachelor degree are included in the wGPA calculation. Applicants whose Bachelor degree contains such results are required to provide copies of all relevant official academic transcripts showing grades achieved in this study by 31 July 2019.
- The last three years of a combined or double degree will be used to calculate the wGPA. Applicants who are completing a double degree with a postgraduate course such as the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Occupational Therapy, will not have the results from the postgraduate component of the double degree used in the wGPA calculation.
- **One-year Bachelor degrees** are considered for entry, however the qualification must be completed by 31 July 2019. The GPA achieved for this study is used in the overall rank calculation for selection purposes.
- **Part-time and overloaded** study will be allocated to each calendar year of the degree by working backwards from the final year of study in the Bachelor degree using the full time equivalent load value.
- **Non-Flinders GPA’s** are calculated to a Flinders University equivalent GPA. Flinders GPA is calculated on a value from 0-7, all fail grades from any institution are assigned a value of 0.0 in the calculation.
The Flinders University GPA is calculated using the following formula:

\[
\text{GPA} = \frac{\text{sum of (value for each grade x topic unit value)}}{\text{total number of units}}
\]

- Value for each grade:
  - High Distinction = 7 (85% to 100%);
  - Distinction = 6 (75% to 84%);
  - Credit = 5 (65% to 74%);
  - Pass = 4 (50% to 64%);
  - Fail = 0 (0% to 49%); Withdraw Fail = 0

The following grades are not counted in the calculation:
- Non Graded Pass; Withdraw Not Fail.

Topic Unit Value is as detailed on the Academic Transcript.

A full time equivalent year at Flinders is 36 units in total, normally made up of 8 topics of 4.5 units each.

The wGPA is calculated using the following formula:

\[
\text{wGPA} = \frac{((\text{GPA of Year 4} \times 3) + (\text{GPA of Year 3} \times 2) + (\text{GPA of Year 2}))}{6}
\]

- For example the wGPA for a four year Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice degree will be calculated as follows:
  - Year 1 – with GPA of 6.1 (Not included in the wGPA calculation)
  - Year 2 – with GPA of 5.8
  - Year 3 – with GPA of 6.5
  - Year 4 – with GPA of 6.2

\[
= \frac{(6.2 \times 3) + (6.5 \times 2) + (5.8))}{6}
\]

\[= \text{wGPA 6.23}\]

For applicants who are undertaking a two year bachelor degree the wGPA will be calculated using the following formula:

\[
\text{wGPA} = \frac{((\text{GPA of Year 1} \times 1) + (\text{GPA of Final Year} \times 5))}{6}
\]

- Year 1 – with GPA of 6.5
- Year 2 – with GPA of 6.2

\[
= \frac{(6.5 \times 1) + (6.2 \times 5)}{6}
\]

\[= \text{wGPA 6.25}\]
OFFERS
SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND NORTHERN TERRITORY
Selection for SAMP and NTMP places is on the basis of an applicant’s overall rank comprising the following components which are equally weighted:

- Overall GAMSAT Score
- Weighted GPA (wGPA)
- Interview Score

The University will determine the minimum overall rank required for a place offer within sub-quotas in a given year. Offers for places are made within sub-quotas on the basis of overall rank.

PRCC
Selection for PRCC places is on the basis of an applicant’s overall rank of the following:
PRCC Selection Process comprising:

a. Interview (40%)
b. Scenario (30%)
c. Overall Performance (30%)

PRCC applicants must also meet the minimum overall rank required for a place offer within the PRCC Sub-quota. Successful applicants to the PRCC are required to comply with all PRCC directives including:

- returning to and residing in their selected site for the duration of Year 3;
- undertaking up to two scheduled visits to their selected site in Year 1 and Year 2; and
- ensuring all curriculum choices are compatible with the above commitments.

WAITLISTED AND UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS
Applicants who are not successful in receiving an offer in the first instance will be advised of the status of their application as follows:

- Applicant’s overall score was not sufficiently competitive for further consideration, including sub-quotas eligible for consideration.
- Applicant’s overall score was not sufficiently competitive for an offer in the first instance; however, they may be considered for subsequent offer should a place become available.

