Applying for medical school

This page provides links to more detailed pages giving information and advice on various aspects of your application to medical school. It also lists a number of useful resources.

Preparing to apply

Your application to medical school will include a number of stages:

- you need to be aware of the different types of medical school courses [1] available
- it’s important to be aware of a range of factors when choosing your medical school [2]
- your UCAS application [3] will include writing a strong personal statement
- you need to be prepared for medical school interviews [4]
- medical schools will expect you to have found out about the role of a doctor and what it’s like working in healthcare. They’ll also want evidence of your skills. Gaining experience for medical school [5] can include shadowing, volunteering, paid work and other opportunities
- most medical schools expect you to sit admissions tests [6]
you need to be aware of your options if you haven't got into medical school [7]

Financial support at medical school Expand / Collapse
Find out about financial support while studying medicine at university [8]

Resources Expand / Collapse
Read our section about Choosing your medical school [2].

There are a number of books and other resources that give general advice on applying to medical school. Some also include information on what to expect when you’re there. Here is a selection, but make sure that any information you use is still up to date:

- so you want to be a doctor? (Success in Medicine) – published by Oxford University Press (2013)
- 2018 entry requirements booklet [9] by the Medical Schools Council
- how to become a doctor pages [10] of the British Medical Association (BMA) website

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[1] https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/considering-or-university/studying-medicine/applying-medical-school/medical-school-courses
[9] https://www.medschools.ac.uk/media/2032/msc-entry-requirements-for-uk-medical-schools.pdf