



# DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD)

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## DOMESTIC APPLICATION GUIDE 2023



## FAST FACTS

- The MD is offered on a full-time basis only and requires attendance in person and on campus.
- Only applications submitted via the Flinders University [online application system](#) will be accepted.
- Applicants should carefully consider their location (and MDRS location) preferences as these cannot be altered once the application is submitted.
- Applicants must be available for an interview during the published interview period. Requests for alternative date arrangements will not be considered.
- Late applications will not be accepted. We recommend applying as early as possible. Waiting until the last few hours of the deadline may lead to a system overload and can impact on applicant's ability to meet the deadline. No exceptions will be made for applicants who are not able to apply due to system issues in the last few hours leading to the submission deadline.
- Assistance with application system related issues is available on weekdays from 9:00am to 5:00pm (ACST) by calling our Helpdesk on 08 8201 2345.
- All new applicants are given a Flinders University email address when they create an application. This is automatically designated as their 'Preferred Email'. Applicants should check and select their preferred email per [instructions](#).
- All emails sent to an applicant are sent to their preferred email address as indicated in the Flinders University Student Information System when the application is submitted.
- If an applicant changes their contact details after the application has been submitted, they will need to inform the admissions team of the update by emailing [askflinders@flinders.edu.au](mailto:askflinders@flinders.edu.au) in order to ensure that they continue to receive communication to their updated email or mobile phone number.
- A \$148 (inc. GST) non-refundable [application processing fee](#) applies. This fee is payable only once even if applicants indicate they wish to be considered for both SA and NT places. Payment must be made by the deadline.
- There will be a \$57 (inc. GST) non-refundable [interview administration fee](#) for applicants who are invited to and accept an interview. This will be payable at the time the applicant accepts their invitation to interview. If an applicant subsequently declines their interview invite, this fee will not be refunded.
- Applicants who have been excluded/precluded from a medicine course at another university will not be able to apply until their exclusion/preclusion has been lifted.
- The course is not deferrable. However, in case of genuinely unforeseen and usually compassionate and extenuating circumstances, a request to defer may be considered for successful applicants who are able to provide documentary evidence to demonstrate their circumstances changed between the time they submitted an application and requested a deferment; and that these were outside of their control and therefore prevent them from commencing the course.
- All applications are assessed uniformly, therefore appeals for the outcome of an application are normally not possible. However, a written request should be sent to [askflinders@flinders.edu.au](mailto:askflinders@flinders.edu.au) in the first instance.
- Pre-assessment of applications, including calculation of wGPA or overseas qualification equivalency will not be provided.
- Upon graduation, a year as a hospital intern must be completed to qualify for medical registration with the Medical Board of Australia. After internship and a possible further year in a training position, graduates can then apply to undertake specialist training with a medical college. In addition to clinical practice in a wide range of medical specialties, medical graduates may work in research, public health or community aid around the world, or in health administration.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The application submission and assessment process is administered by Flinders University. To maximise chances of gaining entry to the MD an applicant needs to:

- meet the application eligibility criteria;
- understand and adhere to the application procedures and deadlines;
- provide all the information and supporting documentation asked of them by Flinders University by the relevant deadlines;
- read and understand the terms and conditions of the application when they apply;
- carefully follow all the instructions given whilst applying and in any subsequent communications;
- pay any fees by the relevant deadlines;
- check [preferred email](#) settings on a regular basis as email is the primary mode of communication;
- keep contact details, including mobile number up to date and notify of any changes after submitting an application.

The information provided by the applicant will be used:

- to confirm they meet the eligibility requirements to apply for the course;
- assess their application based on the information and documentation provided;
- to identify the applicant as the owner of the data they have provided;
- to obtain from other educational institutions details of their enrolment, results and academic qualifications at those institutions, which are considered necessary to process their application;
- for statutory reporting to the Australian Government as indicated in the terms and conditions of application.

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***This guide provides information about the current eligibility criteria, application process and selection for entry to the MD in 2023 only. All information within this guide is subject to change. Any changes made during the 2023 application cycle in response to government restrictions will be made available on our website [www.flinders.edu.au/MD](http://www.flinders.edu.au/MD).***

***Flinders University reserves the right to make changes to the entry requirements and selection methodology for the MD from one intake to the next without notice. Any such changes will be reflected in future editions of this guide online at [www.flinders.edu.au/MD](http://www.flinders.edu.au/MD).***



# WELCOME

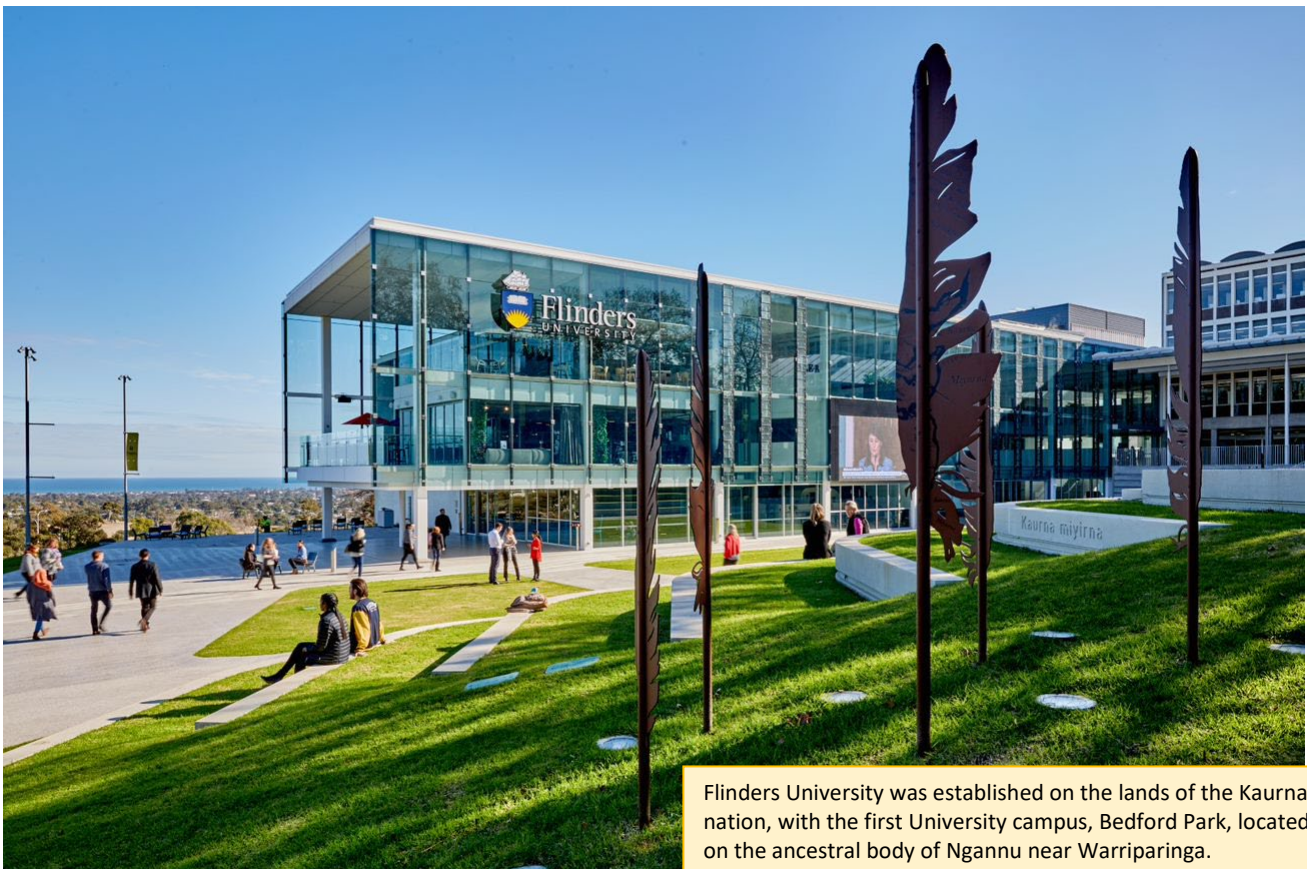
WELCOME TO THE 2023 DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD) DOMESTIC APPLICATION GUIDE. READING THIS GUIDE IS THE FIRST STEP ON THE WAY TO APPLYING FOR THE MD AT FLINDERS UNIVERSITY.

This Guide will help applicants determine their eligibility to apply and understand the application process. The required supporting documentation for sub-quotas is also provided as are their submission deadlines.

**Reading and understanding this Guide forms part of the application process as changes may be made to the entry requirements of the course and/or its sub-quotas from one intake to the next.**

If, after reading this Guide, applicants have any questions relating to the application process, they are asked to email [askflinders@flinders.edu.au](mailto:askflinders@flinders.edu.au) for assistance.

We thank applicants for considering the Doctor of Medicine at Flinders University.



Flinders University was established on the lands of the Kaurna nation, with the first University campus, Bedford Park, located on the ancestral body of Ngannu near Warriparinga.

Flinders University acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians, both past and present, of the various locations the University operates on, and recognises their continued relationship and responsibility to these Lands and Waters.

# APPLICATION TIMELINE

## 2022 for 2023 entry

18 March to 23 March	GAMSAT test sittings
Friday 20 May	Doctor of Medicine (MD) Application Guide 2023 published online
Monday 23 May 9:00 am (ACST)	Applications open
Late May	GAMSAT March 2022 results released
Monday 27 June 2022 11:59pm (ACST) (extended from Friday 24 June 2022)	Application submission deadline
Monday 27 June 2022 11:59pm (ACST) (extended from Friday 24 June 2022)	Deadline for submission of Statutory Declarations for sub-quotas
Friday 15 July 11:59pm (ACST)	Deadline for payment of application processing fee
Sunday 31 July 11:59pm (ACST)	Deadline for submission of Official Academic Transcripts showing Sem 1, 2022 results for those completing most recent Bachelor degree at end of 2022
Sunday 31 July 11:59pm (ACST)	Deadline for submission of Official Academic Transcripts for One-year Bachelor and One-Year Honours degrees showing successful completion AND for most recent Bachelor degree completed prior to 2022
Sunday 31 July 11:59pm (ACST)	Deadline for submission of supporting letters for Rural, MDRS and NT sub-quotas; and visa for Humanitarian visa sub-quota
From mid to late August	Applicants shortlisted for interviews notified
Monday 5 September 11:59pm (ACST)	Interview administration fee payment deadline
Monday 19 to Friday 30 September *	South Australia Interviews held
Tuesday 27 to Thursday 29 September*	Northern Territory Interviews held
From late October to mid- February	Applicants notified of outcome of their application. Offers may be made right up to the commencement of the course to fill places available
Saturday 31 December	Deadline for submission of Official Academic Transcripts for applicants in final year of most recent Bachelor degree showing successful completion
Mid-February 2023	Year 1 of MD commences

\* The interview timeline may change for the 2022-2023 admission cycle in response to COVID-19. Updates will be provided to applicants once confirmed.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to regularly consult the website for the most up to date timeline.

Flinders University retains the right to introduce subsequent application or interview rounds. In this unlikely event, a notice will be published at [www.flinders.edu.au/MD](http://www.flinders.edu.au/MD).

# ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

Applicants must meet citizenship requirements and English language proficiency requirements; must be in their final year or have completed their most recent Bachelor degree or have completed a 1 year Honours degree; and must hold a valid Graduate Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) result with a minimum score of 50 in each Section of the test to be eligible to apply.

## CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents and Humanitarian visa holders are classified as domestic applicants for places in South Australia and the Northern Territory. New Zealand citizens are classified as domestic applicants for places in South Australia only and are not eligible to apply for the MD in the Northern Territory. Applicants are required to meet domestic eligibility criteria at the time of application.

Applicants who are in the process of applying for permanent residency must have residency confirmed before they submit an application as a domestic student. It is not possible to convert to a domestic place if admitted to the MD as an international student.

Applicants who do not meet the domestic citizenship classification as above are considered international applicants and are not eligible to apply as domestic applicants.

**Note:** New Zealand permanent residents are classified as international students. Details on how to apply as an international applicant are available at [www.flinders.edu.au/international/medicine](http://www.flinders.edu.au/international/medicine).

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

Flinders University conducts an English Language Proficiency Check (ELPC) for all its courses to confirm applicants meet the minimum English language proficiency per its [policy](#). Most applicants for the MD pass the ELPC due to having undertaken previous study in Australia at a higher education level. Applicants who may not pass the check will be contacted with further information.

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to have completed or be in the final year of their most recent Bachelor degree, either from an Australian university or from another tertiary institution of equivalent standard at the time of application. For applicants who have studied at a higher education level overseas, Flinders University will use the agreed guidelines and assess their overseas qualifications to determine equivalence to a Bachelor's degree level study offered by Australian institutions.

Pre-assessment for equivalency is not possible. Applicants can have their overseas qualification assessed for equivalency through <https://internationaleducation.gov.au/>.

Applicants whose most recent Bachelor degree is a 1 year Bachelor degree or a 1 year Honours degree are eligible to apply. However, evidence of successful completion of these through an Official Academic Transcript must be submitted by 31 July 2022 to be considered.

Applicants who have already completed their most recent Bachelor degree will need to provide evidence of successful completion through an Official Academic Transcript and must be submitted by 31 July 2022 to be considered

Postgraduate qualifications such as Graduate Certificates, Masters, PhD or Doctor qualifications are not taken into consideration for the purposes of wGPA or overall selection rank calculations.

Flinders University encourages individuals from diverse academic backgrounds to apply as there are no subject pre-requisites to be met for entry.

**Note:** Flinders University does not have a 10-year rule. Applicants who completed their most recent Bachelor degree more than 10 years ago are eligible to apply for entry to the MD.

## GAMSAT REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to hold a valid [GAMSAT](#) result at the time of application and must have achieved a minimum score of 50 in each Section of the test to be eligible to apply.

**APPLICANTS WHO DO NOT HAVE A VALID GAMSAT RESULT AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION OR THE MINIMUM SCORE REQUIRED WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Valid GAMSAT results for 2023 application are from sittings held in Australia, Ireland or the UK from September 2020 to March 2022. GAMSAT results are normally valid for 2 intakes, i.e. applicants who sat the March test in 2022 may use the results achieved to apply for the MD for 2023 and/or 2024 entry. Applicants who sit the September test in 2022 can only use the results achieved to apply for the MD for 2024 and/or 2025 entry as these results are not available in time for the 2023 application submission deadline.

**Note:** Neither ACER nor Flinders University recommend, endorse or have any association with commercial GAMSAT preparation courses or preparation texts. ACER produces the only official [GAMSAT](#) preparation materials.

# APPLICATION

## HOW TO APPLY

Applicants eligible to apply must submit their applications directly to Flinders University through the Online Application System. Refer to our step-by-step [Direct Application Guide](#) for assistance on the application submission process and for the link to the Online Application System portal.

## PREFERENCES

Applicants are asked to submit **one** application for only **one** of the MD locations to indicate which is their first preference location. Applicants who wish to be considered for the other location as their second preference will be asked to indicate this in the application:

- Bedford Park: South Australian Medical Program (SAMP) (Commonwealth Supported)  
or
- Darwin: Northern Territory Medical Program (NTMP) (Employer Reserved – Fee Paying)

For example, if Darwin is the most preferred location and Bedford Park is the second preferred location, an application for Darwin should only be submitted and the question in that application regarding Bedford Park being a second preference should be responded to as Yes. If there is no second preferred location, this can also be indicated when asked in the application by responding No.

## SAMP

### Doctor of Medicine Rural Stream (MDRS) Sub-quota

Rural applicants who wish to be considered for the MDRS must select Bedford Park, SAMP as their application location and indicate they wish to be considered for the MDRS sub-quota in the application. Applicants are required to indicate all the MDRS locations offered in South Australia in order of preference as part of the application.

Applicants from non-rural backgrounds can also apply for the MDRS and must indicate this in their application. Should the MDRS sub-quota not be filled by applicants from an Australian rural background, applicants from non-rural backgrounds may be considered.

## NTMP

The NTMP is based in the Northern Territory (NT) and requires a four-year return of service after graduation which is not able to be transferred to SA. The place types are referred to as Employer Reserved – Fee Paying, as the places are fully funded by the NT government. Applicants who preference the NTMP first cannot be considered for the MDRS.

## DOCUMENTATION

Applicants must provide electronic copies of original or certified copies of original documents as part of the application process. Details are available in the [Supporting Documentation](#) section of this guide.

### OFFICIAL ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT

Applicants must provide details of their most recently completed or due to be completed Bachelor degree in 2022 for consideration per the [eligibility criteria](#) section in this guide.

An electronic copy of an original or a certified copy of an original Official Academic Transcript must be uploaded to the application by the deadline as evidence they meet this requirement. **Unofficial academic transcripts, statement of results, academic statements, exam slips, screen shots of grades, AHEGS, etc. will not be accepted.**

My eQuals links are accepted provided they comply with the [Supporting Documentation](#) guidelines in this document.

Graduates or students currently completing their most recent Bachelor degree at Flinders University are not required to provide a copy of their official academic transcript. Applicants who completed their most recent Bachelor degree at another institution but are completing or have completed a postgraduate course at Flinders University need to provide Official Academic Transcripts for their most recent Bachelor degree only by the deadline.

### SUB-QUOTA AND NTMP SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Applicants must provide relevant supporting documentation with their application if they are eligible to be considered under one or more of the sub-quotas with this requirement, as outlined in the [Supporting Documentation](#) section of this guide.

Applicants are not required to provide details of academic prizes or awards; letters of recommendation; CVs or Resumes; work experience; reference letters; supporting statements for special consideration, as these will not be considered in the selection process.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### GAMSAT CANDIDATE NUMBER

Applicants who have a valid GAMSAT result and achieved a minimum of 50 in each Section of the test must provide their GAMSAT candidate

**Please ensure you have read this guide carefully and follow the steps in the Direct Application Guide. Every year several applicants fail to complete their application correctly and are therefore not eligible for consideration. The most common oversight is failure to upload supporting documentation as required and by the due date. It is the applicant's responsibility to read and understand the application requirements.**



number. Flinders University will obtain applicant results of the valid GAMSAT based on the candidate number provided from ACER.

**Note:** Applicants with multiple valid GAMSAT results need to choose which sitting results they wish to be considered for their application for entry to the MD and provide only one candidate number at the time of application.

# ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL PROGRAM (SAMP)

Up to 90 Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) are available for commencing domestic students in South Australia for 2023 entry. The number of places varies in any given year. All CSP places in South Australia are subsidised by the Commonwealth Government and require students to pay a [Student Contribution Amount](#).

### PLACE TYPES

The SAMP offers Non-Bonded and Bonded Medical places.

Non-Bonded and Bonded places will be offered on the basis of applicants' overall selection rank. The highest ranked applicants are normally offered a Non-Bonded place. As such, applicants are **not required/asked** to indicate their place type preference in their application.

#### Non-Bonded Places

Non-Bonded Places have no commitments after successful completion of the MD.

Non-bonded places are open to Australian Citizens, Permanent Residents, Humanitarian Visa Holders and New Zealand citizens.

#### Bonded Places

The [Bonded Medical Program](#) (BMP) is a Federal Government initiative to provide more Australian trained doctors in areas of workforce shortage, particularly in regional, rural and remote Australia. The BMP provides students with a CSP in a medical course at an Australian university in return for a commitment to work in eligible regional, rural and remote areas for a specified period after completion of their medical course. This commitment is referred to as a Return of Service Obligation (RoSO).

Bonded places are open to Australian Citizens, Permanent Residents and Humanitarian Visa Holders only.

Students issued a BMP offer who accept the terms and conditions of the statutory scheme are subject to [Part VD of the Health Insurance Act 1973](#) (Act) and must abide by the [Health Insurance \(Bonded Medical Program\) Rule 2020](#) (Rule).

All BMP offers will be classified as conditional, requiring acceptance of BMP terms and conditions in the Department of Health's Bonded Return of Service System (BRoSS) to confirm their offered bonded place. Information about this scheme can be found at the Australian Government of Health website [www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/bonded-medical-program](http://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/bonded-medical-program).

## SAMP SUB-QUOTAS

Applicants will be considered for all sub-quotas they are eligible for, provided the documentary requirements and deadlines have been met. Selection for a place is under one sub-quota only and successful applicants are only issued one offer, even if eligible for multiple sub-quotas.

### Non-Flinders University Graduates Sub-quota

A minimum 25% of the total places available are normally for applicants whose most recent Bachelor degree is **not** from Flinders University but from another Australian university or tertiary institution of equivalent standard.

Applicants who do not hold a Flinders University qualification per the information provided in their application will be considered under this sub-quota.

### Flinders University Graduates Sub-quota

A maximum 75% of the total places available are normally for Flinders University students who have completed, or are due to complete, in 2022, their most recent Bachelor degree or a postgraduate qualification such as a Graduate Certificate or Masters etc.

Applicants who hold a Flinders University Bachelor or higher qualification will be considered under this sub-quota.

**Note:** Applicants who completed a Bachelor degree at Flinders University and subsequently completed their most recent Bachelor degree at another Australian university or tertiary institution of equivalent standard will no longer be eligible for consideration under this sub-quota.

### Flinders University Graduates Reserved Sub-quota

A maximum 30% of total places available are normally for applicants who have completed or will complete in 2022 their most recent Bachelor degree at Flinders University and is one of the following:

- Bachelor of Health Sciences\* – including double degrees e.g. Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Physiotherapy\*
- Bachelor of Medical Science – the Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Science) and the Bachelor of Medical Science (Laboratory Medicine) are not eligible for this sub-quota
- Bachelor of Paramedic Science
- Bachelor of Public Health
- Bachelor of Science (Biotechnology – Medical Biotechnology Stream)\* (per program of study either published in the course rule or the replacement study plan provided to students upon the stream being discontinued)

\* These courses will no longer be eligible for this sub-quota. A transition period for applicants whose most recently completed Bachelor degree is one of these courses will be in place up to and including 2025 entry. Therefore, to be considered under this sub-quota with one of these courses for 2025 entry, the course must be completed by 31 December 2024 if the course is yet to be completed.

