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Do you want to study Medicine or Dentistry?

2017 UKCAT UK Clinical Aptitude Test

The UKCAT is used in selection processes by a Consortium of UK medical and dental schools. The test helps universities make more informed choices from amongst the many highly-qualified applicants who apply for their medicine and dentistry programmes.

Who must take the test?

All candidates wishing to apply in 2017 to UKCAT Consortium universities must take the test in the same year. Candidates will need to refer to university websites, prospectuses or the UCAS website for specific entry requirements of each university and course.

University of Aberdeen	University of Leicester
Aston University	University of Liverpool
University of Birmingham	University of Manchester
Cardiff University	University of Newcastle
University of Bristol	University Of Nottingham
University of Buckingham	Plymouth University
University of Dundee	Queen Mary, University of London
University of East Anglia	Queen's University Belfast
University of Edinburgh	University of Sheffield
University of Exeter	University of Southampton
University of Glasgow	University of St Andrews
Hull York Medical School	St George's, University of London
Keele University	University of Warwick (graduate entry)
King's College London	

This list is subject to change. Please check the UKCAT website before you book your test.

Test content

The UKCAT consists of separately timed subtests, which assess a range of mental abilities identified by medical and dental schools as important.

Verbal Reasoning – assesses the ability to critically evaluate information presented in written form.

Decision Making – assesses the ability to make sound decisions and judgements using complex information.

Quantitative Reasoning – assesses the ability to critically evaluate information presented in numerical form.

Abstract Reasoning – assesses the use of convergent and divergent thinking to infer relationships from information.

Situational Judgement Test – measures the capacity to understand real world situations and identify critical factors and appropriate behaviour in dealing with them.

Registration and booking

The UKCAT is a computer-based test delivered in Pearson Vue test centres throughout the UK and internationally. Candidates register to take the test via the UKCAT website and can then book a test at a convenient location and time. It is strongly recommended that candidates take the test at their earliest convenience to ensure places are available at a local test centre.

Candidates with special educational needs may require additional time for the test and in this case will sit the UKCATSEN. Information regarding this version of the test can be found on the UKCAT website.

Test Day

The UKCAT is unlike most exams candidates are used to. Candidates should ensure they are familiar with the test centre environment before the day by visiting:

www.pearsonvue.com/ppc

It is also essential that candidates present the correct photographic identification at the test centre. Candidates who do not present the specified documentation will not be permitted to test. Please visit:

www.ukcat.ac.uk/test-day



Candidate Preparation Toolkit

Within the toolkit we provide over 1000 practice questions, including 3 fully timed tests, all available free of charge from our website. UKCAT does not endorse commercially available preparation courses or books and candidates should note these may contain misleading information. To access the toolkit visit:

www.ukcat.ac.uk/preparation/candidate-toolkit



UKCAT 2017 Official Guide

The Guide contains definitive information regarding the test and includes over 100 practice items.



Practice Tests & Questions

UKCAT has a large number of practice questions for all subtests so candidates can familiarise themselves with the format and style of item types.

Candidates can then progress to the three fully timed practice tests. These closely mimic the testing experience and include questions of an equivalent standard to the actual test together with answer rationales.



Tour Tutorial

The Tour Tutorial allows candidates to understand the format of the UKCAT illustrating all of the functions in a computer-based test.



Question Tutorial

The Question Tutorial guides candidates through example items from each subtest and offers strategies on how to approach and answer questions.



Official UKCAT Practice App

A free App, which helps candidates familiarise themselves with the question styles in each subtest. It is a complementary resource in addition to the online practice tests and can be downloaded from the iTunes App or Google Play Store.



Videos

Former high scoring candidates share invaluable advice on how to prepare for the test and their overall test experiences, plus a selection of UKCAT universities share their thoughts on the use of the test and what they look for in an applicant.

Watch these videos on the Official UKCAT YouTube channel:
www.youtube.com/officialukcat

For more advice and guidance on preparing for the test visit:

www.ukcat.ac.uk/preparation

2017 key dates

Registration opens	2 May 2017
Testing begins	3 July 2017
Registration closes	19 September 2017
Bursary deadline	19 September 2017
Booking/rescheduling closes	2 October 2017
Last testing date	3 October 2017
UCAS application deadline	15 October 2017

Bursaries

UKCAT bursaries are available to cover the full test fee for candidates who are in receipt of one of the following:

- 16 to 19 Bursary or Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA)
- Discretionary Learner Support
- Free School Meals
- Full Maintenance Grant or Full Special Support Grant
- Income Support, Job Seeker's Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit
- An equivalent means tested benefit to one of the above, if they are outside the UK but within the EU

Test Fees

EU, July - August	£65
EU, September – October	£80
Non EU	£100

UKCAT results

Candidates receive their UKCAT results immediately after taking the test. Universities then use these results as part of their admissions process. Details of how the test is used by universities can be found via their individual websites.

Bursaries are also available to candidates who:

- Live with a parent or guardian in receipt of Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-based Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit (household income is less than £35k)
- Live with a family member in receipt of Child Tax Credit (household income is less than £35k)

For further information and to apply visit:
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