

ISAT Registration, Timeline, Procedure & Admission Requirements

The Definitive Candidate Manual: Step-by-Step ACER & ProctorU Booking Protocols, Four Annual Test Windows, Global Medical School Eligibility Thresholds, and Admission Compliance Framework.

EXECUTIVE ADVISORY NOTICE: The International Student Admissions Test (ISAT) is an essential, high-stakes psychometric entrance requirement administered by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) for international candidates seeking entry into undergraduate medicine, dentistry, and veterinary science degrees in Australia, the UK, and Europe. Because ACER enforces a strict **once-per-12-month calendar year testing rule**, errors in test window selection, slot booking, or identity verification can permanently defer an applicant's entire university intake cycle. This blueprint provides the complete, authoritative operational roadmap for candidates navigating 2026–2027 admissions.

1. ACER ISAT Step-by-Step Registration Procedure

Registering for ISAT requires navigating two independent digital platforms: the **ACER Candidate Online Registration Portal** and the **ProctorU Live Online Proctoring Platform**. Failure to complete both stages invalidates your booking.

- **Step 1: ACER Account Creation:** Visit the official ACER ISAT portal (isat.acer.org). Create an individual candidate profile. Ensure your given name, family name, and date of birth match your **valid international passport** character-for-character. Discrepancies cause immediate ProctorU disqualification on test day.
- **Step 2: Candidate Registration & Fee Payment:** Select your targeted test cycle. The official exam registration fee is **AUD \$415** (Australian Dollars, subject to ACER indexation). Payment must be made online via credit or debit card (Mastercard/Visa). Keep the digital tax invoice and ACER Candidate ID safe.
- **Step 3: ProctorU Account Provisioning:** Upon successful ACER registration, you will receive an automated invitation to activate or link your ProctorU account. Use the identical email address registered with ACER to prevent account de-synchronization.
- **Step 4: Scheduling Your Test Appointment:** Inside ProctorU, browse open test dates and time slots within your registered ACER window. You can select any 24-hour time slot based on your local time zone (IST / GMT / SGT / AEDT). Book at least 4–6 weeks ahead of your intended date to guarantee your preferred slot.
- **Step 5: Pre-Flight Equipment & Environment Audit:** Download the **ProctorU Guardian Browser**. Run the automated hardware diagnostic test checking your webcam resolution (minimum 720p), microphone sensitivity, internet upload speed (>1.5 Mbps stable), and operating system compatibility (Windows 10/11 or macOS 11+; ChromeOS and Linux are strictly prohibited).

2. Official ISAT Timeline: 4 Annual Test Windows

ACER conducts ISAT testing across four distinct, non-overlapping windows every calendar year. Understanding the exact registration closing dates and score release turnaround is vital for meeting Australian university intake deadlines.

Window	Registration Opens	Registration Closes	Testing Dates	Scores Released	Recommended Target Applicants
Window 1	Early November	Mid January	Late Jan – Mid Feb	Early March (3 wks)	Early Decision / High achievers seeking retake buffer for future cycles

Window 2	Late February	Early April	Late April – Mid May	Early June (3 wks)	Primary window for Monash, UNSW, UWA Feb direct medical entry applicants
Window 3	Late May	Early July	Late July – Mid Aug	Early September (3 wks)	Final intake window for late Australian university application cycles
Window 4	Late August	Early October	Late Oct – Early Nov	Late November (3 wks)	Mid-year (July) medical intake programs or subsequent academic year cycles

3. University-Wise ISAT Admission Requirements & Eligibility Matrix

Admission to direct-entry Australian medical programs is determined by a holistic tri-factor assessment: **ISAT Scaled Score** (typically weighted 33–40%), **High School Academic Profile (IB, CBSE, A-Levels, ATAR)**, and the **Multiple Mini Interview (MMI)**. Below are the verified institutional benchmarks for the 2026–2027 entry cohort.

