Examinee Agreement

Introduction

The Examinee Agreement is a legally binding contract between you and the AAMC that sets forth the terms and conditions under which the AAMC will permit you to register for and take the MCAT® exam. In addition to the prohibitions and terms explained below, all of the policies and procedures contained in the current version of The MCAT Essentials are expressly incorporated herein as additional terms of the Examinee Agreement. The MCAT Essentials sets forth MCAT registration and testing policies and procedures and each of these statements reflects a requirement that has previously been communicated to you in The MCAT Essentials. Each time you register for the MCAT exam, you must accept all terms of the Examinee Agreement, including those contained in The MCAT Essentials. Adherence to the Examinee Agreement is necessary to enable the AAMC to maintain for you and other examinees a fair and secure testing process.

Because the Examinee Agreement, including any additional terms contained in the current version of The MCAT Essentials, is a legally binding contract, you should read it and The MCAT Essentials very carefully. If you do not indicate that you understand and agree to abide by the terms of the Examinee Agreement, you will not be able to register for or take the MCAT exam. By selecting “I Agree” at the end of the Examinee Agreement, you acknowledge that you have read and understand these rules. On test day, you will be presented with a Certification Statement that reminds you of your obligations under the Examinee Agreement. By proceeding beyond the Certification Statement on test day, you will be certifying that you understand and agree to comply with these obligations. If you do not proceed past the Certification Statement within the allotted time on test day, you will not be permitted to test. You will not receive a refund.

Prohibited Items and Behaviors

The following items and behaviors are strictly prohibited during the MCAT exam and during any scheduled or unscheduled break:

- Possessing, accessing, or using electronic devices, including cellular phones, at any time after check-in and prior to completing the exam;
- Possessing, accessing, or using cameras, or recording equipment of any kind;
- Giving or receiving aid on the MCAT exam;
- Possessing, accessing or using books, notes, or any other written materials (other than noteboards or test center rules provided for your use and review by test center staff);
- Looking at the content of another examinee’s monitor or notebook; and
- Disruptive or abusive behavior, talking in the testing room with anyone other than a test administrator, or talking about or discussing the exam during any scheduled or unscheduled break.

Possessing, accessing, using or attempting to possess, access, or use any prohibited item or engaging or attempting to engage in any prohibited behavior shall be considered an intentional and willful breach of the Agreement and will subject me to one or more of the consequences provided herein for violations of the Agreement.

Terms Governing Access to the MCAT Exam

I am aware that the MCAT exam is a confidential exam and that its contents will be disclosed to me on my scheduled test day in a limited context to permit me to test and for no other purpose. I understand that the AAMC is the exclusive owner of all rights in the MCAT exam, for which it holds a series of registered copyrights under U.S. and international laws. I understand that I have no license or permission to copy, adapt, or use any part of the MCAT exam. I understand that the registered copyrights for the MCAT exam include all MCAT exam questions, passages, graphics, incorrect responses, and correct answers. I agree that disclosure, reconstruction, and/or copying of the confidential contents of the MCAT exam would destroy the value and defeat the purpose of the MCAT exam and irreparably harm the AAMC. In addition, I understand and agree that the following confidential contents of the MCAT exam constitute trade secrets that I am bound to keep confidential indefinitely: MCAT exam topic selection, frequency and order of exam topics, exam questions, passages, incorrect responses, correct answers, and graphics, as described in greater or more specific detail in
I understand and agree that protecting and preserving the confidentiality and security of the MCAT exam ensures the validity of exam results and the integrity of the admissions process.

I agree that I will not discuss or share with anyone any information about the questions, answer choices, or other content appearing on the MCAT exam after I take the exam. I agree that I will not discuss or disclose any MCAT content orally, in writing, on the Internet, or through any other means, nor will I assist anyone else in doing so. I further agree that I will not reconstruct any portion of the exam from memory—whether orally or in writing—for the purpose of sharing that information with any other individual or entity. I understand that I may comment on my general exam experience; however, I understand that discussing or disclosing MCAT content, by any means, is a violation of this Examinee Agreement. I understand that I cannot share information about what I saw on the exam, or discuss exam content, with anyone. Prohibited sharing includes, but is not limited to, describing any passage or exam topic, question, incorrect response, correct answer, or graphic in greater or more specific detail than described in the AAMC MCAT Content Outline, to include discussing or disclosing a topic list, or describing the frequency or order in which such topics appear.

