What is the UCAT?







What is it for?

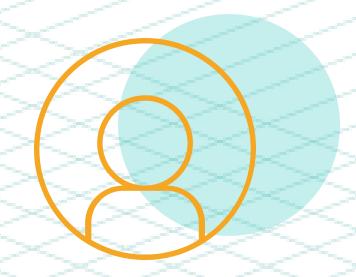
The University Clinical
Aptitude Test is the
admissions test for
entry into medical,
dental and clinical
science degree
programmes in Australia

and New Zealand.



What is the test format?

It is a 2 hour computer-based test containing 233 multiple choice questions across 5 separately timed subtests.



Where/when do I sit the test?

You will sit the test
at a Pearson VUE
test centre between
1st – 31st July.
You sit the test the same
year that you apply to
university. You can sit
the test once each year.



How do I get my results?

You will receive your results on test day. These will be delivered to universities automatically.



Skill acquisition

Gain fundamental skills such as speed reading and mental maths.



Have longer sessions

Build stamina by increasing the length of your study sessions over time.



Book early

Register and book early to get the test date and location you want.



Read properly

Preview the question when you are given a lot of information.



Gain understanding

Get to know the structure and types of questions in the UCAT.



Strategise

Guess, flag and skip difficult questions in the exam. Return to them later.



Become familiar

Familiarise yourself with the test platform by practicing on a computer.



Don't skip anything!

Answer every question in the exam. There is no negative marking!



Work under pressure

Train your speed by setting time limits when completing practice questions.



It's only 1 option

Remember that there's many other options in these fields that don't need UCAT.

The 5 UCAT subtests



Subtest name

Details

Question types

Verbal Reasoning

Assesses your ability to read and think carefully about information presented in passages and to determine whether specific conclusions can be drawn from information presented.

21 minutes

11 passages

44 questions

300-900 score

Multiple choice

True, false, can't tel

On average, UCAT candidates perform the worst in Verbal Reasoning



Decision Making

Assesses your ability to apply logic to reach a decision or conclusion, evaluate arguments and analyse statistical information.

31 minutes 29 questions

300-900 score

- Syllogism
- Logic puzzle
- Strongest argument
- Inference
- Venn diagram
- Probability

There are 6 types of questions in Decision Making that always appear in the same order



Quantitative Reasoning

Assesses your ability to use numerical skills to solve problems.

24 minutes

9 data sets

36 questions

300-900 score

Chart reading

Percentages

Averages

Ratios, rates proportionality

Perimeters, areas and volumes

Year 7/8 maths will be required but your problem solving skills will be more important in Quantitative Reasoning



Abstract Reasoning

Assesses your ability to identify patterns amongst abstract shapes where irrelevant and distracting material may lead to incorrect conclusions.

13 minutes

11 sets

55 questions

300-900 score

- Set A/Set B identify
- Set A/Set B select
- Sequences
- Analogies

You have less than 15 seconds per question for Abstract Reasoning



Situational Judgement

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

26 minutes

21 scenarios

69 questions

300-900 score

- Importance
- Appropriateness

You are awarded half marks in Situational Judgement for picking a response that is close to the answer

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