2018 MCAT Testing Year and Registration Opening
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Today’s Agenda

• 2017 in review
• 2018 testing year and registration
• 2018 MCAT policies
• Test preparation
• Q&A
2017 Testing Year by the Numbers

• 25 administrations dates in 2017
• ~44,000 exams administered from January – June
  ➢ Registration for this window opened mid-Oct 2016
• ~56,000 exams administered from July – September
  ➢ Registration for this window opened mid-Feb 2017
• Total exams administered: ~100,000 (2% ↑ over 2016)
  ➢ About 12% of students took the exam twice
  ➢ < 1% took the exam three times
• <1% tested with accommodations
2018 Testing Year
2018 Calendar Adds 5 More U.S. Testing Dates

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Score Release Dates Continue to be 30-35 Days After Test Day

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Pearson VUE will administer the MCAT exam in 2018

- Pearson VUE will administer the MCAT exam beginning in January
- Selected after a comprehensive review as part of our due diligence to students, advisors and admissions officers
  - Consistent, high quality testing experience
  - More Friday & Saturday test dates
  - Vast majority in convenient locations
- Testing in Pearson-owned sites only in 2018

We anticipate this is a positive a change.
MCAT Registration System will be Improved for the 2018 Testing Year

Service Requests
- Request an update to the personal information on your MCAT score report
- Report a test center concern
- Report a flawed or ambiguous exam question
- Request a recode of your exam
- Submit Authorization to Release Health Information Remaining to MCAT & Accommodations
- Submit an emergency refund request
- Submit another type of request

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Selecting Dates and Locations will be Easier in the New System

Find test centers near:

20001

A. *55437* or *5601 Green Valley Drive, Bloomington, MN* or *Paris, France*

Show me appointments on this date:

09/19/2017

Available Appointments - 09/19/2017

Available appointments are shown next to the test center below. If there are no appointments available, please change your preferred testing date or location. To schedule the appointment, click on an available appointment time below.

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<td>05:00 AM</td>
<td>0.6 mi</td>
<td>Test Center Directions</td>
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Preferred Location and Test Date Survey

Data will be Collected for Future Planning

MCAT Registration Survey

How easy or hard to use was the system you just used to register for the MCAT exam?
- Very Easy
- Easy
- Neither Easy nor Hard
- Hard
- Very Hard

Were you able to register for your preferred test center?
- Yes
- No, but my test center is within 10 miles from my preferred test center
- No, my test center is within 11 to 25 miles from my preferred test center
- No, my test center is within 26 to 50 miles from my preferred test center
- No, my test center is within 51 to 100 miles from my preferred test center
- No, my test center is more than 100 miles from my preferred test center

Were you able to register for your preferred test date?
- Yes
- No

Tell us what changes would improve the registration system in the future.
Students can Begin Selecting their Test Dates and Locations on….

October 18, 2017
(for January-June dates)

February 2018
(for July-September dates)
But Students can Begin the Registration Process *Before* Oct 18

From October 12-17, 2017 students can …

- Complete required registration questions in the system, such as contact information, background, and consents
- Go through this important information at a leisurely pace
- Cannot select dates and locations (or pay) until Oct 18
AAMC Offers a Fee Assistance Program

• Approval valid for up to 2 calendar years
• Financial information required for all living parents
• DACA students eligible

MCAT Benefits

• Reduced registration fees
• Free MCAT prep materials
• Stipend for updated evaluation for accommodations

Additional Benefits

• AMCAS application submission (up to 16 schools)
• MSAR access

New for 2018: Canada FAP Pilot

Benefits are not retroactive!

aamc.org/fap
MCAT Policies
## Registration Zone Deadlines Guide: What Can be Done When

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<td>(8 days prior to exam)</td>
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The MCAT Essentials is more than Required Reading

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<th>Post Exam Essentials</th>
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<td>• Defining a valid ID and instructions on providing it properly on test day</td>
<td>• Sending and receiving scores</td>
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<td>• Policies for deadlines, fees, and refunds</td>
<td>• Test day procedures and rules</td>
<td>• Reporting test day anomalies</td>
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<td>• Test attempt limits</td>
<td>• Violations and investigations</td>
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Students can Test 3 Times a Year and 7 Times Altogether

Attempt limits in place since April 2015 exams
Voids and No-Show counts towards attempts

1 YEAR
• Up to 3 attempts in a testing year

2 YEARS
• Up to 4 attempts over 2 consecutive years

LIFETIME
• Up to 7 attempts in a lifetime
Students’ Remaining Tests can Now be Found in the MCAT Registration System

Test User
- AAMC ID
- 200321
- Date of Birth
- June 01, 1996

Your displayed name will be verified on test day. If this displayed name does not match your qualifying identification, you will NOT be allowed to test. Please note, maiden names/initials are not required, even if they appear on your identification. This name will only appear on your score report.

