



# **DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD)**

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## INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION GUIDE

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*This guide provides information for international applicants about the current eligibility criteria and application process for entry to the MD. 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](http://www.flinders.edu.au/mdapply)*

# WELCOME

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WELCOME TO THE DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD) INTERNATIONAL 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.

If, after reading this Guide, applicants have any questions relating to the application process, they are asked to email [intl admissions@flinders.edu.au](mailto:intladmissions@flinders.edu.au) for assistance.

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



**ALL PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ACT PROFESSIONALLY TOWARD THE UNIVERSITY, ITS STAFF, STUDENTS AND OTHER APPLICANTS. APPLICANTS ARE ASKED TO NOTE POSTING CORRESPONDENCE, INCLUDING OFFER LETTERS, OR DETAILS REGARDING THE INTERVIEW, IN ONLINE FORUMS IS NOT APPROPRIATE. FLINDERS UNIVERSITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONSIDER ANY ASPECT OF AN APPLICANT'S BEHAVIOUR IN THE ASSESSMENT OF THEIR SUITABILITY FOR ENTRY TO THE MD.**

# ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

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

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

All International applicants are required to have completed or be in the final year of a Bachelor degree or equivalent. For applicants who have studied at a higher education level overseas, Flinders University will assess their overseas qualifications and determine equivalence to 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/>.

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.

Flinders University encourages individuals from diverse educational backgrounds to apply as you are not required to meet any subject pre-requisites.

## GAMSAT AND MCAT REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to hold a valid GAMSAT or MCAT score at the time of application, with the following requirements:

**GAMSAT Holders:** Applicants should normally have obtained minimum scores of 50 in each Section of the test ([www.gamsat.acer.edu.au](http://www.gamsat.acer.edu.au)) to be eligible to apply. GAMSAT scores are valid from the current or preceding two years. Please note the scores are required to progress your application.

**MCAT Holders:** Applicants should normally have obtained a minimum of 123 in each section, with an overall score of 492 or above. MCAT scores are valid from the current or preceding three years. Please note the scores are required to progress your application.

**Please ensure you have read this guide carefully. Every year a number of applicants fail to complete their application correctly and are therefore not eligible for consideration.**

# APPLICATION

Applications are submitted directly to Flinders University through the International Application System.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications are submitted directly to Flinders University, you can register and submit your application to the MD using the [International Application System](#). Applicants can also apply with a Flinders University approved agent. For information on available agents please refer to our webpage [Find an agent](#).

## COURSE LOCATION

All successful International applicants will be enrolled in the MD program delivered from the Bedford Park campus, Adelaide South Australia.

## 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 official transcripts and completion certificates of their most recently completed (or due to be completed by 31 December) Bachelor degree or equivalent qualification for consideration. 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.

### GAMSAT OR MCAT SCORES

Applicants applying with a GAMSAT score 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 or MCAT results are valid for two years and must be valid at the time of application.

### PASSPORT AND VISA DETAILS

Applicants must provide a certified copy of their passport showing their personal details. If the applicant holds a current visa they must also provide a certified copy of their visa.

### LANGUAGE COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS

Adequate proficiency in English is a regulatory requirement for students undertaking medical studies in Australian Tertiary Institutions. The minimum English requirement is an Academic IELTS overall score of 7.0 with a score of 7.0 in speaking, writing, reading, and listening or an equivalent English language test. For more information on alternative tests please see our website: [\[link\]](#).

## FAST FACTS

- Only applications submitted via the Flinders International Application System [www.flinders.edu.au/international/apply](http://www.flinders.edu.au/international/apply) will be accepted for consideration.
- Applicants must be available for an interview.
- ☑ Applicants who need to change their contact details, including preferred email, can do so by logging into the International Application Portal and sending a message requesting the details are updated.
- 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.
- Pre-assessment of applications, including calculation of wGPA and overseas qualification equivalency cannot be provided.



# SELECTION CRITERIA

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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 (minimum 50 in each section) or MCAT score (123 in each section, with an overall score of 492 or above)

## INTERVIEW

Applicants must normally meet the minimum GAMSAT or MCAT requirements to be invited to interview, and demonstrate a sufficient level of English competency to successfully converse in an interview format.

Applicants will be invited to interview via their preferred email address, as provided in their application. They will be provided with an online link to book their preferred interview date and time, for a limited time.

The interview 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 generally be conducted by a single interviewer. Interviewers are not provided with any information about applicants, other than applicant names.

An invitation to attend a Skype interview will be emailed, the applicant then books a date and time and a confirmation email will be issued. The applicant must present the passport for identification at the time of the interview. 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.

\*Interview format and dates may be subject to change

## 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 minimum score.

## OFFERS

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Selection for International Student places is on the basis of successfully passing an interview. Where places become limited applicants may be selected based on an 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 in a given year.

## CONDITIONAL OFFERS

Applicants who receive a conditional offer will not be able to enrol in the MD until the particular conditions have been met.

Applicants who receive an offer will be required to secure their place by accepting and paying the deposit by the deadline. Failure to do so 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

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## GROUNDINGS 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.

