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Introduction

This document outlines the medical programmes offered at Newcastle Medical School and how to apply to them.

Description of Programmes

Newcastle University Medical School offers two medicine programmes: a five-year A100 programme, and a four-year A101 programme. Both courses are available to both "Home" and "International" students, and both require a current UCAT score. The A101 Accelerated programme is open only to graduates or practising healthcare professionals educated to the level of, for example, a registered nurse or pharmacist, with post-registration qualifications (e.g. certificate/diploma/masters) and at least five years' experience at the time of registration.

The first two years (A100) or one year (A101), though largely university-based, are case-led with clinical skills and professionalism taught and assessed from the start. This lays the foundation of clinical practice. The final three years of both programmes are clinically based in the Regional Medical School with teaching taking place in NHS facilities throughout the North of England. We aim to provide a range of clinical experiences and, as such, students will be required to spend prolonged periods at sites distant from Newcastle University campus. Students will also be required to take part in work outside of normal working hours, which would reflect that of a doctor's training in the NHS.

The Admissions Process

Application submission through UCAS is open from early September to 15th October 2026 at 18:00 (UK time). All applications will be acknowledged on receipt by the University. We do not normally consider applications which have been submitted to UCAS after 15th October deadline. Some applicants may choose to make applications to both the A100 and A101 programmes. Such applicants should be aware that each will be considered as a separate choice of the four allowed for medicine through UCAS.

Applications are considered within the context of the applicants to the same programme (A100 or A101), and from the same background (e.g. all “Home” applications are considered together and all “International” applications together; all “standard” applications are considered together and all “contextual” applications together). Fee paying status is assessed by the university.

The selection process involves three stages that follow the sequence below.

Stage 1: Academic screen (containing three steps)

Stage 2: Interview

Stage 3: Offers

Stage 1 - Academic Screen

Shortlisting for interview involves three steps: screen for achieved or predicted academic results, scoring of achieved academic results (A100 home applicants only), scoring of UCAT.

Step 1: Screen for achieved or predicted academic results

In the first step, all applicants are screened to assess whether their predicted or actual academic results meet the minimum entry requirements. Details of the minimum entry requirements can be found on our webpages (A100 and A101).

If the minimum academic requirements are not met, the applicant will be rejected at this point.

If the minimum academic requirements are met, then the next steps of scoring the achieved academic results (A100 home applicants only) and current UCAT result of each applicant will follow. We do not look for a specific pre-determined score to be achieved but, instead, rank applicants in numerical order and invite the top scoring applicants to interview. For A100 home applicants, standard applicants will be ranked separately from contextual students.

International applicants are processed separately from home applicants. For all International applicants and all A101 applicants, following the screen for achieved or predicted academic results, UCAT score will form the sole basis for ranking and selection for interview (i.e. move straight to Step 3).

Step 2: Scoring of achieved academic results (A100 home applicants only)

Applications will be given an academic score based upon their most recent achieved grades, except for candidates applying with Access to HE or Honours degrees where this will be based on predicted or achieved grades.

GCSE

The best eight achieved grades at GCSE or equivalent Level 2 qualifications are scored, up to a maximum of 40 points, as set out in the table below. Where applicants have resat a GSCE, the most recent attained grades will be scored. Equivalents to GCSE will also be considered and points values are shown below. If you have a qualification not listed on our website, please contact the School of Medicine admissions team.

If an applicant has at least eight GCSEs, these will be scored. If an applicant has fewer than eight GCSES plus other Level 2 qualifications, the GCSEs will be scored together with the relevant number of other Level 2 qualifications to be equal to eight GCSEs. GCSE short courses will be not scored.

Points awarded	Numerical (new) GCSE grades	Alphabetic (older) GCSE grades	National 5	Irish Leaving Certificate (Ordinary Level)	BTEC
5	9	A*	A	A*	D*
4	8				
3	7	A		A	D
1	6	B	B	B	M
0	5	C	C	C/Merit	P

A levels

The best three achieved grades at A level, or equivalent Level 3 qualifications, are scored, up to a maximum of 40 points, as set out in the table below. A level subjects should include Biology or Chemistry plus one of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Statistics or Physics. For Biology, Chemistry and Physics A levels, a pass in the practical element is required. If you have a qualification not listed on our website, please contact the School of Medicine admissions team.

