

# Medicine (A100)

## Admissions exercise 2020

### How we reached our shortlisting decisions

#### Overview

We received 2,054 applications.

- Of these 2,054 applicants, 1,972 successfully registered for the BMAT
- Of these 2,054 applicants, 164 did not meet our requirements for entry (most often because they were too young, did not explain why they were applying on the basis of re-sits, were only sitting one or two A-level exams after receiving centre-assessed grades this summer rather than three, or did not possess suitable academic credentials)
- Of these 2,054 applicants, 20 withdrew from the application process before shortlisting

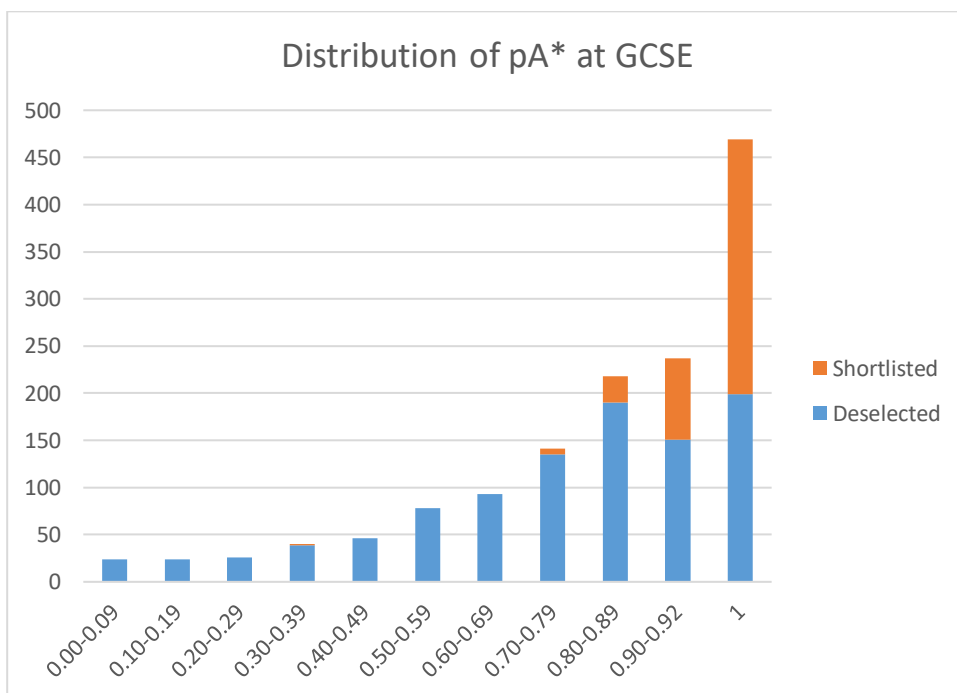
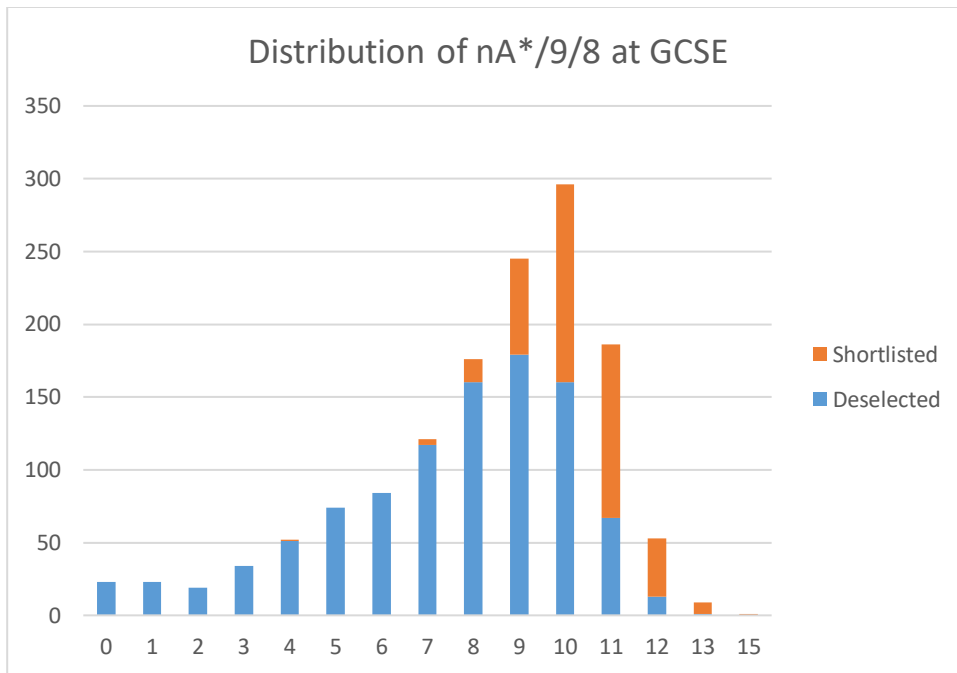
The data below refer to the subset of 1,851 applicants (90%) who were eligible to apply *and* had registered for the BMAT (with most of these receiving a score, despite the difficulties experienced with the delivery of the test by CAAT this year) *and* had not withdrawn their application by the time of shortlisting.

