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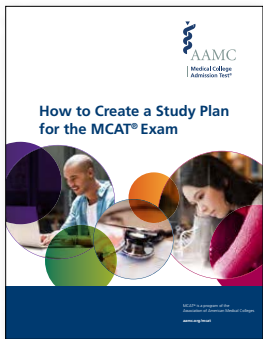
Prepare for the MCAT® Exam Using AAMC MCAT Official Prep Resources

Free Planning and Study Resources

Learn about the free AAMC MCAT® Official Prep resources available to help you study for test day.

How to Create a Study Plan
Get a six-step guide to help you create your own study plan. Download the PDF or access the online study plan guide in the MCAT Official Prep Hub.

What's on the MCAT Exam? Content Outline
Read the content lists and explore what's tested in the four exam sections.

Free Sample Test and Free Practice Exam
The AAMC offers two free full-length practice exams written by the developers of the MCAT exam. Access them for free by logging in to the MCAT Official Prep Hub.

Khan Academy MCAT Collection
The Khan Academy MCAT Collection contains sample content from all four sections of the exam and includes 1,100 videos and 3,000 review questions to help you study. The collection was created by Khan Academy with support and funding from the AAMC and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
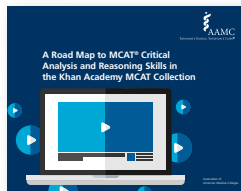
A Road Map to MCAT Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills in the Khan Academy MCAT Collection
The AAMC mapped the skills assessed in the CARS section of the MCAT exam to the free videos, worked examples, and practice passage sets in the Khan Academy MCAT Collection.
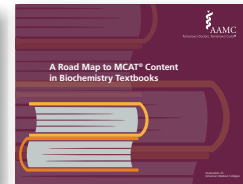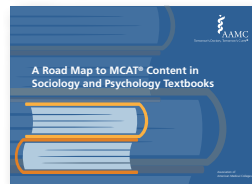
Road Maps to MCAT Content
The AAMC reached out to publishers of biochemistry, psychology, and sociology textbooks for detailed information on where to find the concepts you'll need to know for the MCAT exam.

Learn more about **FREE** AAMC MCAT Official Prep resources and practice materials at **aamc.org/mcatprep**.

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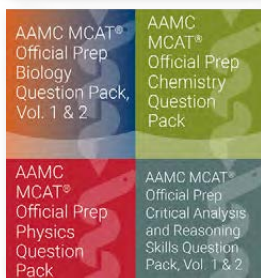# Practice for the MCAT Exam With Official Low-Cost Products

Learning through practice is key when it comes to the MCAT exam. Prepare for the exam with AAMC MCAT Official Prep products written by the test developers.

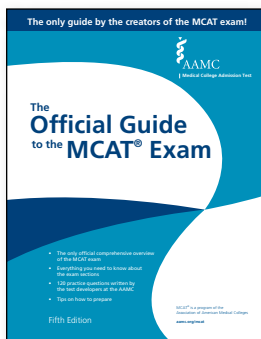**AAMC MCAT® Official Prep Practice Exams**
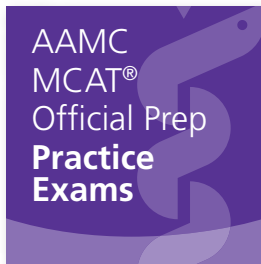
Full-Length Practice Exams
The 230-question online practice exams use questions from previously administered MCAT exams and provide scaled scores and percentile ranks just like you would receive on an actual exam.

AAMC MCAT® Official Prep Online-Only Bundle

Online-Only Bundle*
The online-only bundle includes all online MCAT Official Prep products.

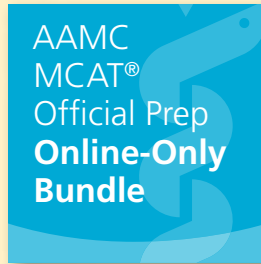**AAMC MCAT® Official Prep CARS Diagnostic Tool**

CARS Diagnostic Tool
The CARS Diagnostic Tool includes 28 practice passage sets, worked examples, and strategies to improve your critical analysis and reasoning skills.

AAMC MCAT® Official Prep Complete Bundle

Complete Bundle
This bundle includes all online products and the print version of *The Official Guide to the MCAT Exam, Fifth Edition.*

AAMC MCAT® Official Prep Biology Question Pack, Vol. 1 & 2 · AAMC MCAT® Official Prep Chemistry Question Pack · AAMC MCAT® Official Prep Physics Question Pack · AAMC MCAT® Official Prep Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills Question Pack, Vol. 1 & 2
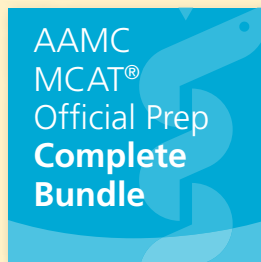
Question Packs
Each question pack offers 120 practice questions. Buy the packs individually or as a bundle of six: biology (two packs), chemistry, physics, and critical reasoning (two packs).

AAMC MCAT® Official Prep Section Bank

Section Bank
The online MCAT Section Bank consists of 300 practice questions in the natural, behavioral, and social sciences, with an emphasis on biochemistry, psychology, and sociology.

The only guide by the creators of the MCAT exam!
AAMC | Medical College Admission Test
The Official Guide to the MCAT® Exam
- The only official comprehensive overview of the MCAT exam
- Everything you need to know about the exam sections
- 120 practice questions written by the test developers at the AAMC
- Tips on how to prepare
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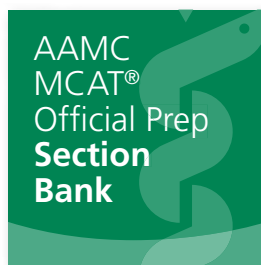*MCAT® is a program of the Association of American Medical Colleges*
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The Official Guide to the MCAT® Exam
The Official Guide provides a comprehensive overview of the exam, including information about registration, what to expect on test day, the score scale, and how MCAT scores are used in the admissions process. It also includes 120 practice questions and solutions.
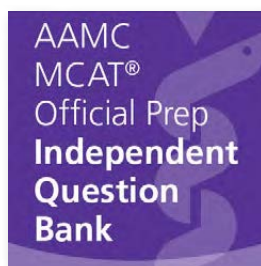
AAMC MCAT® Official Prep Independent Question Bank

Independent Question Bank
The online Independent Question Bank (formerly called Online Flashcards) contains 150 independent practice questions across biochemistry, biology, chemistry, physics, psychology, and sociology written by the MCAT developers.

Learn more about **FREE** AAMC MCAT Official Prep resources and practice materials at **aamc.org/mcatprep**.

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*The MCAT Official Prep Online-Only Bundle is a benefit in the AAMC Fee Assistance Program, which assists those who, without financial assistance, would be unable to take the MCAT exam or apply to medical schools that use the American Medical College Application Service®. Learn more about eligibility requirements and apply at aamc.org/fap.

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Introduction

Congratulations! Reading *The MCAT® Essentials for Testing Year 2024* is the first step in preparing to take the Medical College Admission Test® (MCAT®) and toward a fulfilling career in medicine.

The AAMC provides the MCAT exam with the assistance of its test-delivery administrator, Pearson VUE. *The MCAT® Essentials* is your guide to the official policies, processes, and procedures for taking the MCAT exam. The information in this guide is necessary for a smooth registration, scheduling, and testing experience. Contact information is available throughout this guide so that you know how to reach us if you have questions. Information about AAMC MCAT preparation resources and other helpful resources are also included.

The MCAT® Essentials is subject to change from year to year. At the time of registration and on test day, you will be asked to certify that you have read and agree to comply with the policies and procedures contained here. If you are a returning examinee, you must read the current version of this guide. The version applicable to your test day is the version in effect when you register.

All of us at the AAMC wish you the best and much success as you move forward to a career in medicine!

What Is on the MCAT Exam?

The MCAT exam has been part of the medical school admission process for over 90 years. Most medical schools in the United States, and many in Canada, require applicants to submit recent MCAT scores. Additionally, many other health professions and graduate programs accept MCAT scores as evidence of academic knowledge and skill relevant to their field of study.

In conjunction with its member medical schools, the AAMC develops and administers the MCAT exam multiple times each year. The exam is administered at hundreds of Pearson VUE testing sites in the United States, Canada, and select locations throughout the world.

The MCAT exam tests concepts that medical school faculty, residents, and students rate as important to entering students' success in the medical school curriculum. It is a standardized, computer-based exam with content divided into four multiple-choice sections. Each section includes some "field-test" questions (that is, questions being considered for future use that do not count toward your score).

