

Admissions Guide for International Applicants

2025 Intake

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Timelines



Doctor of Medicine (MD)

2024 dates for 2025 intake¹

		2024											2025
		Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Onshore and offshore international applications open – apply directly or via an overseas representative		15 Feb											
Applications close						15 Jun							
Application fee due						15 Jun							
Onshore international deadline to submit Semester 1, 2024 results (final year, bachelors) ²							15 Jul						
International deadline to submit GAMSAT results							15 Jul						
Offshore international deadline to submit most recent semester results							15 Jul						
Onshore and offshore international deadline to submit enrolment evidence for any remaining subjects to be completed							15 Jul						
International deadline to submit MCAT results							25 Jul						
Multi Mini Interview (MMI) – check the ‘How to apply’ page for updates	International MMI offers released							Mid-Late Aug					
	Deadline to accept MMI offer – refer to invitation for exact deadline							Late Aug					
	Applicants not shortlisted for MMI notified								Early Sep				
	Offshore international MMI date/time released								Early Sep				
	Offshore international MMI via online platform								Week of 9 Sep				
	Onshore international MMI date/time released								Late Sep				
	Onshore international MMI via online platform								Late Sep/ Early Oct				
Offshore international offers released									Mid-Late Oct				
Onshore international offers released									Late Oct/ Early Nov				
Unsuccessful applicants notified										Early-Mid Nov			
Deadline to submit deferral requests – only under unforeseen and exceptional circumstances										6 Nov			
Offshore international deadline to meet conditions of offer										6 Nov			
Deadline to accept and pay deposit (unconditional offers)										6 Nov			
Deadline to enrol (unconditional offers)											4 Dec		
Onshore international deadline to meet conditions of offer – e.g. degree conferral												6 Jan	
Deadline to enrol (conditional offers)												13 Jan	
Orientation and classes commence												21 Jan	

Doctor of Medicine Information Session: 2025 Intake

Wednesday 17 April 2024
6.00-7.00pm AEST
go.unimelb.edu.au/gyi8



Deferrals: MD offer deferral requests may only be accepted in unforeseen and exceptional circumstances and are assessed on a case-by-case basis.

¹ All dates refer to **11.59pm AEST**. Timelines are subject to change.

² Applicants completing their degree at the University of Melbourne do not need to upload their results to their course application. We will have access to your results.



Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)

2024 dates for 2025 intake³

	2024											2025	
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Onshore and offshore international applications open – apply directly or via an overseas representative	15 Feb												
Deadline to submit subject prerequisites for assessment						12 Jul							
Applications close						31 Jul							
Application fee due						31 Jul							
Onshore international deadline to submit Semester 1, 2024 results (final year, bachelors) ⁴						31 Jul							
International deadline to submit GAMSAT results						31 Jul							
Offshore international deadline to submit most recent semester results						31 Jul							
International deadline to submit DAT/BMAT/GAMSAT results						31 Jul							
Onshore and offshore international deadline to submit enrolment evidence for any remaining subjects to be completed						31 Jul							
International offers released (first round)									Early Oct				
Waitlisted and unsuccessful applicants notified									Early Oct				
Deadline to pay deposit (unconditional offers) – refer to offer letter for specific acceptance and enrolment deadlines									Late Oct/Early Nov				
Deadline to submit deferral requests – only under unforeseen and exceptional circumstances										6 Nov			
Offshore international deadline to meet conditions of offer – e.g. degree conferral, completion of prerequisite requirements										Mid Nov			
<i>Possible:</i> International offers released (second round)										Mid Nov			
Deadline to enrol (unconditional offers)											4 Dec		
Onshore international deadline to meet conditions of offers – e.g. degree conferral, completion of prerequisite requirements												6 Jan	
Deadline to enrol (conditional offers)												13 Jan	
Orientation												13-17 Jan	
Classes commence												21 Jan	

Doctor of Dental Surgery Information Session: 2025 Intake

Tuesday 23 April 2024
6.00-7.00pm AEST
go.unimelb.edu.au/9yi8



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³ All dates refer to 11.59pm AEST. Timelines are subject to change.

⁴ Applicants completing their degree at the University of Melbourne do not need to upload their results to their course application. We will have access to your results.



Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT)

2024 dates for 2025 intake⁵

	2024										2025		
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Onshore and offshore international applications open – apply directly or via an overseas representative	15 Feb												
Deadline to submit subject prerequisites for assessment				31 May									
Applications close					30 Jun								
Application fee due					30 Jun								
Onshore international deadline to submit Semester 1, 2024 results (final year, bachelors) ⁶						15 Jul							
Offshore international deadline to submit most recent semester results						15 Jul							
Onshore and offshore international deadline to submit enrolment evidence for any remaining subjects to be completed						15 Jul							
							Mid-Late Aug						
International MMI offers released							Mid-Late Aug						
Multi Mini Interview (MMI) – check the ‘How to apply’ page for updates							Mid-Late Aug						
Waitlisted and unsuccessful applicants for MMI notified							Late Aug						
Deadline to accept MMI offer – refer to invitation for exact deadline													
Onshore and offshore international MMI date/time released								Early-Mid Sep					
International MMI via online platform								Early-Mid Sep					
International offers released (first round)								Late Sep/Early Oct					
Waitlisted and unsuccessful applicants notified								Late Sep/Early Oct					
Deadline to pay deposit (unconditional offers) – refer to offer letter for specific acceptance and enrolment deadlines										6 Nov			
Deadline to submit deferral requests – only under unforeseen and exceptional circumstances										6 Nov			
<i>Possible:</i> International offers released (second round)										Mid Nov			
Offshore international deadline to meet conditions of offer – e.g. degree conferral, completion of prerequisite requirements										Mid Nov			
Deadline to meet conditions of offer – e.g. degree conferral, completion of prerequisite requirements											15 Dec		
Deadline to enrol (unconditional offers)											4 Dec		
Onshore international deadline to meet conditions of offer – e.g. degree conferral, completion of prerequisite requirements												6 Jan	
Deadline to enrol (conditional offers)												13 Jan	
Orientation												14 Feb	
Classes commence													17 Feb

Doctor of Physiotherapy Information Session: 2025 Intake

Thursday 2 May 2024
6.00-7.00pm AEST
go.unimelb.edu.au/3yi8



Deferrals: DPT offer deferral requests may only be accepted in unforeseen and exceptional circumstances and are assessed on a case-by-case basis.

⁵ All dates refer to **11.59pm AEST**. Timelines are subject to change.

⁶ Applicants completing their degree at the University of Melbourne do not need to upload their results to their course application. We will have access to your results.




Doctor of Optometry (OD)

2024 dates for 2025 intake⁷

	2024										2025		
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Onshore and offshore international applications open – apply directly or via an overseas representative	15 Feb												
Deadline to submit subject prerequisites for assessment						12 Jul							
Applications close						31 Jul							
Application fee due						31 Jul							
Onshore international deadline to submit Semester 1, 2024 results (final year, bachelors) ⁸						31 Jul							
International deadline to submit GAMSAT results						31 Jul							
Offshore international deadline to submit most recent semester results						31 Jul							
International deadline to submit MCAT/OAT results						31 Jul							
Onshore and offshore international deadline to submit enrolment evidence for any remaining subjects to be completed						31 Jul							
International offers released (first round)									Mid Oct				
Waitlisted and unsuccessful applicants notified									Mid Oct				
Deadline to pay deposit (unconditional offers) – refer to offer letter for specific acceptance and enrolment deadlines										6 Nov			
Deadline to indicate intention to accept offer (conditional offers)										6 Nov			
Deadline to submit deferral requests – only under unforeseen and exceptional circumstances										6 Nov			
<i>Possible:</i> International offers released (second round)										Mid Nov			
Offshore international deadline to meet conditions of offer – e.g. degree conferral, completion of prerequisite requirements										Mid Nov			
Deadline to enrol (unconditional offers)											4 Dec		
Onshore international deadline to meet conditions of offer – e.g. degree conferral, completion of prerequisite requirements												6 Jan	
Deadline to enrol (conditional offers)												13 Jan	
Orientation													17-21 Feb
Classes commence													24 Feb

Doctor of Optometry Information Session: 2025 Intake

Monday 13 May 2024
6.00-7.00pm AEST
go.unimelb.edu.au/6ut8



Deferrals: OD offer deferral requests may only be accepted in unforeseen and exceptional circumstances and are assessed on a case-by-case basis.

⁷ All dates refer to **11.59pm AEST**. Timelines are subject to change.

⁸ Applicants completing their degree at the University of Melbourne do not need to upload their results to their course application. We will have access to your results.



