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# 2023 Graduate Entry

# Medicine

Guidelines for CAO Applicants



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## Admissions Criteria

1. Candidates must hold, or expect to hold by July 1 2023, 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>).
2. Candidates must be eligible for EU fees in order to compete for a CAO place.
3. If you have at any time ever resided, or are at present resident, outside the EU, then you must contact each institution to which you are applying, well in advance of your CAO application to verify your EU/UK Fee Status eligibility. You should include copies of your correspondence with each Higher Education Institution (HEI) as part of your application which confirms your EU fees status. This is usually an email from the Fees or Admissions Office.
4. For candidates who meet the above requirements (2H1 Honours Level 8 degree award and EU fees status), the GAMSAT (Graduate Medical Schools Admissions Test) will be the sole instrument to select students. A minimum score of 55\* (UL) was required in 2022 to receive an offer of a place.

5. Applicants who previously started a medical programme must be in good academic standing at the institution previously attended. Applicants who have withdrawn from any other medical programme should contact the Admissions Office before applying.
6. **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.

## GAMSAT

7. The GAMSAT test takes place in March and September each year. The testing window for the March 2023 sitting is 18-22 March. Application to sit the GAMSAT (Ireland) test in March 2023 should be made to the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) [www.gamsat-ie.org](http://www.gamsat-ie.org) before 10am GMT on **February 2 2023**.
8. For entry to Graduate Medicine in 2023, only results from the following GAMSAT sittings are acceptable: September 2021, March 2022, September 2022, and March 2023. (Results of the September 2023 test cannot be used for courses commencing in 2023).
9. For your GAMSAT results to be forwarded to the CAO by ACER, you must indicate on your GAMSAT registration for any of these sittings, that you are an applicant to an Irish programme.
10. You must also provide your correct 2023 CAO application number in your GAMSAT account. Failure to do so may affect the delivery of your GAMSAT results to the CAO and the institutions.
11. In late May 2023, GAMSAT results can be viewed under “My Application” at [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) . CAO will notify all applicants when GAMSAT results are available in their CAO account. If no score (or an incorrect score) is recorded for you, you will need to submit your results to CAO (by post) before July 1 2023.
12. To be eligible for an offer in early August 2023, all GAMSAT results must be recorded at CAO by **July 1 2023**.

## Application Process

13. Candidates must submit a CAO application at [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie). The normal closing date for applications is February 1 at 5.15pm of the year of entry. The late closing date is 1st May of the year of entry. Your 2023 CAO number must be added to your GAMSAT account for ACER to submit your GAMSAT results to CAO.
14. Exceptional Late Applications will not be accepted for Graduate Entry Medicine (page 31 of the CAO Handbook).

## Supporting Documentation

15. Supporting documentation must include complete/full set of ORIGINAL transcripts or Diploma Supplement (not a certified photocopy), including all years of study and all third-level exams taken, printed on the institution’s official headed paper, showing the 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. Supporting documentation must be posted to the CAO as per the instructions outlined below.

16. Applicants due to graduate in 2023 must submit complete ORIGINAL transcripts, displaying the same details as outlined in point 15 above, well in advance of the closing date of July 1 2023. 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 this closing date.
17. An online electronic transcript issued by an awarding institution, whose contents can be securely and independently verified online is also acceptable. The applicant must enable the transcript for viewing and details of the verification process must be supplied to CAO in writing, well in advance of the closing date July 1 2023. Do not supply your own personal login details in any circumstances as these cannot be used to verify electronic transcripts.
18. In cases where the full set of original transcripts or Diploma Supplement or the online/digital transcript (as outlined above) are not available to you from your awarding institution, a printed copy of transcripts will be accepted if accompanied together with an official letter (such as a Qualification Statement) issued from the awarding institution, providing confirmation from the awarding institution. Such a confirmation should clearly indicate the following:
  - a. The specific service/office which is providing the transcript, e.g. Registry Office, Examinations & Records Office, etc.
  - b. An original or digital signature<sup>1</sup> and/or original stamp from this service/office
  - c. The degree award title, e.g. 'BSc Biomedical Sciences'
  - d. The class of degree awarded, e.g. 2H1
  - e. The date of the award/conferring (can be prospective for current year graduates)
19. 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<sup>2</sup> of your marriage certificate or deed poll and birth certificate must also be provided.

## EU Fees Status Eligibility

20. Candidates must be eligible for EU fees in order to compete for a CAO place.
21. If you reside (or have previously resided) outside the EU, evidence of your EU fees status must be provided. Please check with the Admissions or Fees Office of the institution for acceptable supporting documents.
22. If you have been assessed for fees status by any of the institutions to which you are applying, you should submit the email(s) confirming your fees status with your supporting documentation.

