

2021 Graduate Entry Medicine (GEM) Programmes - 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 each institution to which you are applying, well in advance of your CAO application to verify your EU Fee Status / EU (CAO) eligibility. You should include copies of your correspondence with each Fees Office as part of your application (EU fees eligibility outcome only – usually an email from the Fees or Admissions Office)
- UCC, UCD, UL & RCSI require applicants who may have started a medical programme to be in good academic standing at the institution previously attended. Applicants who are currently registered in a medical programme, or have been discontinued or have withdrawn; should contact the Admissions Office before applying
- Candidates must hold, or expect to hold by 1 July 2021, 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 <https://nfq.qqi.ie>)
- 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 55* was required in 2020 to receive an offer of a place
- The Graduate Medicine institutions meet in July to jointly assess all GEM applications. CAO will inform all applicants with the Graduate Medicine institutions' joint decision concerning academic eligibility and / or EU status no later than 23 July 2021. If you wish to appeal this decision, you must be in a position to do so on receipt of the ineligible e-mail notification sent by CAO on behalf of the Graduate Medicine institutions.

Application Process

- Candidates must submit a CAO application at www.cao.ie. The normal closing date for applications is 1 Feb 2021, 5.15pm. The late closing date is 1 May 2021. Your 2021 CAO number must be added to your GAMSAT account in order for ACER to submit your GAMSAT results to CAO
- Application to sit the GAMSAT test in March 2021 should be made to the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) www.gamsat-ie.org before 10am GMT on 1 February 2021
- The GAMSAT test will take place in March 2021
- An additional GAMSAT test sitting is offered in September each year. Results of the September 2021 test cannot be used for CAO applications to Graduate Medicine courses commencing 2021. September 2021 GAMSAT scores can only be used for courses commencing in 2022 and 2023
- Candidates may sit the GAMSAT test at other test centres worldwide.

* Not all applicants with a GAMSAT score of 55 received an offer. Offers were based on random selection.

GAMSAT Results

- In order for your GAMSAT results to be forwarded to the CAO by ACER, you must indicate on any of your current GAMSAT registrations (September 2019, March 2020, September 2020, March 2021) that you are an applicant to an Irish programme. Results from these sittings can only be considered for 2021 Graduate Medicine entry
- If you do not provide your 2021 CAO application number in your GAMSAT account, or if you give an incorrect number, this may affect the delivery of your GAMSAT results to the CAO and the institutions
- You can check the GAMSAT results recorded for you, by CAO, under “My Application” at www.cao.ie (CAO will notify applicants when GAMSAT results are available in their CAO account, this will occur shortly after the release of March 2021 GAMSAT results). Results for all applicants (includes applicants with previous GAMSAT) will only be updated after the release of March 2021 GAMSAT results.
- All GAMSAT results must be recorded at CAO by 1 July 2021 for consideration of CAO Offers that will be allocated in early August 2021.

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 2021
- Supporting documentation must include complete ORIGINAL transcripts (not a certified photocopy) which includes all years of study and all third level 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 2021 must submit complete ORIGINAL transcripts, displaying the same details as outlined in above paragraph, well in advance of the closing date of 13 July 2021. 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 13 July 2021
- 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 13 July 2021

- 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, by either 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
- Should you require the return of your original documentation, which ordinarily cannot be reproduced (international transcripts / legal certificates etc), please include written instructions to CAO with a stamped addressed envelope for return at the end of the application cycle
- Applicants presenting degrees from other EU or international countries should provide a Diploma Supplement or equivalent complete academic transcript detailing 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 <https://nfq.qqi.ie>).