The Doctor of Medicine (MD) Selection Committee will consider requests from applicants to defer the offer of enrolment in the MD course in cases of unforeseen and exceptional circumstances.

**Acceptable reasons for consideration of deferment that occurred subsequent to submission of application:**

- A serious personal illness
- An unforeseen financial constraint
- Family matters (must relate to immediate family and must require that the applicant takes direct and sole responsibility in extraordinary circumstances, e.g. serious illness)
- Representation in sports, arts or other activity at an Australian National level that requires an ongoing commitment such as team practice which cannot be undertaken in conjunction with study
- Extenuating circumstances, where the applicant is a recognised member of a target group for Medical School enrolments (e.g. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students)
- Other unforeseen circumstances deemed to be exceptional by the MD Selection Committee, provided adequate documentation is supplied.

**Non-acceptable reasons for consideration of deferment include:**

- Financial constraints that were known at the time of application
- Care of a family member that is not immediate family, and/or where the primary responsibility for that family member lies elsewhere (e.g. a sick grandparent where parents or other close family members are able to provide care)
- Personal illness of a more general nature where appropriate treatment is readily available
- Other studies.