



## Registering for and booking the UCAT: for parents of Year 12 students considering applying for Medicine or Dentistry

Dear Parent/Carer

**Registration is open for the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT)**, which is an admissions test used by a consortium of UK and partner universities to help select applicants to their medical and dental degree programmes. All students planning to apply for **Medicine or Dentistry for 2027 entry in the UK** will need to take the UCAT. The UCAT assesses a range of mental abilities identified by university medical and dental schools as important. The test is used alongside other selection criteria such as academic qualifications and interviews. The UCAT is a computer-based test, delivered in Pearson VUE test centres throughout the UK.

**Test booking opens on 23 June (registration from 20 May including registering any access arrangements)** and the UCAT can be taken (subject to availability) between 13 July - 24 September 2026 at a Pearson VUE test centre. We recommend that students take the test in August if possible as this gives them longer to make university course choices taking their result into account. It also means that the test has been completed before students begin Year 13 in September.

Further details can be found on the UCAT website [here](#), including information about free official practice materials. The UCAT Consortium does not work with any commercial companies or endorse the use of their materials.

Students may be eligible for a bursary to cover the test fee (£70) if they (or their parent/guardian) receive one of the following:

- Free School Meals
- 16 to 19 Bursary (England)
- Universal Credit
- Working or Child Tax Credit
- Income Support, or Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA) or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Asylum Support

Students who have exam access arrangements (such as extra time, rest breaks, separate invigilation) need to apply for access arrangements **before** booking their UCAT date. Further information is on the UCAT website [here](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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