

# INDIGENOUS ENTRY STREAM (IES) to the DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD)

## APPLICATION GUIDE 2024



## FAST FACTS

- Applicants must be available for an interview during the published interview period.
- Applicants who need to change their contact details after applications close including preferred email, can do so by logging into the Student Information System and update their information in the My Details tab. Applicants should also email [askflinders@flinders.edu.au](mailto:askflinders@flinders.edu.au) their updated contact details.
- Applicants who have been excluded/precluded from a medicine course at another university are not eligible to apply until the exclusion/preclusion has been lifted. Confirmation of this will be needed from the institution.
- Deferment of a place is unlikely. In the case of genuinely unforeseen and usually compassionate circumstances outside of the applicant's control, a request may be considered. Unless applicants are able to provide documentary evidence to demonstrate that their circumstances changed between applying and receiving an offer and that these changes were outside of their control and therefore prevent them from commencing the course, deferment requests will not be considered.
- All applications have been assessed uniformly, therefore appeals for the outcome of an application to be considered are normally not considered.
- 1-year Honours degrees must be completed by the time of application for results to be considered in the weighted GPA calculations.
- 1 year Bachelor degrees must be completed by the time of application for the GPA to be used in final selection ranking..

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The application and application assessment process are administered by Flinders University. To maximise chances of gaining entry to the IES and 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;
- follow all the instructions given carefully whilst applying and in any subsequent communications;
- 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; and
- 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 and application process for entry to IES in 2024 for the MD entry in 2025 only. Flinders University reserves the right to make changes to the entry requirements and selection methodology to the IES and MD in the future from one intake to the next without notice.

Any such changes will be reflected in future editions of this guide at [www.flinders.edu.au/study/courses/postgraduate-doctor-medicine/indigenous-entry](http://www.flinders.edu.au/study/courses/postgraduate-doctor-medicine/indigenous-entry) and the MD Application guide available at [www.flinders.edu.au/md](http://www.flinders.edu.au/md).

# WELCOME

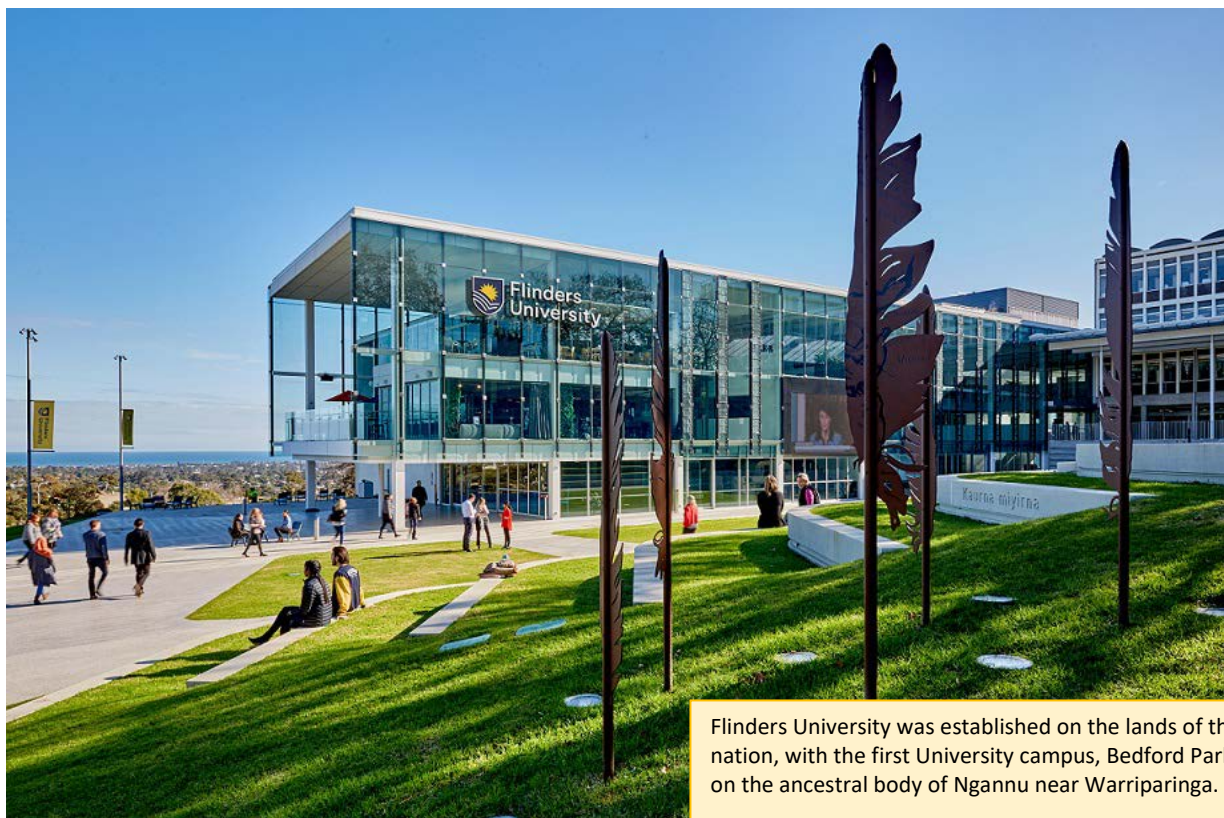
WELCOME TO THE 2024 INDIGENOUS ENTRY STREAM (IES) for the 2025 DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD) APPLICATION GUIDE. READING THIS GUIDE IS THE FIRST STEP ON THE WAY TO APPLYING FOR THE IES PATHWAY FOR ENTRY INTO THE MD AT FLINDERS UNIVERSITY.

