

# Important Information

For international (Non-EU) students applying to RCSI's Medicine and Dentistry programmes for **September 2027** entry.

**Note:**

- Applicants to the four-year Graduate Entry Medicine (GEM) programme, are **NOT** required to complete Casper.
- Applicants for Dentistry who have or will have completed their degree by summer 2027, are **NOT** required to complete Casper.

## Casper Situational Judgement Test (SJT)

### INTRODUCTION

RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences uses the Casper Situational Judgement Test (SJT) as part of the admissions process for students applying for entry to the Medicine and Dentistry programmes.

### WHO WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE TEST?

| Required to sit Casper                                                       | NOT required to sit Casper                                                             |
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| ✓ School leaver applicants                                                   | ✗ Applicants to the four-year Graduate Entry Medicine (GEM) programme                  |
| ✓ Applicants undertaking a degree which will not be completed by summer 2027 | ✗ Applicants for Dentistry who have or will have completed their degree by summer 2027 |

Non-EU students who are applying to RCSI's Medicine and/or Dentistry programmes are required to sit the Casper Test as part of their application. The applicant's Casper score is reviewed alongside the normal application documents (academic transcripts, academic references, personal statement etc.) and is used as part of shortlisting process to select students who will be invited to the interview stage.

**Please note:** The Casper test must be taken in the year that the student is applying to the Medicine/ Dentistry programme, i.e. the Casper test must be taken in January 2027 for the Medicine/Dentistry course starting in September 2027.

## What is a situational judgement test?

Situational Judgement Tests are a type of psychological test used to assess social intelligence and professional characteristics, such as empathy, communication and collaboration. Casper presents test-takers with hypothetical dilemmas and asks them to respond based on their ethical judgement and personal values. These scenarios do not require any clinical training to complete.

## Why does RCSI use the test?

RCSI has undertaken research into 'admission best practice' and determined that the Casper Situational Judgement Test will strengthen fairness, equality, inclusion and transparency in our application process.

By broadening the characteristics assessed at the admissions stage, we are aiming to create a more holistic overview of the applicant and offer a fairer and more reliable selection process.

## Why Casper?

The Casper test is widely used in university admissions—especially for medicine, dentistry, nursing, and other healthcare programmes—to assess non-academic qualities. Casper results are used alongside the academic grades, references, personal statements and CV, which are required as part of the full application.

Many SJTs are multiple choice (closed response), which means they only assess if someone knows what the expected behaviour is. The Casper test is open response, allowing test-takers to answer authentically in their own words, about not just what they would do but WHY they would take that course of action via both video and text responses. This means there is no single right answer, allowing diversity of perspective, based on the test-taker's individual experiences.

Areas assessed by the test include empathy, self-awareness, professionalism, motivation, problem-solving, resilience, collaboration and communication.

Responses used during the test are both video recorded and typed written responses.

## Are there any other changes to the application process?

No, the application process will remain unchanged and applicants should apply as normal through the correct channel. International (Non-EU) applicants residing in the US/Canada apply through [Atlantic Bridge](#) and all other international (Non-EU) applicants apply directly to RCSI via the [RCSI website](#).

As is always the case when applying to a university course, you should review the minimum academic entry requirements before completing your application and have confidence that you will meet these requirements.

## When Can I Take The Test?

The Casper Test will take place on **Sunday, 17 January 2027**:

- There will be two different timeslots available to facilitate students in different time zones. Please select one timeslot only.
- Students who may be applying to both Medicine and Dentistry only sit one test, as RCSI will use the test results for both programmes.
- Registration for the test is available on [this link](#).
- A test fee of \$85 USD is payable to Casper to sit the test.
- Casper is a proctored\* online test and can be taken from anywhere once the test-taker has access to a computer (laptop or desktop) and strong internet connection.

The results of the test will be made available to RCSI and the applicants, and the Casper scores will be used as part of the process to shortlist candidates for the interview stage.

Demand for Medicine and Dentistry seats is strong and places fill up quickly. Early application is recommended to ensure that your file is complete and to optimise your opportunity for a successful application.

\*An exam conducted under the supervision of an authorized proctor or invigilator to verify candidate identity and ensure adherence to examination regulations.

