

2018 Graduate Entry Programmes in Medicine (EU Applicants – CK791 DN401 LM101 RC101)

EU Applicants interested in applying for entry in September 2018 should note the following:

If you have at any time ever resided, or are at present resident, outside the EU, then you must contact the Fees Office of the Institutions to which you are applying, well in advance of the closing date (1.2.2018) to verify your EU Fee Status / EU (CAO) eligibility.

(a) Entry Requirements and Assessment of your Application:

- UCC, UCD & RCSI require applicants who started a medical programme to be in good academic standing at the institution previously attended. Applicants who have been discontinued from any academic programme should contact the Admissions Office before applying
- Candidates must hold, or expect to hold by 1 July 2018, a minimum 2H1 (second class honours, grade one, or equivalent) award in their **first Level 8** undergraduate Bachelor Honours degree (NFQ Level 8)
- **CAO CANNOT verify your eligibility or comment on your documentation.** Academic eligibility queries must be directed to the Admissions Office of the institution concerned and NOT to CAO
- For candidates who meet the above requirement (2H1 Honours Level 8 degree award), the GAMSAT (Graduate Medical Schools Admissions Test) will then be used as the sole instrument to select students. A minimum score of 54 was required in 2017 to receive an offer of a place
- The Graduate Medicine institutions meet in **July** to jointly assess applications. CAO will email all applicants with the Graduate Medicine institutions' joint decision concerning your academic eligibility and / or EU status.

(b) Application Process:

- **The CAO application closing date for Graduate Medicine courses is 17:15 hours on 1 February 2018.** Applying online at www.cao.ie ensures that you will receive your 2018 CAO Application Number immediately which is necessary when applying to sit the GAMSAT test in Ireland
- You cannot apply for Graduate Medicine as a Late Application or introduce such courses for the first time via a Change of Mind
- Applicants should read Page 3 of the CAO Handbook 2018 in regard to **Restricted Application Courses** and the rules and regulations on how to amend / change your course choices
- Application to sit the GAMSAT test in March 2018 in Ireland should be made to the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) www.gamsat-ie.org before 10:00 AM GMT on **2 February 2018**
- The GAMSAT test will take place on **24 March 2018** at ACER test centres in Cork, Dublin and Limerick
- An additional GAMSAT test sitting is offered in Dublin in September each year. The test will take place on 12 September 2018. Results of the September 2018 test cannot be used for CAO applications to graduate medicine courses commencing in 2018, and can only be used for courses commencing in 2019 and 2020
- Candidates may sit the GAMSAT test at other test centres worldwide. They must submit to CAO (by post) before **1 July 2018** the results of a GAMSAT test already taken, provided the test was not taken before 1 September 2016.

(c) GAMSAT Results:

- CAO will communicate with ACER in order to obtain the GAMSAT results for the September 2017 and March 2018 sittings at Irish test centres. When the March 2018 GAMSAT results are published, CAO will **email** all Graduate Medicine applicants who **applied by 1 February 2018** and ask them to check their results recorded by CAO under '**My Application**'. Applicants then have an opportunity to forward their results or a better result to CAO by post if applicable
- GAMSAT results from tests other than the **September 2017 and/or March 2018** sittings at Irish test centres must be forwarded to CAO by post before **1 July 2018**. ONLY GAMSAT exam test results taken after 1st Sept 2016 are accepted for consideration for entry to Graduate Medicine in 2018
- All GAMSAT results must be recorded at CAO by **1 July 2018** for consideration of CAO Offers which will be allocated in **early August 2018**

(d) Sending Documents to CAO (Note: CAO does NOT return any documents to applicants):

- The CAO Address is CAO, Tower House, Eglinton Street, Galway, Ireland. Telephone: 091-509800
- In all cases where an applicant sends supporting documents to CAO, they should enclose a stamped addressed card / envelope giving details of documents submitted. This card / envelope will be date stamped when received by CAO and posted back to the applicant
- Applicants who have **already completed** and been conferred with their first undergraduate Bachelor Honours degree award (QQI Level 8) should submit proof of their qualifications **by 15 March 2018**. Supporting documentation must include **complete ORIGINAL transcripts** (including all years of study and all exams taken - **not** a certified photocopy) printed on the Institutions official headed paper, showing class of degree awarded (2H1 minimum) and year conferred. If year conferred is not detailed on the original transcript, a certified A4 photocopy of your graduation parchment is required
- Applicants **due to graduate in 2018** must submit **complete ORIGINAL transcripts** (including **all years** and not a certified photocopy) printed on the Institutions official headed paper, well in advance of the closing date **15 July 2018**. This transcript should indicate the final award classification and/or award date.
- Applicants are advised to contact the Registry / Examinations Office of the Institution from which they will be graduating to request their full transcript, well in advance of the closing date **15 July 2018**
- An online electronic transcript issued by an awarding institution, whose contents can be securely and independently verified online by an authorised recipient, is also acceptable. The transcript must be enabled by the applicant for viewing and details of the verification process must be supplied to CAO in writing, well in advance of the closing date **15 July 2018**
- If you reside (or have previously resided) outside the EU, evidence of your EU status must be provided. Please check with the Admissions or Fees Office of the Institution for acceptable supporting documents
- All documentation must be submitted in **English**, or if not, an official certified translation in English must be provided. If your documentation records a different name, either by marriage or deed poll, then a certified A4 photocopy of your marriage certificate or deed poll and birth certificate must also be provided
- A certified photocopy means that you photocopy the documents and then bring both the originals and the photocopies to a reputable person or body (School, University, Police Station, Admissions Office etc.) where they will sign and stamp the photocopy as being a true copy of the original.