

Overview

We received 1792 applications.

Of these applicants 1742 successfully registered for and sat the BMAT. Data below refers to these applicants with complete applications.

70% of applicants were studying A-levels.

72% of applicants had 6 or more GCSEs.

Approximately 68% of applicants applied from a school in the UK.

21% of applicants resided outside the EU and 12% resided in the EU outside the UK.

Short-listing was based on BMAT performance and GCSE performance (where available).

427 applicants (25%) were invited to interview.

62% of applicants were female. 58% of those short-listed and 62% of those made offers were female.

168 offers were made for 2019 entry.

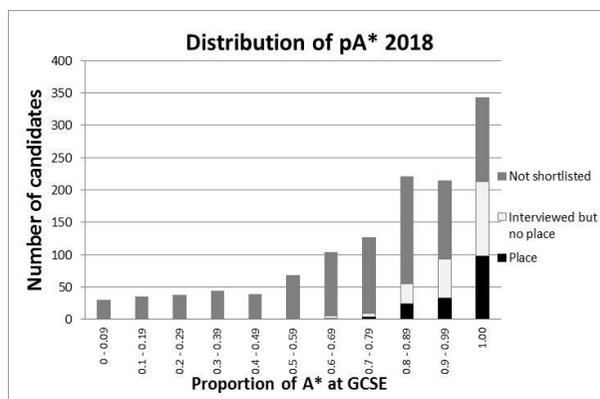
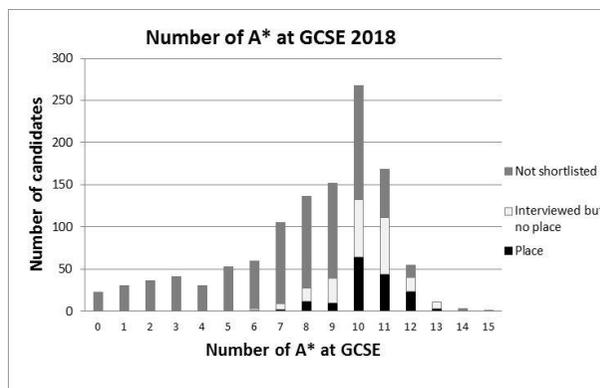
2 offers were made for 2020 entry.

GCSE performance

The average number of GCSEs was 10.5 and average number of A* (or grade 8 or 9) was 8.1 ± 2.9 . The mean proportion of A* for all applicants (number of A* at GCSE divided by total number of GCSEs, pA*) was 0.76 ± 0.25 .

For short-listed applicants, the mean number of A* was 10.3 ± 1.3 and pA* was 0.94 ± 0.08 .

For successful applicants, the mean number of A* was 10.4 ± 1.3 and pA* was 0.95 ± 0.08 .



GCSE performance data for schools in Great Britain and Northern Ireland was used to assess whether an applicant's grades at GCSE reflected an under- or over-performance within the context of the school at which they were taken.

BMAT performance

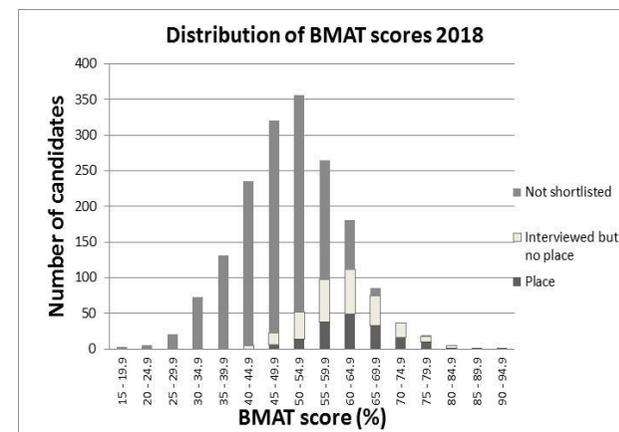
The average raw score for applicants on Section 1 was 4.5, on Section 2 was 4.7 and Section 3 was 3.2A.

An overall BMAT score (out of 100) was calculated using the weighting 40% Section 1, 40% Section 2 and 20% Section 3 (see <http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/study/medicine/pre-clinical/statistics>).

The mean overall BMAT score for all applicants was 51.1 ± 10.5 .

For short-listed applicants, the mean overall BMAT score was 61.9 ± 8.2 .

For successful applicants, the mean overall BMAT score was 63.5 ± 8.0 .



Short-listing

Initial short-listing was based on a combined BMAT and GCSE score (the latter if available).

All non-shortlisted applicants were then reviewed to identify if their GCSE and/or BMAT performance is likely to have underestimated their potential. As a result of this process around 40 additional applicants were added to the short-list.

Interviews

All short-listed candidates were interviewed at two colleges (the college of preference, or allocation, and another randomly assigned).

Colleges were not aware at the time of interview whether or not the candidate had applied to them.

Colleges ranked candidates based on interview performance. Colleges then compared rankings of candidates and received BMAT scores before making final decisions.

More detailed analysis on the admissions process can be found at <http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/study/medicine/pre-clinical/statistics>

Selection

Applications were considered against the following criteria:

Personal characteristics: suitability for medicine

- Empathy: ability and willingness to imagine the feelings of others and understand the reasons for the views of others
- Motivation: a reasonably well-informed and strong desire to practise medicine
- Communication: ability to make knowledge and ideas clear using language appropriate to the audience
- Honesty and integrity
- Ethical awareness
- Ability to work with others
- Capacity for sustained and intense work
- Alignment of individual values and behaviours with the values of the [NHS Constitution](#).

Academic potential

- Problem-solving: critical thinking, analytical approach
- Intellectual curiosity: keenness to understand the reason for observations; depth; tendency to look for meaning; enthusiasm and curiosity in science
- Communication skills: willingness and ability to express clearly and effectively; ability to listen; compatibility with tutorial format

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