

# 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.

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### Skill acquisition

Gain fundamental skills such as speed reading and mental maths.

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### Book early

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

3

### Gain understanding

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

4

### Become familiar

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

5

### Work under pressure

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

6

### Have longer sessions

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

7

### Read properly

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

8

### Strategise

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

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### Don't skip anything!

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

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### It's only 1 option

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

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# 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 tell

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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