Points awarded	A level grades
16	A*
12	A
8	B

Degrees

Predicted or achieved Honors degree classifications are scored as follows: first class = 40 points, 2:1 = 36 points.

Due to the rigorous nature of our MBBS program, applicants who earned their undergraduate degree **more than five years ago** must demonstrate continued engagement with ongoing education, such as postgraduate-level study. Those who have not pursued additional education beyond their undergraduate degree will not be considered. Any Masters or PhD qualifications will not be scored.

Access to HE courses

We accept certain Access to HE courses from students who have been out of formal education for at least three years before starting the course. Applicants must achieve Distinctions in all graded credit modules. The remaining 15 ungraded credits may be a mix of Level 2 and Level 3. Please contact the Admissions Team for information about Access to HE courses we accept. For applicants applying through PARTNERS or through a contextual route, the minimum grade requirement is 15 credits at Merit and 30 credits at Distinction, with a pass in all ungraded credits. The Access to HE result will be assessed alongside the UCAT score in consideration of interview offer making.

Foundation courses

We do not accept Foundation courses from other universities.

Step 3: Scoring of UCAT

All applicants will be required to have a current UCAT score. UCAT scores can only be used to support an application made in the year in which they are achieved (e.g. UCAT sat between July and September 2026 can only be used to support an application through UCAS by the UCAS closing date of 15 October 2026). Applications for entry in subsequent years, will require UCAT to be resat. We accept UCAT ANZ from international applicants; any students who are classed as Home for fee purposes applying with a UCAT ANZ score should contact the Medical School admissions team in advance of their application.

Candidates with a UCAT Situational Judgement Test Band of 4 (the lowest band) will not be considered.

For A100 home students, a maximum of 60 points will be awarded based upon the total UCAT score (see the table below). A100 home applicants' academic and UCAT points will be combined to give an overall "academic screen" score, and applications will be ranked according to this score. Standard and contextual applicants will be ranked as separate streams. International and A101 students will be ranked according to the total UCAT score.

Applicants meeting the points threshold for interview selection will be sent an email inviting them to an interview. Applicants are advised to check their email accounts (including junk and spam folders) on a regular basis and contact the Admissions Team if they have any concerns.

UCAT score	Points
2400 and above	60
2390	59
2380	58
2370	57
2360	56
2350	55
2340	54
2330	53
2320	52
2310	51
2300	50
2290	49
2280	48
2270	47
2260	46
2250	45
2240	44
2230	43
2220	42
2210	41
2200	40
2190	39
2180	38
2170	37
2160	36
2150	35
2140	34
2130	33
2120	32
2110	31
2100	30
2090	29
2080	28
2070	27
2060	26
2050	25
2040	24
2030	23
2020	22
2010	21
2000	20
1990	19
1980	18
1970	17
1960	16
1950	15
1940	14
1930	13
1920	12
1910	11
1900	10
1890	9
1880	8
1870	7
1860	6
1850	5
1840	4
1830	3
1820	2
1810 and below	1

Stage 2 - Interview

Interviews for Home A100 and A101 applicants generally take the form of **Multiple Mini Interviews** (MMIs) on campus. Applicants classed as International for fees purposes will generally be interviewed by a panel of two interviewers either on campus or remotely if this is more convenient. Both formats of interview ask a comparable set of questions.

- Interviews generally take place between December and February and applicants will receive an email inviting them to interview.
- Applicants who do not respond to emails or miss deadlines will not be offered further interview opportunities.

The interview process will provide applicants with the opportunity to demonstrate that they have the personal qualities to succeed as a medical student and future doctor.

Professionalism will be monitored throughout the interview and any concerns regarding professionalism will be followed up. Official photographic identification will be checked at the time of the interview (e.g., passport, driving license, or alternative official document).

In MMIs, these categories will be assessed with role play and interview questions. Each applicant will be scored on their performance at each MMI station by an individual selector. In panel interviews, the categories will be assessed solely by interview questions, and scored by each selector separately. By attending an interview, an applicant is declaring that they are fit and well to undertake the interview.