Just as I am not permitted to share information about exam content with anyone, I understand that I also am not permitted to possess, solicit, read, study from, or otherwise use confidential information about the MCAT exam during my own exam preparation. I certify that I have not engaged in such conduct prior to taking the exam and that I will not engage in such conduct during or after the exam. I also agree not to ask any other individual to disclose exam content to me or to seek out actual live, confidential exam content from any other source. I agree that if I receive or have access to information or material in any form and from any source, including but not limited to email, instant messages, text messages, website content, social media posts, electronic bulletin boards, Internet-based groups, digital or electronic files, and/or paper documents, that I reasonably believe contains confidential MCAT exam content, or has been represented to contain confidential MCAT exam content, I will immediately report its existence to the AAMC by sending an email to mcatsecurity@aamc.org. I agree that I will fully cooperate with any investigation by the AAMC related to my receipt or access to information believed or represented to contain confidential MCAT exam content, as set forth in The MCAT Essentials.

I certify that all information that I have provided or will provide to the AAMC at the time of registration for the MCAT exam and at any time thereafter was and will be complete, accurate, and true in every respect and that, if any of the information that I previously provided to the AAMC has changed since the time I provided it, I have submitted updated information that is complete, accurate, and true and that reflects all such changes. I understand that providing false, misleading, or incomplete information to the AAMC shall be considered an intentional and willful breach of the Agreement and will subject me to one or more of the consequences provided herein for violations of the Agreement.

I certify that I am the person whose name and address appear on the MCAT exam registration. I further certify that I am the person whose name appears on the identification I will present for admission to the testing room. Unless I have applied for and received special permission to take the MCAT exam as set out in The MCAT Essentials, I am taking the MCAT exam solely for the purpose of applying to and attending an eligible health-professions school and program. I understand that the only eligible programs for which I am permitted to take the MCAT exam are allopathic, osteopathic, podiatric, and veterinary medicine, or another health-related program that will accept MCAT exam results to satisfy a test-score admissions requirement. I certify that I understand the circumstances under which individuals are required to apply for special permission to take the MCAT exam as set forth in The MCAT Essentials, and that, if those circumstances apply to me at the time of my registration or at any time prior to taking the MCAT exam, I have applied for and received or will apply for and receive special permission before I take the MCAT exam.

I certify that, if I am a test preparation company agent or representative, MCAT tutor, or health-professions or academic advisor, I accurately reported my status as such when I registered for the exam and, if applicable, I will update any change in such status that takes place after registration, as required in The MCAT Essentials. If I am a test preparation company agent or representative, MCAT tutor, or health-professions or academic advisor and am taking the MCAT exam for the purpose of applying to and attending an eligible health-professions school and program, I understand and reaffirm my duty not to disclose any MCAT content to any person or entity, including my employer, students, or
advisees. If I am not a test preparation company agent or representative, MCAT tutor, or health-professions or academic advisor, I certify that I am not taking the MCAT exam for the purpose of obtaining such employment or status.

I understand and agree that any alleged violation of this Examinee Agreement or any alleged activity that may compromise the validity, integrity, or security of the MCAT exam will be investigated. If I violate the terms of this Examinee Agreement, including the additional terms or conditions stated in The MCAT Essentials, or any test center rules and regulations, or if I engage in any activity that may compromise the validity, integrity, or security of the MCAT exam, or fail to fully cooperate in any investigation of a violation of the Examinee Agreement or the terms and conditions of The MCAT Essentials, I may face the following consequences:

- The AAMC may issue a report of the factual findings of the investigation to legitimately interested parties;
- I may be subject to a civil lawsuit and/or criminal charges;
- My scores may be canceled, before or after the scores are reported, without a refund; and
- I may be banned from taking the MCAT exam for a limited time or permanently.

Information about the AAMC’s investigation process may be found in The MCAT Essentials.

I have read, and agree to comply with, the terms of this Examinee Agreement, including all additional terms and policies set forth in The MCAT Essentials, and I understand the consequences for failing to comply.