

## A100 Admission Guidelines for applicants with international qualifications 2021-22

### **BMAT:**

All applicants must sit the Biomedical Admissions test to be eligible for consideration. More information about the test and how to register can be found online: [www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/bmat/](http://www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/bmat/)

### **Subject Requirements:**

Applicants must have studied any two of Biology, Chemistry and Psychology in their final academic qualification. Applicants are expected to have studied English, Maths and Sciences (to include some level of study in Biology, Chemistry and Physics) as part of their secondary education, usually until age 16.

### **English Language Requirements:**

If you are applying from outside the UK or if English is not your first language and you have been permanently domiciled in the UK for less than 5 years, you must demonstrate proficiency in English through one of the following recognised English Language qualifications:

- IELTS (a minimum score of 7.0 with no component less than 7.0) or
- Pearson PTE Academic qualification (at least 70 overall and at least 70 in each communicative skill sub-test).

This is **in addition** to the academic entry requirements outlined above. We do not accept other English Language proficiency qualifications. Applicants must demonstrate their English language proficiency **before application**. Applicants who do not include details of their English language proficiency qualification on their UCAS application will not be considered. English language qualifications must be less than 2 years old at the time of application.

### **Interviews:**

No offers are made without interview, and therefore, all applicants must be prepared to travel to the UK for interview, with no guarantee of being successful. Interviews are generally held in January and February. Lancaster Medical School endeavours to give international applicants at least 4 weeks' notice of interview dates if they are called for interview. More information about the selection procedure can be found on the website: <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/lms/medicine/mbchb-medicine-and-surgery/how-to-apply/>

### **Graduates:**

A graduate who offers the equivalent of a good 2:1 honours degree in an appropriate subject may not need to meet the full academic criteria stated below.

**Academic qualifications:** The qualifications below are the minimum required for direct application to A100. If your country is not on the list below, please contact [medicine@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:medicine@lancaster.ac.uk) for advice.

Nation	Qualification	Requirement
Australia	Senior Secondary Certificate of Education & ATAR / OP	ATAR of at least 98 including Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup> or Queensland OP of 2
Austria	Reifeprüfung / Matura	A score of 1 (sehr gut) in Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup> , with a 2 (gut) in all other subjects
Belgium	Diploma van Hoger Secundair Onderwijs, Certificate d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur' or Abschlusszeugterrichs	An overall score of at least 85% (16/20 or 8/10) and 85% in Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Brunei	Brunei-Cambridge GCE A-levels	A*AA including Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Bulgaria	Diploma za Zavarsheno Sredno Obrazovanie	An overall grade of at least 5.5 with grade 6 in both Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Canada	Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent	At least 90% average in six grade 12 U or M courses including Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
	British Columbia: Senior Secondary Graduation Diploma	At least 90% average in five academic grade 12 level courses including Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Caribbean Islands	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)	Grade 1 in 3 CAPE-2 Units including Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Croatia	Matura	4.8 average with no less than 5 achieved in Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Cyprus	Cypriot Apolytirio / Greek Apolytirio of Lykeio	A minimum average of 19.5, plus 19 in Biology and Chemistry (as specified (Katefthis) subjects) <sup>1</sup>
Czech Republic	Vysvědčení o maturitní zkoušce	1.25 average with no less than 1 in Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Denmark	Bevis for Studentereksamen	A score of 11 overall, including 11 in Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Finland	Ylioppilastutkintotodistus	Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup> at Laudatur (7) plus two other subjects at Exima cum laude (6)
France	French Baccalaureate (Série scientifique)	An average of 15 and a minimum of 15 in Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Germany	Abitur	A GPA of 1.3 or less plus a minimum of 13 at Leistungskurs level in Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Greece	Apolytirion of Lykeio	A minimum average of 19 plus 18.5 in Pan Hellenic Examsin Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)	5, 5, 5 in 3 elective subjects including Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup> (excluding Integrated Science or Combined Science) and at least 5, 5, 4, 4 in the 4 core subjects, including English Language at 5.
Hungary	Erettsegi	Grade 5 in 5 subjects taken in Grade 12 including Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
India	Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (Standard XII)	An average of 90% at Standard XII and no less than 90% in Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup> at Standard XII
Iran	Pre-University Certificate or National Entrance Examination (Konkur)	An overall score of 19 and no less than 18 in Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Ireland	Irish Leaving Certificate	Not considered as a stand-alone qualification. Applicants should supplement this with appropriate advanced secondary education.