This Guide will help applicants determine their eligibility, and understand the application process, including what supporting documentation is required and submission deadlines for the IES at Flinders University.

**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 IES for entry to the MD at Flinders University.



Flinders University was established on the lands of the Kurna 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

## IES 2024 entry for MD 2025 entry

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Monday 4 December 2023          | IES Applications open 9.00am (ACDT)   |
| Friday 9 February 2024          | IES Applications close 11.59pm (ACDT)   |
| Friday 9 February 2024          | Deadline for submission of official academic transcripts and supporting documentation |
| From late February 2024         | Applicants advised of the outcome of their IES application                            |
| TBC                             | IES Interviews for MD held  |
| Mid-to late March 2024          | Offers made for IES 2024  |
| 23 to 28 June*                  | Preparation for Medicine Program held in person and on campus, NT                     |
| April to October 2024*          | Flinders University Extended Learning in Science program (online)                     |
| From early to mid-November 2024 | Offers to MD are made   |
| February 2025                   | Classes for MD commence February 2025   |

*\*Applicants are strongly encouraged to regularly consult the website for the most up to date timeline as dates are subject to change.*

*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/study/courses/postgraduate-doctor-medicine/indigenous-entry](http://www.flinders.edu.au/study/courses/postgraduate-doctor-medicine/indigenous-entry).*



# ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

To be eligible to apply for entry into the IES, applicants must:

- be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- be in their final year or have already completed their most recent Bachelor degree; and
- meet English language proficiency requirements to be eligible to apply.

Applicants do not require a valid GAMSAT score to apply for the IES to MD.

## ABORIGINAL/TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DESCENT

Applicants must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and be accepted as such by the community in which they currently or have formerly lived and must provide documentary evidence.

To confirm eligibility applicants are required to provide a document signed under Common Seal from an incorporated Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation in the community from which the applicant originates or is recognised, confirming that the applicant is recognised by that community.

Where applicants are unable to provide a document signed under Common Seal they may complete a Statutory Declaration in the form prescribed by the University. Details are available in the [Supporting Documentation](#) section of this guide.

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to have completed or be in the final year of their most recent Bachelor degree when commencing the IES, and due to be completed by 31 December 2024. 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 degree level study offered by Australian institutions. Applicants must also normally have achieved a Flinders equivalent Grade Point Average of 5.00\* or above in their most recently completed Bachelor degree or about to be completed degree.

Postgraduate qualifications such as Graduate Certificates, Masters, PhD or Doctor qualifications are not taken into consideration for the purposes of application or weighted GPA calculations.

**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 IES.

Applicants are required to provide official academic transcripts as evidence they meet these requirements. Details are available in the [Supporting Documentation](#) section of this guide.

