

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD) DOMESTIC APPLICATION GUIDE 2025



FAST FACTS

- The MD is offered on a full-time basis only and requires attendance in person and on campus at the offered location.
- Only applications submitted via the Flinders University <u>online application system</u> will be accepted.
- Applicants should carefully consider their preferred location (including the South Australian Rural Medical (SARM) Program location) as these cannot be altered once the application is submitted.
- Applicants must be available for an interview during the published interview period. Requests for arrangements on alternative dates will not be considered.
- Late applications will not be accepted. We recommend starting the application process as early as possible. Waiting until the last few hours of the deadline may lead to a system overload and can impact on applicant's ability to meet the application submission deadline. No exceptions will be made for applicants who are not able to apply due to system issues in the last few hours leading to the submission deadline.
- Assistance with application system related issues including password reset etc is available on weekdays from 9:00am to 5:00pm (ACST) by calling our Helpdesk on 08 8201 2345.
- All new applicants are given a Flinders University email address when they create an application. This is automatically designated as their 'Preferred Email'. Applicants should check and select their preferred email per instructions.
- All emails sent to an applicant are sent to their preferred email address as indicated in the Flinders University Student Information System when the application is submitted.
- If an applicant changes their mobile number details after the application has been submitted, they will need to email askflinders@flinders.edu.au to ensure that they continue to receive communication via SMS to their mobile phone number.
- A \$158.35 (inc. GST) non-refundable application processing fee applies. This fee is payable only once even if applicants indicate they wish to be considered for both SA and NT places. Payment must be made by the deadline.
- There will be a \$60 (inc. GST) non-refundable interview administration fee for applicants who are invited to and book an interview. This will be payable at the time the applicant books their invitation to interview. If an applicant subsequently declines their interview invite, this fee will not be refunded.
- Applicants who have been excluded/precluded from a medicine course at another university will not be able to apply until their exclusion/preclusion has been lifted. Any previous or exclusions from studying in a medicine course must be declared in the application.
- The course is not deferrable. However, in case of genuinely unforeseen and usually compassionate and extenuating circumstances, a request to defer may be considered for successful applicants who are able to provide documentary evidence to demonstrate their circumstances changed between the time they submitted an application and requested a deferment; and that these were outside of their control and therefore prevent them from commencing the course.
- All applications are assessed uniformly, therefore appeals for the outcome of an application are normally not possible. However, a written request should be sent to <u>askflinders@flinders.edu.au</u> in the first instance.
- Pre-assessment of applications, including calculation of weighted GPA (wGPA) or overseas qualification equivalency assessment will not be conducted.
- Upon graduation, a year as a hospital intern must be completed to qualify for medical registration with the Medical Board of Australia. After internship and a possible further year in a training position, graduates can then apply to undertake specialist training with a medical college. In addition to clinical practice in a wide range of medical specialties, medical graduates may work in research, public health or community aid around the world, or in health administration.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The application submission and assessment process is administered by Flinders University. To maximise chances of gaining entry to 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;
- carefully follow all the instructions given whilst applying and in any subsequent communications;
- pay any fees by the relevant deadlines;
- 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;
- 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, application process and selection for entry to the MD in 2025 only. All information within this guide is subject to change. Any changes made during the 2025 application cycle will be made available at <u>www.flinders.edu.au/md</u>.

Flinders University reserves the right to make changes to the entry requirements and selection methodology for the MD from one intake to the next without notice. Any such changes will be reflected in future editions of this guide online at <u>www.flinders.edu.au/md</u>.

WELCOME

WELCOME TO THE 2025 DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD) DOMESTIC APPLICATION GUIDE. READING THIS GUIDE IS THE FIRST STEP TO APPLYING FOR THE MD AT FLINDERS UNIVERSITY.

This Guide will help applicants determine their eligibility to apply and understand the application process. The required supporting documentation for sub-quotas is also provided as are their submission deadlines.

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 it's sub-quotas from one intake to the next.

We thank applicants for considering the Doctor of Medicine at Flinders University as we celebrate 50 years of medicine.



Flinders University was established on the lands of the Kaurna 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

2024 for 2025 entry

22 March to 24 March	GAMSAT test sittings
Friday 17 May	Doctor of Medicine (MD) Application Guide 2025 published online
Monday 27 May 9:00 am (ACST)	Applications open
Late May	GAMSAT March 2024 results released
Monday 1 July 11:59pm (ACST)	Application submission deadline Extended to Monday 15 July 11:59pm (ACST)
Monday 1 July 11:59pm (ACST)	Deadline for payment of application processing fee Extended to Monday 15 July 11:59pm (ACST)
Wednesday 31 July 11:59pm (ACST)	Deadline for submission of Official Academic Transcripts with Sem 1, 2024 results for those completing most recent Bachelor degree at end of 2024
Wednesday 31 July 11:59pm (ACST)	Deadline for submission of Official Academic Transcripts for One-year Bachelor and One-Year Honours degrees showing successful completion AND for most recent Bachelor degree completed prior to 2024
Wednesday 31 July 11:59pm (ACST)	Deadline for submission of Statutory Declarations; supporting letters for NT residency; and visa for Humanitarian visa sub-quota
From mid to late August	Applicants shortlisted for interviews notified via email
Thursday 12 September 11:59pm (ACST)	Deadline for payment of interview administration fee
Monday 16 to Friday 27 September *	South Australia Interviews held
Tuesday 17 to Friday 20 September*	Northern Territory Interviews held
From late October to mid- February	Applicants notified of outcome of their application. Offers may be made right up to the commencement of the course to fill places available. Applicants placed on waitlist also notified.
Tuesday 31 December	Deadline for submission of Official Academic Transcripts for successful applicants in final year of most recent Bachelor degree showing successful completion
Mid-February 2025	Year 1 of MD commences

* The interview timeline may change for the 2024-2025 admission cycle. Updates will be provided to applicants once confirmed.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to regularly consult the website for the most up to date timeline.

Flinders University retains the right to introduce subsequent application or interview rounds. In this unlikely event, a notice will be published at <u>www.flinders.edu.au/MD</u>.

ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

Applicants must meet citizenship requirements and English language proficiency requirements; must be in their final year of their most recent Bachelor degree or have completed their most recent Bachelor degree or have completed a One-year Honours degree; must have achieved a minimum Flinders equivalent Grade Point Average; and must hold a valid Graduate Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) result with a minimum score of 50 in each Section of the test to be eligible to apply.

CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents and Humanitarian visa holders are classified as domestic applicants for places in South Australia and the Northern Territory. New Zealand citizens are classified as domestic applicants for places in South Australia only and are not eligible to apply for the MD in the Northern Territory. Applicants are required to meet domestic eligibility criteria at the time of application.

Applicants who are in the process of applying for permanent residency must have residency confirmed before they submit an application as a domestic student. It is not possible to convert an international fee-paying place to a domestic CSP place if admitted to the MD as an international student.

Applicants who do not meet the domestic citizenship classification as above are considered international applicants and are not eligible to apply as domestic applicants.

Note: New Zealand permanent residents are classified as international students. Details on how to apply as an international applicant are available at <u>www.flinders.edu.au/international/medicine</u>.

Note: Applicants with dual citizenship in Australia and another country will be required to apply as a domestic applicant.

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 per it's 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.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to have completed or be in the final year of their most recent Bachelor degree, either from an Australian university or from another tertiary institution of equivalent standard at the time of application.

Applicants who are completing a One-year Bachelor degree (such as the Flinders Bachelor of Letters (Health) (Graduate Entry)) or a One-year Honours degree this year are eligible to apply. However, for the grades/marks achieved in this degree to be used in the selection rank calculation, an Official Academic Transcript must be submitted by **31 July 2024** stating this qualification has been successfully completed.

Applicants who are due to complete a One-year Bachelor degree or One-year Honours degree at the end of 2024 will not have this qualification used in the final selection rank calculation.

Applicants who have already completed their most recent Bachelor degree will be required to provide an Official Academic Transcript by **31** July 2024 stating this qualification has been successfully completed.

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.

Note: Applicants who have completed their most recent Bachelor degree, including one year Bachelor degrees, or postgraduate study at Flinders University do not need to provide Official Academic Transcripts for this study.

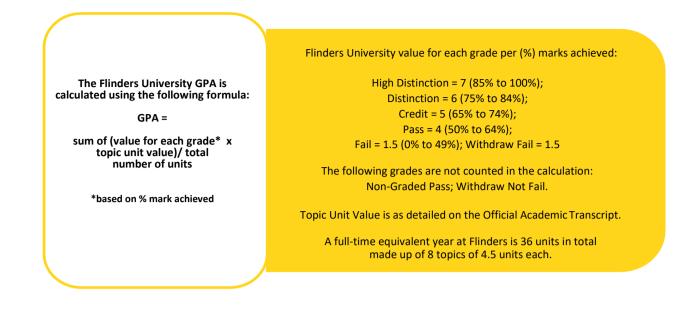
Postgraduate qualifications such as Graduate Certificates, Graduate Diplomas, Masters, PhD or Doctor qualifications are not taken into consideration for the purposes of wGPA or overall selection rank calculations.