**Note:** Applicants who completed one of the above degrees at Flinders and subsequently completed their most recent Bachelor degree, and it is not one of those listed above, will no longer be eligible for consideration under this sub-quota. As an example, applicants who completed the Bachelor of Medical Science in 2016 and have since completed a Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry) are no longer eligible for the reserved sub-quota but will be considered for the Flinders Graduate sub-quota.

**Note:** Applicants who have completed one of the above 3-year degrees at Flinders and subsequently completed or are about to complete a Flinders 1 year Honours degree in the same area by 31 July 2022, will be eligible for this sub-quota. For example, the 3-year Bachelor of Health Sciences was completed at Flinders in 2016 and subsequently a Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) year is about to be completed by 31 July 2022 at Flinders.

### 2022 Intake % per sub-quota

<b>Flinders University Graduates (inc. Reserved)</b>	<b>64%</b>
<b>Non-Flinders University Graduates</b>	<b>36%</b>

## Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Sub-quota

Flinders University supports the Commonwealth and Northern Territory Governments' priority to increase the participation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people in medicine through its commitment to equity and inclusiveness in its medical program.

Up to five places are reserved in the MD for eligible Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants for the SAMP.

To be considered for the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Sub-quota applicants must indicate they are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander in their application and submit the required supporting documentation by the deadline.

## Indigenous Entry Stream (IES)

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander graduates who do not hold a valid GAMSAT result to apply to the MD in the first instance, are able to apply for entry into the MD through the [IES pathway](#).

The IES prepares applicants for the MD by studying science and relevant skills in the:

- Preparation for Medicine Program (PMP) – a two-week intensive program taught on campus. Provides the foundation skills and knowledge needed to study medicine; and
- Flinders University Extended Learning in Science (FUELS) – a 10 week (10-hour per week) online course that covers chemistry, physics, biology and numeracy.

**Note:** IES applications for 2022 (2023 MD entry) are now closed. Applications open in November each year and close in February the following year.

## Rural Sub-quota

A minimum of 28% of Commonwealth Supported Places are normally available for applicants who come from an Australian rural background.

The 'rural eligibility criteria' definition is defined as residency of at least 10 years cumulatively or five years consecutively in an Australian Statistical Geography Standard – Remoteness Areas (2016) (ASGS – RA) 2 to 5 by the commencement of the course.

Applicants can use the Remoteness Area Locator to look up the name of their town and find its remote area number indicator at [www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator](http://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator). Some South Australian examples are Mount Barker in the Adelaide Hills = RA2 (inner Regional), Loxton in the Riverland = RA3 (Outer Regional), Kimba = RA4 (Remote) and Ceduna and Oodnadatta = RA5 (Very Remote).

To be considered for the Rural Sub-quota applicants must indicate they are from an Australian rural background in their application and submit the required supporting documentation by the deadline.

**Note:** Applicants from a non-rural background who wish to be considered for the MDRS subquota, should places not be filled by applicants from a rural background, do not have to submit supporting documentation confirming the above.

## Humanitarian Visa Sub-quota

Flinders University is committed to providing an opportunity to study medicine to applicants who at any time have held or currently hold a Humanitarian Visa issued by the Australian Government and who are also an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident at the time of application.

Up to four places are normally available to Humanitarian Visa holders in the SAMP.

Applicants must indicate they meet the Humanitarian Visa sub-quota eligibility requirements in their application and submit the required documentation by the deadline.

## Doctor of Medicine Rural Stream (MDRS) Sub-quota

MDRS Offered Locations			
Barossa Valley	Hills Mallee Fleurieu	Greater Green Triangle	Riverland
Up to 6 places	Up to 11 places	Up to 10 places	Up to 9 places

The MDRS sub-quota offers students the unique opportunity to complete their third year of the MD in a rural community. Up to 36 places are normally available to applicants from an Australian rural background who are interested in pursuing a career in rural medicine.

World recognised and highly regarded, the [MDRS](#) has produced medical professionals of the highest standard, many of whom have returned to regional locations to make the most of the unique personal and professional opportunities available in these regions. [Hear more about these opportunities from Dr James Padley and past and present MDRS students about their experience.](#)

The MDRS is available in four regions of rural South Australia:

- [Riverland](#) – where students can be located in Renmark, Berri, Loxton, Barmera and Waikerie.
- [Greater Green Triangle](#) – where students can be located in Mount Gambier, Naracoorte and Hamilton (western Victoria).
- [Hills, Mallee, Fleurieu](#) – where students can be located in Strathalbyn, Murray Bridge (also where a Flinders campus is located), Mannum, Goolwa, Middleton and Kangaroo Island.
- [Barossa Valley](#) – where students can be located in Angaston, Kapunda, Nuriootpa and Tanunda. The Barossa site is in collaboration with the University of Adelaide.

Students attend Bedford Park for years one, two and four of the MD and spend year three of the MD living and studying in one of the MDRS regions listed above. Students will also be scheduled to visit their MDRS regions in first and second year. Student learning is supported by rural academic and professional staff, located in one of the 5 rural campuses across SA. There are also opportunities for rural placement in year four of the MD -- and the Junior Doctor years.

Successful applicants to the MDRS are required to comply with all MDRS obligations including:

- returning to and residing in their selected site for the duration of Year 3 of the MD;
- undertaking up to two scheduled visits to their selected site in Year 1 and Year 2 of the MD; and
- ensuring all curriculum choices are compatible with the above commitments.

Applicants from a rural background who wish to be considered for the MDRS Sub-quota must select Bedford Park, South Australian Medical Program (Adelaide) as their first location preference. Applicants must also nominate all MDRS locations offered in South Australia in order of preference on their application.

Applicants from non-rural backgrounds can also apply and must indicate this in their application, including their preference for each location. Should the MDRS sub-quota not be filled by applicants from a rural background, applicants from non-rural backgrounds may be considered.

All applicants to the MDRS Sub-quota must hold a current driver's licence and have access to a roadworthy vehicle. Applicants whose first preference is the NTMP are not eligible to apply for the MDRS.



Alen Pasalic, MD Rural Stream student, [reflects on his year-long placement in Naracoorte SA](#)

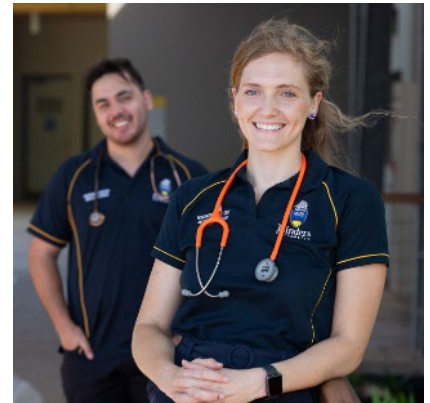
# NORTHERN TERRITORY MEDICAL PROGRAM (NTMP)

The MD is also offered in the NT under the [NT Bonded Medical Scheme \(NTBMS\)](#), providing opportunities for applicants who are either Australian citizens or permanent residents to undertake medicine in the NT.

New Zealand citizens are not eligible to apply for the NTMP.

Applicants who nominate the NTMP as their first preference are not eligible to apply for the MDRS sub-quota.

[Flinders NT](#) delivers the NTMP, provides student placement and workforce capacity support through Remote and Rural Interprofessional Placement Training. It also houses the NT Regional Training Hub encompassing the Centre for Remote Health and the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health.



## PLACE TYPES

Up to 12 places (Employer Reserved – Fee Paying) are normally available each year and these places are funded by the NT Government. The [NTBMS](#) is an NT and Australia Government initiative with the aims of improving the health of all Northern Territorians, particularly Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Territorians, increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island doctors and to provide a sustainable supply of medical graduates to the NT health community. Selection is prioritised per the information below.

The [NTBMS](#) funds the medical training in the MD for each medical student enrolled under the scheme, who as a result of their course costs being funded by the NT Government, are obliged to a Return of Service (RoSO) to the NT Government.

All [NTBMS](#) offers will be classified as conditional, requiring acceptance of [NTBMS](#) terms and conditions, as outlined in the Deed of Agreement, to confirm a place in the course.

### Priority for selection to the NTMP and required documentation

**Priority 1:** Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicant who meets the NT residency requirements.

*Required to provide a Flinders Statutory Declaration and supporting letter confirming they meet NT residency requirements and confirmation they meet Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status by the deadline.*

**Priority 2:** Non-Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicant who meets the NT residency requirements.

*Required to provide a Flinders Statutory Declaration and supporting letter confirming they meet NT residency requirements by the deadline.*

**Priority 3:** Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicant but not a NT resident.

*Required to provide confirmation they meet Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status by the deadline.*

**Priority 4:** Non-Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicant and not a NT resident.

#### **NT Residency Requirements:**

A NT resident is defined as a person who is either an Australian citizen or permanent resident, and who at the time of commencement of the medical course, will have:

- Resided in a permanent address in the NT for a total of at least two years out of the last six years; i.e. resided at permanent address in the NT for two years or more between 2017-2022.
- or
- Resided with a permanent address in the NT for a total of at least five years since commencing primary school.

#### **Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identity:**

Applicants must indicate they are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander in their application and submit the required supporting documentation by the deadline.

# SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

## STATUTORY DECLARATIONS AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Flinders University Statutory Declarations for sub-quotas are included in this Guide.

Applicants are required to submit a separate Flinders University Statutory Declaration by the deadline for each sub-quota they are eligible for, if they wish to be considered under these. Statutory Declarations pertaining to other Universities or previous years or not from this guide or the MD webpage will not be accepted.

Applicants should note a person who makes a false statement in a Statutory Declaration is guilty of an offence under Section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 and may have their offer withdrawn as a result of the provision of inaccurate or incomplete information.

**All supporting documentation needs to be uploaded to the application system by the relevant deadline. If you have not uploaded all the required supporting documentation at the time of submitting your application, you will not be able to amend or upload information after submission. You will be sent an email with instructions on how to upload these ie supporting letters and/or Official Academic Transcripts, by the relevant deadline(s) as published in this guide. Documents submitted after the deadline will not be accepted and applicants will not be considered for the relevant sub-quota.**

### Rural and MDRS Sub-quotas

Applicants wishing to be considered for entry under one or both of these sub-quotas are required to provide a current year Flinders University [Rural Residency Statutory Declaration](#) form and supporting letter(s) confirming they meet the rural residency criteria.

Applicants must demonstrate their residency of at least 10 years cumulatively or any five years consecutively in an Australian Statistical Geography Standard (2016) – Remoteness Areas (ASGS – RA) 2 to 5. Applicants can check their ASGS – RA status at: [www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator](http://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator).

Applicants **must also** submit supporting letter(s), confirming they meet the rural residency criteria, from a:

- School
- University
- Medical Practitioner
- Dentist
- Employer
- Lawyer

Letters must be original and on letterhead and include:

- applicant full rural address;
- the dates (month/year) and duration the applicant resided at that address;
- the author's name, position and contact details.

Applicants may submit multiple letters as evidence they have met the cumulative or consecutive years residency requirements.

Letters from relatives will not be accepted.

**Note:** Documents submitted after the deadline will not be accepted and applicants will not be considered for the sub-quota.