## GAMSAT REQUIREMENTS

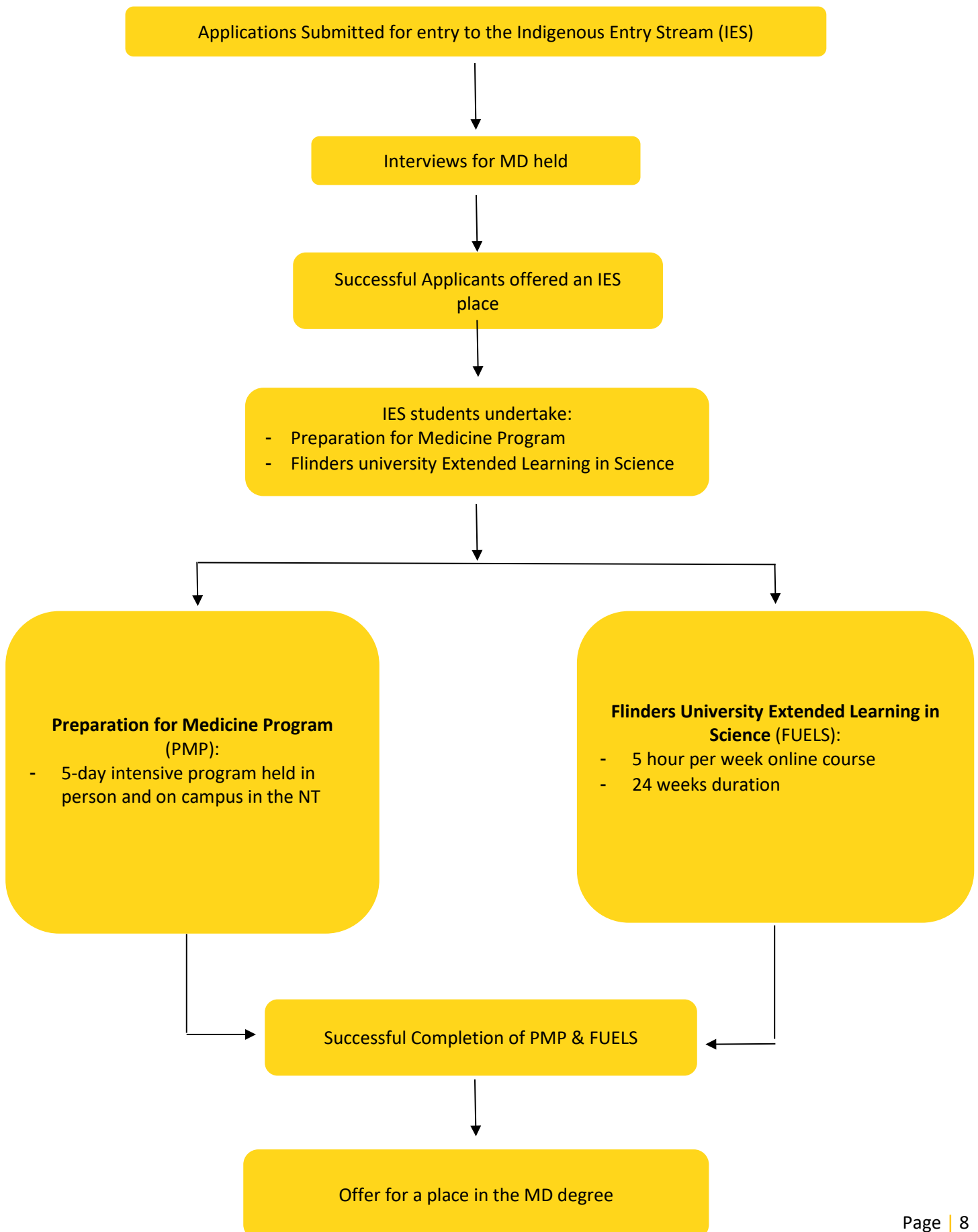
Applicants for the IES are not required to hold a valid GAMSAT score.

Applicants who do hold a valid GAMSAT score can apply for the IES or apply for direct entry into the MD degree through the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Sub Quota. Details on this sub quota are available at [www.flinders.edu.au/study/courses/postgraduate-doctor-medicine/indigenous-entry](http://www.flinders.edu.au/study/courses/postgraduate-doctor-medicine/indigenous-entry). A valid GAMSAT score is one where the applicant has a minimum score of 50 in each Section of the test ([www.gamsat.acer.edu.au](http://www.gamsat.acer.edu.au)) and sat the test in September 2021 or after for entry into the MD in 2025.

## 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 as 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.

# INDIGENOUS ENTRY STREAM PROCESS





# APPLICATION

Applications for the IES and the MD are submitted directly to Flinders University through the online application system.

## HOW TO APPLY

Refer to our step-by-step [Direct Application Guide](#) for assistance on the application submission process.

