



2021 UCAT

UNIVERSITY CLINICAL APTITUDE TEST

Do you want to study
Medicine or Dentistry?

Most UK universities require applicants to Medicine and Dentistry courses to sit an admissions test in addition to their other entry requirements. The UCAT is a test used in the selection process by the majority of UK University Medical and Dental Schools.



WHICH UNIVERSITIES REQUIRE THE UCAT?

If you plan to apply to any of the UCAT Consortium universities listed here in 2021 then you will need to sit the test in the summer of the same year. You should also check individual university websites or the UCAS website for specific entry requirements of each course.

A number of non-UK Associate Member Universities also accept the UCAT as part of their entry requirements. Full details of these are on our website.

The list on the following page is subject to change, so please check the [UCAT website](#) for an up to date list of universities and courses before you book your test.



UCAT CONSORTIUM UNIVERSITIES

University of Aberdeen

Anglia Ruskin University

Aston University

University of Birmingham

University of Bristol

Cardiff University

University of Dundee

University of East Anglia

Edge Hill University

University of Edinburgh

University of Exeter

University of Glasgow

Hull York Medical School

Keele University

Kent and Medway Medical School

King's College London

University of Leicester

University of Liverpool

University of Manchester

University of Newcastle

University of Nottingham

Plymouth University

Queen Mary, University of London

Queen's University Belfast

University of Sheffield

University of Southampton

University of St Andrews

St George's, University of London

University of Sunderland

University of Warwick (graduate entry)



WHAT'S IN THE TEST?

The UCAT is a two-hour, multiple choice test. It consists of five separately timed subtests which assess a range of mental abilities identified by university medical and dental schools as important.

VERBAL REASONING

Assesses the ability to critically evaluate information presented in written form.

DECISION MAKING

Assesses the ability to make sound decisions and judgements using complex information.

QUANTITATIVE REASONING

Assesses the ability to critically evaluate information presented in numerical form.

ABSTRACT REASONING

Assesses the use of convergent and divergent thinking to infer relationships from information.

SITUATIONAL JUDGEMENT TEST

Measures the capacity to understand real world situations and identify critical factors and appropriate behaviour in dealing with them.



HOW DO I BOOK A TEST?

The UCAT is a computer-based test delivered by our business partner, Pearson VUE, at test centres throughout the UK and internationally.

You will need to register to take the test via the UCAT website and can then book a test at a convenient location and time. We are still planning for next year, but full details of how to register for the test will be published on our website in early 2021. We strongly recommend that you take the test at your earliest convenience.

It's important to note that you can only sit the test once in each admissions cycle.

If you have any special educational needs which mean you require additional time in exams, extended tests are available. Information regarding these, and other accommodations, available can be found on our website under **ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS**.



HOW DO I PREPARE FOR THE UCAT?



Visit the **UCAT website** to find out the key information you need to know



Use the Tour Tutorial to understand the format of the UCAT and learn the functions of the computer-based test



Use the Question Tutorial to guide you through each subtest and learn strategies on how to approach and answer questions



Use our FREE question banks to practise hundreds of example questions



Check out advice from high scoring candidates on our website and on the **Official UCAT YouTube channel**



Download the Official UCAT App to practise some introductory questions in your spare time



Take Practice Test A on the UCAT website, these tests closely mimic the test experience and questions are of equivalent standard to the actual test



Take the remaining Practice Tests – step up your practice by sitting the timed versions to improve your speed as you get closer to sitting your test



BURSARIES

If you are in financial need you can apply for a bursary to cover the full test fee. Full details of our eligibility criteria can be found on the UCAT website, under **BURSARY SCHEME**.

WHEN DO I GET MY RESULTS?

You will receive your UCAT result within 24 hours of taking the test. You can then use your UCAT score to make an informed decision about which universities to apply to.

Details of how the test is used by the different universities can be found via their individual websites.



WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

We are still planning for next year, but registration for the UCAT usually opens in early June, with testing taking place between July and September. Dates for the 2021 test cycle and candidate fees will be published on the **UCAT 2021** page of our website.



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All details are correct at the time of publication in December 2020. Please check our website for up to date information as some details may be subject to change.