**Note:** Applicants from a non-rural background who wish to be considered for the MDRS subquota, should places not be filled by applicants from a rural background, do not have to submit the above documentation but must indicate this in their application including their preference for each location.

### Humanitarian Visa Sub-quota

Applicants wishing to be considered for entry into the course under this sub-quota are required to provide a current year Flinders University [Permanent Humanitarian Visa Statutory Declaration](#) form confirming they hold, or have held, a Refugee or Humanitarian Visa at some point in time.

Applicants **must also** submit a certified copy of their original Humanitarian Visa by the deadline.

**Note:** Documents submitted after the deadline will not be accepted and applicants will not be considered for the sub-quota.

### SAMP & NTMP - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Applicants

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants may confirm their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity in one of two ways:



### Confirmation of Indigeneity

Provide a certified copy of a formal document confirming their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity. This should be from an incorporated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation stating the organisation recognises the applicant as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. This document should also contain the Common Seal of the organisation.

**OR**

### Affirmation of Indigeneity

Applicants unable to provide a Confirmation of Indigeneity may complete and submit a current year Flinders University [Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identity Statutory Declaration](#).

**Note:** Documents submitted after the deadline will not be accepted and applicants will not be considered for the sub-quota.

### NTMP – NT residency

Applicants who are NT residents are required to provide a current year Flinders University [Northern Territory Residency Statutory Declaration](#) form confirming they meet the residency requirements..

A NT resident is defined as an Australian citizen or permanent resident who, at the time of commencement of the medical course, has:

- resided with a permanent address in the NT for a total of at least two years out of the last six years; or
- resided with a permanent address in the NT for a total of at least five years since commencing primary school.

Applicants **must also** provide supporting letter(s), confirming they meet the NT residency criteria, from a:

- School
- University
- Medical Practitioner
- Dentist
- Employer
- Lawyer

Letters must be original and on letterhead and include:

- applicant full rural address;
- the dates (month/year) and duration the applicant resided at that address;
- the author's name, position and contact details.

Applicants may submit multiple letters as evidence they have met the years required for residency.

Letters from relatives will not be accepted.

**Note:** Documents submitted after the deadline will not be accepted and applicants will not be considered as Northern Territory residents.

### Official Academic Transcripts

Applicants who have completed their most recent Bachelor degree, including one year Bachelor degrees, at an institution other than Flinders University, are required to submit an electronic copy of their original or a certified copy of their original Official Academic Transcript showing grades/marks and successful completion **by 31 July 2022**.

Applicants are not required to provide academic transcripts for postgraduate study (i.e. graduate diploma, graduate certificate, etc.) undertaken at other institutions or Flinders University.

Applicants who are due to complete their most recent Bachelor degree by the end of 2022 at another institution other than Flinders University are required to submit an electronic copy of their original or a certified copy of their original Official Academic Transcript by 31 July 2022 showing grades/marks achieved up to the first semester/first half of their final year in the course. These will be used in the wGPA calculation.

**Note:** Applicants who do not provide the grades/marks achieved up to and including the first semester/first half of their final year in their most recent Bachelor degree by the deadline will not be considered.

Applicants who are due to complete their most recent Bachelor degree by the end of 2022 and are made an offer, are required to provide evidence of successful completion **by 31 December 2022**.

Applicants who have completed a 1-year Honours degree and wish to have this qualification considered in addition to their most recent Bachelor degree, are required to provide evidence of successful completion of the Honours degree **by 31 July 2022**.

**Note:** Applicants are contacted soon after applications close with instructions on how to upload Official Academic Transcripts by the deadline. Official Academic Transcripts submitted after the deadline will not be accepted and applicants will not be considered.

An electronic copy of an original or a certified copy of an original Official Academic Transcript must be uploaded to the application by the deadline as evidence applicants meet the academic requirements.

If academic transcripts are in a language other than English, applicants must submit copies of both the original transcript and full translations in English. Translations must show results for all subjects undertaken and be certified by an independent accredited translator (NAATI) and feature the translator's original stamp and signature on every page. The translation must be a scan of the original hard copy translation document issued by the translator. Electronic versions of the translation, where the translator's stamp has been affixed electronically, cannot be accepted.

It is an applicant's responsibility to comply with requests to provide further documentation, either in the original language or English translation.

**Note:** Applicants who submit Unofficial Academic Transcripts, statement of results, academic statements, exam slips, screen shots of grades, AHEGS, etc. will not be considered.

### My eEquals

If an applicant's Official Academic Transcript is available via the My eEquals platform, they can provide their URL link to allow access to the digital document in their application. If they have set a PIN via my eEquals (this is optional) they will also need to supply this. If they wish to set an expiry date for access to the digital document, they must ensure the date selected is **after February 2023** as the University may need to access the document up to and including this time.

For further information about providing Official Academic Transcripts via My eEquals visit [www.myequals.edu.au/learners/](http://www.myequals.edu.au/learners/).

It is recommended applicants provide their My eEquals link by the deadline but only once their grades/completion/finalisation of their academic transcript is confirmed, as the My eEquals link cannot be changed by applicants once provided.

Any subsequent updates to the academic transcript are not automatically reflected on the link provided and applicants are required to provide a new link by the deadline for updated grades, etc to be considered.

If after submitting their application, applicants receive further results or need to update their previous link by the deadline, they will need to email [askflinders@flinders.edu.au](mailto:askflinders@flinders.edu.au). Applicants will then be sent an email with instructions on how to update this requirement on their submitted application.

**Note:** Links provided after the deadline for update of academic transcripts will not be accepted.

### Document authenticity through My eEquals

Some digital academic transcripts specifically mention the University issuing the transcript will only guarantee the document's authenticity when it is accessed through the My eEquals portal. They further state that when viewed online, the security of the document is only verified by the presence of the 'Certified' blue ribbon above the document.

PDF documents also contain a blue ribbon stating 'Certified by (University)... all signatures are valid' in the Signature Panel above the document. 'University' cannot verify this document's authenticity in printed format. If your transcript includes such text, please ensure you provide the My eEquals link or the pdf document that meets your university's authentication requirements so that your transcript can be accepted for consideration for the MD.

**Note:** Official Academic Transcripts submitted in the format specified by the institution as not being able to verify the authenticity will not be accepted.

**Applicants must upload all supporting documentation to their online application in one of the following file formats: JPEG (JPG will not upload), DOC, DOCX, or PDF e.g. transcript.pdf. A 2MB file limit applies.**

**Applicants must submit each academic transcript, statutory declaration, etc. as a separate file for each of the sub-quotas they are eligible for.**

**Only clear legible scans will be accepted. Any external elements visible – such as a table, shadows, etc will not meet the requirement. We only accept scanned copies of original documents.**

**Upload of screenshots, photos, statements of results, academic records or unofficial transcripts, etc. will not be accepted.**

# SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants will be selected for a place in the MD, on the basis of their overall selection rank calculated using the following, which are equally weighted:

- Interview score (interview must be passed)
- wGPA from most recent Bachelor degree
- GAMSAT overall score

Applicants will be considered for all sub-quotas they are eligible for, provided the documentary requirements and deadlines have been met. Selection for a place is under one sub-quota only and successful applicants are only issued one offer, even if eligible for multiple sub-quotas.

## INTERVIEW

To be considered for interview, applicants must hold a valid GAMSAT result and must have achieved a minimum score of 50 in each section of the test.

Shortlisting for interview is on the basis of an applicant's overall GAMSAT score and their overall ranking in comparison with other applicants.

The overall GAMSAT score cut-offs for interview are dependent upon the profile of the applicant pool and therefore vary every year.

**Overall GAMSAT scores cut-offs for interview for the 2021 and 2022 intakes from applicants with a minimum of 50 in each section:**

Sub-quota	2021 Intake	2022 Intake
Rural	68	65
MDRS	60	62
Flinders Graduates	64	69
Flinders Graduates Reserved	62	62
Humanitarian Visa Holders	62	64
Non-Flinders Graduates (Non-Rural/Non-Humanitarian Visa)	75	78

The GAMSAT overall score is calculated using the following formula:  $(1 \times \text{Section I}) + (1 \times \text{Section II}) + (2 \times \text{Section III}) / 4$ .

**Note:** holding a valid GAMSAT result and achieving the minimum score in each section of the test does not guarantee an invitation for interview.

Applicants who accept an invitation to interview will be required to pay a non-refundable interview administration fee of \$57 by the deadline.

Applicants will be sent their invitation to interview via their preferred email address. Applicants must check the [preferred email address](#) in the Flinders University Student Information System to ensure the right email address is used to contact them.

Applicants will be provided with an online link to book their preferred interview date and time, which will be active for a limited time. The interview will not be confirmed until payment has been received.

All applicants who are shortlisted for an interview must participate in the interview. Due to the continually changing COVID 19 travel restrictions, interviews may take place both in person as well as online. Applicants who are interstate will be interviewed online through the WebEx platform. Applicants who reside in Adelaide and surrounding areas, (SAMP applicants) or Darwin (NTMP applicants), will be interviewed in person. Details will be provided to candidates who are invited to an interview.

The interview conducted in both SA and the NT is semi-structured and uses a common set of scenarios and questions for all applicants, to assess qualities considered important both for success in the medical program and in subsequent medical practice.

The qualities assessed include:

- Quality of motivation
- Learning style and team skills
- Communication skills
- Pro-social attitude
- Personal management and self-evaluation skills
- Approach to decision-making

Interviews will be conducted by a small panel. Interviewers are not provided with any information about applicants, other than applicant

names. Interviews normally last approximately 45-50 minutes.

Interviews are conducted under examination conditions. Failure to comply with these examination conditions may result in failing the interview.

**Note:** Applicants must pass the interview to be considered for selection, therefore must achieve 50% or more out of 100.

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

There is no minimum GPA requirement for 2023 entry to the MD, however strong academic performance in the most recent Bachelor degree is an important indicator of the intellectual abilities necessary for success in the MD, and a Flinders equivalent GPA of 5.50 out of 7.00 is normally considered competitive but selection also depends on GAMSAT overall score and interview score.

**The Flinders University GPA is calculated using the following formula:**

**GPA =**

**sum of (value for each grade\* x topic unit value)/ total number of units**

\*based on % mark achieved

Flinders University value for each grade per (%) marks achieved:

High Distinction = 7 (85% to 100%);  
Distinction = 6 (75% to 84%);  
Credit = 5 (65% to 74%);  
Pass = 4 (50% to 64%);  
Fail = 1.5 (0% to 49%); Withdraw Fail = 1.5

The following grades are not counted in the calculation:  
Non-Graded Pass; Withdraw Not Fail.

Topic Unit Value is as detailed on the Academic Transcript.

A full-time equivalent year at Flinders is 36 units in total made up of 8 topics of 4.5 units each.

## CALCULATION OF WEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGE (wGPA)

wGPAs are calculated for applicants who have passed the interview.

Applicants who are due to complete their most recent Bachelor degree (by the end of 2022 will have their wGPA calculated using the first semester/half of their final year.

Applicants whose most recent Bachelor degree is from an institution other than Flinders University will have the value of each grade converted to a Flinders equivalent using % marks achieved to calculate the wGPA. Where there are no % marks stated in the official academic transcript, the mark range for the grade will be obtained from the institutions' assessment policies online.