- 75% of these applicants were studying A-levels.
- 75% of these applicants had 6 or more GCSEs.
- Approximately 73% of these applicants applied from a school in the UK.
- 21% of these applicants resided outside the EU and 9% resided in the EU.
- Shortlisting was based on BMAT performance (where a score was available, with any circumstances relevant to BMAT performance brought to our attention duly noted) and GCSE performance (where available).
- 426 applicants (23%) were invited to interview.
- 62.5% of the total number of applicants with viable applications and 59% of those shortlisted were female.

#### GCSE performance

The average number of GCSEs offered was 10.1 and average number of A\*/9/8 was  $8.2 \pm 2.7$ . The mean proportion of A\*/9/8 for all applicants (number of A\*/9/8 at GCSE divided by total number of GCSEs, pA\*) was  $0.80 \pm 0.25$ .

For shortlisted applicants, the mean number of GCSEs offered was 10.6 and the average number of A\*/9/8 was  $10.2 \pm 1.2$  and pA\* was  $0.96 \pm 0.07$ .



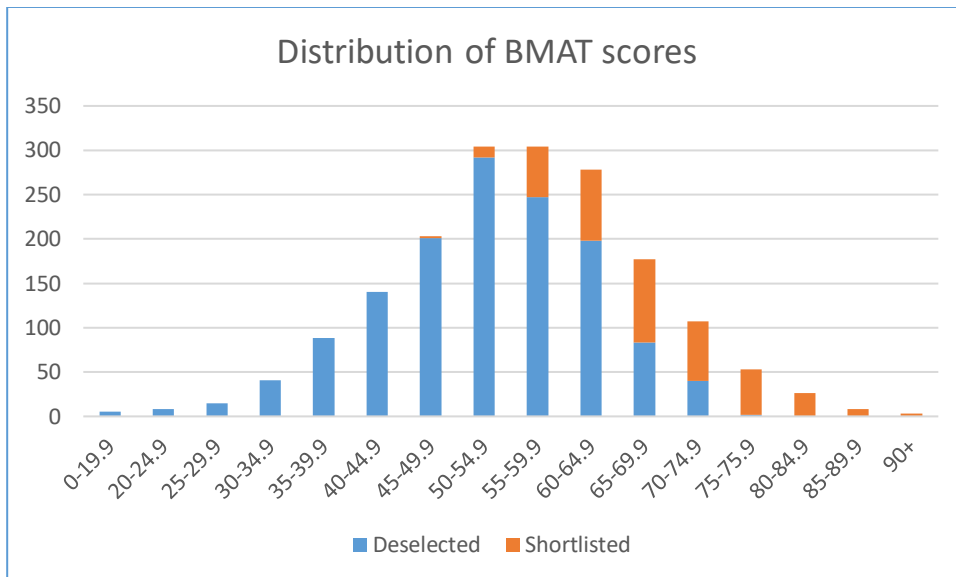
### BMAT performance

The average raw score for the subset of applicants who had their application taken forward as outlined above *and* received a BMAT score (including partial scores for some sections only, due to technical failure) was 5.1 on Section 1, 5 on Section 2, and 3.2A on Section 3.

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

The mean overall BMAT score for all applicants with viable applications was  $55.9 \pm 11.6$ .

For shortlisted applicants, the mean overall BMAT score was  $68.0 \pm 8.3$ .



### Shortlisting

Initial shortlisting was based on a combined BMAT and GCSE score (the latter only if available).

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

A small number of candidates were unable to take the BMAT for COVID-related reasons (not all of whom had informed CAAT as organisers of the test, as instructed in our email of 23 October acknowledging application). A further number failed to take the test despite registering and apparently making every effort to do so. A further small subset of candidates had partial scores as a result of failing to complete the test for technical reasons. A much larger number of candidates experienced some level of technical trouble during the delivery of the test, but were able to complete it and received complete scores. Where we had received such information pertaining to BMAT, either via CAAT, via the University of Oxford online form, or via email to [admissions@medschool.ox.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@medschool.ox.ac.uk), it was noted at the appropriate stage of shortlisting.

All non-shortlisted applicants were then reviewed to identify any candidates whose applications gave us cause to believe that their GCSE and/or BMAT performance underestimated their academic potential. As a result of this process, 41 additional applicants were added to the shortlist.

### International fee status applicants

Upwards of 350 applicants identified as international for fee-paying purposes submitted complete applications. Following shortlisting, which is conducted in line with the quota imposed on the Medical School by the UK Government for the available international places, 32 of these applicants were shortlisted.