**NOTE:** Once you have registered, **search for 'IPEP'** in order to start your application for the IES.

## LOCATION PREFERENCES FOR MD

Applicants are asked to submit **one** application for the IES which will require them to indicate their preference for MD locations in the application system:

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

### SAMP

#### **Doctor of Medicine Rural Stream (MDRS) (previously Parallel Rural Community Curriculum (PRCC)) Sub-quota**

Rural applicants who wish to be considered for the MDRS must select Bedford Park, SAMP (as their first location preference) 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 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 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 upload 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 and for download at [www.flinders.edu.au/study/courses/postgraduate-doctor-medicine/indigenous-entry](http://www.flinders.edu.au/study/courses/postgraduate-doctor-medicine/indigenous-entry).

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.

# SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

## STATUTORY DECLARATIONS AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Flinders Statutory Declarations and supporting documentation templates are included in this Guide and are also available for download from [www.flinders.edu.au/study/courses/postgraduate-doctor-medicine/indigenous-entry](http://www.flinders.edu.au/study/courses/postgraduate-doctor-medicine/indigenous-entry).

Applicants are required to submit a separate Flinders Statutory Declaration for each criteria that is applicable to them. Statutory Declarations or supporting letters pertaining to other Universities CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

**All supporting documentation must be received by the deadlines specified in the application timeline.** Please note that documents submitted after this date will not be accepted and applications will not be considered.

Applicants should note that 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 because of the provision of inaccurate or incomplete information.

### Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Descent

For Flinders University's purposes you may confirm your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity in one of two ways:

#### Confirmation of Indigeneity

The Flinders University of South Australia and its delegates require any applicant seeking a benefit or opportunity based in part upon their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity to provide formal confirmation or affirmation of that identity. Provide a certified copy of a formal document confirming your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity. This should be from an incorporated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation stating that the organisation recognises you as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. This document should also contain the Common Seal of the organisation.  
Or

#### Affirmation of Indigeneity

If you are unable to provide a Confirmation of Indigeneity you may complete and submit a Commonwealth of Australia Statutory Declaration. The declaration is to be witnessed and signed by a Justice of the Peace or similar.

The document must be received **by the supporting documentation deadline specified in the application timeline.** Please note that documents submitted after this date will not be accepted and the application will not be considered.

### Rural Residency Status

Applicants who come from an Australian rural background and wish to be considered for the MDRS subquota in the MD and their first preference is for the SAMP, can indicate this on their application.

Rural residency 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 MD.

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).

Applicants who have indicated they meet the Rural residency requirements are required to provide a Flinders Rural Statutory Declaration which confirms this and documentary evidence such as supporting letters **by the supporting documentation deadline specified in the application timeline.**

Acceptable sources of documentary evidence include supporting letters from a:

- School
- University

- Medical Practitioner
- Dentist
- Employer
- Lawyer

Letters from one or more sources must be original and on letterhead and include:

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

Letters from relatives will not be accepted.

## Northern Territory Residency Status

Applicants who are NT residents or meet residency requirements and their first preference for the MD is for the NTMP, can indicate this on their application.

A NT resident is defined as an Australian citizen or permanent resident who, at the time of commencement of the MD, 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 are required to provide a Flinders NT Statutory Declaration confirming their residency and documentary evidence such as supporting letters **by the supporting documentation deadline specified in the application timeline.**

Acceptable sources of documentary evidence include supporting letters from a:

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

Letters from one or more sources must be original and on letterhead and include:

- your full address; and
- the dates (month and year) and duration that you resided at that address.

The letter must include the author's name, position and contact details. Letters from relatives will not be accepted.

## Official Academic Transcripts

Applicants who have completed their most recent Bachelor degree, including one year Bachelor degrees and 1 year Honours at Flinders University are not required to provide official academic transcripts for these qualifications as these will be sourced from the student information system.

Applicants who have completed their most recent Bachelor degree, including one year Bachelor degrees and 1 year Honours, at an institution other than Flinders University, are required to upload to their application an electronic copy of their original or a certified copy of their original Official Academic Transcript showing grades/marks and successful completion **by the supporting documentation deadline specified in the application timeline.**

Applicants who are due to complete their most recent Bachelor degree by the end of 2024 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 the deadline, showing grades/marks achieved up to and including the latest semester/stud period of enrolment. Grades/results from this qualification will be used in the weighted Grade Point Average (wGPA) calculation.

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.

**Note:** Applicants who do not provide the grades/marks achieved by the application deadline in their most recent Bachelor degree will not be considered.

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 the deadline specified in the application timeline**.