Selection criteria



Doctor of Medicine (MD)

Entry requirements

1. To be considered for entry, applicants must have completed:

Either –

- An undergraduate degree in any discipline, with studies to have been completed within 10 years of 1 January in the year in which the applicant intends to commence the MD; **OR**
- For applicants whose most recently completed undergraduate degree was completed 10 or more years before 1 January of the year in which the applicant intends to commence the MD – a Graduate Diploma, Masters or PhD degree (or equivalent) completed within 10 years before 1 January of the year in which the applicant intends to commence the MD;

2. Competed either –

- The Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admission Test (GAMSAT)⁹; **OR**
- For international students who are residing outside of Australia at the time of application, **either** the GAMSAT **or** the North American Medical Colleges Admission Test (MCAT);

3. Perform satisfactorily in the Multi Mini Interview (MMI)

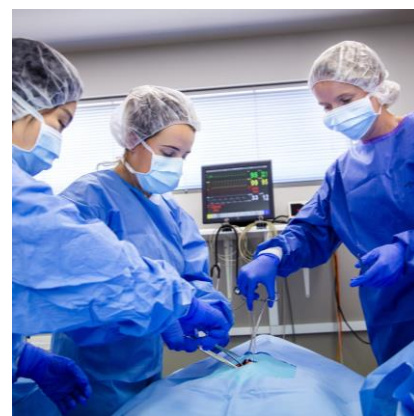
– *restricted to shortlisted applicants.*

4. Applicants are required to satisfy the [University's English language requirements for postgraduate courses](#). For applicants seeking to meet these requirements by one of the standard tests approved by the Academic Board, performance band 7 is required.

Note: In ranking applications, the Selection Committee will consider:

- Prior academic performance; **and**
- The GAMSAT or MCAT score; **and**
- The Multi Mini Interview (MMI).

The Selection Committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the [Academic Board's rules](#) on the use of selection instruments.



4 years full time
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400 credit points

Meeting requirements does not guarantee selection.

MD Study page
go.unimelb.edu.au/dny6

MD Handbook page
go.unimelb.edu.au/oif6

⁹ Current University of Melbourne undergraduate students who are international recipients of the [Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship](#) and current University of Melbourne undergraduate students who are international applicants eligible to apply via the [Guaranteed Full Fee Entry Pathway](#) do not need to sit the GAMSAT.

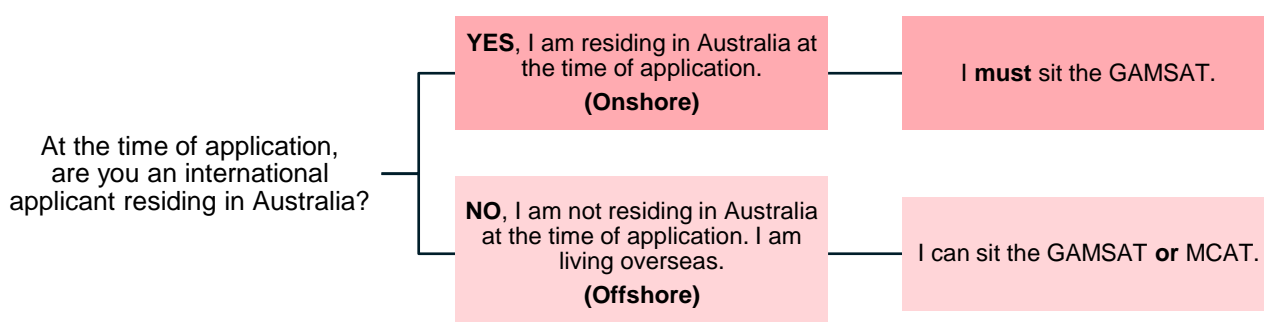


English language requirements

Approved standard test	Overall score	Additional details
IELTS (Academic English only)	7.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written 7.0; No band less than 6.0
TOEFL Internet-based test	94+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing 27; Speaking 18; Reading 13; Listening 13
Pearson Test of English Academic	65+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written communicative skill 65; No other communicative skill below 50
Cambridge English: Advanced/ Certificate of Advanced English (CAE)	185+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing 185; No other skill below 169

Admissions test

Which admissions tests are MD applicants eligible to take?¹⁰



GAMSAT

- All international applicants residing in Australia at the time of application must sit the GAMSAT.
- A minimum score of 50 in each of the three sections of the GAMSAT is required to be considered for selection into the MD. This is a minimum score only as selection into the MD is highly competitive.
- An average of the three sections of the GAMSAT will be used for selection into the MD.
- The differentiation between GAMSAT Australia, UK and Ireland have been removed.
- GAMSAT results are valid for up to four consecutive years after test date. Applicants can [check the validity of the GAMSAT results on the GAMSAT website](#).

Intake	Apply in 2024 for 2025 commencement	Apply in 2025 for 2026 commencement
Valid GAMSAT results	September 2020, March 2021, September 2021, March 2022, September 2022, March 2023, September 2023, March 2024	September 2021, March 2022, September 2022, March 2023, September 2023, March 2024, September 2024, March 2025

¹⁰ Current University of Melbourne undergraduate international students who are recipients of the [Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship](#) and current University of Melbourne undergraduate international students who are eligible to apply via the [Guaranteed Full Fee Entry Pathway](#) do not need to sit the GAMSAT.



MCAT

- MCAT results can only be used by international applicants who are not residing in Australia at the time of application.
- A minimum score of 492 is required to be considered for selection into the MD. This is a minimum score only as selection into the MD is highly competitive.
- MCAT results are valid for up to four consecutive years after test date.
- For 2025 commencement, MCAT scores from test sitting dates from 1 January 2021 will be accepted and test results must be available by 25 July 2024.
- Official MCAT score reports must be submitted with both the verification code and AAMC ID number visible. Unofficial reports or screenshots of MCAT score reports will not be accepted.

Grade Point Average

The performance of MD applicants in their previous studies will be assessed using a Grade Point Average (GPA; 7-point scale) computed in the following way as approved by the Academic Board:

- The most recent bachelors degree results (including Honours when available¹¹) will be used for the purposes of calculating the GPA regardless of any subsequent graduate studies completed.
- The GPA will be measured by considering the last three years of the applicant's most recent undergraduate coursework studies (including Honours when available¹¹).
- Weightings will be applied by weighting the first of the final three years by 1, the second of the final three years by 2, and the final year by 2.

A minimum GPA of 5 is required to be considered for selection into the MD. This is a minimum score only as selection into the MD is highly competitive.

Multi Mini Interview (MMI)

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an online recorded Multi Mini Interview (MMI) for the Doctor of Medicine (MD). This will not be a real-time, face-to-face interview. Question prompts will be presented to applicants on an online platform rather than by an interviewer.

Please refer to [page 43](#) of this guide to learn more about the MMI.

¹¹ Treatment of Honours in selection for the MD

GPA will be measured by considering the last three years of the applicant's undergraduate coursework studies, only including Honours where the Honours degree is completed by June 2024, and the results are available by 15 July 2024.

If an Honours degree is not completed by mid year in the year of application, then weightings will be applied by weighting the first of the final three pre-honours undergraduate years by 1, the second of the final three years by 2, and the final year by 2.

Please note, Honours results are **not included** in WAM calculations for the Guaranteed Entry Pathway:

- [Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship](#); or
- [Guaranteed Full Fee Entry Pathway](#)



Selection notes

① MD Standard Pathway – International

All MD Standard Pathway applicants are ranked for selection.

Equal weighting is applied to the GPA and GAMSAT/MCAT score in determining the ranked list for interview selection.

1. Interview selection	
50% Weighted GPA	50% GAMSAT/ MCAT

After the interview process has concluded, interviewed applicants are re-ranked based on their combined GAMSAT/MCAT, GPA and MMI results where GAMSAT/MCAT contributes 25%, GPA contributes 25%, and MMI contributes 50% to the final ranking for a course offer.

2. Final selection		
50% Interview	25% Weighted GPA	25% GAMSAT/ MCAT

Please note the following:

- Selection into the Doctor of Medicine is highly competitive. Achieving minimum entry requirements and scores does not guarantee selection.
- The Selection Committee may re-rank applicants with a high level of performance in postgraduate studies in a cognate area subject to the following:
 - Postgraduate study must have been completed within 10 years of commencement of the Doctor of Medicine; **and**
 - Postgraduate study must be equivalent of at least a 1-year full time program; **and**
 - Postgraduate study must be in a discipline that builds upon studies completed at the undergraduate level; **and**
 - Postgraduate study must be in a health related or biological sciences discipline.

Up to 10 places in the Doctor of Medicine are available for selection applicants re-ranked on the basis of postgraduate study. The Selection Committee is not required to fill this quota and any unused places will be allocated as normal.

Please refer to the [Doctor of Medicine Selection Guidelines document](#) on the [Doctor of Medicine entry requirements webpage](#) for more information.



② MD Guaranteed Entry Pathway

This pathway reserves a place in the MD for eligible students after they complete their undergraduate degree at the University of Melbourne, subject to some additional terms and conditions.