Offers may be made up until the commencement of the MD in February 2020.

CONDITIONAL OFFERS
There are only two instances in which an applicant may receive a conditional offer:

- The applicant is due to complete a Flinders University qualification by 31 December 2019; OR
- The applicant is due to complete their non-Flinders Bachelor degree by 31 December in 2019. In both cases applicants are required to provide evidence that the relevant qualification has been successfully completed.

Applicants who receive a conditional offer will not be able to enrol in the MD until the condition has been met.

Applicants who receive an offer will be required to secure their place by enrolling in at least one topic in the MD by the deadline stated in their offer letter. Failure to enrol via the Flinders University Student System by the specified date, will mean the offer of a place in the MD will be forfeited and their place may be offered to another applicant.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

GROUNDS FOR AN OFFER OF PLACE TO BE WITHDRAWN

A place offer may be withdrawn by Flinders University if an applicant has provided inaccurate or incomplete information in their application. In accordance with the Flinders University Admissions Policy, Student Admission Procedure, Section 7 [www.flinders.edu.au/policies#academic](http://www.flinders.edu.au/policies#academic):

Prior to withdrawing an offer and cancelling any sequential enrolment, the University must:

- give the applicant an opportunity to explain the inaccuracies or omissions in the information provided, and
- take into account the degree to which the applicant has contributed to the inaccuracies and omissions and the stage through the course at which the errors are detected.

CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

Students enrolled in the MD will be required to complete clinical placements as part of the program of study. All medical students must meet a number of requirements to undertake clinical placements including immunisation, criminal history screening and student registration.

IMMUNISATION

Students who refuse to abide by the immunisation requirements cannot complete the placement requirements for the MD and will not be permitted to progress in the course.

REGISTRATION WITH AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PRACTITIONER REGULATION AGENCY (AHPRA)

Under the terms of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2010, medical students are required to be registered with the Medical Board of Australia for the duration of their medical studies.

Whilst this is a separate process to student selection, all applicants are advised that if successful in their application for entry into the course, as part of the AHPRA registration process, they will be required to make declarations about their medical fitness, criminal convictions and any previous registration history which may impact their eligibility for AHPRA registration. It is the applicant’s responsibility to contact AHPRA directly should they have any concerns about these requirements prior to submitting their application.

Students do not need to register themselves with AHPRA as Flinders University will provide AHPRA with the details of all students enrolled in the MD once the course has commenced.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All applicants offered a place in the MD are required to comply with a number of recommendations and procedures to enable them to proceed through the course with a low level of risk.

Students who refuse recommended screening/vaccinations will not be offered placement in any SA Health service.

Students will be asked to comply with the College of Medicine and Public Health immunisation and blood-borne viruses’ policy. Further information is available in the Health Advisory Booklet for Health Professional Students available from: [www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/courses/clinical-placements.cfm](http://www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/courses/clinical-placements.cfm).

CRIMINAL AND RELEVANT HISTORY SCREENING

All students will be required to undertake national police check and a criminal history screening which includes child related employment screening, vulnerable person-related employment screening, aged care sector employment screening and a disability services sector screening. This will be initiated by Flinders University on enrolment.