Israel	Bagrut	An average score of 90% across all units and an average score of 90% for Level 4 or 5 Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Italy	Diploma di Esamo di Stato	A minimum average 96% with no less than 9 in Natural Science
Lithuania	Brabdos Atestatas	An average of 90% (9.0) with no less than 85% (8.5) in three state exams including Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Luxembourg	Diplome de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires	A minimum of 50 points (tres bien) with 50 achieved in Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Malaysia	Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM)	AAA including Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Netherlands	Diplome Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO)	An average of 8.5 with a minimum of 8 in Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
New Zealand	University Entrance with National Certificate in Educational Level 3 (NCEA)	Achieve University Entrance through NCEA Level 3, with three subjects at L3 or above, made up of 14 credits each, in three approved subjects, at Excellence (including Biology and Chemistry) <sup>1</sup> Plus 10 credits at Level 2 or above for Literacy (made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing) AND 10 credits at Level 1 or above for Numeracy
Norway	Vitnemål – videregående opplæring (VVO)	An overall grade of at least 5.5 with grade 6 in both Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Poland	Matura	An average of 85% with at least 85% in three Extended Level subjects (including Biology and Chemistry) <sup>1</sup>
Portugal	Diploma de Ensino Secundario	An average of 19 plus a minimum of 18 in 3 specified subjects including Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Romania	Diploma de Bacalaureat	An overall score of 9 with 9 in Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Singapore	Singapore/Cambridge A-levels	AAA in Singapore-Cambridge H2 A-levels including Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Slovenia	Spričevalo o splošni maturi	4.8 average with no less than 5 in Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
South Africa	South African National Senior Certificate (SANSC)	A score of 7 in 5 subjects, excluding Life Orientation, and no less than 7 in Life Sciences and Physical Sciences.
Spain	Titulo de Bachiller	An average of 9.3 out of 10 overall with 9 in Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka Advanced Level	AAA in Sri Lankan A-levels including Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
Sweden	Avgangsbetyg/Slutbetyg Fran Gymnasieskola	An A in the majority of final year subjects including Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup> and no less than a B grade in the remaining subjects.
Switzerland	Certificat de maturité / Attestato di maturità / Maturitätszeugnis	An average of 5.7 or above with 6 in Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>
USA	High School Diploma (HSD) <b>and</b> SAT or ACT <b>and</b> Advanced placements (APs)	At least 3.5 in HSD <b>and</b> <b>either</b> SAT at 1300 <b>or</b> ACT Composite Score of 28 or above <b>and</b> 4 Group A Aps at grades 5, 5, 5, 4 with a 5 in Biology and Chemistry <sup>1</sup>

### Additional Information:

1. Where available, Psychology can act as a replacement for one of Biology or Chemistry.

## **Selection Process:**

Lancaster Medical School considers applications to its medical degree programme in a four stage process:

**Stage 1:** Academic Qualifications: All applicants who meet the academic entry requirements will progress to stage 2.

**Stage 2:** Applicants will be ranked according to their BMAT score.

**Stage 3:** Multiple mini-interview. No applicant will be made an offer without interview.

**Stage 4:** Fitness to practice. All applicants must have the potential to function as a fully competent doctor and fulfil the rigorous demands of professional fitness to practice. More information can be found on the GMC website:

[www.gmc-uk.org/education/standards-guidance-and-curricula/guidance/professional-behaviour-and-fitness-to-practise](http://www.gmc-uk.org/education/standards-guidance-and-curricula/guidance/professional-behaviour-and-fitness-to-practise)

More information about our degree programme, our entry requirements and our selection process can be found on our website: [www.lancaster.ac.uk/lms](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/lms)

Applications should be made through UCAS in the normal way: **www.ucas.com**