There are two ways to qualify for the MD Guaranteed Entry Pathway:

1. Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars

[Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars](#) are eligible for the MD Guaranteed Entry Pathway if they:

- Are current University of Melbourne students in the final year of their undergraduate degree applying for the following year's intake **or** if they graduated from their University of Melbourne bachelors degree no more than 18 months prior to the intake they are applying for¹²; **and**
- Completed an Australian Year 12 or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in Australia with an ATAR of 99.90 or above (or equivalent); **and**
- Enrolled in a University of Melbourne undergraduate degree immediately following Year 12 (or were granted a deferral by the University).

The guaranteed place is subject to certain terms and conditions. Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars will need to:

- Pass the Multi Mini Interview (MMI) as part of the MD application process.

Please note:

- Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars do not need to sit the Graduate Australian Medical School Admission Test (GAMSAT) as part of their MD application.
- Additionally, no minimum Weighted Average Mark (WAM) is required in a Melbourne Chancellor's Scholar's undergraduate degree to reserve their place in the MD.
- Eligible international Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars will receive a guaranteed International full fee place in the MD.

¹² Entry is only guaranteed if the MD is commenced within 18 months of completing their bachelors degree and no further study is undertaken (except Honours at the University of Melbourne).



2. Guaranteed Full Fee Entry

[Guaranteed Full Fee Entry](#) students are eligible for the MD Guaranteed Entry Pathway if they:

- Are current University of Melbourne students in the final year of their undergraduate degree applying for the following year's intake **or** if they graduated from their University of Melbourne bachelors degree no more than 18 months prior to the intake they are applying for¹³; **and**
- Completed an Australian Year 12 or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in Australia with an ATAR of 99.00-99.85 (or equivalent); **and**
- Enrolled in a University of Melbourne undergraduate degree immediately following Year 12 (or were granted a deferral by the University).

The guaranteed place is subject to certain terms and conditions. Guaranteed Full Fee Entry students will need to:

- Pass the Multi Mini Interview (MMI) as part of the MD application process; **and**
- Maintain a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least 75%¹⁴.

Please note:

- Guaranteed Full Fee Entry students do not need to sit the Graduate Australian Medical School Admission Test (GAMSAT) as part of their MD application.
- Eligible international Guaranteed Full Fee Entry students will receive a guaranteed International full fee place in the MD.

Treatment of results from 2020

The following relates to all pathways for the Doctor of Medicine (MD), including pathways which use GPA as well as pathways which use WAM for entry:

- Results for 2020 subjects completed before the COVID-19 pandemic (i.e. January 2020 to March 2020) and results for Honours subjects completed in 2020 will be included in entry score calculations for the Doctor of Medicine.
- All other 2020 subject results completed from April 2020 to December 2020 will be excluded from entry score calculations for the Doctor of Medicine.
- This is applicable from 2022 for all forthcoming intakes.

Note: Honours results will not be included in WAM calculations for [Guaranteed Full Fee Entry](#) students as part of the Guaranteed Entry Pathway. Guaranteed Full Fee Entry applicants are required to maintain a WAM of at least 75% in their undergraduate degree at the University of Melbourne to access the Guaranteed Entry Pathway to postgraduate study.

¹³ Entry is only guaranteed if the MD is commenced within 18 months of completing their bachelors degree and no further study is undertaken (except Honours at the University of Melbourne).

¹⁴ Please see 'Treatment of results from 2020' box for more information.



Clinical school zones

The [University of Melbourne's clinical schools](#) are located in affiliated teaching hospitals, where Doctor of Medicine (MD) students will spend the bulk of the clinical years of the course. These schools are grouped into two clinical school zones: the **Metro zone** (Inner East and North West) and the **Rural zones**.

Please note, due to funding arrangements for the Rural Clinical School, **successful international applicants will only be allocated to the Metro zone**. Specific clinical schools within the Metro zone are based in the Inner East and North West. Applicants are advised to read through the [Clinical School Zone allocation and Clinical School allocation policy and procedure](#) for more information.

MD redesign

The 21st century requires medical graduates who can thrive in complex environments and be the leaders of change. That's why we launched the redesigned Doctor of Medicine (MD) program in 2022. Learn more about the MD redesign [here](#).

It should be emphasised that a science major is **not** a prerequisite for the MD. Academic excellence in other areas, such as the humanities and social sciences, is encouraged and recognised. The University of Melbourne encourages applications from individuals with diverse educational backgrounds, who will bring a variety of talents and interests to the profession.

Quotas

The quotas for the 2025 intake are as follows:

Offer type	Quota
International full fee place	70*
Domestic full fee place	45*
Commonwealth supported non-bonded place (CSP)	165*
Commonwealth supported bonded place (BMP)	65* <ul style="list-style-type: none">30 places reserved for MD Rural Pathway applicants who apply outside of GEMSAS35 places allocated via the GEMSAS application process
Total places (Domestic and international)	345*

***These quotas are a guide only and are subject to change.**

- Please note, there is no quota for places secured via the Guaranteed Entry Pathway.



Have an enquiry?

Let us know via our dedicated enquiry form:

■ **Doctor of Medicine (MD)**

- **Course code:** MC-DMED
- **CRICOS code:** 071304G
- **Submit your enquiry:** go.unimelb.edu.au/8dqr

Important: Please use the provided enquiry form as all misdirected enquiries will result in a delayed response.



Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)

Entry requirements

1. To be considered for entry, applicants must have completed:
Either –
 - An undergraduate degree in any discipline, with studies to have been completed within 10 years of 1 January in the year in which the applicant intends to commence the DDS; **OR**
 - For applicants whose most recently completed undergraduate degree was completed 10 or more years before 1 January of the year in which the applicant intends to commence the DDS – a Graduate Diploma, Masters or PhD degree (or equivalent) completed within 10 years before 1 January of the year in which the applicant intends to commence the DDS;
2. Completed [prerequisite studies](#) in **Anatomy, Physiology** and **Biochemistry** at second year level (one subject of each; or equivalent), with prerequisite subjects to have been completed within 10 years of commencing the DDS¹⁵;
3. Completed either –

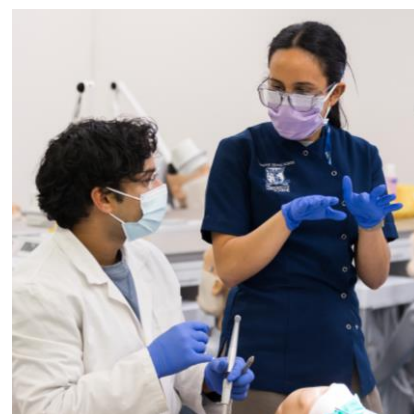
The Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admission Test (GAMSAT)¹⁶; **OR**

- For international students who are located overseas only, **one of**:
 - the GAMSAT; **or**
 - the United States DAT (Dental Admission Test); **or**
 - the Canadian DAT (Dental Aptitude Test); **or**
 - the UK BMAT (Biomedical Admissions Test).
- 4. Applicants are required to satisfy the [University's English language requirements for postgraduate courses](#). For applicants seeking to meet these requirements by one of the standard tests approved by the Academic Board, performance band 7 is required.

Note: In ranking applications, the Selection Committee will consider:

- Prior academic performance; **and**
- The GAMSAT, US DAT, Canadian DAT or UK BMAT score.

The Selection Committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the [Academic Board's rules](#) on the use of selection instruments.



4 years full time
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400 credit points

Meeting requirements does not guarantee selection.

DDS Study page
go.unimelb.edu.au/w4y6

DDS Handbook page
go.unimelb.edu.au/249j

¹⁵ For example, if an applicant applies for the 2025 intake, the prerequisite subjects must have been completed from 2015 onwards.

¹⁶ Current University of Melbourne undergraduate students who are international recipients of the [Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship](#) and current University of Melbourne undergraduate students who are international applicants eligible to apply via the [Guaranteed Full Fee Entry Pathway](#) do not need to sit the GAMSAT.