**Note:** 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 the academic requirement are met.

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 records, exam slips, screen shots of grades, Australian Higher Education Graduation Statements (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. Applicants are asked not to set an email address to access the link. If they wish to set an expiry date for access to the digital document, they must ensure the date selected is **after February 2025** as the University may need to access the document up to and including this time.

For further information about providing a link to their Official Academic Transcripts using My eEquals visit [www.myequals.edu.au/students/](http://www.myequals.edu.au/students/).

It is recommended applicants provide their My eEquals link as close as possible to the deadline or once their grades/completion/finalisation of their official 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 [askfiinders@fiinders.edu.au](mailto:askfiinders@fiinders.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.

## Statutory Declaration Templates

Applicants may download a copy of the relevant statutory declaration/s from the website. A copy of each template is also provided in this Guide which applicants may print, complete and upload to their application.

## Supporting Statement

Applicants must submit a supporting statement describing their personal achievements, details of community involvement, their interest in Medicine. Each section of the statement must be no more than 600 words in length.

# MD PLACE TYPES AND SUB-QUOTAS

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL PROGRAM (SAMP)

As a guide, up to 90 Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) were available for commencing domestic students in the SAMP for 2025 entry. The number of places varies in any given year. All CSP places in SAMP 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.

Applicants who are successful in the IES will be offered a non-Bonded place in the MD based on their overall selection rank.

#### 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.

## SAMP SUB-QUOTAS AVAILABLE TO IES APPLICANTS

### Doctor of Medicine Rural Stream (MDRS) (previously Parallel Rural Community Curriculum (PRCC)) Sub-quota

| MDRS Offered Locations 2024 |                       |                        |                |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Barossa Valley              | Hills Mallee Fleurieu | Greater Green Triangle | Riverland      |
| Up to 5 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.

As a guide, up to 35 places were available to applicants from an Australian rural background who are interested in pursuing a career in rural medicine in the MD for 2023 entry.

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 1, 2 and 4 of the MD and spend year 3 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 4 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. 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 license and have access to a roadworthy vehicle. Applicants whose first preference is the NTMP are not eligible to apply for the MDRS.

For more information, visit [Rural Medicine](#) or watch our MDRS student video at <https://youtu.be/UIT4jxQJlk0>.



Jonathan Ries, MDRS student, was invited to accompany Mount Barker GP Dr Ben Moore, to the very remote Aboriginal community of Tjuntjuntjara, located in the Great Victoria Desert WA – 708km east of Kalgoorlie. [Find out more.](#)

## 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.

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

As a guide, up to 18 places (Employer Reserved – Fee Paying) were available for 2023 entry 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 as 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 of applicants 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 with 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 Requirements:**

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

# SELECTION CRITERIA

## INTERVIEW

Applicants will be invited to interview for the MD based on their overall IES application.

Applicants will be sent an invite to the interview via their preferred email.

All applicants are required to attend their interview. Interviews are generally held in person and applicants invited to interview are required to travel to the interview venue (i.e. Bedford Park, SA or Darwin, NT) as specified. Financial assistance is available to attend the interview.

The interview, conducted in both South Australia and the Northern Territory 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. The panel includes an Indigenous member. Interviewers are not provided with any information about applicants, other than applicant names. Interviews normally last approximately 45-50 minutes.

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

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE

A minimum Flinders equivalent of 5.00\* is normally required for the MD through the IES.

The Flinders University GPA is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\text{sum of (value for each grade* x topic unit value)}}{\text{total number of units}}$$

\*based on % mark achieved

Flinders University value for each grade as 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.

\*for 2025 entry, as part of a transition period, applicants who have achieved a Flinders equivalent GPA of 4.50 or above will be eligible to apply. Applicants will be required to have achieved a GPA of 5.00 or above from the 2026 intake to apply. Applicants can determine their Flinders equivalent GPA at <https://students.flinders.edu.au/my-course/gpa-calculator>.

## 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 2024 will have their wGPA calculated using the results available by the deadline).

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 end of 2023

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 2024

The wGPA is calculated using the marks achieved in the last 2 full-time equivalent years of study (including an integrated Honours year, if results are available).

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

## EXAMPLES OF wGPA CALCULATIONS FOR MOST RECENT BACHELOR DEGREE

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 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). 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 the application deadline.

**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 the application deadline.

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 the application deadline. 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, including Withdraw Fail grades, from any institution are assigned a value of 1.5 in the calculation.