### Applicants who complete their most recent Bachelor degree by July 2022

The wGPA is calculated using the marks achieved in the last three full-time equivalent years of study and includes those achieved in an integrated Honours year. For example, applicants who hold a four year full-time equivalent Bachelor degree will not have Year 1 marks used in their wGPA calculation.

Applicants who hold a 1-year Bachelor degree will have the GPA achieved in this study used in the overall selection rank calculation and the GPA will not be weighted.

Applicants who hold a 1-year Honours degree will have their wGPA calculated using the grade/marks (not the Honours class) achieved in this study and will be 'Year 3' for the purposes of the calculation with the final two years in the most recently completed Bachelor degree.

### Applicants who are due to complete their most recent Bachelor degree by end of 2022

The wGPA is calculated using the marks achieved in the last 2.5 full-time equivalent years of study (including an integrated Honours year, if results are available). In order for Semester 1, 2022/first half 2022 results to be included in the wGPA calculation, the Official Academic Transcript must be submitted by 31 July 2022 with these results stated.

**Note:** Results provided or finalised after 31 July 2022 will not be accepted nor used in the wGPA calculation.

## EXAMPLES OF wGPA CALCULATIONS

Applicants who hold a 4-year Bachelor degree or are about to complete a 4-year Bachelor degree (integrated Honours year included), will have their wGPA calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{wGPA} = & \\ & ((\text{GPA of Year 4} \times 3) \\ & + (\text{GPA of Year 3} \times 2) \\ & + (\text{GPA of Year 2})) / 6 \end{aligned}$$

For example, the wGPA for a four-year Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice degree will be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Year 1 – with GPA of 6.1 (Not included in the wGPA calculation)} \\ & \text{Year 2 – with GPA of 5.8} \\ & \text{Year 3 – with GPA of 6.5} \\ & \text{Year 4 – with GPA of 6.2} \\ & ((6.2 \times 3) + (6.5 \times 2) + (5.8)) / 6 \\ & = \text{wGPA 6.23} \end{aligned}$$

Applicants who hold a 2-year Bachelor degree or are about to complete a 2-year Bachelor degree, will have their wGPA calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{wGPA} = & \\ & ((\text{GPA of Year 1} \times 1) \\ & + (\text{GPA of Final Year} \times 5)) / 6 \end{aligned}$$

For example, the wGPA for the two-year Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry) degree will be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Year 1 – with GPA of 6.5} \\ & \text{Year 2 – with GPA of 6.2} \\ & ((6.5 \times 1) + (6.2 \times 5)) / 6 \\ & = \text{wGPA 6.25} \end{aligned}$$

Applicants who hold a 3-year Bachelor degree and has also completed a 1-year Honours degree, will have their wGPA calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{wGPA} = & \\ & ((\text{GPA of Honours Year} \times 3) \\ & + (\text{GPA of Year 3} \times 2) \\ & + (\text{GPA of Year 2})) / 6 \end{aligned}$$

For example, the wGPA for the three-year Bachelor of Medical Science with a completed 1-year medical science Honours will be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Year 1 – with GPA of 6.1 (Not included in the wGPA calculation)} \\ & \text{Year 2 – with GPA of 6.37} \\ & \text{Year 3 – with GPA of 6.87} \\ & \text{Honours Year – with GPA of 7} \\ & ((7 \times 3) + (6.87 \times 2) + (6.37)) / 6 \\ & = \text{wGPA 6.85} \end{aligned}$$



Applicants who are due to complete their most recent 3-year Bachelor degree and are in their final year, will have their wGPA calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{wGPA} = & \\ & ((\text{GPA of Year 3 (first semester/half)} \times 3) \\ & + (\text{GPA of Year 2} \times 2) \\ & + (\text{GPA of Year 1})) / 6 \end{aligned}$$

For example, the wGPA for a three-year Bachelor of Health Science to be completed by the end of 2021 will be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Year 1 – with GPA of 4.4} \\ & \text{Year 2 – with GPA of 5.5} \\ & \text{Year 3 (first semester/half) – with GPA of 5.25} \\ & ((5.25 \times 3) + (5.5 \times 2) + (4.4)) / 6 \\ & = \text{wGPA 5.19} \end{aligned}$$

## wGPA calculation notes

**Specified credit** is included in the wGPA calculation (except if the grade is a non-graded pass or not AQF level 7 or above). Applicants whose most recent Bachelor degree comprises specified credit are required to provide copies of the Official Academic Transcripts showing marks/grades achieved in this study by 31 July 2022.

**Unspecified credit** is not included in the wGPA calculation.

Credit granted on the basis of **VET qualifications** such as a Diploma or Advanced Diploma is not used in the wGPA calculation.

**Exchange/cross-institutional** study is included in the wGPA calculation (except if the grade is a non-graded pass). Applicants whose most recent Bachelor degree comprises results from exchange/cross-institutional study are required to provide copies of all relevant Official Academic Transcripts showing the marks/grades achieved in this study by 31 July 2022.

The last three years of a **combined** or **double degree** will be used to calculate the wGPA. Applicants who are completing a double degree with a postgraduate course such as the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Occupational Therapy, will not have the results from the postgraduate component of the double degree used in the wGPA calculation.

**One-year Bachelor degrees** are considered for entry, however the qualification **must be completed** and confirmation of completion must be provided through an Official Academic Transcript by 31 July 2022. The GPA achieved for this study is used in the overall rank calculation for selection purposes.

**Non-award study** is not included in the wGPA calculation unless it has been approved as specified credit in the most recent Bachelor degree.

**Part-time and overloaded** study will be allocated to each calendar year of the degree by working backwards from the final year of study in the most recent Bachelor degree using the full-time equivalent load value.

**Non-Flinders GPA's** are calculated to a Flinders University equivalent GPA. Flinders GPA is calculated on a value from 1.5 - 7, all fail grades from any institution are assigned a value of 1.5 in the calculation.

## OFFERS

Applicants are ranked on the basis of their overall selection rank for selection into the MD.

Applicants will be considered for all sub-quotas they are eligible for, provided the documentary requirements and deadlines have been met. Selection for a place is under one sub-quota only and successful applicants are only issued one offer, even if eligible for multiple sub-quotas.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND NORTHERN TERRITORY

Selection for SAMP (including all sub-quotas) and NTMP places is on the basis of an applicant's overall selection rank comprising the following components which are equally weighted:

- Overall GAMSAT Score
- Weighted GPA (wGPA)
- Interview Score (interview must be passed)

The University will determine the minimum overall selection rank required for a place offer within sub-quotas in a given year. Offers for places are made within sub-quotas on the basis of overall selection rank.

**Note:** Applicants who receive an offer will be required to secure their place by enrolling in at least one topic in the MD by the deadline stated in their offer letter. Failure to enrol via the Flinders University Student System by the specified date, will mean the offer of a place in the MD will be forfeited and their place may be offered to another applicant. If an applicant declines an offer for a place, they will not be considered for another place or receive another offer as applicants are made offers only after being considered for the sub-quota(s) they are eligible for.

### WAITLISTED AND UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Applicants who are not successful in receiving an offer early in the selection process will be advised of the status of their application as follows:

- Interview was not passed and therefore application is unsuccessful; or
- Overall score was not sufficiently competitive for further consideration, including for any sub-quotas they were eligible for, and application is therefore unsuccessful.
- Overall score was not sufficiently competitive for an offer in the early stages of the selection process; however, they may be considered for subsequent offers should a place become available and are therefore on a waitlist.

Offers may be made up until the commencement of the MD in February 2023 to fill places available.

### CONDITIONAL OFFERS

There are only two instances in which an applicant may receive a conditional offer:

- A Flinders University qualification is due to be completed in late 2022 and offer is conditional on successful completion; OR
- Most recent Bachelor degree at another institution is due to be completed and offer is conditional on evidence of successful completion through an Official Academic Transcript to be provided by 31 December 2022.

Conditions of an offer must be met as specified in the offer letter and by the stated deadline. Failure to do so will mean the offer of a place in the MD will be forfeited and their place may be offered to another applicant.

Applicants who receive a conditional offer will not be able to enrol in the MD until the condition has been met by the deadline.

**Note:** Once conditions are met, applicants will be required to secure their place by enrolling in at least one topic in the MD by the deadline stated in the communication confirming they have met the conditions of their offer. Failure to enrol via the Flinders University Student Information System by the specified date, will mean the offer of a place in the MD will be forfeited and their place may be offered to another applicant. If you decline an offer for a place, you will not be considered for another place or receive another offer.



**ALL PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ACT PROFESSIONALLY TOWARD THE UNIVERSITY, ITS STAFF, STUDENTS AND OTHER APPLICANTS. APPLICANTS ARE ASKED TO NOTE THAT POSTING CORRESPONDENCE, INCLUDING OFFER LETTERS IN ONLINE FORUMS IS NOT APPROPRIATE. FLINDERS UNIVERSITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONSIDER ANY ASPECT OF AN APPLICANT'S BEHAVIOUR IN THE ASSESSMENT OF THEIR SUITABILITY FOR ENTRY INTO THE MD.**

# IMPORTANT COURSE INFORMATION

## GROUNDINGS FOR AN OFFER OF PLACE TO BE WITHDRAWN

An offer may be withdrawn by Flinders University if an applicant has provided inaccurate or incomplete information in their application. In accordance with the [Flinders University Admissions Policy](#), Student Admission Procedure, Section 7 :

Prior to withdrawing an offer and cancelling any sequential enrolment, the University must:

- give the applicant an opportunity to explain the inaccuracies or omissions in the information provided, and
- take into account the degree to which the applicant has contributed to the inaccuracies and omissions and the stage through the course at which the errors are detected.

An offer may also be withdrawn by Flinders University if there has been an administrative error made in accordance with [Flinders University Admissions Policy](#), Student Admission Procedure, Section 7.

## INHERENT REQUIREMENTS

Flinders University welcomes and encourages applications from students with disabilities, and from diverse social and cultural backgrounds. Where there are physical, intellectual, cultural, religious or other factors that impact on a student's ability to meet the inherent requirements, the University will make reasonable adjustments to assist the student to meet the requirements.

While medical education will provide candidates with the foundation of knowledge, attitude, skills and behaviours required to practice medicine, it is recognised that there are certain inherent requirements that are necessary to progress through the curriculum and ultimately receive the Doctor of Medicine (MD). There is a wide range of capabilities and attributes that are required of doctors, some of which are inherent in a person, and some that are learnt and further developed during their medical training and lifelong learning as a medical practitioner. It needs to be recognised that there will be occasions where students with a disability will not be able to meet the requirements of the MD, even with reasonable adjustments. Steps will be taken by College of Medicine and Public Health staff to provide guidance on other study options available.

Flinders University has accepted the [Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand Inc's Inherent Requirements for studying medicine \(July 2017\)](#). These inherent requirements should be read in conjunction with other course information and Medical Board of Australia (MBA) publications such as Guidelines for Mandatory Notifications and Good Medical Practice – A Code of Conduct for Doctors in Australia

To successfully complete the Doctor of Medicine, students must meet all the academic requirements set out in the course [Handbook](#).

## CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

Students enrolled in the MD will be required to complete clinical placements as part of the program of study. All medical students must meet a number of [placement requirements](#) to undertake clinical placements including immunisation, criminal history screening and student registration.

Clinical placement activities are undertaken in mixed gender environments which reflect the Australian health care context. Registration as a Student Medical Practitioner with the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA) is essential for undertaking clinical placements.

### IMMUNISATION

Students must abide by the immunisation requirements to be able to complete the placement requirements for the MD and will not be permitted to progress in the course if this is not met.

### REGISTRATION WITH AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PRACTITIONER REGULATION AGENCY (AHPRA)

Under the terms of the [Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2010](#), medical students are required to be registered with the Medical Board of Australia for the duration of their medical studies.

Students do not need to register themselves with AHPRA as Flinders University will provide AHPRA with the details of all students enrolled in the MD once the course has commenced.

Whilst this is a separate process to student selection, all applicants are advised that if successful in their application for entry into the course, as part of the AHPRA registration process, they will be required to make declarations about their medical fitness, criminal convictions and any previous registration history which may impact their eligibility for AHPRA registration. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact AHPRA directly should they have any concerns about these requirements prior to submitting their application.

### HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All applicants offered a place in the MD are required to comply with a number of recommendations and procedures to enable them to proceed through the course with a low level of risk.

Students who refuse recommended screening/vaccinations will not be offered placement in any health service.

Students will be asked to comply with the College of Medicine and Public Health immunisation and blood-borne viruses policy.

**CRIMINAL AND RELEVANT HISTORY SCREENING**

All students will be required to undertake national police check and a criminal history screening, which includes child related employment screening, vulnerable person-related employment screening, aged care sector employment screening and a disability services sector screening. This will be initiated by Flinders University on enrolment.

# FAQs

## ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

<b>I am currently enrolled in a double degree, am I eligible to apply?</b>	If you are about to complete a Bachelor component of a double degree in 2022, and you meet the application eligibility requirements, you are eligible to apply.
<b>Does an accelerated Bachelor's degree (2 years) need to be completed at the time of application to be eligible to apply?</b>	Accelerated Bachelor degrees or Graduate Entry degrees (2 years of full-time equivalent study) or equivalent qualification are acceptable for entry if it is due to be completed by end of 2022.
<b>My most recent Bachelor degree is 1 year in duration (ie 1 year Honours or 1 year graduate entry Bachelor). Am I eligible to apply?</b>	Yes, provided the degree is due to be completed mid-year and evidence of completion is provided by 31 July 2022.
<b>Is there a minimum GPA to apply for the MD at Flinders University?</b>	Flinders does not require a minimum GPA to be eligible to apply for 2023 entry, however, a GPA of 5.5 or above is normally considered competitive but not required to apply. Other application eligibility requirements need to be met.
<b>I have been excluded/precluded from a medical program offered at another institution, am I eligible to apply?</b>	If you are currently excluded/precluded from studying a medical program at another institution, you are not eligible to apply until the exclusion/preclusion has been lifted by the institution. If the exclusion/preclusion has already been lifted, you will be required to provide details of this in your application.
<b>I am sitting the GAMSAT in September 2022 and I do not have a score at the time of application. Can I still apply?</b>	Applicants are required to have their GAMSAT results at the time of application. If you sit the GAMSAT in September 2022 you will be eligible to apply for 2024 entry and will not be eligible to apply for 2023 entry.
<b>I am wanting to transfer from another medical program to the MD at Flinders University. Is this possible?</b>	There is no transfer pathway for the MD. If you wish to study the MD at Flinders, you must apply in the normal way and undergo the entire application process. No credit (RPL) will be granted for previous study as the course must be completed in its entirety.
<b>I have a valid GAMSAT result but do not have the minimum score of 50 in each section, can I still apply?</b>	To be eligible to apply you must meet the eligibility requirements. As the number of applications is significantly greater than the number of places available, applicants who do not meet the minimum GAMSAT results in each section will not be considered.
<b>I reside outside of South Australia/Northern Territory. Am I eligible to apply?</b>	Provided you meet the eligibility criteria, if you reside outside of SA or the NT you are eligible to apply with the understanding the course is taught in person in SA/NT and that you are required to attend all study activities for the course in person from the commencement date, if successful. This will mean you must be prepared to be in SA by the commencement date should you receive an offer, even if made shortly prior to the commencement of the course.

## APPLICATION

<b>I am having issues with the student account (FAN) activation process, resetting my password/log in issues, who do I contact to get technical assistance?</b>	If you are experiencing difficulties you can contact our helpdesk on 08 8201 2345.
<b>I wasn't successful in my application, am I able to get more information on the outcome?</b>	Flinders University is not able to provide individuals with detailed information or feedback about their application due to the large number of applications received. This includes ranking within sub-quotas, interview performance, interview score and wGPA.
<b>How will I be contacted about my application?</b>	Correspondence is via 'Preferred' email and SMS; it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure they regularly check their inbox (including the junk and clutter folders) and respond to any emails they receive. Applicants are also required to keep their mobile number updated.
<b>What email address will be used for correspondence about my application?</b>	Emails are sent to the applicant's preferred email address. Applicants will be able to check and update their preferred email address in the Flinders University <a href="#">Student Information System</a> by visiting the My Details tab and selecting a preferred email address.



<b>I have submitted my application. I would like to check if I have submitted the correct documentation. Who should I contact?</b>	We are not able to confirm if you have submitted the correct documentation to your application. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure they read and understand the Application Guide which has thorough information on the requirements, including supporting documentation details.
<b>I have submitted my application. What happens next?</b>	You will be sent an application acknowledgement email with information on the next steps. Please read this carefully.

## APPLICATION PROCESSING FEES

<b>I have submitted two applications in error and have paid for each one, can I get a refund for one of the application fees?</b>	If you have paid the application processing fee for two applications, you are eligible to request a refund for one of these. Contact <a href="mailto:askflinders@flinders.edu.au">askflinders@flinders.edu.au</a> to request a refund and specify which application is to be withdrawn as a result.
<b>Can I request an extension on the deadline by which to pay the application processing fee, and if invited to an interview, the interview fee?</b>	Payment deadline extensions cannot be granted for the application fee or the interview fee and requests will not be considered.
<b>Can I pay the application processing or the interview fee in instalments?</b>	No, these fees must be paid in full by the deadline.

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

<b>Am I required to submit transcripts for postgraduate study?</b>	Applicants are not required to provide academic transcripts if they are Flinders students/graduates of their most recent Bachelor degree or postgraduate study. Non-Flinders students/graduates of their most recent Bachelor degree are required to provide academic transcripts. Postgraduate study is not considered for wGPA purposes and therefore transcripts are not required.
<b>I am eligible for more than one sub-quota; do I need to submit a statutory declaration for each of them?</b>	Yes, to be considered for more than one sub-quota you are required to submit a current Flinders University statutory declaration for each of them, if this is stated in the <a href="#">Supporting Documentation</a> section of this guide.
<b>If I have applied in previous years can I submit the same statutory declaration and supporting documentation?</b>	Statutory declarations will only be accepted if completed in the year you apply for the MD. Supporting letters regarding residency can be submitted again if written in a previous year.
<b>Can I submit my Official Academic Transcript via My eEquals?</b>	Yes, you will need to provide your URL link on the online application. If you have set a PIN you will also need to supply this, ensuring that the expiry date is after Feb 2023. Further information can be found at <a href="http://www.myequals.edu.au/students/">www.myequals.edu.au/students/</a> .
<b>Is supporting documentation audited?</b>	Flinders may audit supporting documentation or request further information regarding any aspect of your application.
<b>I have an overseas qualification; can I find out if it is an Australian equivalent Bachelor degree before I apply?</b>	Pre-assessment for equivalency is not possible. Applicants can have their qualification assessed for equivalency through <a href="https://internationaleducation.gov.au/">https://internationaleducation.gov.au/</a>
<b>I am eligible for the Flinders Graduate/Flinders Graduate Reserved subquota. Am I required to submit a Statutory Declaration?</b>	If you're eligible for either of these subquotas, you do not need to submit a Statutory Declaration as part of the application process.
<b>How do I provide my Official Academic Transcript by the 31 July after applications have closed?</b>	Shortly after applications close, applicants are contacted via email with instructions on how to provide these as part of their application.

## SUBQUOTAS

<b>I hold a Bachelor degree eligible for the Flinders University Graduates Reserved sub-quota (e.g. Bachelor of Medical Sciences) but have since completed or I am about to complete my most recent Bachelor degree at Flinders University (e.g. Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry)) which is not eligible for the same sub-quota. Will I still be considered for the Flinders University Graduates Reserved sub-quota?</b>	Only the most recent Bachelor degree is taken into consideration for the MD application, including eligibility of sub-quotas and wGPA calculation. Therefore, if your most recent Bachelor degree is not one of those listed per the Graduates Reserved sub-quota, you will only be considered under the Flinders University Graduate sub-quota, even if you have completed an eligible degree in the past.
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<b>I am eligible for more than one sub-quota; how will my application be considered?</b>	Applicants will be considered for all sub-quotas they are eligible for, provided the documentary requirements and deadlines have been met. Selection for a place is under one sub-quota only and successful applicants are only issued one offer, even if eligible for multiple sub-quotas.
<b>I have commenced one of the Bachelor degrees no longer eligible for consideration under the Flinders University Graduates Reserved sub-quota. What are my options?</b>	Prospective MD students will have until the end of 2024 to complete their Bachelor degree to be eligible for the Flinders Graduates Reserved sub-quota, to be able to apply up to and including 2025 entry. Applicants who complete one of these Bachelor degrees in 2025 will be eligible for the Flinders Graduates sub-quota but not the Flinders Graduates Reserved sub-quota.
<b>I am completing a Flinders postgraduate qualification, such as a Graduate Certificate, to be considered in the Flinders Graduate sub quota. Will this qualification need to be completed by December 2022?</b>	Yes, you will be able to indicate if you are completing a Flinders postgraduate qualification by the end of 2022. If you are successful in receiving an offer under the Flinders Graduate sub quota, the offer will be conditional on you successfully completing the Flinders postgraduate qualification by the end of 2022.

## INTERVIEWS

<b>Am I able to find out who will be on my interview panel?</b>	Flinders University does not provide applicants with details of the interviewers allocated to their panel. However, the panel normally consists of an academic staff member, community member and a medical doctor.
<b>Where can I find more detailed information about the interview?</b>	Applicants shortlisted for an interview will receive an email at the time of invitation with detailed information about the interview day, what to bring, venue and other important information.
<b>How do I schedule my interview if I have been invited?</b>	Applicants invited to interview will be able to select their preferred interview date and time online via Calendly.
<b>I reside outside of SA/NT, will I have to attend the interview in person if shortlisted?</b>	Applicants are normally required to plan to attend the interview in person, wherever they reside. However, due to COVID19 restrictions and health advise, this may not be possible. Applicants will be advised whether their interview will be in person or conducted via video chat when invited for interview.