The UCAT Situational Judgement Test band will be included when calculating the final "Interview" score (with the same weighting as one station from an MMI, and the equivalent in the panel interview). Situational Judgement Test Band scoring used during interview selection is as follows:

- Band 1 = 5 points
- Band 2 = 3 points
- Band 3 = 1 point

Selectors will not have access to the applicant's personal statement or reference, either prior to and during an interview. Selectors will not convey their scores to the applicants at the time of the interview or at any time thereafter. We will try to take applicant requests on limited availability for attendance at interview into consideration, but this cannot always be guaranteed.

Where booking the interview is the responsibility of the applicant, the Admissions Team do not contact applicants who do not book an interview; the responsibility lies with the applicant.

Stage 3 - Offers

Following completion of the interview, all applications will be reviewed. The final score will be based on the "Academic screen" score and "Interview" score, weighted 50:50. Applicants will be ranked, and offers made to the highest-ranking candidates. All decisions will be made in line with UCAS deadlines. The official offer will be sent via the UCAS system.

Offers are conditional on achieving the required academic qualifications. For students entering with A levels this is typically AAA, ABB for contextual offer students or through one of our supported entry programmes. For students entering with a degree this is either a UK first class or 2:1 Honours degree or its international equivalent.

Offer-Holder Events

Newcastle University usually holds on-campus and virtual offer-holder events between March and May. Offer-holders will receive an invitation to register for these events shortly after receipt of their offer.

Widening Access/Contextual screening

Newcastle University is committed to widening access to the medical profession. Our Undergraduate Admissions Team will use certain contextual data from your UCAS form, alongside your application, to take into account challenges that you may have faced in your

education and the potential effect this may have had on your qualifications. For further information see the Newcastle University policies here (Application Decisions).

Candidates identified as eligible for the contextual route of entry will be processed separately from standard-entry applicants and may have a lower academic screen and/or offer thresholds compared to standard-entry applicants. Graduate applicants are ineligible for contextual offers, as these offers are primarily intended to facilitate access to higher education. It is understood that graduate applicants who have already attained an undergraduate degree have already accessed higher education.

Applicants through the PARTNERS Programme at Newcastle University

Eligible applicants to the standard five-year programme (A100) will be considered through the Newcastle University PARTNERS Programme. The applicant must ensure they meet the PARTNERS eligibility criteria before they apply to the A100 programme. A separate PARTNERS application must be submitted to the PARTNERS team as well as completion of the standard UCAS application. PARTNERS applicants will be considered within the contextual stream for entry and may have lower academic screen and/or offer thresholds compared to standard-entry applicants. For further information, please visit the PARTNERS website or email: PARTNERS@ncl.ac.uk. PARTNERS applicants wishing to apply for a deferred entry must complete the Summer School within the year of their original application.

Applicants through the Realising Opportunities at Newcastle University

Eligible applicants wishing to be considered for the A100 Newcastle programme through the Realising Opportunities route of entry must be participating in the national Realising Opportunities programme. These applicants will be considered within the contextual stream and may have lower academic screen and/or offer thresholds compared to standard-entry students.

High Performance Athletes

High performance athletes (HPA) will receive a one-grade deduction (AAB). Participating in PARTNERS supersedes HPA and applicants default back to these categories if they are eligible for both. For more information, contact performance.sport@newcastle.ac.uk.

Results and Re-marks

All qualification results must be confirmed and received by mid-August to coincide with the release of the A level results. Home applicants who hold an offer and are appealing an A level grade must inform the University no later than 31st August to discuss the impact of their appeal on their entry to the programme. If an applicant requests a re-mark of their A levels and achieves the offer grades before 31st August in the relevant admissions cycle, we will endeavour to admit them to the MBBS programme for the academic year for which they applied. This is subject to places being available on the programme. If the programme is full, a place will be guaranteed for deferred entry one year later. If results of re-marks are received after 31st August, a place will be guaranteed for deferred entry one year later.

Resit Qualifications

Applicants ideally should have achieved the necessary A level grades or equivalents at the first attempt as an indicator that they will be able to manage the intensity of the programme. Newcastle University recognises that sometimes circumstances mean that students underperform.