**Non-Graded Passes** are not included in the calculation.

**Incomplete/grades not available** are not included in the calculation.

# SUCCESSFUL IES CANDIDATES

## IES OFFERS

Applicants who are offered a place as an IES candidate will prepare for the MD by studying science and relevant skills by completing the following:

- Preparation for Medicine Program, and
- Flinders University Extended Learning in Science.

### Preparation of Medicine Program (PMP)

This two-week intensive program is designed to:

- teach you the foundation skills and skills you will need to study medicine.
- build a supportive cohort

It is held in person and on campus in the Northern Territory or South Australia.

### Flinders University Extended Learning in Science (FUELS)

Applicants will undertake a 10-hour per week online course (10 to 12 week duration) that covers chemistry, physics, biology and numeracy.

## MD OFFERS

Applicants who successfully complete the IES program and fulfil any other associated conditions are then made an offer to the MD. You can find further information about the MD at [www.flinders.edu.au/md](http://www.flinders.edu.au/md).

**Note:** Applicants who successfully complete the IES program consent to the Office of Student Recruitment submitting an application for the MD on their behalf. Offers into the MD can only be made on the basis of this application being submitted.

### CONDITIONAL OFFERS to MD

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

- The applicant is due to complete a Flinders University qualification by the end of 2024, OR
- The applicant is due to complete their non-Flinders Bachelor degree by the end of 2024.

In both cases applicants are required to provide evidence that the relevant qualification has been successfully completed by providing a copy of their official academic transcript by the 31 December 2024.

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

Applicants who receive an unconditional offer with an enrolment deadline, will be required to secure their place by enrolling in topics of the MD by the deadline stated in their offer letter. If they do not enrol via the Flinders University Student System by the specified date, their offer of a place in the MD may be forfeited and their place may be offered to another applicant.



# APPLICATION CHECKLIST

| BEFORE STARTING YOUR APPLICATION  |     |
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| Are you of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent?           | Y/N |
| Have you completed or are you about to complete your most recent Bachelor degree? | Y/N |

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

| START YOUR APPLICATION   |                          |
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| You have read and understood the Indigenous Entry Stream for the MD Application Guide  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| You have referred to the Flinders University Direct Application Guide to understand the application system   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| You have Official Academic Transcripts available and understand the format accepted for application  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If you are applying for the NTMP only or it is your first preference, and you are a NT resident as defined in this guide, you have:  |                          |
| - completed the NT Residency Statutory Declaration   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - a supporting letter confirming your residency in the NT  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - understand you will not be able to apply for the MDRS in the SAMP  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If you are applying for the SAMP only or it is your first preference, and you are eligible for multiple sub-quotas, you have:  |                          |
| - the relevant completed and signed Statutory Declarations   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - a supporting letter confirming your residency in an approved rural location  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - decided on location preferences if you wish to be considered for the MDRS  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| You have obtained a Confirmation of Indigeneity per the Supporting Documentation section of this guide. If you have not, you may complete and submit a Commonwealth of Australia Statutory Declaration | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| You have commenced composing your supporting statement and it is no more than 1200 words in length   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION   |                          |
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| You have commenced collating relevant documentation (Supporting statement, official academic transcripts, statutory declaration) to be submitted by the deadline. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| You have set up a password to be able to return to your application and upload documentation by the deadline.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| AFTER SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION  |                          |
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| Check your preferred email in the online application system and change if required | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Keep your contact details up to date   | <input type="checkbox"/> |



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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## GROUNDINGS FOR AN OFFER OF PLACE TO BE WITHDRAWN

A place 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 [www.flinders.edu.au/policies#academic](http://www.flinders.edu.au/policies#academic).

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.

## 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 requirements to undertake clinical placements including immunisation, criminal history screening and student registration.

### IMMUNISATION

Students who refuse to abide by the immunisation requirements cannot complete the placement requirements for the MD and will not be permitted to progress in the course.

### 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. 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.

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.

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

Further information is available in the Health Advisory Booklet for Health Professional Students available from:

<https://students.flinders.edu.au/my-course/placements/compliance/medicine>.

#### **CRIMINAL AND RELEVANT HISTORY SCREENING**

All students will be required to undertake a 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.

More information can be found at <https://students.flinders.edu.au/my-course/placements/compliance/medicine>.