Edit Your Personal Information

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- Submit an emergency refund request
- Submit another type of request

Exam History (Since Jan 2018)
No exam history exists at this time.

Tests Remaining
- Lifetime Limit Remaining: 7
- Testing Year Remaining: 3

Quick Links
- Review MCAT Essentials
- View Scheduling Deadlines
- View Scheduling Fees
- Learn More about the Fee Assistance Program
- Visit the MCAT Website

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- Phone: 301-496-0500

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Important Information about Taking the MCAT Exam with Accommodations

• Now accepting applications for 2018
• MCAT Accommodations Online (MAO):
  • Allows examinees to submit applications and documentation online securely
  • Information available on MCAT website under “MCAT Exam with Accommodations”
• Examinees with extended testing time can test over two days.
• accommodations@aamc.org

aamc.org/mcat/accommodations
Test Day
Valid Identification is Required on Test Day

**KEEP CALM AND CARRY THE PROPER ID**

You will be admitted to the MCAT® exam on testing day only if your identity document meets the necessary requirements. To ensure that it does, please complete the checklist below.

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<td>The names on your ID match the first and last names on your MCAT exam registration EXACTLY. (Middle names or initials are not required on the MCAT registration, even if they appear on your ID.)</td>
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<td>→ If they don’t match exactly, you must update your name through the <a href="#">MCAT Scheduling and Registration</a> system by the BRONZE ZONE deadline associated with your test date.</td>
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<td>→ If your ID has your initials in place of your first and/or last name, you must contact AAMC Services (202-828-0600) for instructions before the SILVER ZONE deadline associated with your test date.</td>
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<td>The ID was issued by a government agency.</td>
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<td>The ID’s expiration date is printed on the ID and is not extended by a sticker or similar mechanism.</td>
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<td>The ID will not expire before your exam date.</td>
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<td>The ID is not a temporary ID.</td>
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<td>→ Paper IDs or ID application receipts of any quality are not valid forms of identification.</td>
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<td>The ID contains a photo that can be used to positively identify you.</td>
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<td>The ID includes your signature, which you will be asked to duplicate on test day.</td>
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<td>The ID is whole with no evidence of tampering (clipped corners, holes, etc.).</td>
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If you answered "no" to any of the requirements, please obtain an ID that fulfills all the requirements or adjust your registration details.

If you answered "yes" to ALL these requirements, CONGRATULATIONS! You are ready for exam day!

If you have any questions about test day identification requirements, please refer to [MCAT Essentials](#) or contact AAMC Services at 202-828-0600 or mcat@aamc.org.
There are New Check-In Policies

- Palm vein scans
- Electronic Signatures
- Cell phone bags
# Test Day will Still be 7 ½ Hours Long

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The Examinee Agreement Protects the Integrity of the MCAT Exam

Why is it important?
- Ensures MCAT scores are reliable and valid, and ensures a fair registration process

What are examples of previous violations?
- Using unauthorized materials
- Proxy testing
- Posting test content online

What can happen?
- Cancelled scores
- Report sent to schools
- Registration privileges suspended
Guidelines for Discussing the MCAT Exam are Described Online

When you sit for the MCAT exam, you must agree to the Examinee Agreement, which is essentially a nondisclosure and terms of use agreement for the exam. The text of the agreement is provided in the MCAT® Essentials, which is required reading for all examinees. The agreement includes examples of prohibited conduct and the steps that AAMC may take to investigate any suspected violations.

In short, this means that when you discuss the MCAT exam:

You may comment on your general exam experience such as test center conditions or how you felt about a particular section, such as the biological sciences section.

You may NOT:
- Describe any passage or exam topic, question, incorrect response, correct answer, or graphic in greater or more specific detail that described in the "What’s on the MCAT Exam?" interactive tool. This includes discussing or disclosing a topic list or describing the frequency or order in which such topics appear.
- Outline the steps or process to answer a question.
- Speculate about which passages are field-test or experimental items.
- Assist anyone else in doing any of the above.