Resit qualifications are accepted from those students who have previously applied to Newcastle Medical School. Resits can be taken over a **maximum of two exam sittings and we ask for one grade higher than the offer an individual would otherwise have received.** Examples are given below:

Usual offer	Resit offer
AAA	A*AA
ABB	AAB/A*BB

Deferred Entry

We are happy to receive applications from applicants who wish to defer entry by one year. Applicants should select the deferred entry year at the time of application via UCAS. Applicants may make deferral requests after their applications have been submitted. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Once offers have been made, decisions on any further requests to defer entry will be decided after A level examination results are published in August.

Transfers

Internal Transfers from BSc students in the School of Biomedical, Nutritional and Sport Sciences at Newcastle University

BSc students in the School of Biomedical, Nutritional and Sport Sciences at Newcastle University may apply for entry to Year 1 of the five-year programme. This is available only to those students registered on Year 1 of some of the programmes within the School of Biomedical, Nutritional and Sport Sciences. There are a small number of places available and students wishing to apply must be in good academic standing. To apply, applicants are required to achieve a minimum average Year 1 mark of 70% with individual module grades of above 65%. All applicants will be required to provide UCAT scores from the current or the previous year at the application stage. The UCAT score will be used to identify those whom we wish to interview. Only one application will be considered; if a student wishes to be considered through the Internal Transfer Route, we will not consider a UCAS application from them in the same admissions cycle. More information can be found on the Biomed Transfer webpage.

Internal transfer from NUMed Malaysia, Foundation Certificate in Biological and Biomedical Sciences Students

NUMed Malaysia Foundation Certificate in Biological and Biomedical Sciences students may apply to Year 1 of the five-year programme. There are a small number of places available and students wishing to apply must be in good academic standing and to apply are required to achieve an overall average of at least 75% with at least 75% in Biology 1,

Biology 2 and Chemistry and at least 70% in English for Academic Purposes (EAP) and Medical Studies.

A valid UCAT score is not required for this route of entry. Applications are made through an internal application process and not through UCAS. Information on this route of entry will be provided as part of the Foundation programme at NUMed.

NUMed Malaysia: Newcastle University has a branch campus in Malaysia (NUMed) that offers the five-year Newcastle MBBS degree. Interested applicants should review the separate Admissions Policy available on the NUMed website. Note that application to the MBBS programme delivered at NUMed Malaysia is not open to UK/EU applicants.

Transfers from other medical schools

Usually, we do not consider students wishing to transfer from another medical school. Such students would normally be expected to apply to Year 1 entry, via UCAS, provided they have not previously been considered and declined by us. Applicants should initially contact the University with supporting evidence explaining why they wish to leave or have left their previous medicine degree programme. The circumstances will be considered and a decision made on whether an application would be considered to Year 1 through UCAS.

Requests from medical students who have been required to withdraw from other medical schools due to failure to progress will not be considered.

Feedback

Feedback will be given to unsuccessful applicants upon request. Applicants should note however, that feedback cannot be provided until the end of the admissions cycle. Newcastle University will not enter into discussions relating to the professional judgement underlying the scoring at interview. We are unable to provide feedback to applicants who have received an offer.

Please note: In accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, application/interview

feedback can only be given to the applicant. Specific feedback can only be provided to a third party when written consent has been provided by the applicant to the University.

Applicants who have Studied Medicine, Dentistry or other related programmes previously

We do not consider applications from applicants who have previously commenced a medical/dentistry or related degree and have not progressed due to academic failure, fitness to practise or other professionalism issues. If an applicant has left a previous medical/dentistry or related degree programme for other reasons, their application may be considered on a case-by-case basis. If previous medical/dentistry study is not disclosed at time of application, we would withdraw any offer made in line with the above.

Newcastle BDS (Dental Surgery) graduate applications to A101 Accelerated programme

Applications through this route must be made through UCAS. It is expected that this route will be of interest to Newcastle Dental Surgery graduates wishing to progress into a career in maxillofacial surgery. We will consider interviewing up to four Newcastle Dental Surgery graduates with the possibility of offering up to one place on the A101 Accelerated programme.

