

BMAT

BIOMEDICAL ADMISSIONS TEST



About the BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT)

BMAT is an admissions test used by higher education institutions for entry to Medicine, Biomedical Sciences and Dentistry courses.

2018 test dates

In 2018, there will be two test dates – in September and October. The two test sessions will be the same in terms of test format and how the tests are scored.

The September test session will be available at selected authorised test centres in the UK and internationally. Alternatively, students can take BMAT in October at their own school or college or at one of our authorised test centres around the world.

You must only take BMAT once.

Find out more about the two sessions below.

Important note for applicants to the University of Oxford or Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine:

The University of Oxford will *only* accept BMAT results from the October session for A100 Medicine and BC98 Biomedical Sciences.

Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine will *only* accept BMAT results from the October session for Medicine.

If you are applying for these courses at the University of Oxford or LKC Medicine, **you must take the test in October only**, even if you are also applying to institutions/courses that accept September results.

	September 2018	October 2018
Test date	Saturday 1 September	Wednesday 31 October
Test centres	You can only take BMAT – September at certain authorised test centres in the UK and internationally. These are listed on our website.	You can take BMAT – October at your school/college if they are a centre, or at one of our authorised test centres worldwide.
Which institutions/courses accept results?	View a list of participating institutions/courses on our website: admissionstesting.org/bmat-september	View a list of institutions/courses on our website: admissionstesting.org/bmat-october
Registration fee <small>Fees may be payable in Euros or US Dollars depending on centre location.</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• £80 within the EU (including the UK)• £115 outside the EU• No late fee applies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• £46 standard fee within the EU (including the UK)• £78 standard fee outside the EU• £33 additional late fee.
Registration opens	25 June	1 September
Standard registration deadline	12 August at midnight BST	1 October at midnight BST
Late registration deadline	No late registration available.	15 October at 18.00 BST
Results release date	21 September	23 November
How do I get my results?	You will be able to view your results by logging in to the Metritests account you created when registering.	You are issued with a PDF Statement of Results via our Results Online system.
How do institutions get my results?	You must share your BMAT results with participating institutions, using the Metritests system. Your results must be shared with the institutions to which you are applying by 20 October, to be considered as part of your application for entry in September/October 2019. You will not be able to share your results if you miss this deadline.	We provide your results to any BMAT institution to which you have applied.



What's in the test?

BMAT is a 2-hour test in three sections:

Test section	Shows you can:
1. Aptitude and Skills: 1 hour (35 multiple-choice questions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• solve problems• understand arguments• analyse data and make inferences.
2. Scientific Knowledge and Applications: 30 minutes (27 multiple-choice questions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• apply scientific knowledge typically learned by the age of 16 in school Science and Mathematics.*
3. Writing Task: 30 minutes (one writing task from a choice of three)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• select, develop and organise ideas• communicate effectively in writing and present your ideas clearly and concisely.

* For example, GCSE in the UK and IGCSE internationally.

How do I register?

See the other side of this flyer for registration opening and closing dates.

For BMAT in September:
You need to register yourself.

You choose your test centre and pay for the test online at www.metritests.com (select Shop at the top of the page).

For BMAT in October:
Your school/college/test centre needs to register you.

Please ask the Exams Officer to register you. Also ask for your candidate entry number as proof that your registration is complete.

You must take BMAT – October at a registered test centre. Your school or college may already be a test centre – check with your Exams Officer. Please note, your school or college may charge an administration fee in addition to the test fee.

If you are not able to take the test at school or college, you need to find an authorised open test centre where you can take the test. These centres usually charge an administration fee in addition to the test fee.

admissionstesting.org/find-a-centre

If your school or college is not already registered as a centre, they can apply to become a test centre – even if you are the only person taking a test. The deadline for applications to become a centre is 30 September. Once they are a test centre, they will then need to register you as a candidate separately.

admissionstesting.org/become-a-centre

How do I prepare?

Visit the BMAT preparation page for a wide range of free resources:

- Read the **BMAT preparation guide** for advice on how to prepare, and the **BMAT test specification** to familiarise yourself with the test format.
- Read the **BMAT Section 1 question guide** to find out how to approach the different question types.
- Access the **BMAT Section 2: Assumed Subject Knowledge guide**, which covers in detail the topics that can be assessed in BMAT.
- Read the **Section 3 sample essays** and **marking criteria** to understand how responses are marked.
- Answer some **BMAT past papers** for each section under timed conditions.

admissionstesting.org/bmat-prep

What if I need Access Arrangements?

Access Arrangements are available if you have a disability or special requirement, and are entitled to support for exams.

For BMAT – September: you need to request Access Arrangements when booking your test online. Medical evidence will be required. We must receive requests for modified papers by 27 July 2018.

For BMAT – October: you need to inform your centre of any special requirements when they register you for the test. They will ask for full details and a copy of your medical evidence. Requests for modified papers must be submitted by your centre by 30 September 2018.

Are reimbursements available?

Institutions using BMAT want to make sure that the registration fee is not a barrier to access or widening participation. In some cases, we can reimburse registration fees to eligible test-takers, based on ability to pay (please note, additional late entry fees and centre fees for the October test cannot be reimbursed). Find out more on our website.

Can I take the test twice?

You must only take the test once: in September **OR** October. Always check institution/course websites to confirm if they accept September or October test results. If one or more of the institutions you are applying to do not accept September results, you **must** take the test in October only.

Where can I find out more?

BMAT – September information, including further FAQs:
admissionstesting.org/bmat-september

BMAT – October information, including further FAQs:
admissionstesting.org/bmat-october

Admissions testing support: admissionstesting.org/help

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