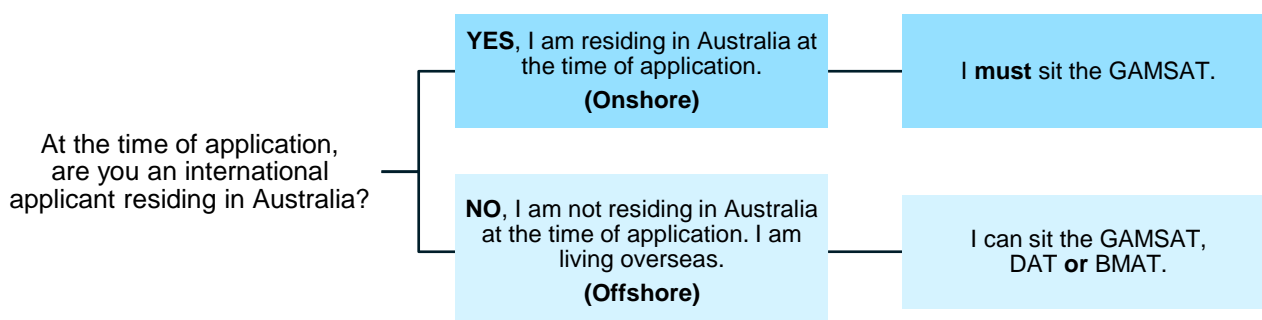


English language requirements

Approved standard test	Overall score	Additional details
IELTS (Academic English only)	7.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written 7.0; No band less than 6.0
TOEFL Internet-based test	94+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing 27; Speaking 18; Reading 13; Listening 13
Pearson Test of English Academic	65+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written communicative skill 65; No other communicative skill below 50
Cambridge English: Advanced/ Certificate of Advanced English (CAE)	185+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing 185; No other skill below 169

Admissions test

Which admissions tests are DDS applicants eligible to take? ¹⁷



GAMSAT

- All international applicants residing in Australia at the time of application must sit the GAMSAT.
- No minimum GAMSAT score is required for the DDS, however selection into this course is highly competitive.
- An average of the three sections of the GAMSAT will be used for selection into the DDS.
- The differentiation between GAMSAT Australia, UK and Ireland have been removed.

GAMSAT results are valid for up to four consecutive years after test date. Applicants can [check the validity of the GAMSAT results on the GAMSAT website](#).

Intake	Apply in 2024 for 2025 commencement	Apply in 2025 for 2026 commencement
Valid GAMSAT results	September 2020, March 2021, September 2021, March 2022, September 2022, March 2023, September 2023, March 2024	September 2021, March 2022, September 2022, March 2023, September 2023, March 2024, September 2024, March 2025

¹⁷ Current University of Melbourne undergraduate international students who are recipients of the [Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship](#) and current University of Melbourne undergraduate international students who are eligible to apply via the [Guaranteed Full Fee Entry Pathway](#) do not need to sit the GAMSAT.



DAT/BMAT

- DAT/BMAT results can only be used by international applicants who are not residing in Australia at the time of application.
- No minimum DAT/BMAT scores have been set for the Doctor of Dental Surgery, however selection into the course is highly competitive.
- DAT/BMAT results are valid for up to four consecutive years after test date. For 2025 commencement, DAT/BMAT scores from test sitting dates from 1 January 2021 will be accepted and test results must be available by 31 July 2024.

Grade Point Average

The performance of DDS applicants in their previous studies will be assessed using a Grade Point Average (GPA; 7-point scale) computed in the following way as approved by the Academic Board:

- The most recent bachelors degree results (including Honours when available) will be used for the purposes of calculating the GPA regardless of any subsequent graduate studies completed.
- The GPA will be measured by considering the last three years of the applicant's most recent undergraduate coursework studies (including Honours when available).
- Weightings will be applied by weighting the first of the final three years by 1, the second of the final three years by 2, and the final year by 2.

No minimum GPA is required to be considered for selection, however selection into the DDS is highly competitive.



Selection notes

① DDS Standard Pathway – International¹⁸

All DDS Standard Pathway applicants are ranked for selection.

Equal weighting is applied to the GPA and GAMSAT/DAT/BMAT score in determining the ranked list

Final selection	
50% Weighted GPA	50% GAMSAT/ DAT/BMAT

Please note the following:

- No minimum GPA is required to be considered for selection, however selection into the Doctor of Dental Surgery is highly competitive.
- The Selection Committee may re-rank applicants with a high level of performance in postgraduate studies in a cognate area subject to the following:
 - Postgraduate study must have been completed within 10 years of commencement of the Doctor of Dental Surgery; **and**
 - Postgraduate study must be equivalent of at least a 1-year full time program; **and**
 - Postgraduate study must be in a discipline that builds upon studies completed at the undergraduate level; **and**
 - Postgraduate study must be in a health related or biological sciences discipline.

Up to 2 places in the Doctor of Dental Surgery are available for selection applicants re-ranked on the basis of postgraduate study. The Selection Committee is not required to fill this quota and any unused places will be allocated as normal.

Please refer to the [Doctor of Dental Surgery entry requirements webpage](#) for more information.

¹⁸ Interviews may form part of the admissions requirements for the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) in the future and may be introduced as early as the 2026 intake. More information will be provided as soon details are available.



② DDS Guaranteed Entry Pathway¹⁹

This pathway reserves a place in the DDS for eligible students after they complete their undergraduate degree at the University of Melbourne, subject to some additional terms and conditions.

There are two ways to qualify for the DDS Guaranteed Entry Pathway:

1. Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars

[Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars](#) are eligible for the DDS Guaranteed Entry Pathway if they:

- Are current University of Melbourne students in the final year of their undergraduate degree applying for the following year's intake **or** if they graduated from their University of Melbourne bachelors degree no more than 18 months prior to the intake they are applying for²⁰; **and**
- Completed an Australian Year 12 or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in Australia with an ATAR of 99.90 or above (or equivalent); **and**
- Enrolled in a University of Melbourne undergraduate degree immediately following Year 12 (or were granted a deferral by the University).

The guaranteed place is subject to certain terms and conditions. Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars will need to:

- Pass on the first attempt, [approved prerequisite subjects](#) in Anatomy, Biochemistry and Physiology taught at the second year level (one subject of each; or equivalent) at the University of Melbourne.

Please note:

- Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars do not need to sit the Graduate Australian Medical School Admission Test (GAMSAT) as part of their DDS application.
- Additionally, no minimum Weighted Average Mark (WAM) is required in a Melbourne Chancellor's Scholar's undergraduate degree to reserve their place in the DDS.
- Eligible international Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars will receive a guaranteed International full fee place in the DDS.

¹⁹ Interviews may form part of the admissions requirements for the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) in the future and may be introduced as early as the 2026 intake. More information will be provided as soon details are available.

²⁰ Entry is only guaranteed if the DDS is commenced within 18 months of completing their bachelors degree and no further study is undertaken (except Honours at the University of Melbourne).



2. Guaranteed Full Fee Entry

[Guaranteed Full Fee Entry](#) students are eligible for the DDS Guaranteed Entry Pathway if they:

- Are current University of Melbourne students in the final year of their undergraduate degree applying for the following year's intake **or** if they graduated from their University of Melbourne bachelors degree no more than 18 months prior to the intake they are applying for²¹; **and**
- Completed an Australian Year 12 or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in Australia with an ATAR of 99.00-99.85 (or equivalent); **and**
- Enrolled in a University of Melbourne undergraduate degree immediately following Year 12 (or were granted a deferral by the University).

The guaranteed place is subject to certain terms and conditions. Guaranteed Full Fee Entry students will need to:

- Pass on the first attempt, [approved prerequisite subjects](#) in Anatomy, Biochemistry and Physiology taught at the second year level (one subject of each; or equivalent) at the University of Melbourne; **and**
- Maintain a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least 75%²².

Please note:

- Guaranteed Full Fee Entry students do not need to sit the Graduate Australian Medical School Admission Test (GAMSAT) as part of their DDS application.
- Eligible international Guaranteed Full Fee Entry students will receive a guaranteed International full fee place in the DDS.

²¹ Entry is only guaranteed if the DDS is commenced within 18 months of completing their bachelors degree and no further study is undertaken (except Honours at the University of Melbourne).

²² Please see 'Treatment of results from 2020' box for more information.



③ DDS Graduate Degree Package²³

Eligible high school leavers can apply for one of the [Graduate Degree Packages](#) offered by the University of Melbourne for the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre \(VTAC\)](#).

Students eligible for a Graduate Degree Package for the DDS have:

- Completed an Australian Year 12 or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in Australia with an ATAR of at least 99.85 (or equivalent); **and**
- Achieved a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least 80%²⁴ in their University of Melbourne undergraduate degree; **and**
- Pass on the first attempt [approved prerequisite subjects](#) in Anatomy, Biochemistry and Physiology taught at the second-year level (one subject of each; or equivalent) at the University of Melbourne.

There are two Graduate Degree Packages available for the DDS:

- (i) Bachelor of Biomedicine + Doctor of Dental Surgery
- (ii) Bachelor of Science + Doctor of Dental Surgery

Please note:

- Graduate Degree Package students must commence the DDS within 18 months of completing their bachelors degree, noting that no further postgraduate study can be undertaken in this time (except for Honours at the University of Melbourne)

Treatment of results from 2020

The following relates to all pathways for the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS), including pathways which use GPA as well as pathways which use WAM for entry:

- Results for 2020 subjects completed before the COVID-19 pandemic (i.e. January 2020 to March 2020) and results for Honours subjects completed in 2020 will be included in entry score calculations for the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS).
- All other 2020 subject results completed from April 2020 to December 2020 will be excluded from entry score calculations for the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS).
- This is applicable from 2022 for all forthcoming intakes.