English Language Test requirements

Applicants whose first language is not English will need to provide a recognised English language test or qualification. We accept IELTS and a range of equivalent English Language tests and qualifications. See Newcastle University website for further information (A100 or A101).

International offers and fee status changes

Where an applicant accepts an offer as a candidate who has been classed as International for fees purposes, and subsequently provides evidence, which results in a reclassification to Home fee status before the student registration date in September, the following rule applies: the offer will only remain valid if the applicant has achieved the UCAT threshold and interview scores equal to, or greater than, the scores used in the relevant admissions cycle to determine which home applicants should receive an offer.

UCATSEN

Applicants taking the UCATSEN (or other variations of the test) should refer to instructions on the UCAT website. We would not accept an application from an applicant that sits the UCATSEN but fails to supply the required evidence to UCAT within the specified timeframe.

UCAT Exemptions

All applicants should sit the UCAT exam. If an applicant lives in a country which does not have a test centre, you are expected to travel to the nearest test centre. We do not consider UCAT exemptions and being considered UCAT exempt by another university does not mean that we will allocate an exemption.

Extenuating Circumstances

Extenuating circumstances will not be accepted to enable an applicant to be considered without the relevant academic entry qualifications. However, we will accept a resit result, provided the subject has been retaken no more than once and the grade achieved is one grade higher than our standard offer (e.g. A* instead of A). Applicants are not required to inform the University of the circumstances around their resits.

Applicants with extenuating circumstances that may affect their preparation or performance in an examination must inform their school/college/university at the earliest

opportunity. Being self-aware and seeking help is a key part of being a doctor. The applicant's school/college/university should liaise with the relevant examination board to inform them of the extenuating circumstances. The examination board will make a decision as to the validity of the extenuating circumstances and whether allowances should be made. The medical school will not make any adjustments to the required grades.

When A levels have been completed over a period of three years, applicants with extenuating circumstances for why they have been completed over three years will be considered on an individual basis. All correspondence will be treated confidentially, and applicants are encouraged to inform us of extenuating circumstances as early as possible by contacting the Admissions Team by email (mbbs.admissions@ncl.ac.uk) before the 15th October. Requests made after this date will not be considered.

If an applicant has extreme extenuating circumstances that they feel may impact on their interview performance, they must inform the Medical School before the interview. We will not accept any retrospective information regarding pre-existing extenuating circumstances.

Late Applications and Clearing/UCAS Extra

Late applications are not normally considered. Applicants eligible for Clearing may be considered by the Medical School should vacancies arise late in the admissions cycle.

Appeals and Complaints

Applicants who feel they have grounds to complain/appeal about the administration of the MBBS Admissions Policy may obtain a copy of the Admissions Complaints and Appeals Procedure on the Applications and Offers webpage.

Equal Opportunities Statement

We aim to ensure equality of opportunity for applicants and for all students in teaching, learning and assessment, and in the provision of services. We aim to create conditions

whereby students are treated solely based on their academic achievement, ability and potential, regardless of age, religion or belief, ethnicity, gender, being transgender, marital or family status, sexual orientation, or disability. However, selection for a medical degree programme implies selection for the medical profession and all applicants must have the potential to fulfil the duties of a doctor as stated by the GMC in their document "Good Medical Practice". Admissions selectors are drawn from a wide pool representative of gender and ethnicity and include individuals from both a healthcare and lay background. All selectors and staff involved in the selection exercise are aware of their responsibility to implement the University policies on equal opportunities and have participated in training sessions covering equal opportunities. Any Selector who is found to be in breach of the Admissions Policy will be required to stand down.

Additional factors that will neither determine nor bias the assessment of the UCAS application for medicine include but are not limited to:

- Being from a medical family, or being related to a member of the Alumni or staff of either University or the Health Service
- Inclusion of choices other than medicine in the UCAS application
- Type of school, college or university attended
- Political belief

Disability

We are committed to the principle of equal treatment of disabled persons and the proper application of the Equality Act 2010. Thus, an applicant who is judged academically suitable will, subject to the provisions of the Act, be neither treated less favourably nor placed at a substantial disadvantage on the grounds of disability unless this can be justified within the provisions of the Equality Act 2010. It is important for applicants to contact the Medical School and/or University Student Health and Wellbeing Service, to discuss the programme requirements, and any concerns they may have. Applicants should be aware that such requirements change from time to time in line with evolving good practice and prevailing legislation.

