

SCHEDULE C: DOCTOR OF MEDICINE ADMISSION CRITERIA AND SELECTION

This Schedule is made pursuant to the [Admission Criteria and Selection \(Higher Education Courses\) procedure](#) and was approved by Academic Board on 15 February 2023.

This Schedule sets out the admission criteria and selection process for the Doctor of Medicine.

Acronyms used in this schedule	Meaning
MM	Modified Monash (MM) category MM 1 to MM 7. MM 1 is a major city and MM 7 is very remote
GAMSAT	Graduate Medical School Admissions Test
GEMSAS	Graduate Entry Medical School Admission System
GPA	Grade Point Average
MCAT	Medical College Admission Test
MMI	Multiple Mini Interview
RTS	Rural Training Stream

The table below sets out the admission criteria and selection process for the Doctor of Medicine for different applicant categories:

DOMESTIC general stream applicants
<p>Domestic general stream applicants apply through GEMSAS and are selected for Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) on the basis of the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• academic performance in an approved Bachelor, Honours, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Masters by coursework¹. Minimum entry requirement is a final GPA (weighted) of 5.0 or greater. The GPA is calculated on the most recent three full-time-equivalent years (FTE) of study, and• performance in the GAMSAT². A minimum score of 50 in each of the three sections of the Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admission Test (GAMSAT), and an overall score of 50 or greater• Applicable adjustments as specified in Schedule B⁴ based on information provided in the GEMSAS application form. <p>General stream applicants are ranked for MMI offer based on:</p> <p>Equal weighting of GPA + GAMSAT score² + any adjustment factors as specified in Schedule B⁴</p> <p>Applicants are selected for MMI based on their ranked order. Following the MMI³, a final aggregate score is calculated as follows:</p> <p><i>Final aggregate = equal weighting of GPA + GAMSAT + applicable adjustments (50%) + MMI interview score³ (50%).</i></p> <p>Applicants are ranked according to their final aggregate score and course offers will be made to applicants based on ranked order and the number of places available.</p> <p>Please note: a minimum 50% of all course places (RTS + general stream) will be offered to students meeting rural background criteria.</p>

DOMESTIC RURAL TRAINING STREAM (RTS) applicants

Rural Training Stream (RTS) applicants apply through GEMSAS and will be assigned one of the following rurality tiers, based on the documentation provided to GEMSAS as part of the rurality assessment:

- Tier 1: Deakin's rural footprint, as defined by evidence of rural background in the geographic area and available at <https://www.deakin.edu.au/medicine/study-opportunities/rural-training-stream>⁶
- Tier 2: evidence of rural background in MM2-7 in Rural Victoria
- Tier 3: evidence of rural background in MM2-7 in other areas of Rural Australia

RTS applicants are selected for MMI on the basis of the following factors listed below:

1. The number of interview places available
2. Tier order (tier 1 > tier 2 > tier 3)
3. Ranked order within each tier based on the aggregate score applicable to their assigned tier (see below)

Following the MMI, RTS offers are made on the basis of:

1. The number of RTS places available
2. Tier order (tier 1 > tier 2 > tier 3)
3. Ranked order within each tier based on the aggregate score applicable to their assigned tier (50%) + MMI score (50%)

Notes:

- Acceptance into the RTS is a commitment to undertake training in a rural location for Years 1 & 2, and a rural location (not including Geelong) for Years 3 & 4 of the course. A student declaration confirming this commitment is required to confirm enrolment.
- Transfers from the RTS to the general stream are not possible and exit from the RTS would be a forfeit of the position within the course
- RTS applicants from any tier may apply separately for Deakin's general entry stream. They must meet all admission requirements for the general stream including satisfactory completion of the GAMSAT.

Requirements for Tier 1: Deakin's rural footprint

Tier 1 applicants must provide required rurality assessment documentation to GEMSAS that demonstrates 5 years continuous or 10 years cumulative residence in the geographic area defined as Deakin's rural footprint and available at:

<https://www.deakin.edu.au/medicine/study-opportunities/rural-training-stream>⁶

Selection of Tier 1 applicants for MMI will be based on ranking using an aggregate score comprising:

- Academic performance in an approved Bachelor, Honours, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Masters by coursework¹. Minimum requirement if a final GPA (weighted) of 5.0 or greater. The GPA is calculated on the most recent three full-time-equivalent years (FTE) of study.
- Applicable adjustments to the GPA as specified in Schedule B⁴ based on information provided in the GEMSAS application form
- Written application score. RTS applicants are required to submit a written application demonstrating rural community connection and commitment, and evidence of preparedness for tertiary study. Written applications will be assessed by rural community and academic members or clinical practitioners

Tier 1 applicants are ranked for MMI offer within their tier based on:

GPA + any adjustment factors as specified in Schedule B⁴(50%) + written application score (50%)

Applicants are selected for MMI based on their ranked order.