**FAQs**

### ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

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<td>If you are about to complete a Bachelor component of a double degree by 31 December 2019, provided you meet the other eligibility requirements, you are eligible to apply.</td>
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<td>Does an accelerated Bachelor’s degree (2 years) need to be completed at the time of application to be eligible to apply?</td>
<td>Accelerated Bachelor degrees or Graduate Entry degrees (2 years of full-time equivalent study) or equivalent qualification are acceptable for entry if it is due to be completed by 31 December 2019.</td>
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<td>Is there a minimum GPA to apply for the MD at Flinders University?</td>
<td>Flinders does not specify a minimum GPA to be eligible to apply, however, a wGPA of 5.5 is considered competitive. Only applicants who are shortlisted for interview will have their wGPA calculated. Invitations to interview are based on overall GAMSAT results, and wGPA is taken into consideration for the purposes of selecting applicants for places.</td>
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<td>I have been excluded/precluded from a medical program offered at another institution, am I eligible to apply?</td>
<td>If you are currently excluded/precluded from studying a medical program at another institution, you are not eligible to apply until the exclusion/preclusion has been lifted by the institution. If the exclusion/preclusion has already been lifted, you will be required to provide details of this in your application.</td>
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<td>I am sitting the GAMSAT in September 2019 as I do not have a score at the time of application. Can I still apply?</td>
<td>Applicants are required to have their GAMSAT results at the time of application. If you sit the GAMSAT in September 2019 you will be eligible to apply in 2020 for 2021 entry.</td>
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<td>I would like to find out how my wGPA will be calculated, or if my overseas qualifications are equivalent to a Bachelor degree. Who can I contact?</td>
<td>We’re unable to provide pre-assessment of any component of the application including the calculation of the wGPA, eligibility for sub-quotas or assess overseas qualifications for equivalency to an Australian qualification.</td>
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<td>I am wanting to transfer from another medical program to the MD at Flinders University. Is this possible?</td>
<td>There is no transfer pathway for the MD. If you wish to study the MD at Flinders, you must apply in the normal way and undergo the entire application process. No credit (RPL) will be granted for previous study.</td>
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### APPLICATION

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<td>I am having issues with the student account activation process, who do I contact to get technical assistance?</td>
<td>If you are experiencing difficulties with the account activation process you can contact our helpdesk on 08 8201 2345.</td>
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<td>I have logged on to the Flinders Student Information System and my application is showing as ‘unassessed’, what does this mean?</td>
<td>The application portal will only show the final outcome of the application and until this is known it will continue to show as ‘unassessed’.</td>
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<td>I wasn’t successful in my application, am I able to get more information on the outcome?</td>
<td>Flinders University is not able to provide individuals with detailed information or feedback about their application due to the large number of applications received. This includes ranking within sub-quotas, interview performance, interview score and wGPA.</td>
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<td>How will I be contacted about my application?</td>
<td>Correspondence is via email; it is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure they regularly check their inbox (including the junk and clutter folders) and respond to any emails they receive. Applicants are also contacted via SMS, a current mobile number must also be provided.</td>
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<td>What email address will used for correspondence about my application?</td>
<td>Applicants will be able to check and update their contact email address in the Flinders University Student Information System by visiting the My Details tab and selecting a preferred email address.</td>
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### APPLICATION PROCESSING FEES

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<td>I have submitted two applications in error and have paid for each one, can I get a refund for one of the application fees?</td>
<td>If you have paid the application processing fee for two applications, you are eligible to request a refund for one of these. Contact <a href="mailto:askflinders@flinders.edu.au">askflinders@flinders.edu.au</a> to request a refund and specify which application is to be withdrawn as a result.</td>
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<td>Can I request an extension on the deadline by which to pay the application processing fee, and if invited to an interview, the interview fee?</td>
<td>Payment deadline extensions cannot be granted for the application fee or the interview fee and requests will not be considered.</td>
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<td>Can I pay the application processing fee in instalments?</td>
<td>No, the application processing fee must be paid in full by the deadline.</td>
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<td>Am I required to submit transcripts for postgraduate study?</td>
<td>Applicants are not required to provide information on postgraduate study unless it is for the purposes of the Flinders Graduate Sub-quota. Transcripts of postgraduate study are not required.</td>
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<td>I am eligible for more than one sub-quota; do I need to submit a statutory declaration for each of them?</td>
<td>Yes, to be considered for more than one sub-quota you are required to submit a Flinders University statutory declaration for each of them.</td>
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<td>If I have applied in previous years can I submit the same statutory declaration and supporting documentation?</td>
<td>No, statutory declarations and supporting documentation will only be accepted if completed in the year you apply for the MD.</td>
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<td>Can I submit my official academic transcript via My eQuals?</td>
<td>Yes, you will need to provide your URL link on the online application. If you have set a PIN you will also need to supply this, ensuring that the expiry date is after Feb 2020. Further information can be found at <a href="https://www.myequals.edu.au/faq/">www.myequals.edu.au/faq/</a>.</td>
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<td>Is supporting documentation audited?</td>
<td>Flinders may audit supporting documentation or request further information regarding any aspect of your application.</td>
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<td>I have an overseas qualification; can I find out if it is an Australian equivalent Bachelor degree before I apply?</td>
<td>Pre-assessment for equivalency is not possible. Applicants can have their qualification assessed for equivalency through <a href="https://internationaleducation.gov.au/">https://internationaleducation.gov.au/</a>.</td>
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### INTERVIEWS