## wGPA

<b>I have studied an Honours degree separate to my Bachelor qualification. Will this be included in my wGPA?</b>	Applicants who have completed an Honours degree, separate to their Bachelor degree, who are shortlisted for an interview, will have the GPA (not their Honours class) from their Honours year included in the wGPA calculation as the final year degree value. This is provided evidence of results and completion are submitted by 31 July 2022.
<b>How does credit from previous study count towards my wGPA?</b>	If you have been granted specified credit for previous study and the previous study was at an AQF level 7 or above, the grades from that previous study will only be used when calculating the wGPA, provided the official academic transcripts are provided in your application. More information is available in the wGPA calculation section of this Guide.
<b>Will my grades from my incomplete Bachelor degree, not due to be completed in 2022, be included in my wGPA?</b>	No, topics undertaken in an incomplete Bachelor degree (unless the degree will be completed in the year of application) are not included in the wGPA calculation.
<b>Will grades from my postgraduate study be included in my wGPA?</b>	No, grades achieved in postgraduate study are not used in the wGPA calculation.
<b>I would like to find out how my wGPA will be calculated, or if my overseas qualifications are equivalent to a Bachelor degree.</b>	We're unable to conduct pre-application assessment of any component of the application including the calculation of the wGPA, eligibility for sub-quotas or assess overseas qualifications for equivalency to an Australian qualification.

## OFFERS

<b>Can I defer my MD place to the next year?</b>	The course is not deferrable. In case of genuinely unforeseen and usually compassionate circumstances and documentary evidence is provided, a request may be considered.
<b>Are late offers made if places are available?</b>	Places are normally filled by the end of the year, however, applicants who are on the waitlist may receive offers up until the commencement of the MD in February 2023 should places become available.

<b>I have been offered a bonded place in the course; will I still be considered for a non-bonded place?</b>	No, bonded and non-bonded places are made on the basis of applicants' overall selection rank in the following order: non-bonded then bonded, with the highest ranked applicants being allocated a non-bonded place. Therefore, applicants who were made an offer for a bonded place will not be considered further for a non-bonded place offer.
<b>I have received an offer of a place in the course, will I be considered for my other preferences?</b>	Applicants that receive an offer for a place in MD should note the offer is made after their eligibility for all preferences and sub-quotas have been considered. Consequently, if an applicant declines an offer, no further offers will be made.
<b>How do I accept my offer?</b>	Applicants offered a place in the MD will be required to accept their offer <u>and</u> enrol in at least one topic by the deadline stated in their offer letter to secure their place in the course and indicate their acceptance. Failure to enrol by the deadline will mean the place will be offered to another applicant.
<b>I no longer wish to take up my offer, what do I need to do to notify Flinders University?</b>	Successful applicants that are made an offer and no longer wish to accept it will need to advise the University in writing to <a href="mailto:askflinders@flinders.edu.au">askflinders@flinders.edu.au</a> .
<b>I didn't enrol in at least one topic to secure my place in the course by the deadline, what are my options?</b>	While it is likely the place will have been offered to another applicant, applicants should email <a href="mailto:askflinders@flinders.edu.au">askflinders@flinders.edu.au</a> with documentary evidence to demonstrate there were circumstances outside of their control that prevented them from enrolling by the deadline.
<b>I have been made an offer and I am currently enrolled in a double degree. How do I get confirmation I have completed the Bachelor component?</b>	Normally, students in a double degree must request to exit with the Bachelor component through their University. Evidence of having successfully completed the Bachelor component must be provided by 31 December 2022.
<b>I have been made a conditional offer, and I have not met/or will not be able to meet the condition by the deadline. What are my options?</b>	Unfortunately, if you do not meet the conditions of your offer by the deadline, your offer of a place will be rescinded and your place will be offered to another applicant. It is recommended you email <a href="mailto:askflinders@flinders.edu.au">askflinders@flinders.edu.au</a> if this is the case.

## COURSE DETAILS

<b>Can I study the MD program externally?</b>	No. The SAMP and NTMP are delivered on campus and face-to-face attendance is required for all study activities and it is therefore not possible to undertake the degree on an external/distance basis.
<b>What are the contact hours for the MD program?</b>	Contact hours are approximately 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday with significant at home study also required. The MD is four years in length and is full-time only. For Years 1 and 2, you will be based at a Flinders University campus in either Adelaide or Darwin. Clinical rotations of years 3 and 4 may be undertaken at various locations primarily in South Australia or the Northern Territory.
<b>Can I get credit (RPL) if I have completed postgraduate study in a relevant area?</b>	No, the MD must be completed in its entirety for accreditation purposes.

# **STATUTORY DECLARATIONS**

**Commonwealth of Australia STATUTORY DECLARATION Statutory Declarations Act 1959**

**Flinders University  
Doctor of Medicine 2023  
RURAL RESIDENCY STATUTORY DECLARATION**

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student ID Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

<p>1. Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration</p>	<p><sup>1</sup>, -</p> <p>make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.</p>
<p>2. Set out matter declared to in numbers paragraphs</p>	<p><sup>2</sup>I confirm that I have resided/or will have resided by the commencement of the course:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) in an Australian Statistical Geography Standard- Remoteness Area 2 to 5 (ASGS-RA) for at least 10 years cumulatively; OR</li> <li>2) in an Australian Statistical Geography Standard- Remoteness Area 2 to 5 (ASGS-RA) for 5 years consecutively.</li> </ol> <p>I confirm my ASGC-RA classification is/was RA _____</p> <p>The majority of my rural residency was at the postcode of _____</p> <p><i>I understand that if I am invited to interview as part of the selection process for the course, I will need to provide further supporting documentation to confirm I meet the eligibility criteria to be considered as a rural applicant and I will provide this by my interview date.</i></p> <p><i>I understand that Flinders University will rely on this declaration and supporting documentation when assessing applicants for entry and agree that any false or misleading statement by me would be grounds for the University to withdraw any offer of admission and to cancel any enrolment.</i></p> <p><i>I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under Section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.</i></p>
	<p><i>I understand that it is a condition of application to the PRCC Sub-quota that I hold a current driver's license and that I have access to a roadworthy vehicle.</i></p>
<p>3. Signature of person making the declaration</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
<p>4. Place 5. Day 6. Month and Year</p>	<p>Declared at <sup>4</sup> _____ on <sup>5</sup> _____ of <sup>6</sup> _____</p>
<p>7. Signature of person before whom the declaration is made</p>	<p>Before me,<sup>7</sup></p>
<p>8. Full name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
	<p><i>Note 1</i> A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence, the punishment for which is imprisonment for a term of 4 years – see Section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959. <i>Note 2</i> Chapter 2 of the Criminal Code applies to all offences against the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 – see Section 5A of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.</p>



**Commonwealth of Australia STATUTORY DECLARATION Statutory Declarations Act 1959**

**Flinders University Doctor of Medicine 2023  
PERMANENT HUMANITARIAN VISA  
STATUTORY DECLARATION**

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student ID Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

<p>1. Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration</p>	<p><b>1</b> I, _____ make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.</p>
<p>2. Set out matter declared to in numbers paragraphs</p>	<p><sup>2</sup>I confirm that I currently hold or have held a Refugee or Humanitarian Visa issued by the Australian Government, and I confirm that I am now an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident.</p> <p>Attached is a certified copy of my original refugee or humanitarian visa issued by the Australian Government.</p> <p>I confirm I first came to Australia in _____ (year).</p> <p>My country of birth is _____.</p> <p><i>I understand that if I am invited to interview as part of the selection process for the course, I will need to provide further supporting documentation to confirm I meet the eligibility criteria to be considered for the Humanitarian Visa Holder Sub-quota and I will provide this by my interview date.</i></p> <p><i>I understand that Flinders University will rely on this declaration and supporting documentation when assessing applicants for entry and agree that any false or misleading statement by me would be grounds for the University to withdraw any offer of admission and to cancel any enrolment.</i></p> <p><i>I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under Section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.</i></p>
<p>3. Signature of person making the declaration</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
<p>4. Place 5. Day 6. Month and Year</p>	<p>Declared at <b>4</b> _____ on <b>5</b> _____ of <b>6</b> _____</p>
<p>7. Signature of person before whom the declaration is made</p>	<p>Before me<sup>7</sup>,</p>
<p>8. Full name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
	<p><i>Note 1</i> A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence, the punishment for which is imprisonment for a term of 4 years – see Section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959. <i>Note 2</i> Chapter 2 of the Criminal Code applies to all offences against the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 – see Section 5A of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.</p>

**Flinders University Doctor of Medicine 2023  
NORTHERN TERRITORY RESIDENCY STATUTORY DECLARATION**

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student ID Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

<i>1. Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration</i>	<p><b>1</b> I,</p> <p>make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.</p>
<i>2. Set out matter declared to in numbers paragraphs</i>	<p><sup>2</sup>I confirm that I have/or will have resided by the commencement of the course:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. resided with a permanent address in the Northern Territory for a total of at least two years (full-time equivalent) out of the last six years; OR</li> <li>2. resided with a permanent address in the Northern Territory for a total of at least five years (full-time equivalent) since commencing primary school.</li> </ol> <p>My address was/is: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>I understand that if I am invited to interview as part of the selection process for the course, I will be required to provide documentary evidence that confirms I meet the Northern Territory residency requirements and I will provide this by my interview date.</i></p> <p><i>I understand that Flinders University will rely on this declaration and supporting documentation when assessing applicants for entry and agree that any false or misleading statement by me would be grounds for the University to withdraw any offer of admission and to cancel any enrolment.</i></p> <p><i>I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under Section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.</i></p>
<i>3. Signature of person making the declaration</i>	<b>3</b>
<i>4. Place 5. Day 6. Month and Year</i>	Declared at <sup>4</sup> _____ on <sup>5</sup> _____ of <sup>6</sup> _____
<i>7. Signature of person before whom the declaration is made</i>	Before me <sup>7</sup> ,
<i>8. Full name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters)</i>	<b>8</b>
	<p><i>Note 1</i> A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence, the punishment for which is imprisonment for a term of 4 years – see Section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959. <i>Note 2</i> Chapter 2 of the Criminal Code applies to all offences against the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 – see Section 5A of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.</p>

**Flinders University Doctor of Medicine 2023  
ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER IDENTITY STATUTORY DECLARATION**

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student ID Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

<p>1. Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration</p>	<p>1,  make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.</p>
<p>2. Set out matter declared to in numbers paragraphs</p>	<p>2 I declare that I understand that the Commonwealth of Australia for the purpose of administering programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people defines Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity as follows: An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander is any person who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent and;</li> <li>• Identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and;</li> <li>• Is accepted as such by the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community in which they live or have lived.</li> </ul> <p>I understand that Flinders University will rely on this declaration when assessing applicants for entry and agree that any false or misleading statement by me would be grounds for the University to withdraw any offer of admission and to cancel any enrolment.</p> <p>I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under Section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.</p>
<p>3. Signature of person making the declaration</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4. Place 5. Day 6. Month and Year 7. Full name of the person before whom the declaration is made</p>	<p>Declared at <sup>4</sup> _____ on <sup>5</sup> _____ of <sup>6</sup> _____ Before me,</p>
<p>8. Signature of person before whom the declaration is made</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>9. Full name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters)</p>	<p>8</p>
<p><i>Note 1</i> A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence, the punishment for which is imprisonment for a term of 4 years – see Section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959. <i>Note 2</i> Chapter 2 of the Criminal Code applies to all offences against the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 – see Section 5A of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.</p>	

