BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT)

What is it?
The BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT) is a subject-specific admissions test taken by applicants to certain medicine, veterinary medicine and related courses. The BMAT is owned and administered by Cambridge Assessment, and aims to provide university staff with additional information on which to base their admissions decisions.

It is a two hour test which is completed in centres all over the country on the first Wednesday in November.
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www.bmat.org.uk

Registering for the BMAT
Candidates intending to take the BMAT must register with an assessment centre, and not directly with Cambridge Assessment. Typically, candidates who are currently studying A Levels will sit the BMAT at their school or college. They should ask their Examinations Officer about sitting the BMAT, as they will register them for the test.

Candidates who do not attend a school or college should find their nearest ‘open centre’ on www.bmat.org.uk and register to take the test there.

The standard entry closing date is 1 October. The late entry closing date (subject to penalty fees) is 15 October.

The BMAT entry fee is £42.50 within the UK and £72.50 elsewhere for entries made by the end of September. Late entry UK candidates will be charged £72.50 and late entry international candidates will be charged £102.50. Please note that entry centres may, at their own discretion, charge an additional administrative fee. Reimbursements of the standard entry fee may be available for candidates in financial hardship - please see www.bmat.org.uk for criteria.

How can I prepare?
Basic familiarity with the test’s question and answer style will help preparation. The BMAT website is a valuable resource for information and practice specimen papers.

Cambridge Assessment endorse just one study guide, entitled ‘Preparing for the BMAT: The official guide to the BioMedical Admissions Test’.

Who has to take the BMAT?
The BMAT must currently be taken by anyone who is applying for entry to the following courses:

- University of Cambridge
  - A100, A101, D100

- Imperial College London
  - A100, B900, BB29, BB2X

- University of Oxford
  - A100, BC98

- Royal Veterinary College
  - D100, D101

- University College London
  - A100

There are no general exemptions from the BMAT. In certain cases, a candidate may ask for special consideration to reflect temporary illness, injury or indisposition at the time of assessment.

Requests for special consideration should be sent on school headed paper to the BMAT Support Team. All special considerations will be passed onto any BMAT university to which the candidate has applied. The university will be asked to take the special consideration into account when considering applications. No adjustment will be made to candidates’ results.

When do I get my results?
Results will be issued online in late November / early December. Candidates will also receive an explanation of results for their current session, in order to help them understand their scores.

The use of BMAT results in the admissions process varies from institution to institution. If you require more information about how your results will be used, please contact the institution(s) to which you have applied.

Your BMAT results are only valid in the year which you apply. If you apply again in the following year, you will need to resit the BMAT.