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<td>Am I able to find out who will be on my interview panel?</td>
<td>Flinders University does not provide applicants with details of the interviewers allocated to their panel.</td>
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<td>Where can I find more detailed information about the interview?</td>
<td>Applicants that are successful in being shortlisted for an interview will receive an email at the time of invitation with detailed information on the interview day, what to bring, venue and other important information.</td>
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<td>How do I schedule for my interview if I have been invited?</td>
<td>Applicants invited to interview will be able to nominate their preferred interview date and time online via Calendly.</td>
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### wGPA

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<td>I have studied an Honours degree separate to my Bachelor qualification. Will this be included in my wGPA?</td>
<td>Applicants who have completed an Honours degree, whether it be in conjunction with or separate to their Bachelor degree, and who receive an offer of interview, will have the results from their Honours program included in the wGPA calculation as the final year degree value, if 50% or more of results are available by 31 July 2019.</td>
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<td>How does credit from previous study count towards my wGPA?</td>
<td>If you have been granted specified credit for previous study and the previous study was at an AQF level 7 or above, the grades from that previous study will be used when calculating the wGPA, provided these are available in the documentation uploaded in your application. More information is available in the wGPA calculation section of this Guide.</td>
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<td>Will my grades from my incomplete Honours degree, not due to be completed by 31 Dec 2019, be included in my wGPA?</td>
<td>No, topics undertaken in an incomplete Bachelor degree (unless the degree will be completed by 31 December in the year of application) are not included in the wGPA calculation.</td>
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<td>Will my grades from postgraduate study be included in my wGPA?</td>
<td>No, grades achieved in postgraduate study will not be used in the wGPA calculation.</td>
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### OFFER

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<td>Can I defer my MD place to the next year?</td>
<td>Deferment of a place is unlikely. In the case of genuinely unforeseen and usually compassionate circumstances, however, a request may be considered.</td>
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<td>Are late offers made if places are available?</td>
<td>Offers may be made up until the commencement of the MD in February 2020.</td>
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<td>I have been offered a bonded place in the course; will I still be considered for a non-bonded place?</td>
<td>No, bonded and non-bonded places are made on the basis of applicants’ overall ranking in the following order: non-bonded then bonded, with the highest ranked applicants being allocated a non-bonded place. Therefore, applicants who were made an offer for a bonded place will not be considered further for a non-bonded place offer.</td>
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<td>I have received an offer of a place in the course, will I be considered for my other preferences?</td>
<td>Applicants that receive an offer for a place to a location other than their first location preference and do not accept this offer, may still be considered for their first location preference.</td>
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**How do I accept my offer?**

Applicants offered a place in the MD will be required to enrol in at least one topic by the deadline stated in their offer letter to secure their place in the course and indicate their acceptance. Failure to enrol by the deadline will mean the place will be offered to another applicant.

**I no longer wish to take up my offer, what do I need to do to notify Flinders University?**

Successful applicants that are made an offer and no longer wish to accept it will need to advise the University in writing to askflinders@flinders.edu.au.

**I didn’t enrol in at least one topic to secure my place in the course, what are my options?**

While it is likely the place was offered to another applicant, applicants should email askflinders@flinders.edu.au with documentary evidence to demonstrate there were circumstances outside of their control that prevented them from enrolling by the deadline.

