



UCC, RCSI, UCD, UL

2022 Graduate Entry Medicine

Guidelines for Applicants



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Admissions Criteria

1. 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 Fee Status / EU/UK 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.
2. UCC, UCD, UL & RCSI require applicants who started a medical programme to 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 Applicants who have withdrawn from any other Medical programme should contact the Admissions Office before applying.
3. Candidates must hold, or expect to hold by July 1 2022, 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>).
4. **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.
5. 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 57* (UL) was required in 2021 to receive an offer of a place.

GAMSAT

6. The GAMSAT test takes place in March and September each year. The testing window for the March 2022 sitting is 18-23 March. Application to sit the GAMSAT (Ireland) test in March 2022 should be made to the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) www.gamsat-ie.org before 10am GMT on **February 2 2022**.

7. For entry to Graduate Medicine in 2022, only results from the following GAMSAT sittings are acceptable: September 2020, March 2021, September 2021, and March 2022. (Results of the September 2022 test cannot be used for courses commencing in 2022).
8. 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.
9. You must also provide your correct 2022 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.
10. In late May 2022, GAMSAT results can be viewed under “My Application” at 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 2022.
11. To be eligible for an offer in early August 2022, all GAMSAT results must be recorded at CAO by **July 1 2022**

Application Process

12. Candidates must submit a CAO application at 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 2022 CAO number must be added to your GAMSAT account for ACER to submit your GAMSAT results to CAO.

Sending Documents to CAO

13. The CAO Address is CAO, Tower House, Eglinton Street, Galway, Ireland Telephone: 091-509800.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. If you are graduating in 2022, you must submit your documentation as early as possible and before July 1 2022 at 5pm.
17. If you have graduated from your primary degree prior to 2022, your full set of documentation (transcripts etc., see below) should be submitted to the CAO no later than **March 15 2022**.
18. Supporting documentation must include complete/full set of ORIGINAL transcripts¹ (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

¹ This may be submitted in the form of a Diploma Supplement or a statement of your academic record

date. If the award/conferring date is not detailed on the original transcript, a certified A4 photocopy of your graduation parchment is required.

- 19. If applying for Graduate Medicine only, documents relating to second-level or high-school qualifications are not required. Please do not submit these.**
20. Applicants due to graduate in 2022 must submit complete ORIGINAL transcripts, displaying the same details as outlined in above paragraph, well in advance of the closing date of July 1 2022. 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.
21. 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 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 2022. Do not supply your own personal login details in any circumstances as these cannot be used to verify electronic transcripts.
22. In cases where the full set of original transcripts or the online/digital transcript (as outlined above) are not available to you from your awarding institution, a printed PDF copy of transcripts will be accepted if accompanied together with an official letter 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 signature² 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)
- 23. This full set of original transcripts must be posted to the CAO as per the instructions outlined above.**
24. 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.
25. 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) photocopy³ of your marriage certificate or deed poll and birth certificate must also be provided.

² 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.

³ 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.

Eligibility Screening, Outcomes & Appeals

26. The Graduate Medicine institutions will meet in July to jointly screen all GEM applications for eligibility.
27. CAO will inform all applicants of the Graduate Medicine institutions' joint decision concerning academic eligibility and/or EU/UK fees status on July 11. 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.⁴
28. Assessment outcomes are communicated to you via your CAO "My Application" portal. CAO will send an email 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.
29. 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 to support your appeal must be submitted by that date. It is your responsibility to monitor all e-mails received by CAO and respond in a timely manner.
30. You will be able to submit an appeal from July 12 until 5pm on July 28.

Offers

31. 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.
32. 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.
33. 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.
34. 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.
35. 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.

⁴ 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.

2022 Timelines

Applications	CAO Closing dates: 5pm 1 February, 5pm 1 May 18-23 March
Submit Documentation to CAO	For pre-2022 graduates: 5pm March 15 For 2022 graduates: 5pm 1 July
Eligibility Screening	July 6, 7, 8 Outcomes notified 11 July
Appeals	12 July - 28 July @ 5pm
Offers	TBC TBC
GEM Start Dates	RCSI UCD : Sept 5 (Orientation) , Sept 12 (Teaching) UCC: September 5 UL: September 5

GAMSAT cut-offs 2020 & 2021

	2020	2021
University of Limerick	55*	57*
University College Cork	57*	60*
University College Dublin	58*	61*
Royal College of Surgeons Ireland	61	62*

*Random selection applied

Contacts

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

Checklist

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

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/

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

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