MCAT Exam Content

The MCAT exam has four multiple-choice test sections:

Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems	**59 questions consisting of:** ▪ 10 passage-based sets of questions › 4-6 questions per set ▪ 15 independent questions
Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems	**59 questions consisting of:** ▪ 10 passage-based sets of questions › 4-6 questions per set ▪ 15 independent questions
Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior	**59 questions consisting of:** ▪ 10 passage-based sets of questions › 4-6 questions per set ▪ 15 independent questions
Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills	**53 questions consisting of:** ▪ 9 passages › 5-7 questions per passage

The natural and social sciences sections are organized around 10 foundational concepts, or "big ideas," in the sciences. The test content draws from disciplines in year-long courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, introductory physics, and introductory biology and from introductory courses in biochemistry, psychology, and sociology. Multiple-choice questions in these sections will ask you to combine your scientific knowledge from multiple disciplines with your scientific inquiry and reasoning skills.

The Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills section includes questions that test your ability to comprehend and analyze information you read in passages taken from a wide range of disciplines in the social sciences and humanities. This section requires no specific content knowledge.

Explore the What's on the MCAT Exam? to learn more from the complete list and descriptions of foundational concepts, content categories, skills, and disciplines you will need to know for test day.

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Exam Overview		
Section	**Number of Questions**	**Time Allotted**
Test-day certification		4 minutes
Tutorial (optional)		10 minutes
Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems	59	95 minutes
Break (optional)		10 minutes
Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills	53	90 minutes
Mid-exam break (optional)		30 minutes
Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems	59	95 minutes
Break (optional)		10 minutes
Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior	59	95 minutes
Void question		3 minutes
End-of-day survey (optional)		5 minutes
Total content time		6 hours and 15 minutes
Total "seated" time*		**About 7 hours and 30 minutes**

*Total seated time does not include check-in time upon arrival at the test center.

Before You Register for the MCAT Exam

AAMC ID

You will need an AAMC ID and an associated username and password to register for the MCAT exam. If you do not have an AAMC ID, the system will direct you to create an account and establish a username and password before logging into the MCAT Registration System. If you have already created an AAMC ID at any time or for any reason, you must use the same username and password when registering for your MCAT exam.

If you cannot remember your username or password, YOU MAY NOT create a new AAMC ID. Doing so may create delays in the registration process for you. For help recovering your account information, please contact the AAMC Account Help Team or reset your password.

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Registration Name

Enter the spelling of your first and last names in the MCAT Registration System **exactly** the way they appear on the **MCAT-accepted ID** you will use on test day. Do not register using a nickname, partial names, or initials, and be sure to double-check for misspellings. If your MCAT-accepted ID doesn't exactly match the first and last names on your exam registration, you will not be allowed to test; you will be considered a "no-show," you will not receive a refund, and the appointment will count toward your **testing limits**.

To ensure your ID meets MCAT requirements, please review the MCAT-accepted ID guidelines below.

MCAT Registration

- The names on your ID must 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.)

- Enter your name as your first name and then your last name (surname), even if your ID lists your last name before your first name. If they don't match exactly, you must update your name through the MCAT Registration System at least 10 days before your exam.

- If your ID has your initials in place of your first and/or last name, or if your initials are on the same line as your first or last name, you must contact AAMC Services (202-828-0600) for instructions at least 30 days before your exam.

IDENTIFICATION (ID) REQUIREMENTS

You must meet all the following requirements for your ID to be accepted on test day.

1. The ID was issued by a government agency.
2. The ID's expiration date is *printed* on the ID and is not extended by a sticker or similar mechanism.
3. Your ID must not be expired.
   » If your ID will expire before your scheduled test date, you are responsible for obtaining an updated ID prior to your exam. Account for the processing time of government agencies when selecting an exam date.
4. The ID contains a photo that can be used to positively identify you.
5. The ID is tangible and whole, with no evidence of tampering (clipped corners, holes, etc.).
6. The ID is in English.

ACCEPTED
The most common forms of ID are:

✓ State driver's license (with all above requirements).
✓ Passport (with all above requirements).
✓ Passport card.
✓ Permanent resident card (green card).
✓ Employment Authorization Document.
✓ Canada health card (Ontario and British Columbia ONLY).
✓ Consular ID card.
✓ Canadian aviation card.

NOT ACCEPTED
Any single ID that does not fulfill the above requirements, even if issued by a government agency. This includes:

✘ Paper ID or ID application receipt of any kind.
✘ Credit card.
✘ Veterans ID (VIC).
✘ Birth certificate.
✘ Social security card.
✘ Virtual or digital ID.
✘ IDs with extension stickers or renewal paperwork, or ID application receipt of any kind, as we are unable to validate authenticity.
   » *Exception*: Military personnel and dependents stationed outside their home state may present a state-issued driver's license with extension stickers or paperwork that meets all other MCAT-accepted ID conditions **along with their unexpired Uniformed Services ID card**.

✘ School ID.
✘ Employee ID.
   » Even if issued by a government agency, it will not be accepted.
✘ Library card (including those issued by government agencies).
   » Cannot be validated.

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Common Registration Name Requirement Questions

> ⚠ **If you are unable to provide the required identification, or if you have concerns that your identification may not be acceptable, you MUST submit an ID exception in the MCAT Registration System no more than 10 days before your exam date. Learn more about deadlines here.**

What should you do if …	
Question	**Resolution**
The first and/or last name(s) on your MCAT registration do not exactly match the qualifying ID you will use on test day.	You MUST change your name in the MCAT Registration System to match your MCAT-accepted ID.
Two last names appear on your ID.	Both names MUST be entered into the MCAT Registration System in the Last Name/Surname field.
You prefer a "nickname" or initials, but your MCAT-accepted ID has your full legal name.	Your full legal name must be entered into the MCAT Registration System. You may not be admitted under a nickname. Example: Your name is Matthew, but you go by Matt. You MUST register using Matthew.
Mononymous name.	If you have only a single name (e.g., Madonna), please enter "LNU" in the Last Name/Surname field in the MCAT Registration System.
No legal first name (FNU).	Please enter "FNU" in the First Name field in the MCAT Registration System.
No legal last name (LNU).	Please enter "LNU" in the Last Name/Surname field in the MCAT Registration System.

All name changes must be complete 10 days before the exam date.

ID Exceptions

If you miss the deadline for changing your name in the MCAT Registration System, you may submit an ID Exception Request in the MCAT Registration System between three and 10 days before your exam date. No ID exceptions will be accepted within three days of your exam date. ID exceptions are approved at the sole discretion of the AAMC.

Registration and Scheduling Violations

Certain violations of the MCAT registration rules may result in cancellation of a testing appointment, cancellation of scores, a ban from taking the MCAT exam for a designated period of time or permanently, or other consequences (refer to Investigation Procedures). Such violations include:

- Creating more than one AAMC ID.

- Registering for or taking the MCAT exam under another individual's AAMC ID.

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- Allowing someone else to register or test under your AAMC ID.

- Holding multiple appointments at the same time.

- Improperly exceeding the testing limits for the exam.

- Providing false or inaccurate information when creating an AAMC ID or registering to take the MCAT exam.

- Selling or giving away your AAMC ID or appointment to someone.

- Purchasing an AAMC ID or appointment from someone.

- Switching registrations with another examinee.

Failure to follow MCAT registration rules may create identity validation and verification issues, the potential for mistakes in the assignment of score results, and other disruptions related to the application process. If the AAMC suspects that you may have committed a registration or scheduling violation before your scheduled exam date that, if true, would threaten the validity, integrity, and/or security of the MCAT exam, the AAMC may, at its sole discretion, cancel or reschedule your exam to conduct an investigation.

We welcome all feedback about your experiences when registering and sitting for the MCAT exam, including ways we can better serve you.

We do not tolerate abusive, threatening, aggressive, or dehumanizing treatment of any kind toward the people with whom you might interact virtually or in person at the AAMC, Pearson VUE, or in the testing center or exam room. The AAMC and Pearson VUE reserve the right to refuse service to any individual who presents a threat or serious disruption to AAMC staff, Pearson VUE staff, or other examinees. Such behavior will be investigated in accordance with the investigation procedures outlined in this document and may be referred to law enforcement.

Eligible Health Professions Programs

You may sit for the exam if you are preparing to apply to and attend a health professions program that accepts MCAT scores for admission and you are not currently or were not previously enrolled in a health professions program. These programs include:

- MD programs.

- DO programs.

- Podiatric medicine programs.

- Veterinary medicine programs.

- Any other health-related programs that accept MCAT scores to satisfy a test score admission requirement.

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At the time of registration, you will be required to agree to a statement verifying that you are taking the exam *solely for the purpose of applying to and attending a health professions program*.

Requesting Special Permission

Individuals who do **not** meet the eligibility requirement above must apply for special permission to take the MCAT exam. You must apply for special permission if any of the following statements are true:

- You wish to take the exam for any reason other than applying to and attending an eligible health professions program.

