

## 2019 Graduate Entry Programmes in Medicine - Ireland

**EU Applicants interested in applying to CK791, DN401, LM101 & RC101 should note the following:**

### **Entry Requirements and Assessment of your Application**

- 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 your CAO application to verify your EU Fee Status / EU (CAO) eligibility
- 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 2019, a minimum 2H1 (second class honours, grade one, or equivalent) award in their **first Level 8** undergraduate Bachelor Honours degree (equivalent to 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<sup>1</sup> was required in 2018 to receive an offer of a place
- The Graduate Medicine institutions meet in **July** to jointly assess applications. In approximately the third week of July, CAO will email all applicants with the Graduate Medicine institutions' joint decision concerning your academic eligibility and / or EU status. If you wish to appeal this decision, you need to be in a position to do so, within days of receiving this e-mail notification.

### **Application Process**

- Candidates need to submit a CAO application at [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie). The normal closing date for applications is **1 Feb 2019**, 5.15pm. The late closing date is 1 May 2019 but please note that your 2019 CAO Application Number is required when registering for the GAMSAT test
- Application to sit the GAMSAT test in March 2019 in Ireland should be made to the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) [www.gamsat-ie.org](http://www.gamsat-ie.org) before 10am GMT on **2 February 2019**
- The GAMSAT test will take place on **23 March 2019** 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 11 September 2019. Results of the September 2019 test cannot be used for CAO applications to graduate medicine courses commencing in 2019, and can only be used for courses commencing in 2020 and 2021
- Candidates may sit the GAMSAT test at other test centres worldwide. They must submit to CAO (by post) before **1 July 2019** the results of a GAMSAT test already taken, provided the test was not taken before 1 September 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> Not everyone on a score of 54 received an offer. It was based on random selection

## GAMSAT Results

- GAMSAT results from **September 2018 and/or March 2019** sittings are automatically forwarded to CAO from ACER, for 2019 CAO applicants
- Any other GAMSAT results taken after 1 Sept 2017 need to be forwarded to CAO by post before **1 July 2019**
- You can check the GAMSAT results recorded for you, by CAO, under **'My Application'** at [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) (CAO will notify applicants when GAMSAT results are available in their CAO account)
- All GAMSAT results must be recorded at CAO by **1 July 2019** for consideration of CAO Offers which will be allocated in **early August 2019**.

## Sending Documents to CAO

- The CAO Address is CAO, Tower House, Eglinton Street, Galway, Ireland. Telephone: 091-509800
- **CAO does NOT return any documents to applicants.** 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** their degree and been conferred should submit proof of their qualifications **by 15 March 2019**.  
Supporting documentation must include **complete ORIGINAL transcripts** (not a certified photocopy) which includes all years of study and all exams taken, printed on the Institutions official headed paper, showing class of degree awarded (2H1 minimum) and award/conferring date.  
If the award/conferring date is not detailed on the original transcript, a certified A4 photocopy of your graduation parchment is required
- Applicants **due to graduate in 2019** must submit **complete ORIGINAL transcripts**, displaying the same details as outlined in above paragraph, well in advance of the closing date of **15 July 2019**.  
If the award/conferring date is not detailed on the original transcript, please provide a note from your Institution indicating your scheduled conferring 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 2019**
- 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 2019**
- 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.