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**COURSE DETAILS**

**Can I study the MD program externally?**

The SAMP and NTMP are delivered internally and it is therefore not possible to undertake the degree on an external basis.

**What are the contact hours for the MD program?**

Contact hours are approximately 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday with significant at home study also required. The MD is four years in length and is full-time only. For Years 1 and 2, you will be based at a Flinders University campus in either Adelaide or Darwin. Clinical rotations of years 3 and 4 may be undertaken at various locations primarily in South Australia or the Northern Territory.

**Can I get credit (RPL) if I have completed postgraduate study in a relevant area?**

No, the MD must be completed in its entirety for accreditation purposes.
STATUTORY DECLARATIONS & AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT
Commonwealth of Australia STATUTORY DECLARATION
Statutory Declarations Act 1959
Flinders University
Doctor of Medicine
RURAL APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY
STATUTORY DECLARATION

Full Name: ____________________________
Student ID Number: ____________________

1. Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration

   I, ____________________________ make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.

2. Set out matter declared to in numbers paragraphs

   I confirm that I have resided/or will have resided by the commencement of the course:
   1) in an Australian Statistical Geography Standard- Remoteness Area 2 to 5 (ASGS-RA) for at least 10 years cumulatively; OR
   2) in an Australian Statistical Geography Standard- Remoteness Area 2 to 5 (ASGS-RA) for 5 years consecutively.

   I confirm my ASGC-RA classification is/was RA ________________

   The majority of my rural residency was at the postcode of ________

   I understand that if I am invited to interview as part of the selection process for the course, I will need to provide further supporting documentation to confirm I meet the eligibility criteria to be considered as a rural applicant and I will provide this by my interview date.

   I understand that Flinders University will rely on this declaration and supporting documentation when assessing applicants for entry and agree that any false or misleading statement by me would be grounds for the University to withdraw any offer of admission and to cancel any enrolment.

   I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under Section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

3. Signature of person making the declaration

4. Place
   5. Day
   6. Month and Year

   Declared at ________ on ________ of ____________

   Before me,

7. Signature of person before whom the declaration is made

8. Full name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters)

Note 1  A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence, the punishment for which is imprisonment for a term of 4 years – see Section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.
Note 2  Chapter 2 of the Criminal Code applies to all offences against the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 – see Section 5A of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.
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Doctor of Medicine  
PRCC APPLICANT  
Autobiographical Statement

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Applicants wishing to be considered for the PRCC Sub-quota in their application for the Doctor of Medicine are required to submit an autobiographical statement.

Applicants are asked to respond to the following (maximum 600 words):
- why they have applied to the PRCC Sub-quota and
- why they are suited to learning medicine in a rural environment.

Applicants should describe their personal background relevant to the MD course, their passion for the work of rural Medical Practitioners and demonstrate evidence of the following personal domains in the below section:

- Resilience
- Flexibility
- Teamwork
- Academic Stability

This statement is due by 01 July 2019.
# Commonwealth of Australia STATUTORY DECLARATION

**Statutory Declarations Act 1959**

**Flinders University**

**Doctor of Medicine**

**PERMANENT HUMANITARIAN VISA**

**STATUTORY DECLARATION**

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1. **Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration**

   I, make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.

2. **Set out matter declared to in numbers paragraphs**

   I confirm that I currently hold or have held a Refugee or Humanitarian Visa issued by the Australian Government, and I confirm that I am now an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident.

   Attached is a certified copy of my original refugee or humanitarian visa issued by the Australian Government.

   I confirm I first came to Australia in ______________ (year).

   My country of birth is ____________________________.

   I understand that if I am invited to interview as part of the selection process for the course, I will need to provide further supporting documentation to confirm I meet the eligibility criteria to be considered for the Humanitarian Visa Holder Sub-quota and I will provide this by my interview date.