- You are currently or previously enrolled in an eligible health professions program and want to change schools. If you are currently accepted into a health professions program but have not yet enrolled in classes, you are not required to obtain special permission.

- You are unable to comply with all AAMC testing procedures for reasons other than a medical condition or disability. To request adjustments to the standard testing conditions due to medical conditions or disabilities, please refer to the Testing With Accommodations section.

- You are under the age of 18.

Special permission to take the MCAT exam must be requested through the "Submit another service request" option in the MCAT Registration System. Provide as much relevant detail in your request as possible and complete the "Personal Information" tab of your MCAT registration to help prevent processing delays. The typical time frame for AAMC review is five business days.

Failure to obtain special permission may result in, among other consequences, an investigation by the AAMC, appointment cancellation, cancellation of scores, and/or a ban from taking the MCAT exam for a designated time period or permanently. Refer to the Registration and Scheduling Violations section to learn more about the AAMC's investigation.

Testing Limits			
Examinees who opt to test more than once must adhere to the following restrictions:			
You may hold **only one** MCAT exam appointment at a time.	You may attempt the exam **no more than three times** in a testing year.	You may attempt the exam **no more than four times** over two consecutive testing years.	You may attempt the exam **no more than seven times** in your lifetime (beginning with the April 2015 test dates).

Testing With Accommodations

If you have a disability or medical condition that you believe requires an adjustment to standard testing conditions, you are encouraged to apply for testing accommodations. All applications for accommodations must be submitted electronically via the MCAT Accommodations Online system on the AAMC website. Please keep in mind that if you are testing with accommodations, aspects of your exam administration may vary from what is outlined in this guide in order to deliver specific and individualized accommodations.

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> **The accommodations pages of the MCAT website are required reading for all examinees seeking testing accommodations.**

You should submit your complete application far enough in advance that there is time to review your request and confirm any approved accommodations before your test day. Visit our website for more information on application types and recommended submission time frames.

You have the option to schedule a standard exam online in the MCAT Registration System before you receive a determination on your accommodations request, or you may wait to schedule your exam after you have been approved for accommodations. You will be notified via email when a determination has been made. If your accommodations are approved, be sure to follow the instructions provided with your approval letter to avoid delays in scheduling your exam with accommodations.

You must be approved for accommodations and have a scheduling request submitted to Pearson VUE no later than 15 days before your test date so there is time to prepare and implement any approved accommodations. Keep in mind that if you scheduled a standard appointment online, it is not guaranteed that the selected appointment will be able to support delivery of your approved accommodations. Some changes to your appointment may be necessary to provide all of your approved accommodations. If you have not received a decision by 15 days before your test date or if your accommodations are not approved, you may test under standard conditions or reschedule to a later test date. Applicable rescheduling fees apply (refer to Scheduling Deadlines and Fee Structure).

For detailed information about the accommodations application and registration processes, visit the MCAT Exam With Accommodations page of the MCAT website or email us at accommodations@aamc.org.

The AAMC Fee Assistance Program

The AAMC Fee Assistance Program assists those who would not be able to take the exam or apply to medical schools that use the AMCAS® application without financial assistance. Approved recipients receive discounted MCAT exam registration fees, all online AAMC MCAT Official Prep products, and complimentary access to the Medical School Admission Requirements™ database.

For information about the Fee Assistance Program, including eligibility requirements, benefits, and application deadlines, visit the Fee Assistance Program page on the AAMC website. To contact the Fee Assistance Program, email fap@aamc.org or call 202-828-0600.

The AAMC and the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) have a fee assistance program for Canadian examinees who register for the MCAT exam during the 2024 testing year. Beginning Feb. 1, 2024, Canadian examinees who qualify during AFMC's first application period will receive the Fee Assistance Program benefits of reduced MCAT scheduling, rescheduling, and cancellation fees, as well as the MCAT® Official Prep Online-Only Bundle at no cost. The AAMC will make the MCAT® Accommodation Services Financial Benefit program application available to eligible Canadian Fee Assistance Program examinees. Beginning April 3, 2024, examinees who qualify in AFMC's second application period will receive the same benefits. For more information about the application, evaluation, or qualification processes, visit AFMC.

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If you have received Fee Assistance Program approval but you do not see the reduced scheduling fees within the MCAT Registration System, contact us immediately. Do not proceed with scheduling or rescheduling an appointment.

Registering for an MCAT Exam

The MCAT Registration System

To begin the registration and scheduling process, log into the MCAT Registration System with the username and password associated with your AAMC ID. Before selecting a test date and location, you must complete important registration questions that ask for your contact, background, and education information and agree to the MCAT Examinee Agreement and other consents and policies.

Examinee Agreement

You will be presented with the MCAT Examinee Agreement when you register for your MCAT exam. To complete your registration and sit for the MCAT exam, you must accept all terms of the Examinee Agreement and of *The MCAT® Essentials for Testing Year 2024.*

The full text of what you will see at registration is found below.

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, as well as the AAMC Website Terms and Conditions, the AAMC Privacy Statement, and any policy statements made on the MCAT website. Adherence to the Examinee Agreement is necessary to enable the AAMC to maintain a fair and secure testing process for all examinees.

Because the Examinee Agreement is a legally binding contract, you should read it 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 accepting the Certification Statement on test day and taking the MCAT exam, you will be certifying that you understand and agree to comply with these obligations.

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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 noteboard.
	Possessing weapons, including but not limited to, firearms, knives, or any object that could be used as a weapon, in the test center, including the testing room and waiting areas.
	Leaving the test center floor or building at any point after check-in and prior to completing the exam.
	Exhibiting 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 will be considered an intentional and willful breach of the Examinee Agreement. The AAMC will launch an investigation and may subject you to one or more of the consequences provided herein for violations of the Examinee Agreement.

Terms Governing Access to the MCAT Exam

When you accept the following agreement, you are attesting to the following:

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 and trade secrets 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 I am bound to keep the MCAT exam content confidential indefinitely, including, but not limited to: exam questions, passages, graphics, incorrect responses, correct answers, topic lists, and frequency and order of exam topics, when described in more specific detail than the What's on the MCAT Exam? content outline. I agree that disclosure, reconstruction, capture, and/or

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dissemination 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.

I understand that I may comment on my general exam experience; however, I understand that discussing or disclosing MCAT content in greater or more specific detail than in the What's on the MCAT Exam? content outline, by any means, is a violation of this Examinee Agreement.

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, shared or collaborative digital files, 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 initiated by the AAMC related to my receipt or access to information believed or represented to contain confidential MCAT exam content.

I certify that all information that I have provided to the AAMC is complete and accurate at the time of registration for the MCAT exam and if that information has changed, I submitted complete and accurate updated information. I understand that providing false, misleading, or incomplete information to the AAMC shall be considered an intentional and willful breach of the Examinee Agreement and may subject me to one or more of the consequences provided herein for violations of the Examinee 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 or 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 understand that presenting or attempting to present an MCAT score as my own that is falsified or otherwise not supported by the actual score in AAMC's records (as reflected in the AAMC's official Score Reporting Service) undermines the integrity and validity of the MCAT exam and is prohibited.

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. 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 or 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 may be investigated. Information about the AAMC investigation process may be found in *The MCAT Essentials*. 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, 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 MCAT exam may be terminated, and I will not be eligible for a refund or any other compensation.
- My scores may be canceled, before or after the scores are reported, without a refund.
- I may be banned from taking the MCAT exam for a limited time or permanently.

I agree that my personal information will be collected, used, shared, transferred, and stored by the AAMC subject to this Examinee Agreement.

AAMC Policies Regarding MCAT Examinee Data

The AAMC recognizes our responsibility to treat with care the information we collect about you and to respect your privacy relative to sensitive data. The AAMC Privacy Statement explains what kinds of information we collect and how we use this information.

The MCAT program collects personal information to administer the MCAT exam, help prevent fraud, and protect the integrity of the exam and the medical school admission and matriculation processes. The personal data collected may include demographic, contact, and education information; health or other sensitive information related to an application for an accommodated exam; and a digital (biometric) palm vein scan, a test-day photo, test-day audio or video recordings, a digitized ID document, and your signature(s).

In brief, the AAMC may share your personal information, including your MCAT scores:

- With peer not-for-profit organizations, certifying boards, licensing bodies, and other organizations involved in medical education for research, eligibility determination, verification, and credentialing purposes.

- With third parties for scholarship opportunities as directed by you during registration or use of another AAMC service or program.

- With service providers who assist the AAMC with technology, test administration, or communications management activities.