Note: Honours results will not be included in WAM calculations for [Guaranteed Full Fee Entry](#) students nor [Graduate Degree Package](#) students. Guaranteed Full Fee Entry students are required to maintain a WAM of at least 75% in their undergraduate degree at the University of Melbourne to access the Guaranteed Entry Pathway to postgraduate study. Graduate Degree Package students are required to maintain a WAM of at least 80% in their undergraduate degree at the University of Melbourne to access their Graduate Degree Package for the DDS.

²³ Interviews may form part of the admissions requirements for the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) in the future and may be introduced as early as the 2026 intake. More information will be provided as soon details are available.

²⁴ Please see 'Treatment of results from 2020' box for more information.



Quotas

The quota for the 2025 intake is as follows:

Offer type	Quota
Total place (Domestic and international)	98*

***This quota is a guide only and is subject to change.**

- This is the total number of places available in the DDS including domestic and international places.
- Please note, there is no quota for places secured via the Guaranteed Entry Pathway.

Have an enquiry?

Let us know via our dedicated enquiry form:

■ Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)

- **Course code:** MC-DDENSUR
- **CRICOS code:** 071303G
- **Submit your enquiry:** go.unimelb.edu.au/8czt

Important: Please use the provided enquiry form as all misdirected enquiries will result in a delayed response.



Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT)

Entry requirements

1. To be considered for entry, applicants must have completed:

Either –

- An undergraduate degree in any discipline, with studies to have been completed within 10 years of 1 January in the year in which the applicant intends to commence the DPT; **OR**
- For applicants whose most recently completed undergraduate degree was completed 10 or more years before 1 January of the year in which the applicant intends to commence the DPT – a Graduate Diploma, Masters or PhD degree (or equivalent) completed within 10 years before 1 January of the year in which the applicant intends to commence the DPT;

2. Completed [prerequisite studies](#) in **Human Anatomy** and **Human Physiology** (one subject of each; or equivalent), with prerequisite subjects to have been completed within 10 years of commencing the DPT²⁵;

3. Perform satisfactorily in the Multi Mini Interview (MMI)
– *restricted to shortlisted applicants.*

4. Applicants are required to satisfy the [University's English language requirements for postgraduate courses](#). For applicants seeking to meet these requirements by one of the standard tests approved by the Academic Board, performance band 7 is required.

Note: In ranking applications, the Selection Committee will consider:

- Prior academic performance; **and**
- The Multi Mini Interview (MMI).

The Selection Committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the [Academic Board's rules](#) on the use of selection instruments.



3 years full time
=
300 credit points

Meeting requirements
does not guarantee
selection.

DPT Study page
go.unimelb.edu.au/dxw6

DPT Handbook page
go.unimelb.edu.au/zo46

²⁵ For example, if an applicant applies for the 2025 intake, the prerequisite subjects must have been completed from 2015 onwards.



English language requirements

Approved standard test	Overall score	Additional details
IELTS (Academic English only)	7.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Written 7.0; No band less than 6.0
TOEFL Internet-based test	94+	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Writing 27; Speaking 18; Reading 13; Listening 13
Pearson Test of English Academic	65+	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Written communicative skill 65; No other communicative skill below 50
Cambridge English: Advanced/ Certificate of Advanced English (CAE)	185+	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Writing 185; No other skill below 169

Grade Point Average

The performance of DPT applicants in their previous studies will be assessed using a Grade Point Average (GPA; 7-point scale) computed in the following way as approved by the Academic Board:

- The most recent bachelors degree results (including Honours when available) will be used for the purposes of calculating the GPA regardless of any subsequent graduate studies completed.
- The GPA will be measured by considering the last three years of the applicant's most recent undergraduate coursework studies (including Honours when available).
- Weightings will be applied by weighting the first of the final three years by 1, the second of the final three years by 2, and the final year by 2.

No minimum GPA is required to be considered for selection, however selection into the DPT is highly competitive.

Multi Mini Interview (MMI)

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an online recorded Multi Mini Interview (MMI) for the Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT). This will not be a real-time, face-to-face interview. Question prompts will be presented to applicants on an online platform rather than by an interviewer.



Selection notes

① DPT Standard Pathway – International

All DPT Standard Pathway applicants are ranked for selection.

The GPA is used to determine the ranked list for interview selection.

1. Interview selection
100% Weighted GPA

After the interview process has concluded, interviewed applicants are re-ranked based on their combined GPA and MMI results where GPA contributes 50% and MMI contributes 50% to the final ranking for a course offer.

2. Final selection	
50% Weighted GPA	50% Interview

Please note the following:

- No minimum GPA is required to be considered for selection, however selection into the Doctor of Physiotherapy is highly competitive.
- The Selection Committee may re-rank applicants with a high level of performance in postgraduate studies in a cognate area subject to the following:
 - Postgraduate study must have been completed within 10 years of commencement of the Doctor of Physiotherapy; **and**
 - Postgraduate study must be equivalent of at least a 1-year full time program; **and**
 - Postgraduate study must be in a discipline that builds upon studies completed at the undergraduate level; **and**
 - Postgraduate study must be in a health related or biological sciences discipline.

Up to 3 places in the Doctor of Physiotherapy are available for selection applicants re-ranked on the basis of postgraduate study. The Selection Committee is not required to fill this quota and any unused places will be allocated as normal.

Please refer to the [Doctor of Physiotherapy entry requirements webpage](#) for more information.



② DPT Guaranteed Entry Pathway

This pathway reserves a place in the DPT for eligible students after they complete their undergraduate degree at the University of Melbourne, subject to some additional terms and conditions.

There are two ways to qualify for the DPT Guaranteed Entry Pathway:

1. Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars

[Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars](#) are eligible for the DPT Guaranteed Entry Pathway if they:

- Are current University of Melbourne students in the final year of their undergraduate degree applying for the following year's intake **or** if they graduated from their University of Melbourne bachelors degree no more than 18 months prior to the intake they are applying for²⁶; **and**
- Completed an Australian Year 12 or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in Australia with an ATAR of 99.90 or above (or equivalent); **and**
- Enrolled in a University of Melbourne undergraduate degree immediately following Year 12 (or were granted a deferral by the University).

The guaranteed place is subject to certain terms and conditions. Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars will need to:

- Pass on the first attempt, [approved prerequisite subjects](#) in Human Anatomy and Human Physiology (one subject of each; or equivalent) at the University of Melbourne; **and**
- Pass the Multi Mini Interview (MMI) as part of the DPT application process.

Please note:

- No minimum Weighted Average Mark (WAM) is required in a Melbourne Chancellor's Scholar's undergraduate degree to reserve their place in the DPT.
- Eligible international Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars will receive a guaranteed International full fee place in the DPT.

²⁶ Entry is only guaranteed if the DPT is commenced within 18 months of completing their bachelors degree and no further study is undertaken (except Honours at the University of Melbourne).



2. Guaranteed Full Fee Entry

[Guaranteed Full Fee Entry](#) students are eligible for the DPT Guaranteed Entry Pathway if they:

- Are current University of Melbourne students in the final year of their undergraduate degree applying for the following year's intake **or** if they graduated from their University of Melbourne bachelors degree no more than 18 months prior to the intake they are applying for²⁷; **and**
- Completed an Australian Year 12 or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in Australia with an ATAR of 99.00-99.85 (or equivalent); **and**
- Enrolled in a University of Melbourne undergraduate degree immediately following Year 12 (or were granted a deferral by the University).

The guaranteed place is subject to certain terms and conditions. Guaranteed Full Fee Entry students will need to:

- Pass on the first attempt, [approved prerequisite subjects](#) in Human Anatomy and Human Physiology (one subject of each; or equivalent) at the University of Melbourne; **and**
- Maintain a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least 75%²⁸; **and**
- Pass the Multi Mini Interview (MMI) as part of the DPT application process.

Please note:

- Eligible international Guaranteed Full Fee Entry students will receive a guaranteed International full fee place in the DPT.

²⁷ Entry is only guaranteed if the DPT is commenced within 18 months of completing their bachelors degree and no further study is undertaken (except Honours at the University of Melbourne).

²⁸ Please see 'Treatment of results from 2020' box for more information.



③ DPT Graduate Degree Package

Eligible high school leavers can apply for one of the [Graduate Degree Packages](#) offered by the University of Melbourne for the Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT) via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre \(VTAC\)](#).

Students eligible for a Graduate Degree Package for the DPT have:

- Completed an Australian Year 12 or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in Australia with an ATAR of at least 98.00; **and**
- Achieved a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least 75%²⁹ in their University of Melbourne undergraduate degree; **and**
- Pass on the first attempt [approved prerequisite subjects](#) in Human Anatomy and Human Physiology (one subject of each; or equivalent) at the University of Melbourne; **and**
- Pass the Multi Mini Interview (MMI) as part of the DPT application process.

