

Guidance on applications to UK Medical Schools

The competition for places is extremely high and as a result medical schools employ additional selection criteria. You should always read carefully the entry requirements for any particular medical school you are considering applying to.

Below are some general points which relate to a number of medical schools' admissions policies. These describe the sorts of things you should look out for when considering an application.

- **Are resits of module exams either discouraged or not accepted** (unless there are exceptional circumstances)?
- **Do you need to have completed your A level in two years?**
Some medical schools do not count A levels started early in Year 11.
- **Must all the A level courses be completed in Year 13?**
Some medical schools require that the three A level subjects include in your offer have all been taken at the "same sitting", i.e. in Year 13. This may be a problem if you are taking Further Mathematics and your school organises the courses so that you complete A level Mathematics at the end of Year 12; your offer may be based on your grade in Further Mathematics taken in Year 13.
If this is your situation, check with the individual medical schools you are interested in applying to.
- **Are you required to take the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) or Biomedical Admissions Test (BMAT)?**
- **Is preference is given to students offering contrasting subjects, i.e. not two similar science subject?**
A few medical schools do not count both Mathematics and Further Mathematics as two separate A levels, so check their admissions policies carefully.

Students studying Mathematics and Further Mathematics

Until quite recently many medical schools would not allow both Mathematics and Further Mathematics qualifications to count towards meeting their offers. Fortunately this is now changing. In most cases medical schools will include one grade from either A level Mathematics or Further Mathematics in their offer and around half will accept Further Mathematics as an additional fourth subject at A or AS level.

This [FMSP document](#) lists UK Medical Schools and their 2017 entry requirements, highlighting references to Advanced level Mathematics and Further Mathematics. The document is based on data collected in **August 2016**.

If you have any queries relating to Further Mathematics and medical schools, please contact [Kevin Lord](#).