- As needed to (1) respond to information requests by law enforcement or other governmental authorities; (2) comply with any law, regulation, subpoena or other legal process, or court order; (3) investigate and help prevent security threats, fraud, malicious activity, or inappropriate, unauthorized, or illegal activity involving the AAMC's services or networks; or (4) enforce or protect the AAMC's rights and property. In such circumstances, personal information may be disclosed without notice to the individual.

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Any information published by the AAMC related to MCAT testing is done with aggregate data. Individual test scores are not published or released to third parties unless permitted by the AAMC Privacy Statement or otherwise authorized by you. Unless otherwise noted, once your personal information is transferred to third parties, it will be treated in accordance with the third party's privacy policies. Your personal information will be transferred to, processed, and stored in the United States and, if you test outside the United States, any country necessary to administer the MCAT exam to you from your selected location.

Release of Personal Information

During the registration process for the MCAT exam, you will be asked to consider the options below.

MCAT Recruiting Service

If you choose to participate in the MCAT Recruiting Service, you authorize the AAMC to release your name, address, age, gender, state of residence, undergraduate major, email address, and MCAT scores to those U.S., Canadian, and Caribbean schools of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, and veterinary medicine; other health professions programs (as defined in the Eligible Health Professions Programs section of this document); and U.S. government scholarship programs that participate in the MCAT Recruiting Service. The AAMC will release your information only to the above-mentioned programs and their related joint-degree programs so long as they are accredited by nationally or internationally recognized accrediting bodies, such as the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. Those programs may send you information about their programs if you participate in the MCAT Recruiting Service. The AAMC may charge a reasonable fee for schools and scholarship programs to participate in the MCAT Recruiting Service.

Participation in the MCAT Recruiting Service is voluntary and may be elected only during the MCAT registration process. Your decision can be changed up until 10 days from your exam. The MCAT program does not instruct eligible institutions on their method or frequency of contact or about any distribution of their recruiting materials. If you wish to be removed from email lists, please reach out to individual schools.

Health Professions Advisor Release

Selecting "Yes" to the Health Professions Advisor Release during the registration process authorizes the AAMC to release a record of your MCAT scores to your school's designated, AAMC-approved health professions advisor who has met the AAMC-established requirements and confidentiality protocols through the Advisor Information System. **The Health Professions Advisor Release is voluntary and may be elected during the MCAT registration process. Your decision can be changed in the MCAT Registration System up until 10 days from your exam date.** If an undergraduate institution does not have a designated health professions advisor or has not identified the advisor to the AAMC, we cannot release your scores to the institution.

If you applied for fee assistance through the AAMC Fee Assistance Program and in your Fee Assistance Program application you agreed to release award information to your health professions advisor, that information will be released along with your test scores. Additionally, if you indicated in your AMCAS application that you would like your application released to your health professions advisor, the AMCAS information released will include your MCAT scores — regardless of your answer to the Health Professions Advisor Release question in the MCAT Registration System.

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Medical Minority Applicant Registry (Med-MAR)

The Medical Minority Applicant Registry (Med-MAR) enhances outreach to applicants from groups historically underrepresented in medicine. Medical school applicants who self-identify as being from groups historically underrepresented in medicine or who are economically disadvantaged can elect to participate in Med-MAR.

If you choose to participate in Med-MAR, your basic biographical information with your MCAT scores will be distributed to AAMC-member schools. **Participation in Med-MAR is voluntary and may be elected only during the MCAT registration process. Your decision can be changed up until 10 days from your exam date. The MCAT program does not instruct eligible institutions on the method or frequency of outreach to participants or assist in the development or distribution of recruiting materials.**

If you agree to participate during the registration process, your name, address, age, gender, state of residence, undergraduate institution, undergraduate major, racial and ethnic group identification, email address, and MCAT scores will be made available to U.S. medical schools attempting to increase outreach to potential applicants from groups historically underrepresented in medicine and economically disadvantaged.

You are eligible if (1) you are a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident of the United States (green card holder) or have been granted refugee/asylum or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status by the U.S. government; and (2) you are economically disadvantaged or of low socioeconomic status or you self-identify as a member of a racial or ethnic group historically underrepresented in medicine — African American or Black, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.

Release to Alternate Contact

You may designate an alternate contact who is authorized to contact the AAMC on your behalf to obtain information about your MCAT registration and exams. To protect your private information, the AAMC does not share your MCAT total or section scores or other sensitive personal information with your alternate contact.

By completing this authorization, you release the AAMC from any liability resulting from release of information to the person you designate. This release does not in any way obligate the AAMC to provide any information to the designated parties.

A separate release is required if you are applying for testing accommodations and would like the MCAT Accommodations Services to correspond with medical professionals or others on your behalf. You may submit this release through the MCAT Registration System "Service Request" function.

Scheduling an MCAT Exam

Once you have answered the necessary registration questions, you will be able to schedule a test date and location.

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Scheduling Details

The most **current** list of test centers is available on the Pearson VUE website. Test centers have limited capacity, and seats are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

You must complete your registration online via the MCAT Registration System before you can schedule your MCAT appointment. Once your exam is scheduled, you will receive an email confirming your appointment. This confirmation email will include the details of your appointment — including the name you used to register. Be sure to compare this name to the name on the MCAT-accepted ID you will use on test day.

If you do not receive an email confirmation within 24 hours of scheduling your appointment, that means it was not successfully scheduled. You will need to schedule the appointment again.

Fees and Deadlines

There is an initial registration fee and, for international locations, an international fee. Refer to MCAT Scheduling Fees to view the applicable registration and rescheduling fees.

There are three deadlines for making changes to your appointment: 60 days from exam date, 30 days from exam date, and 10 days from exam date. All deadlines take effect at 11:59 p.m. **local test center time**. For example, if your MCAT exam is scheduled for April 30, 2024, in Los Angeles, your 10-day deadline is 11:59 p.m. PT on April 20, 2024. Refer to Calendars, Scheduling Deadlines, and Score Release Dates for details about specific deadline dates. The AAMC does not grant deadline extensions. It is your responsibility to understand and meet the scheduling deadlines. If you need assistance, please note our available hours.

Registration Fees (in USD)

Registration Fees*	
Standard Registration	**$335**
Fee Assistance Program Registration	**$140**

*Examinees testing outside the United States, Canada, or U.S. territories will also be charged a $120 international fee in addition to the initial registration fee. International fees are nonrefundable upon registration cancellation.

The last day you can schedule an exam is 10 days prior to exam day.

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Rescheduling and Cancellations (in USD)

Standard Change Fees		
	Date and/or Test Center Reschedule Fee	**Cancellation Refund**
60 or more days before exam	**$50**	**$165**
30-59 days before exam	**$100**	**$165**
10-29 days before exam	**$200**	**$0**

Fee Assistance Program Change Fees		
	Date and/or Test Center Reschedule Fee	**Cancellation Refund**
60 or more days before exam	**$20**	**$70**
30-59 days before exam	**$40**	**$70**
10-29 days before exam	**$80**	**$0**

No changes are allowed fewer than 10 days before the exam.
All deadlines are at 11:59 p.m. local time of the test center on the day of the deadline.

Applicable Taxes

You may be required to pay applicable sales tax, value-added tax, goods and services tax, or similar tax required by law in the country or locality in which you are testing. If taxes are applicable, they will be collected at the time of scheduling.

Rescheduling Errors Based on Tax Rate

In the event you are attempting to reschedule to a location that has a different tax rate, you will not be able to reschedule through the MCAT Registration System. Please call Pearson VUE for assistance (866-281-7532).

Report Suspected Violations

Fair testing for all MCAT examinees is a priority for the AAMC. The MCAT exam is administered under strict supervision and security measures. If you receive, or have access to, information or material in any form from any source that you reasonably believe contains confidential exam content or has been represented to contain confidential exam content, it is your responsibility to immediately report its existence to the AAMC by sending an email to mcatsecurity@aamc.org.

Reports of Examinee Agreement violations, cheating, disclosure of confidential MCAT exam content, wrongdoing, or other alleged actions that undermine the integrity of the MCAT exam will be treated in a confidential manner. If you report such activity, the AAMC will not disclose your identity except on a need-to-know basis, including responses to subpoenas, court orders, or other legal processes.

What Should I Report?

Before, during, or after test day, please report to the AAMC and/or the test administrator any questionable behavior you observe or reasonably believe to have occurred or that may occur, including but not limited to examinees:

- Receiving assistance or copying from another test-taker.

- Taking a test for someone else.

- Having access to secure test questions before or after the exam.

- Presenting false, altered, or tampered identification to attempt to gain admission to the test center.

- Attempting to record or otherwise capture test questions during the exam.

- Using notes or unauthorized aids.

- Altering or falsifying score results or reports.

- Falsifying accommodations documentation.

