
BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT)

The BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT) is a two-hour subject-specific admissions test taken by applicants to Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and related courses. The BMAT is produced, administered and marked by Cambridge Assessment, which also facilitates an extensive worldwide centre network at which candidates can sit the test.

What is BMAT?

The BMAT is a pen and paper test consisting of three sections:

Section 1: Aptitude and Skills (60-minute section consisting of 35 multiple-choice or short answer questions). Section 1 tests generic skills often used in undergraduate study, including Problem Solving, Understanding Argument, and Data Analysis and Inference abilities.

Section 2: Scientific Knowledge and Applications (30-minute section consisting of 27 multiple-choice or short answer questions). Section 2 is restricted to material normally encountered in non-specialist school Science and Mathematics courses (i.e. up to and including National Curriculum Key Stage 4 Science and Mathematics).

Section 3: Writing Task (30-minute section consisting of three essay questions, of which the candidate must answer only one).

When does it take place?

This year's BMAT will take place on Wednesday 3rd November 2010, on the same day as some other admissions tests such as the English Literature Admissions Test (ELAT) and the Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA) Oxford admissions test.

Who has to take BMAT?

All candidates applying to the following institutions/courses are required to take BMAT:

Institution	Course codes
University of Cambridge	A100, A101*, D100
University of Oxford	A100, BC98
Imperial College London	A100, B900, BB29, BB2X
University College London	A100
The Royal Veterinary College	D100, D101, D102

** Please note that it is not essential for applicants to the Cambridge Graduate Course in Medicine (A101) to sit the BMAT, although applicants could use a successful result as part of their pre-medical requirements.*

Failure to sit the BMAT could result in an unsuccessful application to a candidate's chosen institution, so it is important that candidates refer to university websites, prospectuses and UCAS for a definitive list of entry requirements.

Where do candidates take BMAT?

Typically, candidates sit the BMAT at their school or college; however, Cambridge Assessment also hosts an extensive network of open centres in the UK and overseas, where candidates can register for and sit the BMAT if their schools or colleges do not have the facilities in place to administer the test.

What preparation materials are available for BMAT?

There are specimen question papers and explanatory answers available at no cost on the BMAT website for practice purposes.

In addition, a book entitled 'Preparing for the BMAT' (ISBN 9780435280130) is available from bookshops, or from www.amazon.co.uk.

What does it cost?

Please refer to the BMAT website for current entry fees. The standard entry closing date is 30th September 2010. Standard entry fees apply until 5pm BST on this date. Late entries can be accepted at a centre's discretion, between 1st–15th October 2010. The late entry closing date is 5pm BST on 15th October 2010.

Centres will be invoiced following the late entry closing date. Candidates are advised to contact their centre to discuss payment.

Please note that some open centres may charge an administrative fee for organising and administering the BMAT on behalf of external candidates. This administrative fee normally covers the cost of invigilation, despatch costs and room hire, where applicable. The administrative fee is payable directly by the candidate to the open centre, so candidates are advised to discuss this with the open centre at the earliest opportunity.

Where can I find out more about BMAT?

The BMAT has a dedicated website. This provides further information about the test, administration, guidance for centres and candidates alike, as well as specimen test materials for practice purposes.

email: bmatinfo@cambridgeassessment.org.uk

website: www.bmat.org.uk

Key Dates for BMAT 2010

17 September *Last date for requests for modified question papers (e.g. Braille or enlarged)*

30 September *Standard entry closing date*

15 October *Last date for late entries*

3 November *Test takes place*

1 December *Results released*

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