

Doctor of Medicine Offer Preferences

August 2023

Types of places

Based on currently available information, the University of Sydney School of Medicine anticipates that the following approximate numbers of Doctor of Medicine (MD) offers will be made for 2024 entry:

Metropolitan (Sydney) Commonwealth Supported Places	134*
Metropolitan (Sydney) Bonded Medical Program (BMP) places	63
Dubbo Commonwealth Supported Places	24
Total	221

*This number includes approximately 30 offers reserved for undergraduate Double Degree Medicine students.

The University reserves the right to make more or less offers than anticipated, at the discretion of the Executive Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Health.

Bonded Medical Program places

A percentage of all first year Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) in Australian medical schools are allocated to the Bonded Medical Program ('Program').

Only Australian citizens and holders of Permanent Resident visas (issued under the Migration Act 1958) are eligible for a place in the Program. All medical students, including those who hold New Zealand citizenship, must be Australian citizens or Permanent Residents at the time they take up a place in the Program.

The Program provides students a CSP at an Australian university, in return for a commitment to work in eligible regional, rural and remote areas for a specified period once students have completed their medical degree. The conditions and requirements of the Program are legally binding. There are no contracts. Applicants only have to accept their offered place at the University of Sydney and agree to participate in the Program via the Bonded Return of Service System (BRoSS). Participants are bound by Part VD of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* and must abide by the *Health Insurance (Bonded Medical Program) Rule 2020*. Applicants are strongly advised to seek legal advice to ensure that they understand the conditions and requirements of the Program. More information is available on the Department of Health's website: <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/bonded-medical-program>

Please contact the Department directly at BondedMedicalProgram@health.gov.au if you have any questions about the Program.

Sydney Medical School reserves the right to confirm applicants' eligibility through direct communications with the Department.

A student who has commenced the MD in a bonded place at the University of Sydney **WILL NOT** be eligible for admission to a non-bonded CSP in the MD.

Bonded Medical Program (BMP) places are additional to the University's standard CSPs. Withdrawal from the Program at any time prior to completion of the MD will result in termination of the student's BMP place and cancellation of their enrolment in the MD.

Dubbo stream

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants and rural applicants will receive priority ranking for Dubbo stream offers. If you are not an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Applicant or a rural applicant, preferencing the Dubbo stream in your application will not provide you with an advantage or make you more likely to be admitted to the MD.

Transfer between the Metropolitan (Sydney) and Dubbo streams of the MD is not permitted.

Offer preferences

Please note that identical admission criteria apply to all types of MD places.

When you complete an online confirmation page, you will be required to list your offer preferences from the above types of places. Please note that this will be your **ONLY** opportunity to select your preferences.

If you do not wish to be considered for a particular type of place, please do not select it. Applicants who refuse an offer of admission **WILL NOT** be considered for a different type of place in any subsequent offer rounds.

How will offers be made?

Applicants will be ranked on the basis of GAMSAT scores. This will generate different ranked lists of applicants for each pathway into the MD, for example, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants (unless GAMSAT results are not required); Metropolitan (Sydney) Commonwealth Supported Places; Metropolitan (Sydney) Bonded Medical Places; Dubbo Commonwealth Supported Places; and rural applicants.

Offers for the Metropolitan (Sydney) stream will be made in sequence commencing with the applicant with the highest ranked score. Should it arise that applicants are ranked equally, the University reserves the right to use an additional selection tool, such as an interview or Situational Judgement Test (SJT). The University will give these applicants due notice of any additional requirements. If further separation is required, the applicants' GPA at the time of application may be used, at the discretion of the University.

Our selection process for the Dubbo stream aims to identify and target applicants whose interest, intention and aptitude for practising medicine in rural and regional areas once qualified is genuine. Offers for the Dubbo stream will be made in sequence commencing with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants and Australian rural applicants with the highest ranked scores, after reviewing personal statements and, if required, an interview. The University will give applicants due notice of any additional requirements.

Applicants most highly ranked will be offered places first, according to their preferences. If a particular type of place (not stream) is no longer available (i.e. all places have been offered to applicants ranked more highly), applicants will be offered their next preferred available place (if any).

Applicants for both the Metropolitan (Sydney) and Dubbo streams are advised that only one offer of admission to the MD will be made. Applicants who are offered a place in either the Metropolitan (Sydney) or the Dubbo stream will not be considered for admission to the other stream. If you do not wish to be considered for a particular stream, do not select it.

In the event that additional offers are required, Sydney Medical School will make an offer to the next applicant on the ranked list of applicants, even if they have accepted an offer for a different type of place for the same stream in an earlier offer round.

Sydney Medical School reserves the right to modify, prior to each round of offers, the cut-off scores for inclusion of applicants in the ranked list for offers of admission.

Successful applicants will be given a firm date by which to accept the offer of a place. Offers not accepted in accordance with the instructions contained in the offer letter by that date will lapse.

Facilitated Entry Schemes

Sydney Medical School operates Facilitated Entry Schemes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants and Australian applicants of rural origin, as defined by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care. Under these schemes, Sydney Medical School may make offers to applicants with scores that are below the cut-off for standard admission.