Flinders University encourages individuals from diverse academic backgrounds to apply as there are no subject pre-requisites to be met for entry.

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 MD.

MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

Applicants must have also achieved a minimum non-weighted Flinders equivalent GPA to be eligible to apply. 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 normally be required to have achieved a GPA of 5.00 or above from the 2026 MD intake to be eligible to apply. Applicants can determine their Flinders equivalent GPA at https://students.flinders.edu.au/my-course/gpa-calculator.



Pre-assessment of any component of the application including the calculation of the non-weighted and wGPA, eligibility for sub-quotas or assessment of overseas qualifications for equivalency to an Australian qualification is not possible. Applicants can have their overseas qualification assessed for equivalency through https://internationaleducation.gov.au/ as an alternative.

Applicants who do not meet the minimum required GPA from their most recently completed Bachelor degree, should consider completing a One-year Bachelor degree such as the Flinders Bachelor of Letters (Health) or a One-year Honours to achieve a new GPA. This must be completed by 31 July of the year of application to be considered.

The GPA from other qualifications (e.g. Graduate Certificate, Masters, PhD) will not be considered.

GAMSAT REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to hold a valid <u>GAMSAT</u> result at the time of application and must have achieved a minimum score of 50 in each Section of the test to be eligible to apply.

APPLICANTS WHO DO NOT HAVE A VALID GAMSAT RESULT AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION OR THE MINIMUM SCORE REQUIRED WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Valid GAMSAT results for 2025 entry are from sittings held in Australia, Ireland or the UK from September 2020, March 2021, September 2021, March 2022, September 2022, March 2023, September 2023 and March 2024.

GAMSAT results are normally valid for up to 4 consecutive intakes, i.e. applicants who sat the March test in 2024 may use the results achieved to apply for the MD for 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027 entry.

Applicants who sit the September test in 2024 can only use the results achieved to apply for the MD from 2026 entry as these results are not available in time for the 2025 entry application submission deadline.

Note: Flinders University does not recommend, endorse or have any association with commercial non-ACER GAMSAT preparation courses or preparation texts. ACER produces the only official <u>GAMSAT</u> preparation materials.

LOCATIONS

The MD is taught at:

- Bedford Park and wider Adelaide metropolitan area, South Australia
- South Australia Rural Medical (SARM) Program, at:
 - Riverland region Renmark, Berri, Loxton, Barmera or Waikerie
 - o Greater Green Triangle region Mount Gambier, Naracoorte or Hamilton (Victoria)
 - o Barossa Valley region Angaston, Kapunda, Nuriootpa or Tanunda
 - o Hills, Mallee, Fleurieu region Strathalbyn, Murray Bridge, Mannum, Goolwa, Middleton or Kangaroo Island
- Northern Territory, across:
 - o Darwin,
 - Alice Springs
 - Katherine
 - o Nhulunbuy



Year 3 medicine students at Mt Gambier campus attending orientation.

PLACE TYPES AND SUB-QUOTAS

PLACE TYPES – SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The MD in South Australia offers Commonwealth Supported places (CSP).

For Bedford Park, Non-Bonded and Bonded places will be determined on the basis of applicants' overall selection rank. The highest ranked applicants are normally allocated a Non-Bonded place. As such, applicants are **not required/asked** to indicate their place type preference in their application.

All places in the SARM Program are available on a Non-Bonded basis.

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.

Bonded Places

The <u>Bonded Medical Program</u> (BMP) is a Federal Government initiative to provide more Australian trained doctors in areas of workforce shortage, particularly in regional, rural and remote Australia. The BMP provides students a CSP in a medical course at an Australian university in return for a commitment to work in eligible regional, rural and remote areas for a specified period after completion of their medical course. This commitment is referred to as a Return of Service Obligation (RoSO).

Bonded places are open to Australian Citizens, Permanent Residents and Humanitarian Visa Holders. Bonded places are not available to New Zealand citizens.

Students issued a BMP offer who accept the terms and conditions of the statutory scheme are subject to <u>Part VD of the Health Insurance Act</u> <u>1973</u> (Act) and must abide by the <u>Health Insurance (Bonded Medical Program) Rule 2020</u> (Rule).

All BMP offers will be classified as conditional, requiring acceptance of BMP terms and conditions in the Department of Health's Bonded Return of Service System (BRoSS) to confirm their offered bonded place. Information about this program can be found at the Australian Government of Health website <u>www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/bonded-medical-program</u>.

BEDFORD PARK SUB-QUOTAS

Up to 45 places are available with several sub-quotas offered for the MD at Bedford Park. Applicants will be considered for all sub-quotas they are eligible for, provided the documentary requirements and deadlines have been met. Selection for a place is under one sub-quota only and successful applicants are only issued their offer under one sub-quota, even if eligible for multiple sub-quotas.

For more information, refer to the link in this guide.

Note: Pre-assessment of any component of the application including the calculation of the wGPA, eligibility for sub-quotas, checking whether the documentation to be provided meets the requirements, or assessment of overseas qualifications for equivalency to an Australian qualification is not possible.

Non-Flinders University Graduates Sub-quota

A minimum 25% of the total places available at Bedford Park are normally for applicants whose most recent Bachelor degree is **not** from Flinders University but from another Australian university or tertiary institution of equivalent standard.

Applicants who do not hold a Flinders University qualification per the information provided in their application will be considered under this sub-quota.

Flinders University Graduates Sub-quota

A maximum 75% of the total places available at Bedford Park are normally for Flinders University students who have completed, or are due to complete, in 2024, their most recent Bachelor degree or a postgraduate qualification such as a Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Masters etc.

Applicants who hold a Flinders University Bachelor or higher level qualification will be considered under this sub-quota. Undergraduate Certificates, Diplomas, Associate Degrees and any sub-Bachelor qualifications are not considered under this sub-quota.

Note: Applicants who completed a Bachelor degree at Flinders University and subsequently completed their most recent Bachelor degree at another Australian university or tertiary institution of equivalent standard will no longer be eligible for consideration under this sub-quota.

Flinders University Graduates Reserved Sub-quota

A maximum 30% of the Flinders Graduate places available at Bedford Park are normally reserved for applicants who have completed or will complete in 2024 their most recent Bachelor degree at Flinders University and is one of the following:

- Bachelor of Health Sciences* including double degrees e.g. Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Physiotherapy*
- Bachelor of Medical Science the Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Science) and the Bachelor of Medical Science (Laboratory Medicine) are not eligible for this sub-quota
- Bachelor of Medical Science (Accelerated)
- Bachelor of Medical Science (Honours) (4 years)
- Bachelor of Paramedicine including previous Bachelor of Paramedic Science
- Bachelor of Public Health
- Bachelor of Science (Biotechnology Medical Biotechnology Stream)* (per program of study either published in the course rule or the replacement study plan provided to students upon the stream being discontinued)

* These courses will no longer be eligible for this sub-quota. A transition period for applicants whose most recently completed Bachelor degree is one of these courses will be in place up to and including 2025 entry. Therefore, to be considered under this sub-quota with one of these courses for 2025 entry, the course must be completed by 31 December 2024 if the course is yet to be completed.

Note: Applicants who completed one of the above degrees at Flinders and subsequently completed or are about to complete their most recent Bachelor degree, and it is not one of those listed above, will no longer be eligible for consideration under this sub-quota. For example, applicants who completed the Bachelor of Medical Science in 2019 and have since completed a Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry) are no longer eligible for the Reserved sub-quota but will be considered under the Flinders Graduate sub-quota.

Note: Applicants who have completed one of the above 3-year degrees at Flinders and subsequently completed or are about to complete a Flinders One-year Honours degree in the same area by **31 July 2024**, will be eligible for this sub-quota. For example, the 3-year Bachelor of Medical Sciences was completed at Flinders in 2021 and subsequently a Bachelor of Medical Sciences One-year Honours course is due to be completed by **31 July 2024** at Flinders.

Note: Applicants who complete a Bachelor degree at another institution and subsequently complete a One-year Honours degree in one of the above areas will not be considered under this sub-quota. For example, an applicant who has completed a Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences at University of Adelaide who subsequently is due to complete the Bachelor of Medical Sciences One-year Honours course at Flinders by **31 July 2024** will be considered under the Flinders Graduates sub-quota and not under this sub-quota.

2024 Intake % per sub-quota

Flinders University Graduates (inc. Reserved)	60%
Non-Flinders University Graduates	40%

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Sub-quota

Flinders University supports the Commonwealth and Northern Territory Governments' priority to increase the participation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people in medicine through its commitment to equity and inclusiveness in its medical program.

Up to 5 places are reserved in the MD for eligible Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants at Bedford Park.

To be considered for the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Sub-quota applicants must indicate they are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander in their application and submit the <u>required supporting documentation</u> by the deadline.

Indigenous Entry Stream (IES)

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander graduates who do not hold a valid GAMSAT result to apply to the MD in the first instance, are able to apply for entry into the MD through the <u>IES pathway</u> for SA and the NT.