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<sup>1</sup> A digital signature is a digital code (generated and authenticated by public key encryption) which is attached to an electronically transmitted document to verify its contents and the sender's identity.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

## Sending Documents to CAO

23. The CAO Address is CAO, Tower House, Eglinton Street, Galway, Ireland Telephone: 091-509800.
24. When sending supporting documents to CAO, 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 you.
25. If you would like your documents returned, then you should request this after the Graduate Entry Medicine screening is complete. You should send a stamped addressed envelope giving details of documents that are to be returned.
26. If you are graduating in 2023, you must submit your documentation as early as possible and before July 1 2023 at 5pm.
27. If you have graduated from your primary degree prior to 2023, your full set of documentation (transcripts etc., see below) should be submitted to the CAO no later than **March 15 2023**.
28. If applying for Graduate Medicine only, documents relating to second-level or high-school qualifications are not required. Please do not submit these.

## Eligibility Screening, Outcomes & Appeals

29. The Graduate Medicine institutions will meet in July to jointly screen all GEM applications for eligibility.
30. Assessment outcomes are communicated to you via your CAO “My Application” portal. CAO will send an email (dates TBC) indicating that the outcome of your assessment is available to view on the portal. Please log in to your CAO account, scroll down and view the outcome.
31. If you are deemed eligible but are not offered a place (based on your GAMSAT score) your eligibility will carry over to the following year.
32. If you are deemed ineligible to be considered for an offer (following eligibility screening), you will have an opportunity to appeal that decision. Any supporting documentation needed for your appeal must be submitted before the final date of the appeals window (date TBC).
33. It is your responsibility to monitor all e-mails received by CAO and respond in a timely manner.

## Offers

34. Applicants who have been deemed eligible during eligibility screening according to the criteria as detailed throughout this document are then made offers on the basis of the GAMSAT score only. If a candidate presents more than one valid GAMSAT score, the best score is used. Each HEI will make offers to the highest scoring candidates.
35. Applicants are placed on a list in order of merit for each course for which they are eligible. For example, if you have the highest points score you go to the top of the list and the applicant with the second-highest points score goes second on the list, and so on.

36. The HEIs then instruct CAO on how many offers to make for each course. If you are in 20th position for a chosen course, and the institution instructs CAO to offer 25 places, then you will receive an offer of a place on that course, unless you have received an offer of a course higher up on your preference list. You will not be offered a lower preference course if you receive an offer of a course higher up on your preference list.
37. Random number selection may also be a factor. Before applicants are placed on the Order of Merit lists for courses they are assigned a random number for each course choice. If there are five applicants with an identical points score competing for one remaining place, random number selection applies and the place will be offered to the applicant with the highest random number.
38. Offers are made through the CAO in Round 0 in early August (exact dates TBC) and there will be approximately one week in which to accept the offer through the CAO 'My Application' portal. If you do not receive an offer in the first round you may receive an offer in subsequent rounds.

## 2023 Timelines

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Applications                      CAO Closing dates: 5pm 1 February, 5pm 1 May

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GAMSAT                              18-22 March

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Submit                                For pre-2023 graduates: 5pm March 15  
Documentation to

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CAO                                    For 2023 graduates: 5pm 1 July

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Eligibility Screening              Early July (dates TBC)

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Outcomes notified following screening, date TBC

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Appeals                                Dates TBC

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Offers                                 Early August 2023

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Reply date for offers is ordinarily 5-7 days after offers are issued, dates TBC

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GEM Start Dates  
(teaching)                      RCSI: September 4  
    UCD: September 11  
    UCC: September 4  
    UL: September 4

## GAMSAT cut-offs 2020 / 2021 / 2022

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>University of Limerick</b>	55*	57*	55*
<b>University College Cork</b>	57*	60*	58*
<b>University College Dublin</b>	58*	61*	60*
<b>Royal College of Surgeons Ireland</b>	61	62*	62

\*Random selection applied

## Contacts

<b>University of Limerick</b>	<b>University College Cork</b>
<a href="http://www.ul.ie/academic-registry/about/contactus">www.ul.ie/academic-registry/about/contactus</a>	Fees queries and assessments: <a href="http://www.ucc.ie/en/financeoffice/fees/free-fees/">www.ucc.ie/en/financeoffice/fees/free-fees/</a> For Admissions-related queries: <a href="http://www.ucc.ie/en/ask/prospective/">www.ucc.ie/en/ask/prospective/</a>
<b>University College Dublin</b>	<b>Royal College of Surgeons Ireland</b>
<a href="http://www.ucd.ie/askus">www.ucd.ie/askus</a>	<a href="mailto:admissions@rcsi.ie">admissions@rcsi.ie</a>
<b>CAO contact</b>	
<a href="http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=contact">www.cao.ie/index.php?page=contact</a>	

## Checklist

<b>CAO Application</b>	
<b>GAMSAT Application</b>	
<b>Complete Original Transcripts</b>	
<b>Evidence of EU/UK Fees Status</b>	
<b>Stamped Self-Addressed Envelope</b>	

## Other resources

Graduate Entry Medicine UCC: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/ck791/>

Graduate Entry Medicine RCSI: <https://www.rcsi.com/dublin/undergraduate/gem/>

Graduate Entry Medicine UCD: [ucd.ie/medicine/studywithus/undergraduate/graduateentrymedicine/](http://ucd.ie/medicine/studywithus/undergraduate/graduateentrymedicine/)

Graduate Entry Medicine UL: <https://www.ul.ie/gps/course/medicine-graduate-entry>

GAMSAT: <https://gamsat.acer.org/>