## How do I prepare for Casper?

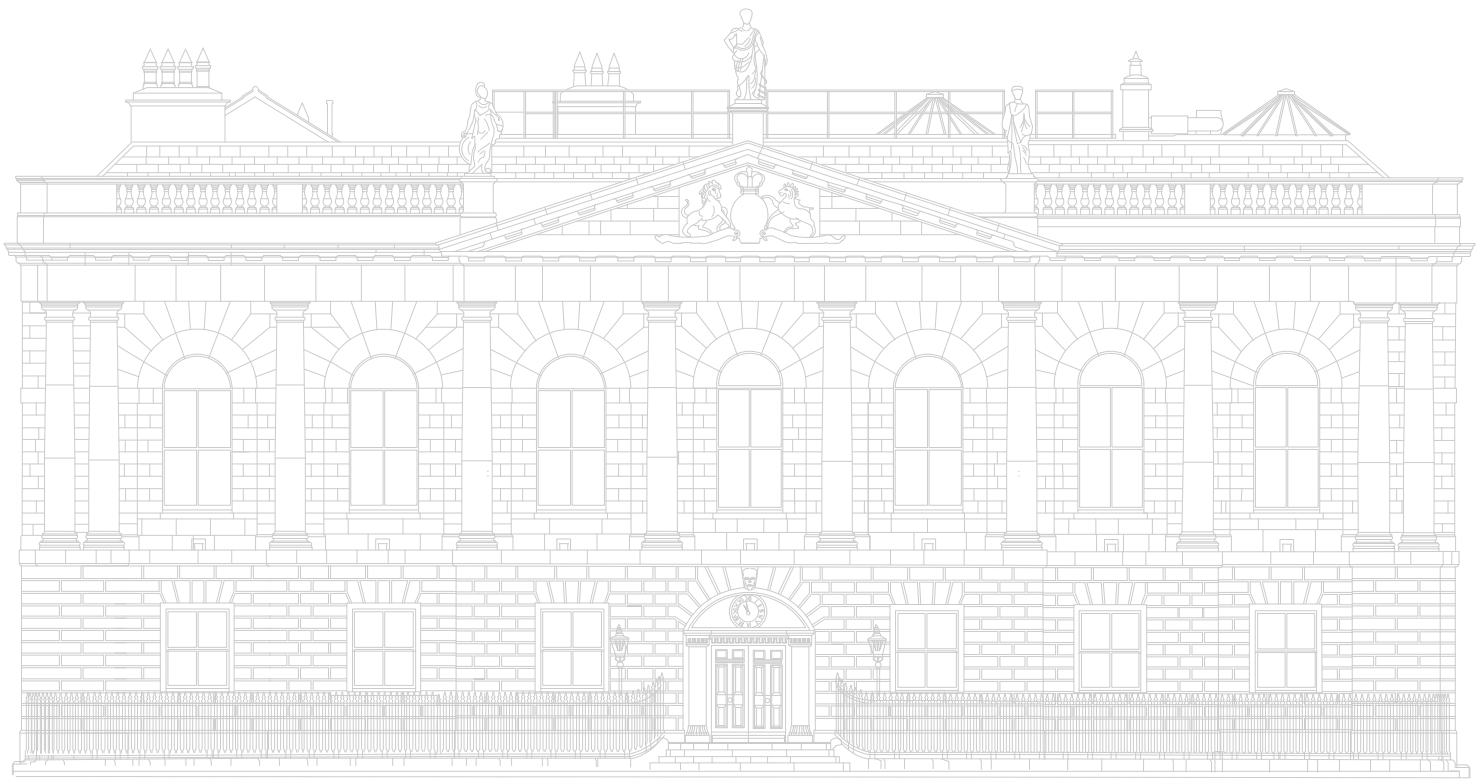
There is no preparatory course recommended for the Casper test. It is constructed using evidence-informed principles and coaching will not increase test performance. Once registered to take Casper, students will have access to a full practice test, which will help you to become familiar with its format. There is no additional preparation required other than ensuring your computer system can support the test, which you will be guided through once you register.

## How will the test work?

The Casper test takes **85 minutes to complete** (inclusive of breaks). Students are presented with a series of real-world situations, presented in either video or text-based formats, and students will be asked to respond in their own words via text and video responses.

The test is monitored remotely by a human proctor, and real-time support is available throughout the test. The tests are scored by a team of trained examination assessors from diverse backgrounds and geographies. Multiple assessors score each test to ensure consistency in the assessment process.

**Applicants receive a quartile rank score indicating how they have scored relative to their peers.**



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