The IES prepares applicants for the MD by studying science and relevant skills in the:

- Preparation for Medicine Program (PMP) a two-week intensive program taught on campus. Provides the foundation skills and knowledge needed to study medicine; and
- Flinders University Extended Learning in Science (FUELS) a 10 week (10-hour per week) online course that covers chemistry, physics, biology and numeracy.

Note: IES applications for 2024 (2025 MD entry) are currently closed. Applications open in November each year and close in February the following year.

Rural Sub-quota

A minimum of 28% of places in SA available are normally reserved for applicants who come from an Australian rural background.

The 'rural eligibility criteria' definition is defined as residency of at least ten 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 course.

Applicants can use the Remoteness Area Locator to look up the name of their town and find its remote area number indicator at <u>www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator</u>. 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).

To be considered for the Rural Sub-quota applicants must indicate they are from an Australian rural background in their application and submit the <u>required supporting documentation</u> by the deadline.

Note: Applicants from a non-rural background who wish to be considered for the SARM Program, should places not be filled by applicants from a rural background, do not have to submit supporting documentation confirming the above.

Humanitarian Visa Sub-quota

Flinders University is committed to providing an opportunity to study medicine to applicants who at any time have held or currently hold a Humanitarian Visa issued by the Australian Government. Applicants who held a Humanitarian Visa who are now an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Australia at the time of application are also eligible to apply.

Up to 4 places are normally available to Humanitarian Visa holders at Bedford Park.

Applicants must indicate they meet the Humanitarian Visa sub-quota eligibility requirements in their application and submit the <u>required</u> <u>documentation</u> by the deadline.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RURAL MEDICAL (SARM) Program

Flinders Rural and Remote Health SA (FRRHSA) is committed to positively impacting communities and holds a vital role in medical education, research and clinical education in rural and regional South Australia. To further cement

that commitment, FRRHSA are introducing the South Australian Rural Medical (SARM) Program, replacing the MDRS sub-quota.

Up to 46 places are normally available each year. 23 places are normally offered in Mount Gambier and 23 are normally offered in the Riverland.

The four-year MD has been designed for aspiring rural medical professionals who want to be part of making a difference in rural healthcare. Students will study the MD entirely in a rural South Australian location and live within the communities where they will work and study.

 Ver 3 medicine students at one of our rural locations attending orientation.

Year 1 and 2 will be spent in the picturesque Riverland or Mount Gambier in the vibrant Greater Green Triangle. Later, in Years 3 and 4, students will study in other rural areas like the Hills, Mallee, Fleurieu, or the Barossa Valley.

Rural residents of South Australia, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants and applicants from interstate with rural backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Applicants from non-rural backgrounds who wish to pursue a career in rural medicine are also able to apply for the SARM Program.

Students in the SARM Program will be required to study the entirety of the MD in a rural South Australian location and will need to apply for a home location for Years 1 and 2 at one of more of the following sites:

- Riverland
- Greater Green Triangle (Mount Gambier)

Applicants offered a place in the SARM Program will then nominate to study years 3 and 4 in one or more of the following rural areas.

- Riverland
- Greater Green Triangle
- Hills, Mallee, Fleurieu
- Barossa Valley

Students will be required to live in/relocate to the rural location they are offered. Subsidised accommodation and travel for rotations to other sites in years 3 & 4 will be available.

PLACE TYPES

The SARM Program offers Non-Bonded, Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP).

Non-Bonded Places have no commitments after successful completion of the MD and are open to Australian Citizens, Permanent Residents, Humanitarian Visa Holders and New Zealand citizens.

Priority for selection to the SARM Program and required documentation

Priority 1: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicant who is from SA Rural background. Required to provide a Flinders Statutory Declaration confirming they meet SA Rural 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 is from SA Rural background. Required to provide a Flinders Statutory Declaration confirming they meet SA Rural residency requirements.

Priority 3: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicant who is from any Australian State or Territory outside SA Required to confirm they meet Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status by the deadline.

Priority 4: Non-Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicant who is from SA background. Required to indicate they meet SA residency requirements in their application.

Priority 5: Non-Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander rural applicants from any Australian State or Territory outside SA Not required to provide supporting documentation.

Priority 6: All other applicants.

Not required to provide supporting documentation.

Rural Residency Requirements:

Applicants from an Australian rural background must provide evidence they have resided in an Australian Statistical Geography Standard – Remoteness Areas (2016) (ASGS – RA) 2 to 5 (South Australia or Interstate) at least ten years cumulatively or five years consecutively in an Australian Statistical Geography Standard – Remoteness Areas (2016) (ASGS – RA) 2 to 5 by the commencement.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identity:

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

SA resident:

A SA resident is defined as a person who at the time of commencement of the MD, will have either resided at a permanent address in SA for a total of at least two years out of the last six years; or resided at a permanent address in the SA for a total of at least five years since commencing primary school.

NORTHERN TERRITORY MEDICAL PROGRAM (NTMP)

The MD is also offered in the NT (NTMP) 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.

New Zealand citizens are not eligible to apply for the NTMP.

Applicants who nominate the NTMP as their first preference are not eligible to apply for the SARM Program.

Up to 28 places (Employer Reserved – Fee Paying) are available. The NTBMS is an NT and Australia Government initiative with the aim 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 per the information below.

Flinders NT delivers the NTMP and 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

The NTBMS funds the MD for each student enrolled under the scheme, and therefore have their tuition fees funded by the NT Government, resulting in a Return of Service (RoSO) agreement with 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.



Loni, a first-year medical student in NTMP. Find out more about Loni's experience in the NTMP.

Priority 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.

No documentation required.

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 in 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 2019-2024.

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 Identity:

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

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION STATUTORY DECLARATIONS AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Flinders University Statutory Declarations for sub-quotas are included in this Guide.

Applicants are required to submit a separate Flinders University Statutory Declaration by the deadline for each sub-quota/priorities they are eligible for if they wish to be considered under these. Statutory Declarations from previous years or pertaining to other Universities or not from this guide or the MD webpage will not be accepted.

Applicants should note 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 as a result of the provision of inaccurate or incomplete information.

Note: All supporting documentation needs to be uploaded to the application system by the relevant deadline. If you have not uploaded all the required supporting documentation at the time of submitting your application, you will not be able to amend or upload information after submission. You will be sent an email with instructions on how to upload these i.e. supporting letters and/or Official Academic Transcripts, by the relevant deadline(s) as published in this guide after applications have closed.

Documents submitted after the deadline will not be accepted and applicants will not be considered for the relevant sub-quota/program.

Note: Pre-assessment of any component of the application including the calculation of the wGPA, eligibility for sub-quotas, checking whether the documentation to be provided meets the requirements, or assessment of overseas qualifications for equivalency to an Australian qualification is not possible.

Flinders will accept digital Statutory Declarations created through myGov. Applicants must provide separate Statutory Declarations by the deadline for each sub-quota/program priorities they are eligible for if they wish to be considered under these.

For more information on how to create statutory declaration on myGov platform visit my.gov.statutory declaration.

When creating your statutory declaration on myGov, please copy the wording from Section 2 of the Flinders Statutory Declarations, provided in this guide and at www.flinders.edu.au/md.

Rural Sub-quota & SARM Program

Applicants from a rural background who meet the below requirements, are required to provide a current year Flinders University <u>Rural</u> <u>Residency Statutory Declaration</u> form confirming they meet the rural residency criteria.

Applicants must demonstrate their residency of:

- at least 10 years cumulatively or
- any five consecutive years

in an Australian Statistical Geography Standard (2016) – Remoteness Areas (ASGS – RA) 2 to 5. Applicants can check their ASGS – RA status at: www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator.

If required, applicants may be asked to submit further supporting documentation (such as invoices for utilities, car registration, license, bank statements etc) to substantiate the information provided in the Statutory Declaration.

Note: Documents submitted after the deadline will not be accepted and applicants will not be considered for the sub-quota/program.

Note: Applicants from a non-rural background who wish to be considered for the SARM Program, should places not be filled by applicants from a rural background or other priorities, do not have to submit the above documentation but must indicate this in their application including their preference for each location.

Humanitarian Visa Sub-quota

Applicants wishing to be considered for entry into the course under this sub-quota are required to provide a current year Flinders University <u>Permanent Humanitarian Visa Statutory Declaration</u> form confirming they hold, or have held, a Refugee or Humanitarian Visa at some point in time.

Applicants must also submit a certified copy of their original Humanitarian Visa by the deadline.

Note: Documents submitted after the deadline will not be accepted and applicants will not be considered for the sub-quota.

SAMP, SARM Program & NTMP - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Applicants

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants may confirm their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity in one of two ways:

Confirmation of Indigeneity

Provide a certified copy of a formal document confirming their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity. This should be from an incorporated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation stating the organisation recognises the applicant as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. This document should also contain the Common Seal of the organisation.