# FAQs

## ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

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| I am currently enrolled in a double degree, am I eligible to apply?  | If you are about to complete a Bachelor component of a double degree by 31 December 2024, provided you meet the other eligibility requirements, you are eligible to apply.   |
| Does an accelerated Bachelor's degree (2 years) need to be completed at the time of application to be eligible to apply? | 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 31 December 2024.  |
| Is there a minimum GPA to apply for the IES at Flinders University?  | From 2025 entry to the MD applicants must normally have achieved a minimum GPA of 5.00 to be eligible to apply, however, as a transition period, applicants who have achieved a GPA of 4.5 or above are eligible to apply.   |
| I have been excluded/precluded from a medical program offered at another institution, am I eligible to apply?            | 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. |
| I do not have a valid GAMSAT score. Can I still apply?   | Applicants for the IES are not required to hold a valid GAMSAT score but must meet the other requirements for the MD to be eligible to apply.  |

## APPLICATION

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| I am having issues with the student account (FAN) activation process to access my application, who do I contact to get technical assistance? | If you are experiencing difficulties with the account activation process you can contact our helpdesk on 08 8201 2345 (option 4).   |
| I wasn't successful in my application, am I able to get more information on the outcome?   | 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 interview performance or interview score.  |
| How will I be contacted about my application?  | Correspondence is via email, 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.   |
| What email address will be used for correspondence about my application?   | 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. |

## APPLICATION PROCESSING FEES

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| Do I need to pay an application fee for the IES Application? | No, there is no fee to submit an IES application. Automated system correspondence may be sent stating state a fee is payable and IES applicants should ignore this. |
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## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

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| Am I required to submit transcripts for postgraduate study?   | Applicants are not required to submit transcripts of postgraduate study.  |
| I meet both the Rural (for MDRS) and the Northern Territory residency requirements, do I need to submit a statutory declaration for each of them? | Yes, you are required to submit a statutory declaration for each of them.   |
| Is supporting documentation audited?  | Flinders may audit supporting documentation or request further information regarding any aspect of your application.  |
| Can I submit my official academic transcript via My eEquals?  | 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 February 2025. Further information on how to get a link can be found at <a href="http://www.myequals.edu.au/fag/">www.myequals.edu.au/fag/</a> |
| If I have applied in previous years can I submit the same statutory declaration and supporting documentation?                                     | Statutory declarations will only be accepted if completed in the year you apply for the IES. Supporting letters regarding residency can be submitted again if written in a previous year.   |

## INTERVIEWS

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| Am I able to know who will be on my interview panel?            | Flinders University does not provide applicants with details of the interviewers allocated to their panel.   |
| Where can I find more detailed information about the interview? | 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. |

## wGPA

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| I have studied an Honours degree separate to my Bachelor qualification. Will this be included in my wGPA?         | Applicants who have completed an Honours degree, whether it be in conjunction with or separate to their Bachelor degree, and who receive an offer of interview, will have the results from their Honours program included in the wGPA calculation as the final year degree value, if the complete results for the Honours qualification are available by the application deadline. |
| How does credit from previous study count towards my wGPA?  | 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 be used when calculating the wGPA, provided these are available in the documentation uploaded in your application.  |
| Will my grades from my incomplete Honours degree, not due to be completed by 31 Dec 2024, be included in my wGPA? | No, topics undertaken in an incomplete Bachelor degree and/or Honours degree (- not completed by 31 December 2024) or in Postgraduate study are not included in the wGPA calculation.  |
| Will my grades from postgraduate study be included in my wGPA?  | No, grades achieved in postgraduate study will not be used in the wGPA calculation.  |

## OFFER

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| Can I defer my IES place to the next year?  | Deferment of a place is unlikely. In the case of genuinely unforeseen and usually compassionate circumstances, however, a request may be considered.   |
| I have received an offer of a place in the MD, will I be considered for my other preferences?       | 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.   |
| How do I accept my MD offer?  | Applicants offered a place in the MD will be required to accept and enrol in all Year 1 topics 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.          |
| I no longer wish to take up my IES or MD offer, what do I need to do to notify Flinders University? | Successful applicants that are made an offer and no longer wish to accept it will need to advise the University in writing and are asked to email <a href="mailto:askflinders@flinders.edu.au">askflinders@flinders.edu.au</a> .   |
| I didn't enrol in all Year 1 topics to secure my place in the MD, what are my options?              | While it is likely the place was 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. |

## COURSE DETAILS

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| Can I study the MD program externally?         | The MD program is delivered in person and on campus only and it is therefore not possible to undertake the degree on an external basis.   |
| What are the contact hours for the MD program? | Contact hours are approximately 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday with significant at home study also required. The Doctor of Medicine (MD) runs over four years. 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. |