There are two Graduate Degree Packages available for the DPT:

- (i) Bachelor of Biomedicine + Doctor of Physiotherapy
- (ii) Bachelor of Science + Doctor of Physiotherapy

Please note:

- Graduate Degree Package students must commence the DPT within 18 months of completing their bachelors degree, noting that no further postgraduate study can be undertaken in this time (except for Honours at the University of Melbourne)

Treatment of results from 2020

The following relates to all pathways for the Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT), including pathways which use GPA as well as pathways which use WAM for entry:

- Results for 2020 subjects completed before the COVID-19 pandemic (i.e. January 2020 to March 2020) and results for Honours subjects completed in 2020 will be included in entry score calculations for the Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT).
- All other 2020 subject results completed from April 2020 to December 2020 will be excluded from entry score calculations for the Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT).
- This is applicable from 2022 for all forthcoming intakes.

Note: Honours results will not be included in WAM calculations for [Guaranteed Full Fee Entry](#) students nor [Graduate Degree Package](#) students. Guaranteed Full Fee Entry students are required to maintain a WAM of at least 75% in their undergraduate degree at the University of Melbourne to access the Guaranteed Entry Pathway to postgraduate study. Graduate Degree Package students are required to maintain a WAM of at least 75% in their undergraduate degree at the University of Melbourne to access their Graduate Degree Package for the DPT.

²⁹ Please see 'Treatment of results from 2020' box for more information.



Quotas

The quota for the 2025 intake is expected to be:

Offer type	Quota
Total places (Domestic and international)	130*

***This quota is a guide only and is subject to change.**

- This is the total number of places available in the DPT including both domestic and international places.
- Please note, there is no quota for places secured via the Guaranteed Entry Pathway and Graduate Degree Packages.

Have an enquiry?

Let us know via our dedicated enquiry form:

■ Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT)

- **Course code:** MC-DPHYSIO
- **CRICOS code:** 071302J
- **Submit your enquiry:** go.unimelb.edu.au/8ozr

Important: Please use the provided enquiry form as all misdirected enquiries will result in a delayed response.



Doctor of Optometry (OD)

Entry requirements

1. To be considered for entry, applicants must have completed:

Either –

- An undergraduate degree in any discipline, with studies to have been completed within 10 years of 1 January in the year in which the applicant intends to commence the OD; **OR**
- For applicants whose most recently completed undergraduate degree was completed 10 or more years before 1 January of the year in which the applicant intends to commence the OD – a Graduate Diploma, Masters or PhD degree (or equivalent) completed within 10 years before 1 January of the year in which the applicant intends to commence the OD;

2. Completed [prerequisite studies](#): Successful completion of **three subjects at a second or third year level (or equivalent) from one or more relevant Biological Science disciplines**, with prerequisite subjects to have been completed within 10 years of commencing the OD³⁰;

3. Completed either –

- The Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admission Test (GAMSAT)³¹; **OR**
- For international students who are located overseas only, **one of**:
 - the GAMSAT; **or**
 - the North American Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT); **or**
 - the United States Optometry Admission Test (OAT).

4. Applicants are required to satisfy the [University's English language requirements for postgraduate courses](#). For applicants seeking to meet these requirements by one of the standard tests approved by the Academic Board, performance band 6.5 is required.

Note: In ranking applications, the Selection Committee will consider:

- Prior academic performance; **and**
- The GAMSAT, MCAT or OAT score.

The Selection Committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the [Academic Board's rules](#) on the use of selection instruments.



**4 years full time
=
400 credit points**

**Meeting requirements
does not guarantee
selection.**

OD Study page
go.unimelb.edu.au/maw6

OD Handbook page
go.unimelb.edu.au/tk3i

³⁰ For example, if an applicant applies for the 2025 intake, the prerequisite subjects must have been completed from 2015 onwards.

³¹ University of Melbourne students who are international recipients of the [Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship](#) and University of Melbourne students who are international applicants eligible to apply via the [Guaranteed Full Fee Entry Pathway](#) do **not** need to sit the GAMSAT.



English language requirements

Approved standard test	Overall score	Additional details
IELTS (Academic English only)	6.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No band less than 6.0
TOEFL Internet-based test	79+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing 21; Speaking 18; Reading 13; Listening 13
Pearson Test of English Academic	58+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No communicative skill below 50
Cambridge English: Advanced/ Certificate of Advanced English (CAE)	176+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No skill below 169

Weighted Average Mark

The performance of OD applicants in their previous studies will be assessed using a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) computed in the following way as approved by the Academic Board:

- The most recently completed and eligible 100 credit points (equivalent to one year full time study) are weighted by 2; and
- The next most recently completed and eligible 100 credit points are weighted by 1.

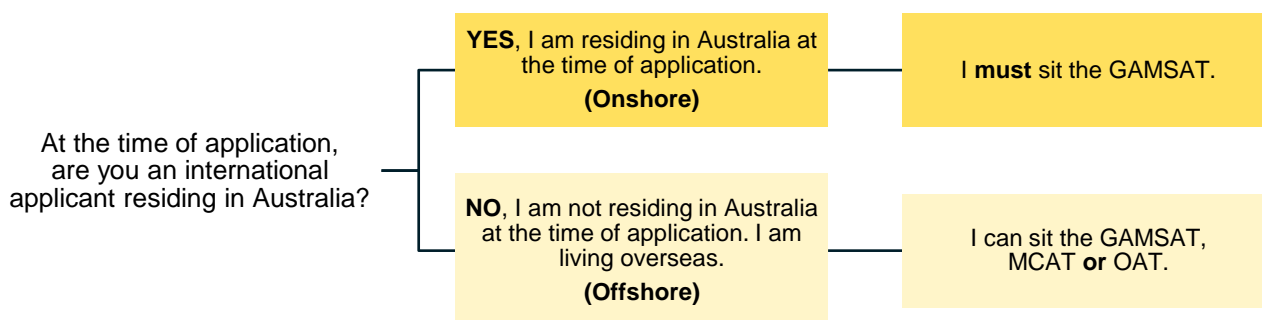
Note:

- Studies completed concurrently will be selected for inclusion in the most recent 100 credit points according to performance, starting from the subject with the highest mark.
- Results for failed subjects will also be included in the WAM calculation for the year in which they were studied and will be included in the most recent 100 credit points.

A minimum WAM of 65 is required to be considered for selection into the OD. This is a minimum score only as selection into the OD is highly competitive.

Admissions test

Which admissions tests are OD applicants eligible to take?³²



³² Current University of Melbourne undergraduate international students who are recipients of the [Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship](#) and current University of Melbourne undergraduate international students who are eligible to apply via the [Guaranteed Full Fee Entry Pathway](#) do **not** need to sit the GAMSAT.



GAMSAT

- All international applicants residing in Australia at the time of application must sit the GAMSAT.
- No minimum GAMSAT score is required for the OD, however selection into this course is highly competitive.
- All sections in the GAMSAT will be weighted equally to determine the GAMSAT score used for selection in the OD.
- The differentiation between GAMSAT Australia, UK and Ireland have been removed.
- GAMSAT results are valid for up to four consecutive years after test date. Applicants can [check the validity of the GAMSAT results on the GAMSAT website](#).

Intake	Apply in 2024 for 2025 commencement	Apply in 2025 for 2026 commencement
Valid GAMSAT results	September 2020, March 2021, September 2021, March 2022, September 2022, March 2023, September 2023, March 2024	September 2021, March 2022, September 2022, March 2023, September 2023, March 2024, September 2024, March 2025

MCAT/OAT

- MCAT/OAT results can only be used by international applicants who are not residing in Australia at the time of application.
- No minimum MCAT/OAT has been set for the Doctor of Optometry, however selection into the course is highly competitive.
- MCAT results are valid for up to four consecutive years after test date. For 2025 commencement, MCAT scores from test sitting dates from 1 January 2021 will be accepted and test results must be available by 31 July 2024.
- Official MCAT score reports must be submitted with both the verification code and AAMC ID number visible. Unofficial reports or screenshots of score reports will not be accepted.



Selection notes

① OD Standard Pathway – International

All OD Standard Pathway applicants are ranked for selection.

Equal weighting is applied to the WAM and GAMSAT/MCAT/OAT score in determining the ranked list for selection.

Final selection	
50% WAM	50% GAMSAT/MCAT /OAT

Please note the following:

- Selection into the Doctor of Optometry is highly competitive. Achieving minimum entry requirements and scores does not guarantee selection.

Please refer to the [Doctor of Optometry entry requirements webpage](#) for more information.

② OD Guaranteed Entry Pathway

This pathway reserves a place in the OD for eligible students after they complete their undergraduate degree at the University of Melbourne, subject to some additional terms and conditions.

There are two ways to qualify for the OD Guaranteed Entry Pathway:

1. Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars

[Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars](#) are eligible for the OD Guaranteed Entry Pathway if they are:

- Are current University of Melbourne students in the final year of their undergraduate degree applying for the following year's intake **or** if they graduated from their University of Melbourne bachelors degree no more than 18 months prior to the intake they are applying for³³; **and**
- Completed an Australian Year 12 or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in Australia with an ATAR of 99.90 or above (or equivalent); **and**
- Enrolled in a University of Melbourne undergraduate degree immediately following Year 12 (or were granted a deferral by the University).