OR

Affirmation of Indigeneity

Applicants unable to provide a Confirmation of Indigeneity may complete and submit a current year Flinders University <u>Aboriginal and/or</u> <u>Torres Strait Islander Identity Statutory Declaration</u>.

Note: Documents submitted after the deadline will not be accepted and applicants will not be considered for the sub-quota.

NTMP – NT residency

Applicants who are NT residents are required to provide a current year Flinders University <u>Northern Territory Residency Statutory Declaration</u> form confirming they meet the residency requirements and supporting letter(s) confirming they meet the residency requirement. A sample letter of support is provided in this guide to assist applicants in what information is needed.

A NT resident is defined as an Australian citizen or permanent resident who, at the time of commencement of the medical course, 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 must also provide supporting letter(s), confirming they meet the NT residency criteria, from either a:

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

Letters must be original, on letterhead and include:

- applicant full NT residential address(es);
- the month and year the applicant resided at that address;
- the author's name, position and contact details.

Applicants may submit multiple letters as evidence they have met the years required for residency. Letters from relatives will not be accepted.

Note: Documents submitted after the deadline will not be accepted and applicants will not be considered as Northern Territory residents.

Official Academic Transcripts

Applicants who have completed their most recent Bachelor degree, including One-year Bachelor degrees, at an institution other than Flinders University, are required to submit a scanned copy of their original or scanned certified copy of their original Official Academic Transcript showing grades/marks and successful completion **by 31 July 2024**.

Note: Applicants who submit Unofficial Academic Transcripts, statement of results, academic statements, exam slips, screen shots of grades, Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement (AHEGS), etc. will not be considered.

Applicants are not required to provide Official Academic Transcripts for postgraduate study (i.e. graduate diploma, graduate certificate, etc.) undertaken at other institutions or Flinders University.

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 a scanned copy of their original or scanned certified copy of their original Official Academic Transcript by **31 July 2024** showing grades/marks achieved up to the first semester/first half of their final year in the course. These will be used in the wGPA calculation.

Note: Applicants who do not provide the grades/marks achieved up to and including the first semester/first half of their final year in their most recent Bachelor degree by the deadline will not be considered.

Applicants who are due to complete their most recent Bachelor degree by the end of 2024 and are made an offer, are required to provide an Official Academic Transcript as evidence of successful completion by 31 December 2024.

Applicants who have completed a One-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 31 July 2024**.

Note: Applicants are contacted soon after applications close with instructions on how to upload Official Academic Transcripts by the deadline. Official Academic Transcripts submitted after the deadline will not be accepted and applicants will not be considered.

A scanned copy of an original or scanned certified copy of an original Official Academic Transcript must be uploaded to the application by the deadline as evidence applicants meet the academic requirements.

If Official Academic Transcripts are in a language other than English, applicants must submit scanned 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 National Accreditation Authority for Translators & Interpreters (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 statements, exam slips, screen shots of grades, Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement (AHEGS), etc. will not be considered.

My eQuals

If an applicant's Official Academic Transcript is available via the My eQuals 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 eQuals (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 Official Academic Transcripts via My eQuals visit <u>www.myequals.edu.au/learners/</u>.

It is recommended applicants provide their My eQuals link by the deadline but only once their grades/completion/finalisation of their Official Academic Transcript is confirmed, as the My eQuals link cannot be changed by applicants once provided.

Any subsequent updates to the Official 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 **31 July 2024** deadline, they will need to email <u>askflinders@flinders.edu.au</u>. Applicants will then be sent an email with instructions on how to update this requirement on

Note: Links provided after the deadline for update of Official Academic Transcripts will not be accepted.

Document authenticity through My eQuals

Some digital Official Academic Transcripts specifically mention the University issuing the transcript will only guarantee the document's authenticity when it is accessed through the My eQuals 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 eQuals 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.

Applicants must upload all supporting documentation to their online application in one of the following file formats: **DOC**, **DOCX**, **JPEG**, **JPG or PDF** e.g. official academic transcript.pdf. A 2MB file limit applies.

Applicants must submit each Official Academic Transcript, statutory declaration, etc. as a separate file for each of the sub- quotas they are eligible for.

Only clear legible scans will be accepted. Any external elements visible – such as a table, shadows, etc will not meet the requirement. Only scanned copies of original documents will be accepted.

Upload of screenshots, photos, statements of results, academic records, Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement (AHEGS) or unofficial transcripts, etc. will not be accepted.

APPLICATION

HOW TO APPLY

Eligible applicants must submit their applications directly to Flinders University through the Online Application System.

Refer to our step-by-step <u>Direct Application Guide</u> if assistance is required on the application submission process and for the link to the Online Application System portal.

PREFERENCES

Applicants are asked to submit <u>one</u> application for only <u>one</u> of the MD locations below to indicate which is their first preference location. Applicants who wish to be considered for the other location as their second preference will be asked to indicate this in the application form:

- Bedford Park: South Australia (including SARM Program) (Commonwealth Supported)
- Darwin: Northern Territory Medical Program (NTMP) (Employer Reserved Fee Paying)

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 required and by the due date. It is the applicant's responsibility to read and understand the application requirements.

For example: if Darwin is the most preferred location and Bedford Park is the second preferred location, an application for Darwin should only be submitted. There will be a question in the application asking if Bedford Park is to be the second preference which should be responded to as 'Yes'. If there is no second preferred location, this can also be indicated when asked in the application by responding 'No'.

SARM Program

Applicants who wish to be considered for this program must submit an application for Bedford Park as their first preference location and indicate they wish to be considered for the SARM Program when asked in application form. Applicants will then be required to indicate the locations in South Australia (Riverland or Mt Gambier (Greater Green Triangle)) in order of preference when asked.

Note: Applicants who are offered a place in the SARM Program cannot change their place type or SARM location. The SARM Program requires students to study in either the Riverland or Mt Gambier in the Greater Green Triangle in Years 1 and 2; and complete Years 3 and 4 in one of the following regional areas: Riverland, Greater Green Triangle, Hills, Mallee, Fleurieu or Barossa Valley as allocated by the College of Medicine and Public Health.

Applicants from non-rural backgrounds are encouraged to apply for the SARM Program and must indicate this in their application. Should the SARM Program not be filled by applicants per the listed priorities, applicants from non-rural backgrounds will be considered.

NTMP

The NTMP is based in the Northern Territory (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 SARM.

Note: Applicants who are offered a place in the NTMP cannot change their location from NT to SA.

DOCUMENTATION

Applicants must provide scanned copies of original or scanned certified copies of original documents as part of the application process. Details are available in the <u>Supporting Documentation</u> section of this guide.

OFFICIAL ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT

Applicants must provide details of their most recently completed or due to be completed Bachelor degree in 2024 for consideration per the <u>eligibility criteria</u> section in this guide.

A scanned original or a scanned certified copy of an original Official Academic Transcript must be uploaded to the application by the deadline as evidence they meet this requirement.

Unofficial academic transcripts, statement of results, academic statements, exam slips, screen shots of grades, Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement (AHEGS), etc. will not be accepted.

My eQuals links are accepted provided they comply with the <u>Supporting Documentation</u> guidelines in this document.

Graduates or students currently completing their most recent Bachelor degree at Flinders University are not required to provide a copy of their Official Academic Transcript. Applicants who completed their most recent Bachelor degree at another institution but are completing or have completed a postgraduate course at Flinders University need to provide Official Academic Transcripts for their most recent Bachelor degree only by the deadline.

SUB-QUOTA AND NTMP SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Applicants must provide relevant supporting documentation with their application if they are eligible to be considered under one or more of

the sub-quotas with this requirement, as outlined in the <u>Supporting Documentation</u> section of this guide.

Applicants are not required to provide details of academic prizes or awards; letters of recommendation; CVs or Resumes; work experience; reference letters; supporting statements for special consideration, as these are not considered in the selection process.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

GAMSAT CANDIDATE NUMBER

Applicants who have a valid GAMSAT result and achieved a minimum of 50 in each Section of the test must provide their GAMSAT candidate number in their application. Flinders University will obtain applicant results of the valid GAMSAT directly from ACER based on the candidate number provided.

Note: Applicants with multiple valid GAMSAT results need to choose which sitting results they wish to be considered for their application for entry to the MD and provide only one candidate number at the time of application.



ALL PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ACT PROFESSIONALLY TOWARD THE UNIVERSITY, ITS STAFF, STUDENTS AND OTHER APPLICANTS. APPLICANTS ARE ASKED TO NOTE THAT POSTING CORRESPONDENCE, INCLUDING OFFER LETTERS IN ONLINE FORUMS IS NOT APPROPRIATE. FLINDERS UNIVERSITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONSIDER ANY ASPECT OF AN APPLICANT'S BEHAVIOUR IN THE ASSESSMENT OF THEIR SUITABILITY FOR ENTRY INTO THE MD.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants will be selected for a place in the MD, on the basis of their overall selection rank calculated using the following, which are equally weighted:

- Interview score (interview must be passed)
- wGPA from most recent Bachelor degree
- GAMSAT overall score

Applicants will be ranked for all sub-quotas/priorities they are eligible for, provided the documentary requirements and deadlines have been met. Selection for a place is under one sub-quota/priority only and successful applicants are only issued one offer, even if eligible for multiple sub-quotas/priorities.