It is in the interest of all examinees to report the questionable behavior of others. Engaging in any of the above-listed actions could provide an unfair advantage to an unethical and potentially unqualified examinee not only on the test but also as a medical school applicant.

Please report all potential testing violations to 202-903-0840 or mcatsecurity@aamc.org.

Investigation Procedures, Final Report, Arbitration, and Additional Actions

The AAMC Policies and Procedures for Investigating Reported Violations of Admission and Enrollment Standards apply and are incorporated into *The MCAT® Essentials for Testing Year 2024*.

- If you are the subject of an investigation by the AAMC, you shall fully cooperate with the AAMC investigation, produce all documents and materials requested by the AAMC, and submit to an in-person interview conducted by or on behalf of the AAMC at the association's request. You shall

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truthfully and completely answer all questions posed during investigative interviews conducted by or on behalf of the AAMC.

- If the AAMC initiates an investigation, it will notify you before issuing an investigation report. Investigation-related communications will be sent to you via email. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have an active email address on file with the AAMC that you check frequently. All responses to the AAMC must be submitted in writing.

- At its sole discretion, the AAMC may elect to send a fact-based investigation report documenting the violation and subsequent investigation, with any attachments provided by the applicant, to legitimately interested parties, both now and in the future.

You will be provided with a draft investigative report to review and an opportunity to respond before the final report is issued. If in your response you conclude that the draft report unfairly characterizes the matter under investigation or if agreement between the parties on the content and language of the report cannot be reached, you may request arbitration. Arbitration shall be conducted through written submission to the American Arbitration Association in Washington, D.C. **The sole issue for arbitration shall be whether the AAMC acted reasonably and in good faith in making its decision.**

In addition to issuing and disseminating the investigation report, the AAMC may take actions for policy or rules violations including but not limited to:

- Terminating an exam administration.

- Issuing a warning letter to an examinee.

- Placing MCAT scores on hold.

- Canceling an existing MCAT registration or score.

- Suspending MCAT registration eligibility for a limited period or permanently.

The AAMC may, at its sole discretion, file a civil lawsuit against you for material breaches of the Examinee Agreement that cause damage to the AAMC and/or a third party or for any other violation of the AAMC's legal rights. In addition, the AAMC may, at its sole discretion, refer you to one or more federal, state, or local prosecuting attorneys for criminal investigation and prosecution when it has a reasonable basis to conclude that you may have committed a crime in the course of violating the Examinee Agreement.

> **The AAMC reserves the right to investigate if there is evidence that you may have engaged in any behavior that may be considered detrimental to a fair and secure testing process or impacts the testing environment, security, and integrity of the exam. If you violate procedures or engage in irregular behavior, it will be reported to the AAMC.**

"To Be Determined" Test Centers

You may see "To Be Determined" test center sites (TBD sites) listed with generalized locations in metropolitan areas as decided by Pearson VUE. These sites do not have determined addresses at the time of scheduling. TBD sites exist for the sole purpose of offering as many seats as possible on each test date. TBD sites should be chosen only if you have the flexibility to travel up to a 40-mile radius within a metropolitan area from the central location. Examinees who register for a TBD site will not be eligible for a free reschedule to another site when they find out the actual location of the TBD site.

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You will be sent via email the TBD site address no fewer than 30 days before your exam date. The address information will also appear in the MCAT Registration System at that time.

Changing Your Appointment

You may make changes to your appointment online up until 10 days before your appointment date via the MCAT Registration System or by calling 202-828-0600. If you do not receive an email confirming your rescheduled appointment within 24 hours of rescheduling, please check your spam filter first and then contact us immediately.

Please note: Applicable fees will apply regardless of how soon a change takes place after your initial scheduling. No exceptions will be made (refer to Scheduling Fees).

Making all changes at one time will save you money. For example, if you make a simultaneous change to both test date and test center, you will be charged only one rescheduling fee; however, if you make the changes separately, you will be charged a fee for each change.

You may change your test date and/or test center, provided:

- Scheduling has opened for the desired exam date.
- Space is available. Current availability can be found online via the MCAT Registration System.
- Changes are made at least 10 days before the exam you are currently scheduled to take.
- Changes are made at least 10 days before the exam you wish to reschedule into. Once that exam date is within 10 days, rescheduling is no longer allowed.

You cannot reschedule into a future testing year.

Available Appointment Notification or "Notify Me"

If your MCAT exam appointment search indicates "None Available" for your preferred date and test center location, you can ask to be notified by email from Pearson VUE if an appointment becomes available at that test center location on that MCAT test date by clicking "Notify me."

Learn more about the available appointment notification feature.

Cancellations and Refunds

Cancellations may be made online through the MCAT Registration System up to 10 days before your appointment. You will receive an email confirming your cancellation. If you do not receive an email within 24 hours of your cancellation request, please contact us. If you do not cancel your appointment and you do not sit for the exam, you will be considered a "no show," and you will lose an attempt. It may take up to 24 hours after your original appointment time before you're able to schedule a new appointment. You will be required to pay the full registration fee.

Fees paid for rescheduling or for international sites are nonrefundable, and we will not extend any deadlines for any reason.

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Refunds are automatically applied to the credit or debit card used for the initial scheduling. Depending on the bank card's policy, the funds may take a few days to clear. We are unable to provide a refund to a different form of payment than was originally used, even if your card was lost, stolen, or deactivated.

Emergency Refund

If you experience an extenuating hardship prior to your MCAT exam appointment that affects your ability to attend your exam, the AAMC will review your circumstances. The following table summarizes qualifying events and required documentation.

Event	Documentation Requirements
You are or were hospitalized or visited the doctor for an unexpected acute medical emergency.	A doctor's note that indicates you are unable to take your exam due to a medical emergency or hospitalization that you experienced within 30 days of your exam. Please do not send hospital records.*
You experience a death in your immediate family.	Funeral program, obituary, or death certificate. The death or service must have taken place within 10 days of your exam date.
You must perform primary caregiver duties for someone who is sick.	A doctor's note that states the person you are primary caregiver for cannot be left without your assistance or availability on exam day. We will also accept power of attorney documentation for health-related emergency decision-making. Please do not send hospital records. The sickness must have occurred within 10 days of your exam date.
You are unexpectedly called away to active military service.	Official request for deployment dated within 30 days of your exam date. The deployment date must be within 30 days of your exam date.
You are unexpectedly called away for health care service duties related to a catastrophic event.	Official request for deployment dated within 30 days of your exam date. The deployment date must be within 30 days of your exam date.
You are required to report for jury duty on exam day.	Official documentation that you attended jury duty on your exam day.
You are displaced from your residence due to a natural disaster, or the national weather service or government recommend you shelter in place or evacuate.	Documentation of such event within 10 days of your exam date.
You test positive for COVID-19 5 or fewer days prior to exam day.	Positive COVID-19 test taken by you, dated within 5 days prior to or within 7 days after your exam date.

*If you believe you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, but they are not supported by a positive test, we will consider a note from a medical professional as described in the first row of this table.

Other events not listed in the table above will be considered at the AAMC's discretion. The AAMC reserves the right to limit the number of approved Emergency Refund Requests (ERRs) per examinee.

Requests must be submitted using the Emergency Refund Request Form in the Service Requests section of the MCAT Registration System. **Complete requests, including all necessary accompanying documentation, must be received no later than 10 days after your scheduled exam date.**

- **The maximum emergency refund amount is the amount of the 30-day+ cancellation refund.**
- **This exam may still count as one of your attempts toward your testing limits.**

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- **The ERR process does not result in the AAMC canceling your exam.**
- **Your exam will go into a "no-show" status, and the refund will be processed after your exam date.**
- **You will be able to schedule a new exam after your current exam date.**

If you know you will be unable to take your exam and have not yet reached the cancellation deadline, you are encouraged to **cancel or reschedule your appointment** as soon as possible to guarantee your attempt is not counted.

Do not submit an ERR until you are absolutely certain you will not be able to attend your exam. Do not go to the test center once you've submitted an ERR. Emergency Refund Requests are not reversible.

The AAMC will email the decision about your request within two weeks of receipt of the required documentation. Approved refunds will be applied to the method of payment used during the initial scheduling process.

Refunds are not guaranteed and are issued at the AAMC's sole discretion. The AAMC will not refund rescheduling fees.

MCAT Appointments Are Subject to Change or Cancellation

The AAMC and its test-delivery administrator, Pearson VUE, make every attempt to ensure all facilities are properly equipped and fully functional on test day and that access to the test center is available to examinees. On those rare occasions when we are unable to administer the exam as a result of situations outside our control, it may be necessary for the AAMC to reschedule to new locations and/or dates based on availability. Situations outside our control include, but are not limited to:

- Technical or equipment issues.

- Power outages.

