

## UCAT (formally UKCAT)

UCAT is a test used by medical schools to decide on the suitability of potential applicants.  
The following institutions use it:

University	UCAS Course Code	
A20	University of Aberdeen	A100, A201
A60	Anglia Ruskin University	A100
A80	Aston University	A100
B32	University of Birmingham	A100, A101, A200
B78	University of Bristol	A100, A108, A206, A208
C15	Cardiff University	A100*, A104, A200, A204
D65	University of Dundee	A100, A104, A200, A204
E14	University of East Anglia	A100, A104
E42	Edge Hill University	A100, A110
E56	University of Edinburgh	A100
E84	University of Exeter	A100*
G28	University of Glasgow	A100, A200
H75	Hull York Medical School	A100, A101
K12	Keele University	A100*, A104*
K31	Kent and Medway Medical School	A100
K60	King's College London	A100, A101, A102, A202, A205, A206
L34	University of Leicester	A100, A106*, A199
L41	University of Liverpool	A100*, A200
M20	University of Manchester	A104, A106, A204, A206

N21	University of Newcastle	A100, A101, A206
N84	University of Nottingham	A100, A10L, A108, A18L
P60	Plymouth University	A100*, A206*
Q50	Queen Mary University of London	A100, A101, A110, A120, A130, A200
Q75	Queen's University Belfast	A100, A200*
S18	University of Sheffield	A100, A101, A200
S27	University of Southampton	A100, A101, A102
S36	University of St Andrews	A100, A990
S49	St George's, University of London	A100
S84	University of Sunderland	A100
W20	University of Warwick	A101

### **Sitting the test:**

Unlike many of the other admissions tests, the UCAT and LNAT need to be sat at test centres and not in school. You have responsibility for arranging this in good time for your application. The process for registering can be found here: <https://www.ucat.ac.uk/ucat/registration-booking/>

### **Preparing for the test:**

The best way of preparing for the test, is to do as many practice papers as possible. Luckily there are plenty available at <https://www.ucat.ac.uk/ucat/practice-tests/> The other essential piece of reading is the UKAT guide which can be found on the school website in the sixth form section or in the student shared area. For a breakdown of the test format, see the next page.

# UCAT Test Format

The UCAT is a two-hour computer-based test which assesses a range of mental abilities identified by university medical and dental schools as important. It consists of five separately timed subtests which each contain a number of questions in a multiple-choice format. Once started the test cannot be paused for a break but before each subtest there is a timed instruction section.

Candidates either sit the standard UCAT or one of the extended versions of the test if they are entitled to extra time due to a documented medical condition or disability. Please see the information on [Access Arrangements](#) for how to apply for approval to sit an extended version of the test.

UCAT Subtests	Questions	UCAT	UCATSEN
<b>Verbal Reasoning</b> Assesses the ability to critically evaluate information presented in a written form.	44	1 minute instruction section 21 minutes test time	1 minute 15 second instruction section 26 minutes 15 seconds test time
<b>Decision Making</b> Assesses the ability to make sound decisions and judgements using complex information.	29	1 minute instruction section 31 minutes test time	1 minute 15 second instruction section 38 minutes 45 seconds test time
<b>Quantitative Reasoning</b> Assesses the ability to critically evaluate information presented in a numerical form.	36	1 minute instruction section 24 minutes test time	1 minute 15 second instruction section 30 minutes test time
<b>Abstract Reasoning</b> Assesses the use of convergent and divergent thinking to infer relationships from information.	55	1 minute instruction section 13 minutes test time	1 minute 15 second instruction section 16 minutes 15 seconds test time
<b>Situational Judgement</b> Measures the capacity to understand real world situations and to identify critical factors and appropriate behaviour in dealing with them.	69	1 minute instruction section 26 minutes test time	1 minute 15 second instruction section 32 minutes 30 seconds test time