More information can be found at <https://students.flinders.edu.au/my-course/placements/compliance/medicine>



# FAQs

## ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

<b>I am currently enrolled in a double degree, am I eligible to apply?</b>	If you are about to complete a Bachelor component of a double degree by 31 December, provided you meet the other eligibility requirements, you are eligible to apply.
<b>Does an accelerated Bachelor's degree (2 years) need to be completed at the time of application to be eligible to apply?</b>	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.
<b>Is there a minimum GPA to apply for the MD at Flinders University?</b>	Flinders does not specify a minimum GPA to be eligible to apply, however, a wGPA of 5.5 is considered competitive.
<b>I have been excluded/precluded from a medical program offered at another institution, am I eligible to apply?</b>	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.
<b>I am sitting the GAMSAT in September as I do not have a score at the time of application. Can I still apply?</b>	Under exceptional circumstances students can apply without meeting all the application requirements, but will need to satisfy any conditions prior to acceptance, as specified in a conditional offer for a place in the MD.
<b>I would like to find out how my wGPA will be calculated, or if my overseas qualifications are equivalent to a Bachelor degree.</b>	Pre-assessment of applications, including calculation of wGPA and overseas qualification equivalency cannot be provided
<b>I am wanting to transfer from another medical program to the MD at Flinders University. Is this possible?</b>	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.

## APPLICATION

<b>I am having issues with the StudyLink Application System, who do I contact to get technical assistance?</b>	If you are experiencing difficulties with the International Application System, you can get Technical Support by clicking on the link on the <a href="#">International Application System page</a>
<b>I wasn't successful in my application, am I able to get more information on the outcome?</b>	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.
<b>How will I be contacted about my application?</b>	Correspondence is via emails from our online application system. This also includes invitation to interview, and confirmation of the interview timeslot. 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.
<b>What email address will be used for correspondence about my application?</b>	Applicants will be able to check their contact email address in the <a href="#">International Application System</a> . If an applicant needs to update any information they generate a message via the <a href="#">International Application System</a> .

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

<b>Am I required to submit transcripts for postgraduate study?</b>	Applicants are required to provide information on all completed qualifications for Genuine Temporary Entrant/Genuine Student assessments. Transcripts of postgraduate study are not required.
<b>Is supporting documentation audited?</b>	Flinders may audit supporting documentation or request further information regarding any aspect of your application.

## INTERVIEWS

<b>Am I able to find out who will be on my interview panel?</b>	Flinders University will provide applicants with details of the interviewers allocated to their interview.
<b>Where can I find more detailed information about the interview?</b>	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 and other important information.
<b>How do I schedule for my interview if I have been invited?</b>	Applicants invited to interview will be able to nominate their preferred interview date and time online via Calendly.

## wGPA

<b>I have studied an Honours degree separate to my Bachelor qualification. Will this be included in my wGPA?</b>	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.
<b>How does credit from previous study count towards my wGPA?</b>	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.
<b>Will my grades from my incomplete Honours degree, not due to be completed by 31 Dec, be included in my wGPA?</b>	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.
<b>Will my grades from postgraduate study be included in my wGPA?</b>	No, grades achieved in postgraduate study will not be used in the wGPA calculation.

## OFFER

<b>Can I defer my MD place to the next year?</b>	Deferments are unable to be accepted.
<b>Are late offers made if places are available?</b>	Yes
<b>How do I accept my offer?</b>	Applicants offered a place in the MD must accept and pay by the deadline stated in their offer letter and meet any conditions. Log in to your applicant portal and you will be able to accept your offer and make payment through this system.
<b>I no longer wish to take up my offer, what do I need to do to notify Flinders University?</b>	Successful applicants that are made an offer and no longer wish to accept it will need to advise the University by sending a message through the <a href="#">International Application System</a> .

## COURSE DETAILS

<b>Can I study the MD program externally?</b>	The Doctor of Medicine is, under normal circumstances, delivered internally, however changes to course delivery resulting from the COVID 19 pandemic allows commencement of the course online (and external), should this be required, with resumption of internal delivery once practical.
<b>What are the contact hours for the MD program?</b>	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 Adelaide. Clinical rotations of years 3 and 4 may be undertaken at various locations primarily in South Australia.
<b>Can I get credit (RPL) if I have completed postgraduate study in a relevant area?</b>	No, the MD must be completed in its entirety for accreditation purposes.

## INTERNSHIP

<b>What are my chances of an internship?</b>	Whilst Flinders University is not able to provide a guarantee of a medical internship to medical students, historically we have consistently had a high success rate of internship allocations for our graduates (in most previous years we have seen a 100% matching of internships to graduate students). The reason we cannot provide a guarantee of placement is because internships do not fall under Flinders University's authority and are managed by the State and Territory governments of Australia. Each state or territory government undertakes its own internship application process and they reserve the right to have their own allocation process and priority ranking lists offering internships. In South Australia, the South Australian Medical Education and Training (SA MET) Unit currently manages the allocation of internship places and medical students are advised to check the SA MET website ( <a href="http://www.samet.org.au/">http://www.samet.org.au/</a> )
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# GLOSSARY

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## **Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)**

<https://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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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).

## **Qualifying Degree**

The Bachelor degree from which the wGPA is calculated.

## **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.



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