- Civil unrest, including protests and/or demonstrations.

- State or local government mandates, including applicable stay-at-home orders, curfews, or restrictions on business operations to protect health and safety.
- Weather or environmental hazards, including hurricanes, unsafe road conditions (for example, ice), tornados, wildfires, and flooding.

The AAMC understands that late cancellations are stressful. We will work with displaced examinees to secure an alternate test date or provide a full refund of your base registration fee as appropriate. You will not be responsible for rescheduling fees in this situation. If in this process a testing attempt is exhausted, it can be returned, if needed. Keep your contact information current so the AAMC or Pearson VUE can contact you in the unlikely event we need to notify you of a change. If you have questions about the status of your exam, please contact us at mcat@aamc.org.

After the testing year ends, the AAMC and Pearson VUE will not administer makeup exams at the request of the examinee or reimburse or compensate for lost wages, phone costs, or travel expenses. Additionally, the AAMC is not responsible for missed application deadlines and will not expedite the release of scores as a result of a rescheduled appointment.

If the AAMC or Pearson VUE cancels your appointment for any reason, you will receive a full refund of your base registration fee. To sit for the exam, you must schedule a new appointment. Keep in mind that toward the end of the year seats fill up and rescheduling may not be possible. The fee *cannot* be applied toward a future testing year.

What You Need to Know About Test Day

The AAMC is deeply committed to ensuring the accuracy and validity of test scores by providing fair, consistent, and secure testing conditions for all examinees. To do so, the staff at each test center strictly adheres to a set of test-day procedures.

The AAMC and Pearson VUE consistently monitor health and safety conditions closely, and any widespread changes in testing conditions will be communicated to examinees directly through email and on our website. Pearson VUE offers guidance on their website to aid examinees in understanding requirements prior to exam day. You are encouraged to check this site often, especially in the days leading up to your exam.

Test Center Current Address

The current address of your test center is available in the MCAT Registration System. On rare occasions, a test center address or location may change. If such an address change occurs, the AAMC or Pearson VUE will make every effort to notify you via email before your test date.

> **Plan ahead by locating the test center before test day. You will not be allowed to enter the testing center, but you will learn how to get there and how long it will take.**

Time Zones

Know what time zone your test center adheres to, especially if you are crossing a state or county line. *It may be different from what you expect*. For example, daylight saving time is not adhered to by all U.S. states or local regions within a state.

Inclement Weather and Other Test Center Closures

Unless you are otherwise notified via email, test centers will be open even in the event of inclement weather, and examinees will be expected to report for their appointments. You will receive an email from Pearson VUE or the AAMC if a test center is closed for any reason. *Fees will not be refunded if you are delayed or unable to reach the test center*, so please allow sufficient travel time to reach your test center safely. If you have questions or concerns about weather affecting your ability to reach the test site, please submit an Emergency Refund Request Form in the Service Requests section of the MCAT Registration System,

Arriving at the Test Center

Report to the test center at least 30 minutes before your exam start time to ensure you have enough time to check in, store your personal belongings, and prepare to test. If you arrive more than 30 minutes before your start time, the test center may not yet be open. If you arrive after your exam start time, *you might not be allowed to test*. There are no refunds granted for late arrivals or missed exams ("no-shows").

Owing to the nature of the check-in process, not all examinees will begin testing precisely at the scheduled start time. This will not affect your total testing time. Please note: outside guests are not allowed in the testing center at any time.

No-Shows

A "no-show" counts as one of your attempts, regardless of the reason. If you are late or do not sit for an exam you registered for, you will be considered a no-show. No-shows will not be reported to schools or programs to which you are applying, but they *will* count toward the maximum number of test attempts you are allowed (refer to Testing Limits).

Your scheduling fee will not be refunded if you are a no-show. **This policy also applies to examinees who are not admitted as a result of improper identification or other policy violations.**

Once you begin the exam, you are considered to have used one of your testing attempts even if you void your exam or do not complete the test (refer to Voiding Your Exam). A voided exam counts as one of your attempts, regardless of the reason.

Check-In Rules and Procedures

Examinees will be checked in and seated in the testing room one at a time by the test administrator. The check-in process consists of the following steps, although the order of the steps may vary slightly.

Review of Test Center Regulations

You will be presented with the AAMC Candidate Rules Agreement, which outlines the standard test center rules and regulations, for your review. In addition to the AAMC Candidate Rules Agreement, each testing center may have its own regulations regarding expectations of you while you are in that facility. Failing to comply with the AAMC Candidate Rules Agreement or test center regulations may result in the termination of your exam.

Verification of ID

To be admitted into the exam, you will need to provide an MCAT-accepted ID, as described earlier in this document. The test administrator may scan the ID, in whole or in part, and information stored digitally on the ID may be collected.

Digital Signature

You will be required to provide a digital signature during the check-in process. Your signature indicates your agreement to adhere to the AAMC Candidate Rules and is verification of your identity; it may also be used as part of the AAMC's investigation procedures.

Palm Vein Scan

A scan of your palm veins will be taken at check-in. Palm vein biometric recognition examines the unique patterns in the veins of your palms using a safe, near-infrared light source like that in a TV remote control.

Palm vein recognition allows Pearson VUE to detect people attempting to test under assumed identities. By preventing proxy testers, this technology helps Pearson VUE maintain the integrity of examinations, which upholds the validity of your MCAT scores.

Photo Capture

A digital passport-style photo of you will be captured during the check-in process. The test-day photo may also be used as part of the AAMC's investigation procedures.

Storage of Personal Belongings

Unless authorized by the AAMC prior to your test date, all personal items must be stowed in the provided secure storage as directed by the test administrator. You will be required to store cell phones and small electronic devices in sealed bags given to you at the test center. **The bag must remain sealed until a test administrator opens it at the conclusion of your exam.** Neither the AAMC nor Pearson VUE will be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

> **The AAMC recommends you bring as few personal items as possible, including jewelry and watches, to the test center. You will be asked to remove these items on test day. You will also be required to turn out your pockets to demonstrate they are empty**.

You may bring ONLY the following personal items into the testing room:

- Eyeglasses, subject to visual and physical inspection by test administrators.
- MCAT-accepted ID.
- Items provided by the test center:
  - Earplugs (personal earplugs are not allowed).
  - Storage key.
  - Noteboard booklet.
  - Fine-point marker.

No other items are permitted unless previously approved by the AAMC.

If you require an item or a medical device in the testing room for a medical condition or disability, you must obtain prior approval from the AAMC through the accommodations request process (refer to Testing With Accommodations). If you have additional questions, email us at accommodations@aamc.org. You are encouraged to contact us as early as possible in advance of your test date to ensure we have enough time to review your request.

Personal items that appear suspicious may be photographed or confiscated.

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Noteboard Booklets

You will be provided with a [noteboard booklet](#) for note taking during the exam. It contains nine 14-by-8.5-inch wet-erase pages.

Noteboard booklet usage and guidelines:

- The noteboard booklet must remain on your desk and in one piece. You may use the noteboard when the test administrator starts your exam.
- You may not:
    - Rip, tear, or separate the noteboard booklet.
    - Conceal or remove the booklet, in whole or in part, from the exam room, including during any breaks or at the end of the exam.
    - Wipe or erase any of your notes from the booklet.
    - Use your noteboard booklet upon returning from a break prior to beginning the next section.
- If you require an additional noteboard booklet during the exam, please raise your hand to alert the test administrator, who will exchange your original booklet for a new one.

Entering and Exiting the Testing Room

Every time you enter the testing room, you will be asked to provide your ID and place your palms on the scanning device. You will also be required to pat yourself down to show the administrator you do not have any prohibited items in your clothing and to turn your pockets inside-out to show they are empty. You may be asked to remove sweaters or sweatshirts for inspection. Coats and jackets of any kind are not permitted in the testing room. If you refuse, you might not be allowed to test.

You will be required to begin your exam immediately upon sitting at your workstation. Owing to the volume of examinees at your test center and the check-in procedures, actual start times will vary by individual.

Any time you wish to leave the testing room, whether you have completed your exam or wish to take a break, you must raise your hand to alert the test administrator and remain seated at your workstation until the test administrator escorts you out of the testing room. You will be required to provide your palm vein scan and/or ID every time you return to the testing room.