# **STATUTORY DECLARATIONS & REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**





**Flinders University**  
**Indigenous Entry Stream (IES) 2024 for the Doctor of Medicine (2025)**  
**RURAL RESIDENCY STATUS**  
**STATUTORY DECLARATION**

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

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

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| <p>1. Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration</p>                                | <p><sup>1</sup>I,<br/><br/>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> <p>1) in an Australian Statistical Geography Standard- Remoteness Area 2 to 5 (ASGS-RA) for at least 10 years cumulatively; OR</p> <p>2) in an Australian Statistical Geography Standard- Remoteness Area 2 to 5 (ASGS-RA) for 5 years consecutively.</p> <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<br/>5. Day<br/>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 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></p> <p><i>Note 2 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.</i></p>   |

**Flinders University**  
**Indigenous Entry Stream (IES) 2024 for the Doctor of Medicine 2025**  
**NORTHERN TERRITORY RESIDENCY**  
**STATUTORY DECLARATION**

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

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

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| <p>1. Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration</p>                                | <p><b>1</b>,<br/><br/>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/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: _____<br/>         _____<br/>         _____<br/>         _____</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> |
| <p>3. Signature of person making the declaration</p>  | <p><b>3</b></p>   |
| <p>4. Place<br/>5. Day<br/>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.<br/> <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 Judge

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

# IES Personal Supporting Statement

For admission into the Indigenous Entry Stream (IES) for the Doctor of Medicine at Flinders University, all applicants must complete and submit a personal statement as part of the application process.

## Applicant Details

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Family Name: _____   | Given Name(s): _____                              |
| Email: _____         |   |
| Contact Phone: _____ | Flinders Application/<br>Student ID Number: _____ |

**Personal Achievements** - Please describe your current or recent sporting, artistic or other achievements, hobbies and interests

**Community Involvement** - Please describe any community roles or involvement you have had including volunteering, caring, community leadership, religious/service organisations, committees and boards, clubs or student organisations etc.

# IES Personal Supporting Statement (continued)

Interest in Medicine - When did you decide you wanted to pursue a career in medicine?

Interest in Medicine - What would you like to achieve as a doctor?

# 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 page has a yellow header with the Flinders University logo and 'Student Information System'. A navigation menu includes 'My Details', 'My Applications', 'My Offers', 'My Commonwealth Assistance', 'My Enrolment', 'My Timetable', 'My Finances', 'My Scholarships', 'My Documents', and 'My Exams and Results'. The 'My Details' tab is selected. On the left, a sidebar lists various detail categories: Personal Details, Address, Phone, Email and Emergency Contact Details, Citizenship and Residency Details, Cultural Details, Disability Details, Parent/Guardian Education Details, and Disability Information. The main content area is titled 'My Personal Details' and contains a light blue informational box with text about 'Formal Name' and 'Phonetic Name'. Below this is a form with several input fields: Student ID (highlighted with a red box), Title, Given Name, Other Names, Family Name, Preferred Given Name, Formal Name, Phonetic Name, Date of Birth, and Gender. At the bottom of the form is a blue button labeled 'Request a modification to My Personal Details'. The footer includes 'Log Out | Help' and 'CRICOS Provider Number: 00114A'.

# CHECKING YOUR PREFERRED EMAIL

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 Email Addresses' page in the Flinders Student Information System. The page has a yellow header with the Flinders University logo and 'Student Information System'. A navigation menu includes 'My Details', 'My Applications', 'My Offers', 'My Commonwealth Assistance', 'My Enrolment', 'My Timetable', 'My Finances', 'My Scholarships', 'My Documents', and 'My Exams and Results'. The 'My Details' tab is selected. On the left, a sidebar lists various detail categories: Personal Details, Address, Phone, Email and Emergency Contact Details, Citizenship and Residency Details, Cultural Details, Disability Details, Parent/Guardian Education Details, and Disability Information. The main content area is titled 'My Email Addresses' and contains a table with three columns: 'Preferred', 'Email Type', and 'Email Address'. The 'Preferred' column has a checkbox, and the 'Email Address' column has 'Change' and 'Delete' buttons. The first row is highlighted with a red box, indicating it is the preferred email. Below the table is a blue button labeled 'Add a new type of email address'.

| Preferred                           | Email Type        | Email Address | Change | Delete |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Flinders Email    |               |        |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Applicant Email   |               | Change | Delete |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Alternate Email 1 |               | Change | Delete |

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)**

[www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Student-Registrations.aspx](http://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)**

ASGS-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.

[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).

## **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).

## **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).

## **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.





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