- During an interview, Selectors assess individuals on their personal and academic merits without reference to any declared disability.
- Applicants are encouraged to disclose their disabilities, of whatever nature, on their application. Applicants with a disability may wish to access the Medical Schools Council guidance for Applicants with disabilities | Medical Schools Council. The General Medical Council guidance "Welcomed and valued" guidance can be found here: Welcomed and valued - GMC
- Any applicant who (a) meets the academic requirements, (b) is invited to interview, and (c) has declared a disability on the UCAS application, may be contacted by the University

  Student Health and Wellbeing Service where the applicant can discuss their support requirements and be invited for an information discussion. On receiving an offer to study, applicants will be automatically contacted by the University Student Health and Wellbeing Service to discuss support requirements.
- All applicants must be considered able to meet the GMC outcomes for medical graduates and our programme outcomes.

Health Clearance for Admissions and Continuing Practice

We have an overriding duty of care to the public with whom students come into close contact. All students are required to comply with the Department of Health and Social Care's guidance on health clearance for healthcare workers. Early in the programme students will be required to be screened for relevant communicable diseases (e.g. hepatitis B, hepatitis C, HIV, and tuberculosis). Immunisation and antibody tests will be performed and, if necessary, vaccination will be offered. All entrants are strongly encouraged to complete a course of immunisation against hepatitis B virus. There is no financial charge for students for this service.

All aspects of a student's medical record will be bound by the same duty of confidentiality as for any doctor-patient interaction and informed by the same ethical guidance. The status of any individual in respect of blood-borne viruses will not be a factor in the

admissions selection process and will not prevent them completing the medical degree but may require modification of the programme and may place some restrictions on their future practice as a doctor.

Occupational Health

All applicants who accept an offer at Newcastle University are required to complete and return a confidential Occupational Health questionnaire by the date stated in the offer received through UCAS. To provide the required educational experience for our students in Quality Care Commission-regulated settings, the University and its students need to meet the immunisation requirements of the Department of Health and Social Care as well as those of individual placement provider organisations. From the information provided, the Occupational Health Service will assess their immunisation status, and students will be required to fulfil any stipulated requirements identified from this assessment.

In certain circumstances, it may also be necessary for applicants to undergo an Occupational Health Assessment with an Occupational Health Consultant, appointed by the University as part of their offer conditions. This assessment is designed to help us ensure that applicants are not only able to undertake the rigours of the MBBS programme, especially with respect to working with patients in the clinical setting and meet its outcomes in line with the statutory requirements of the General Medical Council as defined in Outcomes for Graduates, but to also ensure that we provide any reasonable support necessary.

Oversight of admissions process

The admissions process is supervised by the Head of MBBS Recruitment and Admissions, acting on behalf of the Faculty Dean of Education at Newcastle. The MBBS Admissions Policy is intended to ensure that the process of student selection is free from discrimination of any kind. It is based on guidelines from the Medical Schools Council produced in consultation with the Commission for Racial Equality. In considering all applicants, the Medical School will take into account the General Medical Council's standards in Outcomes for Graduates and the guidelines on Medical Students: Professional

Behaviour and Fitness to Practise. The Admissions Policy is reviewed annually by the MBBS Recruitment and Admissions Executive Committee. Since the policy is made freely available, via the internet and other sources, and to ensure that all applications are dealt with on the same basis, changes are not made part-way through the admissions cycle.

The MBBS Recruitment and Admissions Executive Committee takes a strategic overview of the Admissions Policy and ensures that the policy is applied consistently to medical admissions at Newcastle University. The MBBS Admission Policy should be read in conjunction with the University Admission Policy. See the Newcastle University website for further information on these policies.