Test-Day Certification Statement

On test day, you will be presented with an on-screen Certification Statement at the start of your exam. The Certification Statement reminds you of the obligations under the Examinee Agreement and *The MCAT® Essentials* to which you agreed when you registered for the exam. By clicking the circle indicating that you agree with the Certification Statement, you will be certifying that you have read and agree to abide by all rules and policies set forth in the Examinee Agreement and *The MCAT® Essentials*. If you refuse to agree to the test-day Certification Statement, you will not be able to continue with the exam. The full text of the Certification Statement that you will see on test day is as follows:

TEST-DAY CERTIFICATION

By proceeding with today's MCAT® exam, you certify that you have not and will not engage in any conduct that compromises the integrity, validity, or security of the MCAT exam. You certify that:

- Prior to the exam, you did not give or receive information about the questions that might appear on your MCAT exam. During the exam, you will not give or receive information about the content of the exam.
- You will keep the MCAT exam content confidential indefinitely, including, but not limited to: exam questions, passages, graphics, incorrect responses, correct answers, and topic lists, frequency and order of exam topics, when described in more specific detail than the What's on the MCAT Exam.
- You are the person whose name appears on this MCAT exam registration and you meet the eligibility requirements for sitting for the MCAT exam.
- You are taking the MCAT exam for the sole purpose of applying to and attending a health-professions school and program that accepts MCAT exam results to satisfy a test-score admissions requirement, unless otherwise approved by the AAMC.
- You will not access any written materials, electronic devices, cell phones, or other unauthorized items at any point during today's MCAT administration which includes any scheduled or unscheduled breaks.
- You will abide by all MCAT policies and procedures found in *The MCAT Essentials*, including the Examinee Agreement to which you agreed when you registered for the MCAT exam.
- You understand that a violation of any MCAT rule may result in an investigation which could lead to a report of factual findings sent to legitimately interested parties, score cancellation, a partial or permanent ban from taking the MCAT in the future, or civil or criminal penalties.

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

○ I agree

○ I do NOT agree

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In the Testing Room

- Your MCAT-accepted ID must be visible on your desk at all times.

- Time is counted down by section. If you finish a section early, you may continue to the next section, but *additional time will not carry over to any subsequent sections or breaks*. You will not be able to return to a previous section once it has been completed.

- You must follow all directions and verbal instructions provided by the testing staff.

- Test administrators constantly monitor the testing room. Each exam station is monitored and recorded via closed-circuit digital video recording.

- If you require assistance or encounter a problem while taking the exam, raise your hand immediately. The test administrator will come to you and, if needed, may escort you out of the testing room.

Breaks, Food, and Drink

The MCAT exam contains three optional, scheduled breaks. See the Exam Overview on page 6 for details. If you take an unscheduled break at any time, your testing time will **not** stop. You will be responsible for tracking your break time using the clock in the test center waiting area. If you do not see a clock, you may ask the test center staff where you can monitor your time. Test center staff are not responsible for recording or tracking your time.

Should you finish a content section early, you must end that section before you take your scheduled break. Any remaining time in the section may not be used to extend any subsequent sections or breaks.

> **If you return from a break before the break time expires, you will be required to continue the exam immediately upon being seated. Any remaining break time will *not* be applied to subsequent sections of the exam or future or scheduled breaks.**

Follow the exam schedule carefully (refer to MCAT Exam Content). Taking breaks longer than the allotted time can lead to loss of exam time or ability to void the exam. If your break exceeds the allotted time, any overage may be subtracted from the time in the following test section. **You will need to allow time for check-in procedures when you return from your break.**

You are permitted to bring your own food and drinks; however, these items must be stored outside the testing room in your assigned locker or other storage provided to you at the test center. You may access them on your breaks. You will not be permitted to leave the test center floor or building to retrieve food or drink, nor will you be permitted to have food or drink delivered to the testing center. There are no microwaves or refrigerators available in the test centers for your use.

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Scoring or Voiding Your Exam

On test day, you have the option to void your MCAT exam if you do not want your test to be scored. When you finish your exam, you will see this screen:

Congratulations! You have completed the exam.

> If you would like to have your MCAT® exam SCORED, select **I wish to have my MCAT exam SCORED**. If you select this option, your results will be reported and you will not be able to cancel your scores on a later date.
>
> If you wish to VOID your MCAT® exam and NOT have it scored, select **I wish to VOID my MCAT exam.** Your results will not be scored, and you will not receive a refund of your scheduling fee.
>
> If time expires before you submit your selection, your answer will default to your current selection. If no selection is made, your answer will default to SCORED.

○ I wish to have my MCAT exam SCORED.

○ I wish to VOID my MCAT exam.

Select **Next** to submit your selection.

You have ONE opportunity to score or void your exam. Once you select "Next" to submit your selection, your decision is final. Voiding or scoring cannot be reversed after the exam.

The AAMC understands that circumstances in a testing room (e.g., lighting, temperature, noise) or circumstances particular to a person on test day (e.g., illness) may impact an examinee's performance and relies on the examinee to make the subjective determination of whether the circumstances impaired his or her performance such that they should void their score on exam day.

Please note:

- If you do not want your exam scored, you must select "I wish to **VOID** my MCAT exam" when prompted on your computer screen. Notifying the test administrator of your intent to void your exam is not sufficient. If you are not presented with the void-exam question, ask the test administrator to file a report before leaving the test center, **and** submit a Test Center Concern for the situation to be investigated.

- If you must leave before completing your exam because of illness or unforeseen circumstances, the AAMC requires you to click through your exam in order to void it. Otherwise, you must ask the test administrator to file a report before you leave the test center, and, after you leave the test center, you must submit a Test Center Concern so the AAMC may void your exam for you. If you do not submit a Test Center Concern, your exam may be scored.

- Failure to properly void your exam may result in the release of your scores. These scores cannot be removed from your testing history, and scores cannot be voided after they have been released.

- If you do not make a selection when presented with the void-exam question before time expires, your exam will be scored.

- Once you make your decision to score or void your exam, you cannot change it.

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What Happens After You Void Your Exam?

- Information from voided exams is not included on score reports sent to medical schools. Indication of a voided exam will be displayed in the MCAT Score Reporting System after the scheduled score release date, for only you to see.

- A voided exam *does* **count** toward your testing limits (refer to Testing Limits chart on page 6).

- Voiding an exam is not grounds for a refund.

- Your score or void decision will be included in the confirmation letter you receive from the test administrator.

- The AAMC Services Contact Center might not have the information about your decision to score or void your exam until at least five days after the test date.

After the Exam

After you complete your exam and are escorted out of the testing room, you must hand the test administrator your sealed digital device bag(s) to be opened, present your ID again to the test administrator, and return all materials supplied by the test center. After you return these items, a test administrator will provide you with a completion confirmation letter. This letter is for your records and is proof that you sat for and completed the exam.

Registering for Another Test Date

There is a 24-hour waiting period once you complete your MCAT exam before you are permitted to register for another exam through the MCAT Registration System. Any attempts to register for another exam before the MCAT Registration System makes that option available to you, such as using a new or different AAMC ID, is a violation of MCAT policies that may be subject to the AAMC's investigation procedures.

Once the waiting period is complete, the MCAT Registration System will allow you to register or schedule another test date.

Reporting a Test Center Concern

If you believe that an issue or disruption at the test center interfered with your performance on the exam, including an issue with the delivery of your approved accommodations, and you wish to have the AAMC investigate what occurred, you must:

- Ask the test administrator to file a case report **at the time the incident occurs.** You should ask for the case report number so you can include it in your Test Center Concern service request.
  - If you do not ask the test administrator to witness and document your concern at the time the problem occurs, the AAMC may be limited in its ability to research your test center concern.
  - The test center is not responsible for researching or resolving any problems you experienced (only the AAMC can do that); however, filing the case report the day of the exam allows the AAMC to act on your test center concern.

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- Submit the MCAT Test Center Concern service request form through the MCAT Registration System **no later than five calendar days after your exam**.
  - When you log into the MCAT Registration System, the service request forms are located on the bottom left-hand tile. You will receive an automatic email confirmation upon submission.
  - Concerns received after five calendar days or sent via other channels **will not** be reviewed.

Once your test center concern has been investigated, an MCAT specialist will email you with a resolution or request additional information. The investigation process can take up to 35 days from the date of your exam. In the event that we are unable to complete our test center concern investigation prior to the scheduled score release, your score may be held until the investigation is concluded. If your score is on hold, you will not be able to view or release your score until it is released.

Issues Preventing Completion of Your Exam

If you are unable to complete your exam because of workstation outages, power outages, or other test-day issues, you are encouraged to submit a Test Center Concern.

If an Error Occurs

The AAMC takes great care to ensure registrations are properly processed and exams are properly prepared, administered, and scored. In the unlikely event that the test administration service is not successfully delivered or completed, the AAMC may, at its sole discretion, permit you to either retest at no additional fee or receive a partial or full refund of the registration fee in lieu of receiving a score. Please note: the remedies described within this section are the exclusive remedies available for errors in registrations, exam information, scoring (including score reporting), testing disruptions, or potential compromises to exam content by one or more examinees through prior access.