   I understand that Flinders University will rely on this declaration and supporting documentation when assessing applicants for entry and agree that any false or misleading statement by me would be grounds for the University to withdraw any offer of admission and to cancel any enrolment.

   I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under Section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

3. **Signature of person making the declaration**

4. **Place**

5. **Day**

6. **Month and Year**

7. **Full name of person before whom the declaration is made**

8. **Signature of person before whom the declaration is made**

9. **Full name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters)**

   Declared at 4 on 5 of 6

   Before me,

   

   

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**Note 2** Chapter 2 of the Criminal Code applies to all offences against the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 – see Section 5A of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.
Commonwealth of Australia STATUTORY DECLARATION
Statutory Declarations Act 1959

Flinders University
Doctor of Medicine
ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ORIGIN
STATUTORY DECLARATION

Full Name: 
Student ID Number: 

1. Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration

I, 
make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.

2. Set out matter declared to in numbers paragraphs

I confirm that I am of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, I identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and I am accepted as such in the community in which I live or have lived.

I understand that if I am invited to interview as part of the selection process for the course, I will need to provide a document signed under the seal by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation in the community from which I originated from or am recognised, confirming that I am recognised by that community and I will provide this by my interview date.

I understand that Flinders University will rely on this declaration and supporting documentation when assessing applicants for entry and agree that any false or misleading statement by me would be grounds for the University to withdraw any offer of admission and to cancel any enrolment.

I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under Section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

3. Signature of person making the declaration


4. Place
5. Day
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7. Full name of the person before whom the declaration is made

Declared at 

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9. Full name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters)


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Flinders University  
Doctor of Medicine  
NORTHERN TERRITORY RESIDENCY  
STATUTORY DECLARATION

| Full Name: |  
| --- | --- |
| Student ID Number: |  

1. Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration

1 I, make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.

2. Set out matter declared to in numbers paragraphs

2 I confirm that I have/or will have resided by the commencement of the course:

1. resided with a permanent address in the Northern Territory for a total of at least two years (full-time equivalent) out of the last six years; OR

2. resided with a permanent address in the Northern Territory for a total of at least five years (full-time equivalent) since commencing primary school.

My address was/is:

_________________________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________

I understand that if I am invited to interview as part of the selection process for the course, I will be required to provide documentary evidence that confirms I meet the Northern Territory residency requirements and I will provide this by my interview date.

I understand that Flinders University will rely on this declaration and supporting documentation when assessing applicants for entry and agree that any false or misleading statement by me would be grounds for the University to withdraw any offer of admission and to cancel any enrolment.

I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under Section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

3. Signature of person making the declaration

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4. Place  
5. Day  
6. Month and Year  
7. Full name of person before whom the declaration is made

Declared at 4 on 5 of 6

Before me,

8. Signature of person before whom the declaration is made

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9. Full name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters)

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Note 2 Chapter 2 of the Criminal Code applies to all offences against the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 – see Section 5A of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.
A statutory declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 may be made before –

(1) a person who is currently licensed or registered under a law to practise in one of the following occupations:

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(2) a person who is enrolled on the roll of the Supreme Court of a State or Territory, or the High Court of Australia, as a legal practitioner (however described); or

(3) a person who is in the following list:

- Agent of the Australian Postal Corporation who is in charge of an office supplying postal services to the public
- Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer (within the meaning of the Consular Fees Act 1955)
- Bailiff
- Bank officer with 5 or more continuous years of service
- Building society officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
- Chief executive officer of a Commonwealth court
- Clerk of a court Commissioner for Affidavits
- Commissioner for Declarations
- Credit union officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
- Employee of the Australian Trade Commission who is:
  - in a country or place outside Australia; and
  - authorised under paragraph 3 (d) of the Consular Fees Act 1955; and
  - exercising his or her function in that place
- Employee of the Commonwealth who is:
  - in a country or place outside Australia; and
  - authorised under paragraph 3 (c) of the Consular Fees Act 1955; and
  - exercising his or her function in that place
- Fellow of the National Tax Accountants’ Association
- Finance company officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
- Holder of a statutory office not specified in another item in this list
- Judge of a court
- Justice of the Peace Magistrate
- Marriage celebrant registered under Subdivision C of Division 1 of Part IV of the Marriage Act 1961
- Master of a court
- Member of Chartered Secretaries Australia
- Member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student
- Member of the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants
- Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy
- Member of the Australian Defence Force who is:
  - an officer; or
  - a non-commissioned officer within the meaning of the Defence Force Discipline Act 1982 with 5 or more years of continuous service; or
  - a warrant officer within the meaning of that Act
- Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants or the National Institute of Accountants
- Member of:
  - the Parliament of the Commonwealth; or
  - the Parliament of a State; or
  - a Territory legislature; or
  - a local government authority of a State or Territory
- Minister of religion registered under Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the Marriage Act 1961
- Notary public
- Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with 5 or more years of continuous service who is employed in an office supplying postal services to the public
- Permanent employee of:
  - the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth authority; or
  - a State or Territory or a State or Territory authority; or
  - a local government authority;
- with 5 or more years of continuous service who is not specified in another item in this list
- Person before whom a statutory declaration may be made under the law of the State or Territory in which the declaration is made
- Police officer
- Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court
- Senior Executive Service employee of:
  - the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth authority; or
  - a State or Territory authority
- Sheriff’s officer
- Teacher employed on a full-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution
Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) [www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Student-Registrations.aspx](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Student-Registrations.aspx) Under the National Law, all students enrolled in a medical course and who are undertaking clinical training, must be registered as a student with the Medical Board of Australia via AHPRA. Flinders University will, on behalf of the student, provide AHPRA with the relevant details for their registration.

Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) [www.aqf.edu.au](http://www.aqf.edu.au) The AQF is the national policy for regulated qualifications in Australian education and training. It incorporates the qualifications from each education and training sector into a single comprehensive national qualifications framework.


Autobiographical Statement This is required for applicants who wish to apply for the Parallel Rural Community Curriculum (PRCC), a template is available to use in this guide and also via the online application.

Bachelor Degree A Bachelor degree (AQF level 7) or equivalent, forms the first part of the basis for admission into the MD at Flinders University. An applicant’s Grade Point Average is calculated using the results from their most recently completed Bachelor degree and converted to a wGPA.

Commonwealth Supported Place ‘Commonwealth Supported’ means the cost of study is shared between the Australian Government and the student. The student is required to pay a student contribution amount and the Australian Government pays the balance of the course costs [https://students.flinders.edu.au/finances-and-admin FEES](https://students.flinders.edu.au/finances-and-admin)

Credit – Recognition for prior learning Study completed at another institution that is recognised as credit towards a new program of study, reducing the length of time required to complete the qualification.

Domestic Applicant Domestic applicants are Australian citizens / permanent resident or New Zealand citizens. Domestic applicants are eligible for Commonwealth Supported Places.

Employer Reserved Place These places are funded by the Northern Territory Government and are associated with a four-year Return of Service Obligation and are available in the Northern Territory only [www.ntmetc.com/nt-medical-program](http://www.ntmetc.com/nt-medical-program).

Flinders University Graduates Applicants who have completed or are due complete a Flinders qualification of AQF Level 7 or above in the year of application.

Graduate Medical Schools Admissions Test (GAMSAT) [www.gamsat.acer.edu.au](http://www.gamsat.acer.edu.au) GAMSAT was developed to assist in the selection of students to participate in the graduate-entry programs.

International Applicant Applicants who are not an Australian citizen / permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen must apply via the International Admissions Pathway [www.flinders.edu.au/international](http://www.flinders.edu.au/international).

Non-Flinders University Graduates Applicants who do not hold a Flinders University qualification of AQF Level 7 or above in the year of application.

Specified credit Credit granted for a topic for study completed which is of similar content and standard as required for a passing grade in that topic.

Unspecified credit Credit granted to the value of a specified number of units for study or work experience which satisfies some general course requirement.