**A statutory declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* may be made before –**

A person who is currently licensed or registered under a law to practise in one of the following occupations:

Architect	Chiropractor	Dentist
Financial adviser	Financial Planner	Legal practitioner
Medical practitioner	Midwife	Migration agent registered under Division 3 of Part 3 of the Migration Act 1958
Nurse	Occupational therapist	Optometrist
Patent attorney	Pharmacist	Physiotherapist
Psychologist	Trade marks attorney	Veterinary surgeon

A person who is enrolled on the roll of the Supreme Court of a State or Territory, or the High Court of Australia, as a legal practitioner (however described); or

A person who is in the following list:

Accountant who is:

- a) a fellow of the National Tax Accountants' Association; or
- b) a member of any of the following:
  - i. Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand;
  - ii. the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants;
  - iii. CPA Australia;
  - iv. the Institute of Public Accountants

Agent of the Australian Postal Corporation who is in charge of an office supplying postal services to the public

APS employee engaged on an ongoing basis with 5 or more years of continuous service who is not specified in another item in this list

Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer (within the meaning of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*)

Bailiff

Bank officer with 5 or more continuous years of service

Building society officer with 5 or more years of continuous service

Chief executive officer of a Commonwealth court

Clerk of a court

Commissioner for Affidavits

Commissioner for Declarations

Credit union officer with 5 or more years of continuous service

Employee of a Commonwealth authority engaged on a permanent basis with 5 or more years of continuous service who is not specified in another item in this list

Employee of the Australian Trade Commission who is:

- in a country or place outside Australia; and
- authorised under paragraph 3 (d) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*;
- and exercising his or her function in that place

Employee of the Commonwealth who is:

- in a country or place outside Australia; and
- authorised under paragraph 3 (c) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*; and
- exercising his or her function in that place

Engineer who is:

- a member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student; or
- a Registered Professional Engineer of Professionals Australia; or
- registered as an engineer under a law of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory; or
- registered on the National Engineering Register by Engineers Australia

Finance company officer with 5 or more years of continuous service

Holder of a statutory office not specified in another item in this list

Justice of the Peace

Magistrate

Marriage celebrant registered under Subdivision C of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*

Master of a court

Member of the Australian Defence Force who is:

- an officer; or
- non-commissioned officer within the meaning of the Defence Force Discipline Act 1982 with 5 or more years of continuous service; or
- a warrant officer within the meaning of that Act

Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy

Member of the Governance Institute of Australia Ltd

Member of:

- the Parliament of the Commonwealth; or
- the Parliament of a State; or
- a Territory legislature; or
- a local government authority

Minister of religion registered under Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*

Notary public including a notary public (however described) exercising functions at a place outside

- the Commonwealth
- the external Territories of the Commonwealth

Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with 5 or more years of continuous service who is employed in an office supplying postal services to the public.

Permanent employee of:

- a State or Territory or a State or Territory authority
- a local government authority

with 5 or more years of continuous service other than such an employee who is specified in another item of this list

Person before whom a statutory declaration may be made under the law of the State or Territory in which the declaration is made

- Police officer
- Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court
- Senior Executive Service employee of a Commonwealth authority
- Senior executive employee of a State or Territory
- SES employee of the Commonwealth
- Sheriff
- Sheriff's officer
- Teacher employed on a full-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution

# LOCATING YOUR FLINDERS STUDENT ID

All applicants, including those who are non-Flinders graduates are allocated a Flinders Student ID number when they first submit an application to Flinders University. You will need your Flinders Student ID Number if you need to contact the Helpdesk or make a payment for your MD interview. You can locate your Flinders Student ID number in the Student Information System.

The screenshot shows the 'My Personal Details' page in the Flinders Student Information System. The 'Student ID' field is highlighted with a black box and a line pointing to the right. The page includes a navigation menu with options like 'My Details', 'My Applications', 'My Offers', etc. The main content area has a sidebar with categories like 'Personal Details', 'Citizenship and Residency Details', and 'Disability Details'. The main form fields include 'Student ID', 'Title', 'Given Name', 'Other Names', 'Family Name', 'Preferred Given Name', 'Formal Name', 'Phonetic Name', 'Date of Birth', and 'Gender'. A blue button at the bottom says 'Request a modification to My Personal Details'. The footer includes 'Log Out | Help' and 'CRICOS Provider Number: 00114A'.

# CHECKING YOUR PREFERRED EMAIL SELECTION

Email is the primary mode of communication with all applicants. All applicants are allocated a Flinders email when they create an application. This may be automatically designated as an applicant's 'Preferred Email'. Applicants should check and select their preferred email by logging into the Student Information System and accessing the My Details tab where the preferred email can be updated. Your preferred email will have a tick next to it.

The screenshot shows the 'My Personal Details' page in the Flinders Student Information System. The 'Address, Phone, Email and Emergency Contact Details' category in the sidebar is highlighted with a black box. The page layout is similar to the previous screenshot, showing the navigation menu, sidebar, and main form area.

The screenshot shows the 'My Email Addresses' page. It features a table with the following columns: 'Preferred', 'Email Type', and 'Email Address'. The 'Preferred' column has a checked checkbox for the first row. The 'Email Type' column lists 'Flinders Email', 'Applicant Email', and 'Alternate Email 1'. The 'Email Address' column is empty. There are 'Change' and 'Delete' buttons for the 'Applicant Email' and 'Alternate Email 1' rows. A blue button at the bottom says 'Add a new type of email address'.

Preferred	Email Type	Email Address
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Flinders Email	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant Email	<a href="#">Change</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alternate Email 1	<a href="#">Change</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>

If an applicant changes their contact details after the application has been submitted, they will need to inform the admissions team of the update by emailing [askflinders@flinders.edu.au](mailto:askflinders@flinders.edu.au) in order to ensure that they continue to receive communication to their updated email or mobile phone number.

# GLOSSARY

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## **Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)**

<https://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Student-Registrations.aspx> Under the National Law, all students enrolled in a medical course and who are undertaking clinical training, must be registered as a student with the Medical Board of Australia via AHPRA. Flinders University will, on behalf of the student, provide AHPRA with the relevant details for their registration.

## **Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)**

[www.aqf.edu.au](http://www.aqf.edu.au)

The AQF is the national policy for regulated qualifications in Australian education and training. It incorporates the qualifications from each education and training sector into a single comprehensive national qualifications framework.

## **Australian Statistical Geography Standard – Remoteness Area (ASGS - RA)**

ASGC-RA is a geographic classification system which allows quantitative comparisons between 'city' and 'country' Australia. Applicants can use the Remoteness Area Locator to look up the name of their town and find out its classification.

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator>.

## **Bachelor Degree**

A Bachelor degree (AQF level 7) or equivalent, forms the first part of the basis for admission into the MD at Flinders University. An applicant's Grade Point Average is calculated using the results from their most recently completed Bachelor degree and converted to a wGPA.

## **Combined degrees**

Two approved courses studied at the same time. Cross-credit reduces the total time you study eg Law/Commerce.

## **Commonwealth Supported Place**

'Commonwealth Supported' means the cost of study is shared between the Australian Government and the student. The student is required to pay a student contribution amount and the Australian Government pays the balance of the course costs

<https://students.flinders.edu.au/finances-and-admin/fees>.

## **Course**

A program of study leading to a degree, diploma or certificate.

## **Credit – Recognition for prior learning**

Study completed at another institution that is recognised as credit towards a new program of study, reducing the length of time required to complete the qualification.

## **Domestic Applicant**

Domestic applicants are Australian citizens / permanent resident or New Zealand citizens. Domestic applicants are eligible for Commonwealth Supported Places.

## **Double degree**

Two courses studied at the same time but they cannot be studied as independent courses eg Education degrees.

## **Employer Reserved Place**

These places are funded by the Northern Territory Government and are associated with a four-year Return of Service Obligation and are available in the Northern Territory only [www.ntmetc.com/nt-medical-program](http://www.ntmetc.com/nt-medical-program).

## **Flinders University Graduates**

Applicants who have completed or are due complete a Flinders qualification of AQF Level 7 or above in the year of application.

## **Graduate Medical Schools Admissions Test (GAMSAT)**

[www.gamsat.acer.edu.au](http://www.gamsat.acer.edu.au)

GAMSAT was developed to assist in the selection of students to participate in the graduate-entry programs.

## **International Applicant**

Applicants who are not an Australian citizen/permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen must apply via the International Admissions Pathway [www.flinders.edu.au/international](http://www.flinders.edu.au/international).

## **Non-Flinders University Graduates**

Applicants who do not hold a Flinders University qualification of AQF Level 7 or above in the year of application.

## **Qualifying Degree**

The Bachelor degree from which the wGPA is calculated.

## **Specified credit**

Credit granted for a topic for study completed which is of similar content and standard as required for a passing grade in that topic.

## **Sub-quota**

Sub-quotas are entry pathways that enable applicants who meet specific entry criteria to compete for admission within a limited allocation of places.

## **Topic**

A subject that forms part of a course. A full-time first year student will normally enrol in four topics in each semester at Flinders University, depending on their course requirements.

## **Unit**

Each topic is given a weighting in units. Full-time students normally complete 18 units each semester, or 36 units a year. A 3-year course requires the successful completion of 108 units to meet the course requirements.

## **Unspecified credit**

Credit granted to the value of a specified number of units for study or work experience which satisfies some general course requirement.



# APPLICATION CHECKLIST

DETERMINE YOUR ELIGIBILITY	
Do you meet the domestic citizenship requirements?	Y/N
Do you hold a valid GAMSAT with a minimum score of 50 in each section of the test?	Y/N
Do you meet the academic requirements?	Y/N

If you do not meet one or more of the above, you are not eligible to apply.

BEFORE YOU START AN APPLICATION	
You have read and understood the 2023 MD Application Guide	<input type="checkbox"/>
You have decided on location preferences (including MDRS)	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you have multiple valid GAMSAT results, you have decided which one you wish to have considered	<input type="checkbox"/>
You have Official Academic Transcripts available or My eEquals link access	<input type="checkbox"/>
If your Official Academic Transcripts are in a language other than English, you have official translations available	<input type="checkbox"/>
You have determined your eligibility for sub-quotas	<input type="checkbox"/>
You have commenced completing the relevant Flinders University sub-quota Statutory Declaration(s) and/or obtaining supporting letter(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

AFTER SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION	
Check your preferred email in the online application system and change if required	<input type="checkbox"/>
You have paid the application processing fee by the deadline	<input type="checkbox"/>
Upload relevant Flinders University sub-quota Statutory Declaration(s) and/or supporting letter(s) by the deadline	<input type="checkbox"/>
Upload your Official Academic Transcript with Sem 1/First Half Year grades if completing at end of 2022, by the deadline	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide My eEquals link with Sem 1/First Half Year grades if completing most recent Bachelor at end of 2022, by the deadline	<input type="checkbox"/>