Testing Irregularities

The MCAT exam is a standardized test, which requires that certain aspects of the exam remain constant across the entire testing population, including, but not limited to, the number of questions, the subject areas covered, the difficulty of the exam overall, and the conditions under which the test is administered. In the rare event an irregularity occurs and results in one of the standardized aspects of your exam being altered to an extent that you may have been unfairly impaired or advantaged, the AAMC may, at its sole discretion, cancel your scores. In such cases, the raw or scaled score will not be disclosed to you, medical schools, or any other interested parties. The AAMC will make every effort to find you a test date to retake your exam. If you wish to retake your exam, you will be required to retake it in full. In cases where rescheduling is not possible, especially late in the testing year when fewer opportunities remain, your registration fee will be fully refunded. The fee **cannot** be applied toward a future testing year. The AAMC and Pearson VUE will not reimburse or compensate for lost wages, travel expenses, or other costs associated with taking the MCAT exam.

Test Question Challenges

Please notify the AAMC **no later than five calendar days after your exam** if you believe a question was flawed, ambiguous, redundant, or repetitive.

You may submit an MCAT Test Question Challenge through the MCAT Registration System. Challenges received after five calendar days will not be investigated.

The AAMC will provide a written response via email to test question challenges submitted in a timely manner. You may expect a written response within two to three weeks from the date we receive your correspondence.

Discussion of the MCAT Exam

The AAMC developed guidelines to help you understand the prohibition on disclosure of exam content and how you may appropriately share your exam experience.

What IS permitted:

- Commenting on your general exam experience, such as test center conditions or how you felt about a particular test section.

- Describing the exam with the same level of detail as in the What's on the MCAT Exam? content outline.

What is NOT permitted:

- Describing in more specific detail than in the What's on the MCAT Exam? content outline: exam questions, passages, graphics, incorrect responses, correct answers, topic lists, and frequency and order of exam topics.

- Outlining the steps or process to answer a question.

- Speculating about which questions are field-test or experimental questions.

- Assisting anyone else in doing any of the above.

While you may read or hear other guidelines inconsistent with these statements, keep in mind that the information contained herein, and in the binding MCAT Examinee Agreement, is directly from the AAMC. By following these guidelines, it is possible to share your MCAT experience without committing a violation.

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MCAT Scores

MCAT Score Report

Name: Tom Jones
Exam Date: 04/18/2015
AAMC ID: 20001856
Date of Birth: 01/07/1970

Section	Score	Confidence Band [1]	Percentile Rank of Score [2]	Score Profile [3]
Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems	124	123◆125	44%	118 — 125 — 132
Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills	123	122◆124	36%	118 — 125 — 132
Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems	127	126◆128	75%	118 — 125 — 132
Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior	127	126◆128	75%	118 — 125 — 132
MCAT Total	501	499◆503	54%	

Notes

[1]Test scores, like other measurements, are not perfectly precise. The confidence bands around test scores mark the ranges in which the test taker's true scores probably lie. The diamond shapes and shading show that the test taker's true scores are more likely to be their reported scores (in the second column) than the other scores in the confidence bands.

[2]The percentile ranks of scores are the percentages of test takers who received the same scores or lower scores. The percentile ranks are updated on May 1 every year to reflect the results from previous calendar year(s).

[3]For the four sections, non-overlapping confidence bands show a test taker's likely strengths and weaknesses. Overlapping confidence bands suggest that there are not meaningful differences in performance between sections.

Disclaimer: Percentile rankings may differ from year to year.

Exam Scoring

You will receive a separate score for each of the four sections of the MCAT exam, as well as a total score.

- Your raw score on each of the four multiple-choice sections is based on the numbers of questions you answer correctly in each section. There is no penalty for guessing.

- The raw score for each section is then converted to a scaled score ranging from 118 (lowest) to 132 (highest).

- Your total scaled score is the sum of the four individual section scores and will range from 472 to 528.

- Every test form of the MCAT exam measures the same basic concepts and skills. However, each form is different in the specific questions it uses. While care is taken to make sure that the forms are equivalent in difficulty, one form may be slightly more or less difficult than another. The conversion of raw scores to scaled scores, through a process called equating, compensates for small variations in difficulty between sets of questions and ensures that scores have the same meaning, no matter when you test or who tests at the same time you did.

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- A percentile rank is reported along with each section and total score. The percentile ranks of scores are the percentages of test-takers who received the same score as or lower scores than you did. Updates to the percentile ranks will be made on May 1 each year. The percentile ranks will be updated with all examinees' scores from the most recent three years.

For additional information on exam scoring, please visit our MCAT scores webpage.

Receiving and Sending Scores

Your test scores will be available for viewing no later than **5 p.m. ET** on the day of the score release for your exam. You can view your scores by signing into the MCAT Score Reporting System. You will not see your recent exam date(s) in the history section of the MCAT Score Reporting System until scores are released. Refer to 2024 Calendars, Scheduling Deadlines, and Score Release Dates for tentative release dates.

AAMC staff will *not* provide scores over the phone or via email. The AAMC is not responsible for any claims for damages resulting from delayed transmission of test scores for any reason.

Score Reporting Through Your AMCAS Application

If you are applying to medical school through the American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®), your scores are automatically pulled into your application as soon as they are released, regardless of application status. No action is necessary on your part.

Since April 2003, the AAMC has followed a **full disclosure policy**. Under the full disclosure policy, all tests taken from April 2003 onward will be included in score reports or be made available through your AMCAS application. Scores from exams taken before 2003 will also be included in your AMCAS application if they were previously released to the AMCAS program.

To contact the AMCAS program, email amcas@aamc.org or call 202-828-0600.

Score Reporting Through the MCAT Score Reporting System

The MCAT Score Reporting System (SRS) can be used to send your scores electronically to participating programs or application services other than the AMCAS program. Alternately, you can print official score reports to send to whomever you wish. Printed official score reports can be verified online using a unique verification URL found on the resulting PDF. Both features are accessible under the "My Reports" menu within SRS and are available to you at no additional charge.

Official score reports that are printed and provided to a third party must be accompanied by a verification URL on the PDF. Screenshots, PNG or JPG files, or other representations of an MCAT score report that do not contain a verification URL are not considered legitimate and should not be considered official by recipients. Any attempt to present such artifacts as an official MCAT score report will be considered a false claim and will be subject to investigation procedures.

Consistent with our full disclosure policy, all tests for which you received a score from April 2003 and beyond will be included in electronic score reports. If you elected for an exam to be scored, you cannot exclude that score from the score report, or send an individual score to a program, through the Score Reporting Service.

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Once you request that your scores be sent to institutions through the Score Reporting System, all scores in your score report will be released to the authorized institutions as they become available. Additionally, in the following one year (365 days) after you requested your scores to be sent, any new scores released will be automatically transmitted to the authorized institution as they become available. If you receive new MCAT scores more than a year after your previous request, you will need to submit a new request to have your new scores sent to the authorized institutions other than those in the AMCAS program. A history of your requests, including where you requested your scores be sent and the date of your requests, can be accessed via the "Scores Sent to Institutions" report under the "My Reports" menu in the MCAT Score Reporting System.

It is ultimately an examinee's responsibility to make sure MCAT scores are received by authorized third-party programs or application services. False or inaccurate claims made to the AAMC, any institution, or any other entity related to scores or their submission to various entities is a violation of AAMC policy that is subject to investigation procedures.

Rescoring

The process to compute and report MCAT scores is rigorous, and the AAMC conducts a variety of quality control procedures to verify score accuracy. The possibility for error in the scoring process is extremely low. However, if you believe that a scoring error has been made, you may request that your answers be independently rescored by hand.

To request a rescore, you may submit an MCAT Rescore Request through the MCAT Registration System. Rescore Requests can be submitted **no later than 30 calendar days after the score release date**. After submitting a Rescore Request, you will receive an invoice for payment via email. A Rescore Request is not complete until full payment is received. The price for a Rescore Request is $80 USD for the 2024 testing year.

The AAMC will respond to your request within three weeks of payment. The response letter will either confirm your original scores as reported or inform you of the corrected scaled scores for each test section. We will not disclose your raw scores or provide any additional feedback on your exam performance or experience.

Contacting Us

AAMC customer service specialists are available to assist you with the registration process, test-day procedures, and score reporting. To help ensure resolution of your question or concern before your test date, **contact us no later than the 10-day deadline associated with your test date.** Please allow up to two business days for a reply to your email.

MCAT Program	Telephone: 202-828-0600
AAMC	Contact Form
655 K St. NW, Suite 100	Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. ET
Washington, DC 20001-2399	Closed Wednesday, 3-5 p.m. ET

On MCAT test days, staff are available at a minimum from 7:30 a.m. to noon ET.

These hours are subject to change. Please visit the MCAT website for the most up-to-date information.

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