³³ Entry is only guaranteed if the OD is commenced within 18 months of completing their bachelors degree and no further study is undertaken (except Honours at the University of Melbourne).



The guaranteed place is subject to certain terms and conditions. Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars will need to:

- Pass on the first attempt, [approved prerequisite subjects](#) in one or more relevant Biological Science disciplines at a second or third year level (three subjects in total; or equivalent) at the University of Melbourne.

Please note:

- No minimum Weighted Average Mark (WAM) is required in a Melbourne Chancellor's Scholar's undergraduate degree to reserve their place in the OD.
- Eligible international Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars will receive a guaranteed International full fee place in the OD.

2. Guaranteed Full Fee Entry

[Guaranteed Full Fee Entry](#) students are eligible for the OD Guaranteed Entry Pathway if they are:

- Are current University of Melbourne students in the final year of their undergraduate degree applying for the following year's intake **or** if they graduated from their University of Melbourne bachelors degree no more than 18 months prior to the intake they are applying for³⁴; **and**
- Completed an Australian Year 12 or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in Australia with an ATAR of 99.00-99.85 (or equivalent); **and**
- Enrolled in a University of Melbourne undergraduate degree immediately following Year 12 (or were granted a deferral by the University).

The guaranteed place is subject to certain terms and conditions. Guaranteed Full Fee Entry students will need to:

- Pass on the first attempt, [approved prerequisite subjects](#) in one or more relevant Biological Science disciplines at a second or third year level (three subjects in total; or equivalent) at the University of Melbourne; **and**
- Maintain a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least 75%³⁵.

Please note:

- Guaranteed Full Fee Entry students do not need to sit the Graduate Australian Medical School Admission Test (GAMSAT) as part of their OD application.
- Eligible international Guaranteed Full Fee Entry students will receive a guaranteed International full fee place in the OD.

³⁴ Entry is only guaranteed if the OD is commenced within 18 months of completing their bachelors degree and no further study is undertaken (except Honours at the University of Melbourne).

³⁵ Please see 'Treatment of results from 2020' box for more information.



③ OD Graduate Degree Package

Eligible high school leavers can apply for one of the [Graduate Degree Packages](#) offered by the University of Melbourne for the Doctor of Optometry (OD) via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre \(VTAC\)](#).

Students eligible for a Graduate Degree Package for the OD have:

- Completed an Australian Year 12 or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in Australia with an ATAR of at least 99.00 (or equivalent); **and**
- Achieved a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least 75%³⁶ in their University of Melbourne undergraduate degree; **and**
- Pass on the first attempt [approved prerequisite subjects](#) in one or more relevant Biological Science disciplines at a second or third year level (three subjects in total; or equivalent) at the University of Melbourne.

There are two Graduate Degree Packages available for the OD:

- (i) Bachelor of Biomedicine + Doctor of Optometry
- (ii) Bachelor of Science + Doctor of Optometry

Please note:

- Graduate Degree Package students must commence the OD within 18 months of completing their bachelors degree, noting that no further postgraduate study can be undertaken in this time (except for Honours at the University of Melbourne)

Treatment of results from 2020

The following relates to all pathways for the Doctor of Optometry (OD), including pathways which use WAM for entry:

- Results for 2020 subjects completed before the COVID-19 pandemic (i.e. January 2020 to March 2020) and results for Honours subjects completed in 2020 will be included in entry score calculations for the Doctor of Optometry (OD).
- All other 2020 subject results completed from April 2020 to December 2020 will be excluded from entry score calculations for the Doctor of Optometry (OD).
- This is applicable from 2022 for all forthcoming intakes.

Note: Honours results will not be included in WAM calculations for [Guaranteed Full Fee Entry](#) students nor [Graduate Degree Package](#) students. Guaranteed Full Fee Entry students are required to maintain a WAM of at least 75% in their undergraduate degree at the University of Melbourne to access the Guaranteed Entry Pathway to postgraduate study. Graduate Degree Package students are required to maintain a WAM of at least 75% in their undergraduate degree at the University of Melbourne to access their Graduate Degree Package for the OD.

³⁶ Please see 'Treatment of results from 2020' box for more information.



Quotas

The quota for the 2025 intake is expected to be:

Offer type	Quota
Total places (Domestic and international)	78*

***This quota is a guide only and is subject to change.**

- This is the total number of places available in the OD including both domestic and international places.
- Please note, there is no quota for places secured via the Guaranteed Entry Pathway and Graduate Degree Packages.

Have an enquiry?

Let us know via our dedicated enquiry form:

■ Doctor of Optometry (OD)

- **Course code:** MC-DOPTOM
- **CRICOS code:** 072811B
- **Submit your enquiry:** go.unimelb.edu.au/k93j

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FAQ



Qualifying undergraduate degrees

All applicants must have completed or be in the final year of an undergraduate degree at the time of application.

1. What is considered an undergraduate degree?

An undergraduate degree is defined as a **degree of at least three years in duration when studied full time (or equivalent), from a recognised university.**

Please note the following:

- The undergraduate degree must be an AQF³⁷ Level 7 qualification (at minimum) and must be comprised of at least three full-time equivalent years (3.0 FTE³⁸) worth of study.
- Undergraduate degrees completed in Australia must be from a [Commonwealth-accredited institution](#).
- Undergraduate degrees completed overseas must be from a recognised institution and must be equivalent to an Australian Bachelor degree, as determined by the [Australian Government's Department of Education](#).
- If the undergraduate degree was completed more than 10 years ago (before 1 January of the year in which the applicant intends to commence the MD, DDS, DPT or OD), a Graduate Diploma, Masters or PhD degree (or equivalent) must have been completed within the last 10 years.
- Two-year accelerated undergraduate degrees, where three full-time equivalent years (3.0 FTE³⁸) worth of study is fast-tracked over two years, may be accepted if completed by 31 December in the year of application at the discretion of the relevant selection committee. Undergraduate degrees containing only 2.0 FTE³⁸ worth of study will not be accepted.
- A conversion degree is defined as an undergraduate degree that includes credit from previous studies undertaken below AQF³⁷ Level 7 (e.g. a Bachelor degree containing prior credit from a TAFE³⁹ certificate/diploma). A conversion degree may be accepted depending on the level and extent of credited study, at the discretion of the relevant selection committee.
- An undergraduate/undergraduate combined degree or undergraduate/postgraduate combined degree must be completed by 31 December in the year of application. An early exit from a combined degree will be accepted if the applicant has been approved by the conferring institution to exit the qualification early with a three-year FTE³⁸ degree and has declared the early exit or alternative award in their application.

³⁷ AQF: [Australian Qualifications Framework](#)

³⁸ FTE: Full time equivalent

³⁹ TAFE: [Tertiary and Further Education](#)



Prerequisites

2. How do I check if the subjects I have studied satisfy the prerequisite requirement?

The [Prerequisites website](#) includes more information about prerequisites, including lists of subjects which have already been assessed to determine equivalency (approved and non-approved subjects). Applicants should check the available lists to determine whether they are eligible for consideration.

3. What if a subject I have studied is not on the pre-assessed prerequisites list for the Doctor of Dental Surgery/Doctor of Physiotherapy/Doctor of Optometry?

We strongly encourage you to [submit your subjects for assessment](#) well in advance of course applications opening if they have not already been assessed as meeting the prerequisite subject requirement for the course you are applying for.

The deadline for submitting prerequisite subjects for assessment is four weeks prior to the application closing date. Please refer to the specific deadlines by course on pages 6, 7 and 8 of this guide.

Applicants will be deemed to have failed to meet the prerequisite requirement and will not be considered for selection if:

- Applications are received where prerequisite subjects have been submitted for assessment after the deadline; or
- Where evidence of completing/being enrolled in relevant prerequisite subjects has not been provided.

4. What if I have not completed approved prerequisite subjects at the time of application?

If you have not satisfied the prerequisite requirements at the time of application, you may still submit a course application. In your course application, you must provide evidence of enrolment in approved prerequisite subjects in the second half of the year. Prerequisite conditions must be satisfied by the relevant deadlines.

5. I have completed the prerequisite subjects more than 10 years ago. Do I need to redo these subjects?

If the qualifying prerequisite subjects are more than 10 years old, you will need to complete them again.

6. Does the University of Melbourne offer any subjects to satisfy the prerequisite requirements?

Yes. The following subjects satisfy the prerequisite requirements for the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS), Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT) and Doctor of Optometry (OD):

- **Anatomy:** [ANAT20006 Principles of Human Structure](#)
- **Physiology:** [PHYS20008 Human Physiology](#)
- **Biochemistry:** [BCMB20002 Biochemistry and Molecular Biology](#)

For more information, visit our [Prerequisites website](#).