Offers are issued to highest ranked applicants in the sub-quota(s)/priorities they are eligible for to fill places available. Applicants may rank higher in one sub-quota and lower in others they might be eligible for depending on the number of applicants eligible for the same subquota. For example, an applicant's overall selection rank, calculated per above, may rank them higher in the Rural sub-quota and lower in the Flinders Graduate sub-quota. Therefore, it is more likely an offer will be issued under the Rural sub-quota than the Flinders Graduate sub-quota in order to fill places available in each of these sub-quotas.

Note: 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 ranking within sub-quotas/priorities or interview scores or feedback on interview performance. All applications have been assessed uniformly and appeals for the outcome of an application are normally not accepted.

INTERVIEW

To be considered for interview, applicants must hold a valid GAMSAT result and must have achieved a minimum score of 50 in each section of the test.

Shortlisting for interview is on the basis of an applicant's overall GAMSAT score and their overall ranking in comparison with other applicants for the sub-quotas/priorities they are eligible for.

The overall GAMSAT score cut-offs for interview are dependent upon the profile of the applicant pool and places available for each subquota, and therefore vary every year.

Overall GAMSAT scores cut-offs for interview for the 2023 and 2024 intakes from applicants with a minimum of 50 in each section:

Sub-quota	2023 entry	2024 entry
Rural	63	64
MDRS (not offered from 2025 entry onwards)	58	57
SARM Program	NA	NA
Flinders Graduates	69	67
Flinders Graduates Reserved	64	64
Humanitarian Visa Holders	62	62
Non-Flinders Graduates (Non-Rural/Non-Humanitarian Visa)	78	76

The GAMSAT overall score is calculated using the following formula: (1 x Section I) + (1 x Section II) + (2 x Section III) /4.

Note: holding a valid GAMSAT result and achieving the minimum score in each section of the test does not guarantee an invitation for interview.

Applicants will be sent their invitation to interview via their preferred email address. Applicants must check the <u>preferred email address</u> in the Flinders University Student Information System to ensure the right email address is used to contact them.

Applicants will be provided with an online link to book their preferred interview date and time, which will be active for a limited time. The interview will not be confirmed until payment has been received.

Applicants who book an interview date and time to interview will be required to pay a non-refundable interview administration fee \$60 by the deadline.

All applicants who are shortlisted for an interview must participate in the interview. Interviews may take place in person or online. Applicants who are interstate or well outside of the Adelaide metropolitan area will be interviewed online through the WebEx platform. Applicants who reside in Adelaide and surrounding metropolitan areas, (SAMP applicants) or Darwin (NTMP applicants), will be interviewed in person. Confirmation of the interview mode and other information will be provided via email to applicants shortlisted for an interview.

Note: The interview mode cannot be changed unless there are extenuating circumstances demonstrated with supporting documentation as to the reasons a change is required.

The interview conducted in both SA and the NT 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. Interviewers are not provided with any information about applicants, other than applicant names. Interviews normally last approximately 45-50 minutes.

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

Note: Applicants must pass the interview to be considered for selection, therefore they must achieve a score of 50% or higher. Feedback on interview performance cannot be provided. Only scores are recorded. Notes taken on scrap paper are destroyed.

CALCULATION OF WEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGE (WGPA)

wGPAs are calculated only for applicants who pass the interview.

Note: Pre-assessment of any component of the application including the calculation of the wGPA, eligibility for sub-quotas, checking whether the documentation to be provided meets the requirements, or assessment of overseas qualifications for equivalency to an Australian qualification is not possible.

Applicants whose most recent Bachelor degree is from an institution other than Flinders University will have the mark 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 published online.

Applicants who are due to complete their most recent 2, 3 or 4 year Bachelor degree by the end of 2024 will have their wGPA calculated using the first semester/half year results of their final year. The wGPA is calculated using the marks achieved in the last 2.5 full-time equivalent years of study.

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.

In order for Semester 1, 2024/first half 2024 results to be included in the wGPA calculation, the Official Academic Transcript must be submitted by **31 July 2024** with these results stated.

Applicants who hold a One-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. However, evidence of completion of the One-year degree must be provided by **31 July 2024**.

Applicants who hold a One-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. However, evidence of completion of a 1 Honours year degree must be provided by **31 July 2024**. Therefore, if successful completion of the One-year Honours degree is not provided by the deadline will result in the wGPA being calculated from the results of their most recently completed Bachelor degree.

Note: Results provided or finalised after **31 July 2023** for One-year Honours or One-year Bachelor degrees will not be accepted nor used in the wGPA calculation.

EXAMPLES OF wGPA CALCULATIONS

Applicants who hold a 3-year Bachelor degree and has also completed a Oneyear Honours degree, will have their wGPA calculated as follows:

wGPA =

((GPA of Honours Year x 3) + (GPA of Year 3 x 2) + (GPA of Year 2)) / 6

Applicants who hold a 2-year Bachelor

degree or are about to complete a 2year Bachelor degree, will have their wGPA calculated as follows:

wGPA =

((GPA of Year 1 x 1) + (GPA of Final Year x 5)) / 6 For example, the wGPA for the three-year Bachelor of Medical Science with a completed One-year medical science Honours will be calculated as follows:

Year 1 – with GPA of 6.1 (Not included in the wGPA calculation) Year 2 – with GPA of 6.37 Year 3 – with GPA of 6.87 Honours Year – with GPA of 7.00

((7 x 3) + (6.87 x 2) + (6.37)) / 6

For example, the wGPA for the two-year Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry) degree will be calculated as follows:

Year 1 – with GPA of 6.5 Year 2 – with GPA of 6.2

((6.5 x 1) + (6.2 x 5)) / 6

= wGPA 6.25

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:

wGPA =

((GPA of Year 3 (first semester/half) x 3) + (GPA of Year 2 x 2) + (GPA of Year 1)) / 6

Applicants who hold a 4-year Bachelor degree or are about to complete a 4year Bachelor degree (integrated Honours year included), will have their wGPA calculated as follows:

wGPA =

((GPA of Year 4 x 3) + (GPA of Year 3 x 2) + (GPA of Year 2)) / 6 For example, the wGPA for a three-year Bachelor of Health Science to be completed by the end of 2023 will be calculated as follows:

> Year 1 – with GPA of 4.4 Year 2 – with GPA of 5.5 Year 3 (first semester/half) – with GPA of 5.25

> > ((5.25 x 3) + (5.5 x 2) + (4.4)) / 6

= wGPA 5.19

For example, the wGPA for a four-year Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice degree will be calculated as follows:

Year 1 – with GPA of 6.1 (Not included in the wGPA calculation) Year 2 – with GPA of 5.8 Year 3 – with GPA of 6.5 Year 4 – with GPA of 6.2

((6.2 x 3) + (6.5 x 2) + (5.8)) / 6

wGPA calculation notes

Specified credit is included in the wGPA calculation (except if the grade is a non-graded pass or not AQF level 7 or above). 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 **31 July 2024**.

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 **31 July 2024**.

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 evidence of completion must be provided through an Official Academic Transcript by **31 July 2024**. 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 grades are converted to a Flinders University equivalent then calculated to a wGPA. Flinders GPA is calculated on a value from 1.5 - 7, all fail grades from any institution are assigned a value of 1.5 in the calculation.

OFFERS

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Bedford Park

Applicants will be considered for all sub-quotas available they are eligible for, provided the documentary requirements and deadlines have been met. Selection for a place is under one sub-quota only even if eligible for multiple sub-quotas.

The University will determine the minimum overall selection rank required for a place offer within sub-quotas in a given year to fill places available.

SARM Program

Selection for the SARM Program is on the basis of an applicant's overall selection rank per Priority to fill places available.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Selection for the NTMP is on the basis of an applicant's overall selection rank per Priority as set by the NT Government to fill places available.

Note: Applicants who receive an offer will be required to secure their place by enrolling in Year 1 topics of the MD by the deadline stated in their offer letter. Failure to enrol via the Flinders University Student System by the specified date, will mean the offer of a place in the MD will be forfeited and their place will be offered to another applicant. If an applicant declines an offer for a place, they will not be considered for another place or receive another offer as applicants are made offers only after being considered for all sub-quota(s) they are eligible for.

WAITLISTED AND UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Applicants who are not successful in receiving an offer early in the selection process will be advised of the status of their application as follows:

- Interview was not passed and therefore application is unsuccessful; or
- Overall selection rank was not sufficiently competitive for further consideration, including for any sub-quotas they were eligible for, and application is therefore unsuccessful.
- Overall selection rank was not sufficiently competitive for an offer in the early stages of the selection process; however, they may be considered for subsequent offers should a place become available and are therefore have been placed on a waitlist.

Note: Offers may be made up until the commencement of the MD in February 2025 to fill places available.

