

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.