Following the MMI, a final Tier 1 aggregate score is calculated as follows:

Final aggregate = GPA + applicable adjustments (25%) + RTS written application (25%) + MMI interview score³ (50%)

Applicants are ranked according to their final aggregate score and course offers will be made to applicants based on ranked order and the number of places available.

Requirements for Tier 2 (Rural background MM2-7 in Rural Victoria) and Tier 3 (rural background in MM2-7 in other areas of Rural Australia)

Tier 2 and 3 applicants must provide required rurality assessment documentation to GEMSAS that demonstrates 5 years continuous or 10 years cumulative residence in their chosen rurality tier.

Selection for MMI will be based on ranking using an aggregate score comprising:

- Academic performance in an approved Bachelor, Honours, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Masters by coursework¹. Minimum requirement if a final GPA (weighted) of 5.0 or greater. The GPA is calculated on the most recent three full-time-equivalent years (FTE) of study.
- Applicable adjustments to the GPA as specified in Schedule B⁴ based on information provided in the GEMSAS application form
- Performance in the GAMSAT². A minimum score of 50 in each of the three sections of the GAMSAT, and an overall score of 50 or greater
- Written application score. RTS applicants are required to submit a written application demonstrating rural community connection and commitment, and evidence of preparedness for tertiary study. Written applications will be assessed by rural community and academic members or clinical practitioners

Tier 2 and 3 applicants are ranked for MMI offer within their tier based on:

(equal weighting of GPA + GAMSAT + adjustments if applicable (50%)) + written application score (50%)

Following the MMI, a final tier 2 or 3 aggregate score is calculated as follows:

Final aggregate = equal weighting of GPA + GAMSAT + adjustments (25%) + RTS written application (25%) + MMI score³ (50%)

Applicants are ranked according to their final aggregate score and course offers will be made to applicants based on ranked order and the number of places available

INDIGENOUS ENTRY STREAM applicants

Indigenous Entry Stream (IES) applicants apply directly to the School of Medicine through the IES and must demonstrate eligibility to apply as an Indigenous Australian. An aggregate score is then allocated and applicants are ranked according to:

- academic performance in an approved Bachelor, Honours, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Masters by coursework¹. A final GPA (weighted) of 5.0 or greater. The GPA is calculated on the most recent three full-time-equivalent years (FTE) of study, and
- information provided in the IES application form
- performance in an interview⁵¹.

Offers will be made to applicants based on rank order and the number of places available under the IES.

INTERNATIONAL applicants

International applicants apply through the Deakin University Applicant Portal, and are selected on the basis of the following factors:

- academic performance in an approved Bachelor, Honours, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Masters by coursework¹. A final GPA (weighted) of 5.0 or greater. The GPA is calculated on the most recent three full-time-equivalent years (FTE) of study.
- performance in the GAMSAT or MCAT²
- performance in an interview⁵.

Applicants are allocated an aggregate score comprising: their GPA; their GAMSAT or MCAT score²; including an adjustment factor for Deakin Graduates as specified in Schedule B⁴.

Applicants are then:

1. Ranked on the basis of their aggregate score.
2. Selected for interview based on their ranked order.

Following the interview, a final aggregate score is calculated as follows:

Final aggregate = (GPA (25%) + GAMSAT/MCAT (25%) + adjustments if applicable) + interview score⁵ (50%).

Offers will be made to applicants based on rank order and the number of places available.

¹ Degree must have been awarded within 10 years of the projected commencement date of the Doctor of Medicine. Applicants whose degree was completed outside this 10 year period may be considered if they have completed the equivalent of one half year of approved tertiary study (0.5 FTE) at Australian Qualifications Framework level 8 or higher at an institution recognised by the Australian Qualifications Framework (or equivalent overseas institution determined by Deakin) and completed by 31 July in the year of application. It must also be completed within the 10 years of commencement date of the course. Note – this requirement is not applicable for RTS Tier 1 students

² GAMSAT or MCAT score must be obtained within four years preceding the year of application.

³ A minimum overall score of 50% at MMI. Eligible applicants scoring less than 2 on any station will undergo review.

⁴ There is no cap on the number of additional points that can be awarded to eligible applicants.

⁵ Score based on performance at the interview in which applicants must achieve a minimum overall score of 50%

⁶ The Deakin University rural footprint is all locations in the [Western Victorian Primary Health Network area](#) that are classified as [MM3-MM6](#) (Large Rural Towns, Medium Rural Towns, Small Rural Towns, Remote Communities). It will also include MM2 (Regional Centres) locations surrounding and including Ballarat, given Ballarat is the location of one of Deakin's rural clinical schools. All other MM1 and MM2 locations within the Western Victorian Primary Health Network area and the MM3 and MM4 location on the Bellarine Peninsula are excluded from the Deakin University rural footprint (Tier1).