Applicants who are on the waitlist and accept an offer with another institution should email <u>askflinders@flinders.edu.au</u> confirming they no longer wish to be considered for a place at Flinders University.

CONDITIONAL OFFERS

There are instances in which a successful applicant may receive a conditional offer:

- A Flinders University qualification is due to be completed in late 2024 and the offer is conditional on its successful completion which will be confirmed based on the information available in the student system by **31 December 2024**; OR
- Most recent Bachelor degree at another institution is due to be completed and the offer is conditional on evidence of its successful
 completion through an Official Academic Transcript to be provided by 31 December 2024; OR
- A signed written agreement to completing the MD in rural sites to be submitted for SARM Program.

Note: Applicants who receive a conditional offer will be required to accept their conditional offer in the application system by the deadline stated in their offer letter. Conditions of an offer must also be met as specified in the offer letter and by the stated deadline. Failure to do so will mean the offer of a place in the MD will be forfeited and their place may be offered to another applicant.

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

Note: Once conditions are met, applicants will be required to secure their place by enrolling in at least one topic in the MD by the deadline stated in the communication confirming they have met the conditions of their offer. Failure to enrol via the Flinders University Student Information System by the specified date, will mean the offer of a place in the MD will be forfeited and their place may be offered to another applicant. If you decline an offer for a place, you will not be considered for another place or receive another offer.

COMBINED DEGREE OPTIONS

The MD can be combined with the Master of Public Health (MPH) or the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

Doctor of Medicine with the Master of Public Health

Available for MD students Bedford Park only, this combined option takes 5 years of full-time study and aims to provide students with the ability to combine medical practice with work that improves the health of communities. After completing Year 2 of the MD, leave of absence is taken to complete the MPH in Year 3, resuming MD study in Year 4 and completing the MD in Year 5.

To combine the MD with the MPH, applicants must:

- be admitted to the MD and
- hold
 - a Bachelor degree in a health-related field including public health, behavioural science, psychology, nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, paramedicine, social work; or
 - a Bachelor degree in a non-health related field and no less than two-years full-time equivalent work experience in a public health-related field including social work, nursing, midwifery, paramedicine.
- have completed the Coursework pathway of MD Advanced Studies in Year 1 and
- have completed the MPH core topic in Year 2 and
- have successfully completed Year 1 and Year 2 of the MD

Applications for the MPH are submitted in Year 2 of the MD directly to the University.

Doctor of Medicine with the Doctor of Philosophy

Available for MD students in Bedford Park only, this combined option takes 7 years of full-time study and is a pathway to becoming a clinician scientist. After completing Year 2 of the MD, leave of absence would be taken to complete the PhD in Year 3, 4 and 5, resuming MD study in Year 6 and completing the MD in Year 7.

To combine the MD with a PhD, applicants must:

- be admitted into the MD and
- hold a One-year Honours (either integrated or separate to the most recently completed Bachelor degree) and
- have completed the Research pathway of MD Advanced Studies from Year 1 and
- have successfully completed Year 2 of the MD

Applications for the <u>PhD</u> are submitted in Year 2 of the MD directly to the University and consultation with the MD Course Coordinator is required prior to applying.

IMPORTANT COURSE INFORMATION

GROUNDS FOR AN OFFER OF PLACE TO BE WITHDRAWN

An 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 :

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.

An offer may also be withdrawn by Flinders University if there has been an administrative error made in accordance with <u>Flinders University</u>. <u>Admissions Policy</u>, Student Admission Procedure, Section 7.

COURSE RULES

Information regarding rules associated with studying the MD are available in the <u>University's Handbook</u>. Commencing students are asked to ensure they familiarise with the requirements to be met to successfully complete the course.

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 <u>Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand Inc's Inherent Requirements for studying medicine (July 2017)</u>. 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 <u>placement requirements</u> to undertake clinical placements including immunisation, criminal history screening and student registration.

Clinical placement activities are undertaken in mixed gender environments which reflect the Australian health care context. Registration as a Student Medical Practitioner with the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA) is essential for undertaking clinical placements.

IMMUNISATION

Students must abide by the immunisation requirements to be able to complete the placement requirements for the MD and will not be permitted to progress in the course if this is not met.

REGISTRATION WITH AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PRACTITIONER REGULATION AGENCY (AHPRA)

Under the terms of the <u>Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2010</u>, medical students are required to be registered with the Medical Board of Australia for the duration of their medical studies.

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.

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.

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 health service.

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

CRIMINAL AND RELEVANT HISTORY SCREENING

All students will be required to undertake 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.

South Australia Rural Medical (SARM) Program

The SARM Program is a four-year full-time course with years 1 and 2 being delivered at a specified site (the Riverland or Mount Gambier in the Greater Green Triangle). Students will be completing both Years 1 AND 2 of the program at the specified site per their offer letter. Students are expected to be a resident or relocate to the specified site at their own cost for Years 1 AND 2.

In Year 3 AND 4 students undertaking the SARM Program will be required to participate in longitudinal placements (up to 12 months) in one or more of the following sites: the Riverland, Mt Gambier (Greater Green Triangle), Hills Mallee Fleurieu or the Barossa Valley; as allocated by the College of Medicine and Public Health.

Costs for relocation and subsidised accommodation in Year 3/4 will be met by Flinders University under the relocation and accommodation policy provisions.

Successful applicants will be required to sign a Written Agreement as a condition of their offer. Failure to provide this will result in the offer being withdrawn.

FAQs

ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

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 in 2024, and you meet the application eligibility requirements, you are eligible to apply.
Does an accelerated Bachelor 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 end of 2024.
My most recent Bachelor degree is One-year in duration (ie One-year Honours or One-year graduate entry Bachelor). Am I eligible to apply?	Yes, provided the degree is due to be completed mid-year and evidence of completion is provided by 31 July 2024.
Is there a minimum GPA to apply for the MD at Flinders University?	Yes, for 2025 entry, applicants must have achieved a minimum non- weighted Flinders equivalent GPA to be eligible to apply. 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 normally be required to have achieved a GPA of 5.00 or above from the 2026 MD intake to be 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 am sitting the GAMSAT in September 2024 and I will not have a score at the time of application. Can I still apply?	Applicants are required to have their valid GAMSAT results at the time of application. If you sit the GAMSAT in September 2024 you will be eligible to apply for 2026 entry and will not be eligible to apply for 2025 entry.
I am wanting to transfer from another medical program to the MD at Flinders University. Is this possible?	There is no transfer pathway for the MD. If you wish to study the MD at Flinders, you must apply in the normal way and undergo the entire application process. No credit (RPL) will be granted for previous study as the course must be completed in its entirety.
I have a valid GAMSAT result but do not have the minimum score of 50 in each section, can I still apply?	To be eligible to apply you must meet the eligibility requirements. As the number of applications is significantly greater than the number of places available, applicants who do not meet the minimum GAMSAT results in each section will not be considered.
I reside outside of South Australia/Northern Territory. Am I eligible to apply?	Provided you meet the eligibility criteria, if you reside outside of SA or the NT you are eligible to apply with the understanding the course is taught in person in SA/NT and that you are required to attend orientation and all study activities for the course in person and on campus from the commencement date, if successful. This will mean you must be prepared to be in SA/NT by the commencement date should you receive an offer, even if made shortly prior to the commencement of the course.

APPLICATION

I am having issues with the student account (FAN) activation process, resetting my password/log in issues, who do I contact to get technical assistance?	If you are experiencing difficulties, please contact our helpdesk on 08 8201 2345.
I wasn't successful in my application, am I able to get more information on the outcome?	The correspondence sent will state the reason your application was not successful. 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 ranking within sub- quotas, interview performance, interview score and wGPA.
How will I be contacted about my application?	Correspondence is via 'Preferred' email and SMS; 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. Applicants are also required to keep their mobile number updated.

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 <u>Student Information System</u> by visiting the My Details tab and selecting a preferred email address.
I have submitted my application. I would like to check if I have submitted the correct documentation. Who should I contact?	We are not able to confirm if you have submitted the correct documentation to your application. It is your responsibility to make sure you read and understand the Application Guide which has extensive information on the requirements, including supporting documentation details. You can return to the application system to confirm the status of your application at any point.
I have submitted my application. What happens next?	You will be sent an application acknowledgement email with information on the next steps. Please read this carefully.