Transcript requirements

Applicants are required to submit the following documentation by the course application closing deadline:

- **Official academic transcripts**
- **Official admissions test results** – e.g. GAMSAT
- **Grading scales**

Official transcripts are required to show degree conferral information if they have been completed.

Applicants are required to include official transcripts and grading scales from:

- Exchange studies;
- Cross-institutional studies; or
- Any other tertiary studies that have been credited towards the key degree (i.e. the degree used for entry score calculation).

7. What if I will only be completing my undergraduate degree in 2024?

If you will be completing an undergraduate degree in 2024, please submit official transcripts and grading scales for all your studies so far. You must also provide evidence of enrolment for Semester 2, 2024 by the course application closing deadline.

Entry scores

Admissions for the Doctor of Medicine (MD), Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS), Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT) and Doctor of Optometry (OD) use two types of entry score formats:

Grade Point Average (GPA)

GPA indicates an applicant's overall academic performance in their qualifying undergraduate degree.

GPA is used to assess applications for further study in the Doctor of Medicine: Standard Pathway⁴⁰, Doctor of Dental Surgery: Standard Pathway, and Doctor of Physiotherapy: Standard Pathway.

GPA calculation

Applicants may wish to calculate their rough GPA using the [GPA Calculator on the GEMSAS website](#). Please note, this calculator has been designed based on the framework and rules around the calculation of a base GPA across GEMPASS Australia schools. Each institution, including the University of Melbourne, has different GPA methodology and requirements including how they consider and use your study. As such, any GPA calculated by an applicant using this tool will be **an estimated GPA only**.

⁴⁰ GPA is also used to enter the MD Rural Pathway and MD Indigenous Pathway. These two pathways are only available to eligible domestic applicants.



Weighted Average Mark (WAM)

The University of Melbourne uses Weighted Average Mark (WAM) to provide an indication of an applicant's overall academic performance in their qualifying undergraduate degree.

Your overall University of Melbourne WAM is used as the basis for entry into all of our Guaranteed Entry Pathways. If your overall WAM includes results from 2020 and 2021, please refer to how these are treated in the relevant Handbook entry:

- [Doctor of Medicine Handbook](#)
- [Doctor of Dental Surgery Handbook](#)
- [Doctor of Physiotherapy Handbook](#)
- [Doctor of Optometry Handbook](#)

WAM calculation for Guaranteed Entry Pathways

WAM reflects the numeric mark (e.g. 45%, 87%) and the number of credit points (e.g. 12.5 credit points, 25 credit points) for each subject completed as part of a course.

WAM is calculated using this formula:

$$\frac{\text{Sum of (Mark} \times \text{credit points for subjects)}}{\text{Sum of (Total credit points for subjects)}}$$

For example, a student has completed three subjects. Two are worth 12.5 credit points and the third is worth 37.5 credit points. They attained 76%, 67% and 81% respectively. The resulting calculation would be:

$$\frac{(76 \times 12.5) + (67 \times 12.5) + (81 \times 37.5)}{12.5 + 12.5 + 37.5} = \frac{4825}{62.5} = \text{WAM } 77.200\%$$

For more information, please visit our [WAM website](#).

WAM calculation for the Doctor of Optometry (OD) Standard Pathway – International

The Doctor of Optometry (OD) considers a weighted WAM using your most recently completed and eligible 200 credit points of undergraduate studies (including Honours when available). Weightings will be applied by weighting the most recently completed and eligible 100 credit points (equivalent to one year full time study) by 2 and weighting the next most recently completed and eligible 100 credit points by 1.



Multi Mini Interview (MMI)

8. What is the MMI?

At the University of Melbourne, an interview forms part of the application process for the Doctor of Medicine (MD) and the Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT). This interview is called the 'Multi Mini Interview' or 'MMI'.

The MMI consists of:

- 8 separate interview stations;
- Each station takes 5 minutes to complete; and
- Each station comprises of several questions on the same topic.

The duration of the whole interview process is **approximately 50 minutes**, but applicants are required to be in attendance for a few hours on their allocated MMI day.

The MMI is designed to **assess non-cognitive qualities**, including:

- Professionalism;
- Motivation;
- Communication skills;
- Ability to empathise and provide support;
- Attitude towards collaboration; and
- Aptitude for decision making.

9. How is the MMI assessed?

The selection committee is looking for authentic and genuine responses to the interview questions rather than highly rehearsed responses.

For the Doctor of Medicine (MD), achieving a minimum overall score of at least 50% of the total possible MMI score, as well as being above the cut-score in 5 out of 8 stations is considered satisfactory.

For the Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT), achieving an overall score of 80% of the total possible MMI score is considered satisfactory.

10. Can I test the MMI platform beforehand?

Applicants shortlisted for a Doctor of Medicine (MD) MMI will have time to test the online platform prior to their actual recorded interview. The practice MMI is a chance for applicants to ensure their systems are compatible for the genuine MMI. The sample questions will not be repeated in the genuine MMI.

Applicants shortlisted for the Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT) MMI will be provided further information about the interview platform when they receive the invitation in August.



Conditional offers

Selected applicants will receive a **conditional offer** if:

- An offer is made where the degree and/or prerequisite subject(s) is not yet complete; or
- The applicant has not met the English language requirements yet.

Please note, if conditions are not met by the date specified on the offer letter, the offer will be withdrawn.

11. My grades slipped in the final semester of my qualifying undergraduate degree. Can I still get my offer, even if my final entry score falls below the required entry score listed on my conditional offer?

Applicants who are made an offer conditional on maintaining a specified minimum GPA will have their full offer confirmed if they have maintained or exceeded this GPA in their final semester. An applicant whose final GPA drops, but only by 0.3 or less will, in most cases, have their offer confirmed. Applications with a GPA drop of more than 0.3 will be considered by the Selection Committee. If the initial ranking and extent of drop does not put the applicant below the selection pool for that fee type, their offer will most likely be confirmed. This is subject to quotas and considered on a case-by-case basis. Confirmation of the place will only be possible in cases where the applicant's initial GPA was high enough that a drop in GPA will not have a significant impact on the application rankings.

Applicants who are made an offer conditional on maintaining a specified minimum WAM will have their offer confirmed if they have maintained or exceeded this WAM in their final semester. Applicants whose final WAM drops below the specified minimum WAM on their offer letter will be deemed to have not met the conditions of their offer and will be considered by the Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.

12. My conditional offer is asking for evidence that I have completed my combined degree, but I am planning an early exit for my bachelor/bachelor double degree. Can I still satisfy the conditions of my offer?

Applicants enrolled in a combined degree who receive a conditional offer for a place at the University of Melbourne based on that combined degree, **must complete both awards to have their offer confirmed** (i.e. **become an unconditional offer**). If you have confirmed your early exit in time (early in the application process), your conditional offer would not be based on the completion of both awards.



Fees

Information about fees for international students can be found on the [University of Melbourne's Fees and payments website](#), as well as on:

- [Doctor of Medicine – Fees](#)
- [Doctor of Dental Surgery – Fees](#)
- [Doctor of Physiotherapy – Fees](#)
- [Doctor of Optometry – Fees](#)

13. If I am granted Australian permanent residency, can my International full fee place be switched to an Australian full fee place or a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)?

If an international student is granted Australian Permanent Residency, Australian Citizenship or New Zealand Citizenship while enrolled in the Doctor of Medicine (MD), Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS), Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT) or Doctor of Optometry (OD), they will need to [notify the University](#).

If you are in this situation, your fee type will change to an Australian full fee place. Please note, it is not possible to change from a full fee place to a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) after you have commenced your course.



Have an enquiry?

Information sessions

Register for our upcoming information sessions:

- **Doctor of Medicine Information Session: 2025 Intake**

When: 17 April 2024, 6.00-7.00pm AEST

[Register here](#)

- **Doctor of Dental Surgery Information Session: 2025 Intake**

When: 23 April 2024, 6.00-7.00pm AEST

[Register here](#)

- **Doctor of Physiotherapy Information Session: 2025 Intake**

When: 2 May 2024, 6.00-7.00pm AEST

[Register here](#)

- **Doctor of Optometry Information Session: 2025 Intake**

When: 13 May 2024, 6.00-7.00pm AEST

[Register here](#)

Open Day

Explore our campuses in person at Open Day on Sunday 18 August 2024.

Register your interest for Open Day 2024 [here](#).



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- **CRICOS code:** 071304G
- **Submit your enquiry:** go.unimelb.edu.au/8dqr

■ Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)

- **Course code:** MC-DDENSUR
- **CRICOS code:** 071303G
- **Submit your enquiry:** go.unimelb.edu.au/8czt

■ Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT)

- **Course code:** MC-DPHYSIO
- **CRICOS code:** 071302J
- **Submit your enquiry:** go.unimelb.edu.au/8ozr

■ Doctor of Optometry (OD)

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