While you may read or hear other guidelines that are not consistent with these statements, keep in mind that the information on this page comes directly from the AAMC and is meant to help you share your MCAT experience without violating the Examinee Agreement.

students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/article/guidelines-discussing-mcat-exam/
The Exam will have an Improved Look and Feel in 2018

• The MCAT exam interface will have a new look, feel and functionality on test day.
  ➢ More user-friendly
  ➢ Higher screen resolution
  ➢ Clearer font type/size
  ➢ Keyboard shortcuts available

• Tool will be released in December to practice with updated exam features

• Online practice exam materials will automatically update December 2017
MCAT Preparation
Overview

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Official Guide

Full-length Practice Tests
(Sample Test and Practice Exams)

Practice Questions
(Flashcards, Official Guide Questions, Question Packs, Section Bank)
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e-MCAT Practice: The Official MCAT® Practice Site

Get the Help You Need to Prepare for the MCAT Exam

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Go »
Sample Test

230 questions

Mirrors the actual MCAT exam in length and functionality

Simulated exam *without* scaled scoring
Practice Exams 1 & 2

230 questions

Mirrors the actual MCAT exam in length and functionality

Simulated exams with scaled scoring
Current Materials

Official Guide

Full-length Practice Tests
(Sample Test and Practice Exams)

Practice Questions
(Flashcards, Official Guide Questions, Question Packs, Section Bank)
Flashcards (print)

150 discrete questions
Covers all disciplines: biochemistry, biology, chemistry, physics, psychology, and sociology
Question Packs

120 questions each (x 6)

• Biology vol. 1
• Biology vol. 2
• Chemistry
• Physics
• Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills vol. 1
• Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills vol. 2
Section Bank

300 questions

(100 each in biochemistry, psychology, and sociology)
Bundles

Complete Bundle

• 11 online materials
• 2 print materials
  ▪ Official Guide
  ▪ Flashcards

Online-Only Bundle

• 11 online materials only
Upcoming Materials
Practice Exam 3

(Launching in mid-October)

230 all-new questions

Mirrors the actual MCAT exam in length and functionality

Simulated exams with scaled scoring
Available in mid-December!

Part 1: Updated
• Registration and scheduling logistics, test day procedures, scoring, etc.

Part 2: Remains the Same
• Content outline and 120 questions
Bundles- with new materials

Complete Bundle: $268
• 12 online materials
• 2 print materials:
  ▪ Official Guide
  ▪ Flashcards

Online-Only Bundle: $234
• 12 online materials only
Enhancements to Prep Materials Interface

All practice materials in e-MCAT.com will automatically update to reflect the new interface.

- User-friendly enhancements:
  - Higher screen resolution
  - Clearer font type and size
  - Keyboard shortcuts

Content and skills tested will remain the same
Advisor Pricing
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| Materials  | • Official Guide  
|            | • Official Guide Questions  
|            | • Practice Exam 1  
|            | • Practice Exam 2  
|            | • Section Bank  
|            | • CARS Question Pack vol. 1                                                       |
| Total Questions | 1,000                                                                 |
| Total Value      | $170                                                                          |
Free Resources
Khan Academy MCAT Collection

- More than 1,100 videos and 3,000 questions following the exam blueprint
- Covers all exam content
- 11,000+ users view 95,000 pages daily

khanacademy.org/test-prep/mcat
“How I Studied for the MCAT® Exam”

Study tips and approaches by students who performed well on the MCAT exam

Includes:

• Schedules
• Strategies
• Personal challenges
• Dos and don'ts
Psychology & Sociology Textbook Roadmap

• Lists free and open-source sociology and psychology textbooks that cover the concepts tested on the MCAT exam

• Organized by content category and topic
Additional Free Resources

What’s on the MCAT Exam?

students-residents.aamc.org/mcatexam

Content Mapping Tool with links to Khan Academy

Students-residents.aamc.org/mcatcoursemappingtool

Pre-health Collection within MedEdPORTAL

mededportal.org/icollaborative/pre-health

Practice with the Exam Features

aamc.org/practiceexamfeatures

Mock Exam Day materials

students-residents.aamc.org/mockexam/
Other Important Information
Accommodations and Accessibility

- Print version
- Braille version
- Extended time settings
- Text magnifier (ZoomText)
- Screenreader-compatible (JAWS)
Questions

Please use the **Q&A panel** located on the right side of your screen to submit your questions and send to “All Panelists”.

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