University & Degree Program	Minimum / Competitive ISAT Score	Academic Criteria (CBSE / IB / A-Levels)	Prerequisites & Mandatory Subjects	Interview Format & Weightage
Monash University Bachelor of Medical Science & Doctor of Medicine (BMedSc/MD)	Minimum: 170 Competitive: 182+ (94th+ %ile)	CBSE: 90%+ (Top 4 subjects) IB: 39+ (excl. bonus) A-Levels: AAA (min 15 pts)	English (Higher Level) + Chemistry (Year 12 / HL equivalent mandatory)	MMI Interview (6 stations) Weighted: 1/3 ISAT, 1/3 Academics, 1/3 MMI
UNSW Sydney Bachelor of Medical Studies / Doctor of Medicine (BMed/MD)	Minimum: 168 Competitive: 184+ (96th+ %ile)	CBSE: 92%+ aggregate IB: 38+ A-Levels: A*AA	English Standard/Advanced + Chemistry. Biology recommended.	Semi-Structured Panel / MMI Weighted equally across all 3 criteria.
Univ. of Western Australia (UWA) Direct Pathway to Doctor of Medicine (MD)	Minimum: 165 Competitive: 180+ (90th+ %ile)	ATAR Equivalent: 99.0+ CBSE: 94%+ IB: 39+	English (Language/Lit) + Chemistry or Mathematics Applications.	MMI Interview (8 stations) Strict quartile ranking system.
University of Queensland (UQ) Provisional Entry to Doctor of Medicine (MD)	Minimum: 170 Competitive: 182+ (93rd+ %ile)	ATAR Equivalent: 99.0+ CBSE: 95%+ IB: 41+	English + General Mathematics or higher. Chemistry prerequisite for post-grad MD.	MMI Interview Competitive pool selection.
University of Limerick (Ireland) Undergraduate / Direct-Entry Healthcare	Minimum: 160 Competitive: 170+	Secondary school certificate with high science honors	Two laboratory sciences (Chemistry, Physics, or Biology).	Academic merit review & structured interview.

4. Strategic 12-Month Application & Milestone Timeline

To synchronize high school board exams (CBSE, ICSE, IB, A-Levels) with Australian medical deadlines, follow this proven chronological operational schedule:

T minus 10 Months (March – April): Diagnostic Benchmark & Foundation

Attempt an un-timed official ACER specimen test to establish your baseline Quantitative (QR) and Critical Reasoning (CR) percentile split. Identify foundational weaknesses in non-calculator mental maths, syllogisms, and graphical analysis.

T minus 7 Months (June – July): Deep Heuristics & Speed Drilling

Target the 108-second-per-question velocity limit. Complete intensive topic-wise sets: categorical logic, premise extraction, multi-variable proportional tables, and physics/biochemical reasoning heuristics.

T minus 4 Months (September – October): Full-Length ProctorU Simulations

Take at least 8–10 proctored 180-minute mocks simulating exact ProctorU constraints: zero phone access, two blank scratch sheets, strict bathroom protocol, and high-fatigue cognitive management.

T minus 2 Months (November – December): Registration & Slot Locking

Register on the ACER candidate portal. Select Window 1 (Jan/Feb) or Window 2 (April/May). Secure your preferred morning or afternoon testing slot on ProctorU immediately.

T minus 2 Weeks (Test Eve): Technical Dress Rehearsal & Document Verification

Run the ProctorU hardware test on the exact desktop/laptop to be used. Verify your passport expiry date is valid for at least 6 months. Review the 100-formula zero-calculator heuristic cheat sheet.

Post-Exam (Day + 21): Official Score Dispatch & University Submission

Receive the official ACER scaled score report (100–200 range). Ensure your candidate ID is linked to your direct university applications or international agent portal (VTAC, UAC, direct university portals).

5. Critical ACER Re-Sit Rules & Test Day Compliance

THE 12-MONTH RE-SIT RULE: Candidates are strictly prohibited from sitting the ISAT more than **once in a single 12-month calendar cycle** (defined as January 1 to December 31). If you take the test in Window 1 (Feb), you **cannot** sit again in Window 2, 3, or 4 of that same year. If a candidate registers for multiple tests in a single year, ACER will automatically cancel the subsequent registrations without refund and permanently invalidate all results.

SCORE VALIDITY PERIOD: Official ISAT results remain valid for **two full academic admission cycles** (24 months from the test window date). This allows forward-thinking Grade 11 / Year 12 students to take the exam early and hold a secured 180+ score while focusing entirely on their final board exams.

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