Fitness to Practise

For all applicants/students, issues of fitness to practise are considered at admission and throughout the degree programme. We are under a duty in the public interest to ensure that students following degrees leading to professional healthcare qualifications meet relevant professional standards for fitness to practise. The University is responsible for protecting patients, fellow students, staff, vulnerable individuals and taking appropriate steps to minimise any risk of harm to anyone as a result of the training of their medical students. In discharging these duties, the welfare and safety of actual or potential patients is the University's chief concern. In addition, the University has a duty of care to their students and must ensure that any decisions are made with the best interests of the student at heart, as part of their support and welfare strategies. This includes being sure, as far as possible, that a student is fit to undertake the rigours of a demanding programme of study and a demanding profession.

The Faculty of Medical Sciences has a procedure in place designed to ensure the Fitness to Practise of its students. This procedure has been drawn up with specific reference to the guidance provided by appropriate healthcare professional bodies. This process covers all medical students at Newcastle University and the procedure can be found on the Student Procedures website.

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS); Criminal Conviction, Warnings, Cautions and Reprimands

All MBBS students, as part of the process of ensuring students are "fit to practise" undergo an enhanced disclosure check with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). This type of disclosure is designed to check the background of individuals who will have a high degree of contact with children or vulnerable adults. Under our duty of care to the community at large, patients, staff and students, any reprimand, warning, caution, or conviction declared at application or disclosed in a DBS check will be scrutinised by the University and appropriate decisions made or conditions set for any future studies in the University.

Applicants must disclose this information on application and must disclose if they receive a criminal conviction, warning, caution or reprimand. Failure to disclose will be taken seriously, and students are reminded it is their duty to disclose all and any information in relation to these matters at the earliest opportunity. Our policy on considering such applications is aligned to that applied by the regulating authority, the General Medical Council, and published in their guidance documents. Such guidance is provided to protect members of the public, maintain the public's trust in the professions and ensure that standards of behaviour and conduct are appropriate to the professions.

You should note that while Newcastle University may consider an application to the MBBS programmes, we are not able to predict or pre-empt any decision of the General Medical Council (GMC) in relation to any such disclosures at the time of registration with them. The GMC will normally investigate such disclosures at the time of registration, under their rules and guidance. The University is also unable to influence any decisions by future employers in relation to disclosures. All medical professionals and students undergo an Enhanced DBS disclosure. A Standard disclosure will detail every conviction (including spent convictions), caution, warning and reprimand which is recorded in the central record, or it will state that there is no such information on record. An Enhanced disclosure will include all the information in a Standard disclosure and in addition detail any information which, in the opinion of a Chief Police Officer, might be relevant for the purpose and ought to be included in the certificate. Additionally, this level of disclosure will provide clarification as

to whether the applicant is banned from working with children or vulnerable adults.

The University requires that this check is carried out on entry to Year 1 and again prior to the start of Year 5, and we reserve the right to withdraw or discontinue studies on receipt of an unsatisfactory disclosure. For Newcastle University Year 1 entry, the DBS application process is normally conducted during the first week of the autumn term.

For details of how the University assesses prior criminal convictions please refer to the Admissions Policies and Procedures website.

Providing False or Misleading Information

Applicants who are suspected of providing, or are found to have provided, false information, application similarities or have plagiarised their application shall be referred to UCAS if their application was originally submitted through that service. The University reserves the right to cancel an application and withdraw any offer if it is found that the application contains false or misleading information.

Age

Applicants must have turned 18 by the 10th January 2028. For applicants who are under 18 when starting their programme, the University policy for admitting students under 18 will be followed to include a signed document from parent/legal guardian of the applicant. The Under 18s policy can be found on the Policies and Procedures webpage.

Medical Licensing Assessment

The GMC has introduced a Medical Licensing Assessment (MLA) to ensure that those who obtain registration with a licence to practise medicine in the UK meet a common threshold for safe practice. Applicants should be aware that to obtain registration with a licence to practise, medical students will need to pass both parts of the MLA, pass university final examinations and demonstrate their fitness to practise.

The MLA is in two parts: a knowledge test, set and run by the GMC, and an assessment,

delivered by medical schools, that evaluates students' clinical and professional skills.

Immigration Rules for Postgraduate Doctors

International students undertaking a recognised Foundation Programme for postgraduate doctors would normally be granted permission to study as a Tier 4 adult student. For further information, see the UK Visa and Immigration website. **Please note that this situation may change during the period of study.**