APPLICATION PROCESSING FEES

I have submitted two applications, am I required to pay for both applications?	You are only required to pay the application processing fee once. You should also withdraw any additional applications as only one will be considered.
I have submitted two applications in error and have paid for each one, can I get a refund for one of the application fees?	If you have paid the application processing fee for two applications, you are eligible to request a refund for one of these. Contact <u>askflinders@flinders.edu.au</u> to request a refund and withdraw the application you do not wish considered.
Can I request an extension on the deadline by which to pay the application processing fee, and if invited to an interview, the interview fee?	Payment deadline extensions cannot be granted for the application fee or the interview fee and extension requests will not be considered.
Can I pay the application processing or the interview fee in instalments?	No, these fees must be paid in full by the deadline.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Am I required to submit academic transcripts for postgraduate study?	Applicants are not required to provide Official Academic Transcripts if they are Flinders students/graduates of their most recent Bachelor degree or postgraduate study. Non-Flinders students/graduates of their most recent Bachelor degree are required to provide Official Academic Transcripts. Postgraduate study is not considered for wGPA purposes and therefore transcripts for this study are not required.
I am eligible for more than one sub-quota; do I need to submit a statutory declaration for each of them?	Yes, to be considered for more than one sub-quota you are required to submit a current Flinders University statutory declaration for each of them, per the <u>Supporting Documentation</u> section of this guide, as well as any additional documentation specified in this guide.
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 MD. Supporting letters regarding residency can be submitted again if written in a previous year.
Can I submit my Official Academic Transcript via My eQuals?	Yes, you will need to provide your URL link in the online application. If you have set a PIN you will also need to supply this, ensuring that the expiry date is after Feb 2025. Further information can be found at www.myequals.edu.au/students/ . We ask that you do not set an email address to access the link.
Is supporting documentation audited?	Flinders may audit supporting documentation or request further information regarding any aspect of your application.
I have an overseas qualification; can I find out if it is an Australian equivalent Bachelor degree before I apply?	Pre-assessment for equivalency is not possible. Applicants can have their qualification assessed for equivalency through <u>https://internationaleducation.gov.au/</u>
I am eligible for the Flinders Graduate/Flinders Graduate Reserved sub-quota. Am I required to submit a Statutory Declaration?	If you're eligible for either of these sub-quotas, you do not need to submit a Statutory Declaration as part of the application process.

How do I provide my Official Academic Transcript by the 31 July after applications have closed?	Shortly after applications close, applicants who hold a One-year degree or a One-year Honours degree will be contacted via email with instructions on how to provide these as part of their application by 31 July 2024.
I am from a rural background applying for a place in South Australia, do I need to provide supporting letters in addition to the Statutory Declaration?	From 2025 entry, applicants for SA do not need to provide supporting letters from schools, medical practitioner etc in addition to the Statutory Declaration. However, at times, an applicant may be asked to submit further supporting documentation (such as invoices for utilities, car registration, license, bank statements etc) to substantiate the information provided in the Statutory Declaration.

SUB-QUOTAS

I hold a Bachelor degree eligible for the Flinders University Graduates Reserved sub-quota (e.g. Bachelor of Medical Sciences) but have since completed or I am about to complete my most recent Bachelor degree at Flinders University (e.g. Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry)) which is not eligible for the same sub-quota. Will I still be considered for the Flinders University Graduates Reserved sub-quota?	Only the most recent Bachelor degree is taken into consideration for the MD application, including eligibility of sub-quotas and wGPA calculation. Therefore, if your most recent Bachelor degree is not one of those listed per the Graduates Reserved sub-quota, you will only be considered under the Flinders University Graduate sub-quota, even if you have completed an eligible degree in the past.
I am eligible for more than one sub-quota; how will my application be considered?	Applicants will be considered for all sub-quotas they are eligible for, provided the documentary requirements and deadlines have been met. Selection for a place is under one sub-quota only and successful applicants are only issued one offer, even if eligible for multiple sub-quotas. More information is available in the Place Types and Sub-quotas section of this guide.
I have commenced one of the Bachelor degrees no longer eligible for consideration under the Flinders University Graduates Reserved sub-quota. What are my options?	Prospective MD students will have until the end of 2024 to complete their Bachelor degree to be eligible for the Flinders Graduates Reserved sub-quota, to be able to apply up to and including 2025 entry. Applicants who complete one of these Bachelor degrees in 2025 or after will be eligible for the Flinders Graduates sub-quota but not the Flinders Graduates Reserved sub-quota.
I am completing a Flinders postgraduate qualification, such as a Graduate Certificate, to be considered in the Flinders Graduate sub quota. Will this qualification need to be completed by December 2024?	Yes, you will be able to indicate if you are completing a Flinders postgraduate qualification by the end of 2024. If you are successful in receiving an offer under the Flinders Graduate sub quota, the offer will be conditional on you successfully completing the Flinders postgraduate qualification by the 31 December 2024.
I am completing a Flinders Diploma/Associate Degree. Will I be considered for the Flinders University Graduates sub-quota?	No, only qualifications at a Bachelor degree or above are considered for the Flinders Graduate sub-quota.

INTERVIEWS

Am I able to find out who will be on my interview panel?	Flinders University does not provide applicants with details of the interviewers allocated to their panel. However, the panel normally consists of an academic staff member, a community member and a doctor.
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, location and other important information.
How do I schedule my interview if I have been invited?	Applicants invited to interview will be able to select their preferred interview date and time online via Calendly. Details will be emailed to your preferred email.
I reside outside of SA/NT, will I have to attend the interview in person if shortlisted?	Applicants are normally required to plan to attend the interview in person, wherever they reside. However, applicants will be advised whether their interview will be in person or conducted via video link when invited for interview.

wGPA

I have studied One-year Honours degree separate to my Bachelor degree. Will this be included in my wGPA?	Applicants who have completed One-year Honours degree, separate to their Bachelor degree, who are shortlisted for an interview, will have the grades (not their Honours class) from their Honours year included in the wGPA calculation as the final year degree value. This is provided evidence of results and completion is provided by 31 July 2024.
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 a Bachelor level or above, the grades from that previous study will only be used when calculating the wGPA, provided the Official Academic Transcripts are provided by the deadline. More information is available in the wGPA calculation section of this Guide.
Will my grades from my incomplete Bachelor degree, not due to be completed this year, be included in my wGPA?	No, topics undertaken in an incomplete Bachelor degree (unless the degree will be completed in the year of application) are not included in the wGPA calculation.
Will grades from my postgraduate study be included in my wGPA?	No, grades achieved in postgraduate study are not used in the wGPA calculation.
I would like to find out how my wGPA will be calculated, or if my overseas qualifications are equivalent to a Bachelor degree.	We are unable to conduct pre-application assessment of any component of the application including the calculation of the wGPA, eligibility for sub- quotas or assess overseas qualifications for equivalency to an Australian qualification. How wGPA is calculated is outlined in this guide.

OFFERS

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Can I defer my MD place to the next year?	The course is not deferrable. However, in case of genuinely unforeseen and usually compassionate and extenuating circumstances, a request to defer may be considered for successful applicants who are able to provide documentary evidence to demonstrate their circumstances changed between the time they submitted an application and requested a deferment; and that these were outside of their control and therefore prevent them from commencing the course.
Are late offers made if places are available?	Places are normally filled by the end of the year, however, applicants who are on the waitlist may receive offers up until the commencement of the MD in February 2025 should places become available.
I have been offered a bonded place in the course; will I still be considered for a non-bonded place?	No, bonded and non-bonded places are made on the basis of applicants' overall selection rank in the following order: non-bonded then bonded, with the highest ranked applicants being allocated a non-bonded place. Therefore, applicants who were made an offer for a bonded place will not be considered further for a non-bonded place offer.
I have received an offer of a place in the course, 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 has been considered. Consequently, if an applicant declines an offer, no further offers will be made.
How do I accept my offer?	Applicants offered a place in the MD will be required to accept their offer <u>and</u> enrol in Year 1 topics by the deadline stated in their offer letter to secure their place in the course and must maintain enrolment. Applicants with a conditional offer will be required to accept their offer by the deadline stated in their offer letter and must also meet any conditions by the deadline to secure their place in the course. Failure to enrol by the deadline or maintain enrolment will mean the place will be offered to another applicant.
I no longer wish to take up my 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 to askflinders@flinders.edu.au. If you had any enrolment in topics you will need to withdraw from these through the student system so as to not incur fees or Fail grades.
I didn't enrol in year 1 topics to secure my place in the course by the deadline, what are my options?	While it is likely the place will have been offered to another applicant, applicants should email <u>askflinders@flinders.edu.au</u> with documentary evidence to demonstrate there were circumstances outside of their control that prevented them from enrolling in Year 1 topics by the deadline.

I have been made an offer and I am currently enrolled in a double degree. How do I get confirmation I have completed the Bachelor component?	Normally, students in a double degree must request to exit with the Bachelor component through their University. Evidence of having successfully completed the Bachelor component must be provided by 31 December 2024.
I have been made a conditional offer, and I have not met/or will not be able to meet the condition by the deadline. What are my options?	Unfortunately, if you do not meet the conditions of your offer by the deadline, your offer of a place will be forfeited, and your place will be offered to another applicant. It is recommended you email <u>askflinders@flinders.edu.au</u> if this is the case.
I commenced the MD as an international student and my immigration status has now changed to a domestic status. Will my place be converted to a Commonwealth supported place?	Due to strict domestic and international quotas for commencing MD students, students who obtain permanent residency (or some other immigration status entitling them to the educational benefits of permanent residency) after commencing their studies will not be transferred to a Commonwealth supported place as these are limited and all available places have been filled. International Doctor of Medicine students who gain permanent residency status will continue to pay tuition fees in accordance with their original offer.

COURSE INFORMATION

Can I study the MD program externally?	No. The SAMP and NTMP are delivered on campus and face-to-face attendance is required for orientation and all study activities and it is therefore not possible to undertake the degree on an external/online/distance 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 MD is four years in length and is available full-time only. 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.
Can I get credit (RPL) if I have completed postgraduate study in a relevant area?	No, the MD must be completed in its entirety for accreditation purposes.

COMBINED OPTIONS

I would like to combine the MD with the Master of Public Health or the Doctor of Philosophy. When can I apply?	Applications for the MPH will open in the second half of each year. You can apply in the last half of Year 2 of the MD.
Does admission into the MD guarantee me entry into the Master of Public Health or the Doctor of Philosophy?	No, the entry requirements for either of the courses must be met. More information is available in this guide or at <u>www.flinders.edu.au/study/health/md-mph</u> or <u>www.flinders.edu.au/study/apply/apply-research-degree/md-phd</u> .

STATUTORY DECLARATIONS

Commonwealth of Australia STATUTORY DECLARATION Statutory Declarations Act 1959 **Flinders University** Doctor of Medicine 2025

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Full Name:			
Student ID Number:			
1. Insert the name, occupation and current address of person making the declaration	¹ I, residing at		······································
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5. Day			
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7. Signature of person			
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Flinders University Doctor of Medicine 2025 PERMANENT HUMANITARIAN VISA STATUTORY DECLARATION

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Full Name:	
Student ID Number:	
1. Insert the name, occupation and current residential address of person making the declaration	¹ I,, a, residing at, make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.
2. Matter declared to	 ²I confirm that I currently hold or have held a Refugee or Humanitarian Visa issued by the Australian Government, and I confirm that I am now an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident. I confirm I first came to Australia in(year). I understand that I must also provide Flinders University with a certified copy of my visa documentation by the deadline to be considered under the Permanent Humanitarian sub-quota. I understand that Flinders University will rely on this declaration when assessing applicants for entry and agree that any false or misleading statement by me would be grounds for the University to withdraw any application, offer of admission and/or to cancel any enrolment. 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.
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Flinders University Doctor of Medicine 2025 NORTHERN TERRITORY RESIDENCY STATUTORY DECLARATION

Full Name: _	
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Student ID Number:	
1. Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration	¹ I,, a, residing at, make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.
2. Set out matter declared to in numbers paragraphs	 ²I confirm that I have/or will have resided by the commencement of the course: 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 resided with a permanent address in the Northern Territory for a total of at least five years (full-time equivalent) since commencing primary school. My full address was/is: understand that I am required to provide supporting letters that confirm I meet the Northern Territory residency requirements and I will provide this by the deadline to be considered under the relevant selection priorities. 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 application, offer of admission and to cancel any enrolment. 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.
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Commonwealth of Australia STATUTORY DECLARATION Statutory Declarations Act 1959

Flinders University Doctor of Medicine 2025 ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER IDENTITY STATUTORY DECLARATION

Full Name: Student ID Number: 1. Insert the name, occupation ¹l, _____, a _____, a _____ and current residential address of person making the declaration residing at _____ make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959. 2. Matter declared to 2 I declare that I understand that the Commonwealth of Australia for the purpose of administering programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people defines Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity as follows: An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander is any person who: • Is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent and; • Identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and; • Is accepted as such by the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community in which they live or have lived. I understand that Flinders University will rely on this declaration when assessing applicants for entry and agree that any false or misleading statement by me would be grounds for the University to withdraw any application, offer of admission and to cancel any enrolment. 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. 3. Signature of person making 3 the declaration 4. Place on ⁵ of ⁶ Declared at ⁴ 5. Day 6. Month and Year Before me, 7. Full name of the person before whom the declaration is made 8. Signature of person before 7 whom the declaration is made 9. Full name, qualification and 8 address of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters) 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. 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.

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 Occupational therapist Optometrist Nurse Patent attorney Physiotherapist Pharmacist Veterinary surgeon Psychologist Trade marks attorney 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
 - SES employee of the Commonwealth
 - Sheriff
 - Sheriff's officer
 - Teacher employed on a full-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution

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DOCTOR OF MEDICINE ADMISSIONS FLINDERS UNIVERSITY GPO Box 2100 ADELAIDE SA 5000 Email: medical.admissions@flinders.edu.au

SUPPORTING LETTER CONFIRMING NORTHERN TERRITORY RESIDENCY

I am writing to confirm APPLICANT'S FIRST NAME LAST NAME, DATE OF BIRTH

Resided at

RESIDENTIAL STREET NUMBER, RESIDENTIAL STREET NAME, RESIDENTIAL SUBURB, STATE, POSTCODE

From MONTH and YEAR to MONTH and YEAR

AND (IF APPLICABLE, ADD AS NEEDED)

Resided at

RESIDENTIAL STREET NUMBER, RESIDENTIAL STREET NAME, RESIDENTIAL SUBURB, STATE, POSTCODE

From MONTH and YEAR to MONTH and YEAR

AUTHOR'S SIGNATURE AUTHOR'S FULL NAME AUTHOR'S POSITION/ROLE AUTHOR'S CONTACT DETAILS (IF NOT ON LETTERHEAD)

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 application. You can locate your Flinders Student ID number in the Student Information System.

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Disability Details	Student ID			
Parent/Guardian Education Details	Title			
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> Problems Changing Details?	Other Names			
> Need Help? Ask	Family Name			
Flinders	Preferred Given Name			
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	Phonetic Name			
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CHECKING YOUR PREFERRED EMAIL SELECTION

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.

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If an applicant changes their mobile number and/or emails after the application has been submitted, they will need to email <u>askflinders@flinders.edu.au</u> in order to ensure that they continue to receive communication to their updated contacts.

GLOSSARY

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)

https://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

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)

ASGC-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. https://www.health.gov.au/resources/appsand-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator.

Bachelor Degree

A Bachelor degree (AQF level 7) or equivalent, forms t part of the basis for admission into the MD at Flinders University.

The most recently completed or about to be completed Bachelor degree is considered.

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 Bachelor degree, diploma or certificate.

Credit transfer - Recognition for prior learning

Study completed at another institution that is recognised as credit towards a new course, reducing the length of time required to complete the qualification. Credit can be specified or unspecified.

Domestic Applicant

Domestic applicants are Australian citizens / permanent residents 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 Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Physiotherapy.

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-medicalprogram.

Flinders University Graduates

Applicants who have completed or are due complete a Flinders qualification of AQF Level 7 or above in the year of application.

Graduate Medical Schools Admissions Test (GAMSAT) www.gamsat.acer.edu.au

GAMSAT evaluates the nature and extent of abilities and skills gained through prior experience and learning, including the mastery and use of concepts in basic science as well as the acquisition of more general skills in problem solving, critical thinking and writing.

International Applicant

Applicants who are not an Australian citizen/permanent residents or a New Zealand citizen must apply via the International Admissions Pathway www.flinders.edu.au/international.

Non-Flinders University Graduates

Applicants who do not hold a Flinders University qualification of AQF Level 7 or above in the year of application.

Qualifying Degree

The Bachelor degree from which the wGPA is calculated.

Specified credit

Credit granted for a topic in a course for study completed in another 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.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

DETERMINE YOUR ELIGIBILITY	
Do you meet the domestic citizenship requirements?	Y/N
Do you hold a valid GAMSAT with a minimum score of 50 in each section of the test?	Y/N
Do you meet the academic requirements?	Y/N
Do you have achieved a Flinders equivalent GPA of 4.5 or above?	Y/N

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

BEFORE YOU START AN APPLICATION	
You have read and understood the 2025 MD Application Guide	
You have determined your location preferences (including SARM Program)	
If you have multiple valid GAMSAT results, you have decided which one you wish to have considered	
You have Official Academic Transcripts available or My eQuals link access	
If your Official Academic Transcripts are in a language other than English, you have official translations available	
You have determined your eligibility for sub-quotas	
You have commenced completing the relevant Flinders University sub-quota Statutory Declaration(s) and/or obtaining supporting letter(s)	

YOU STARTED AN APPLICATION		
Upload relevant scanned Flinders University sub-quota Statutory Declaration(s)		
Upload relevant scanned supporting letter(s) by the deadline (if available by application closing date)		
Upload your scanned Official Academic Transcript with Sem 1/First Half Year grades if completing at end of 2023 (if available by application closing date)		
Provide My eQuals link with Sem 1/First Half Year grades if completing most recent Bachelor at end of 2023 (if available)		

AFTER SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Check your preferred email in the online application system and change if required	
You have paid the application processing fee by the deadline	
Upload relevant scanned supporting letter(s) by the deadline	
Upload your scanned Official Academic Transcript with Sem 1/First Half Year grades if completing at end of 2024, by the deadline	
Provide My eQuals link with Sem 1/First Half Year grades if completing most recent Bachelor at end of 2024, by the deadline	



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