Can I get into the Bachelor of Medical Imaging (Honours) directly from school?

No. Applicants completing a secondary qualification in New Zealand or overseas are not eligible to apply directly for the BMedImag(Hons) programme at the University of Auckland.

There are only two application categories into the BMedImag(Hons) programme:

1. Undergraduate Entry:
   - Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Science) at the University of Auckland
   - Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) at the University of Otago

Applicants must complete the required first year (FY) courses (minimum of 120 points) as below in either the BSc(Biomedical Science) at the University of Auckland or HSFY at Otago and achieve a minimum GPA of 5 (B average) across all FY courses in order to be eligible for consideration for an admission interview.

All applicants deemed eligible will then be ranked on their grades achieved in the seven prerequisite courses (as listed below in bold).

Required FY programme of study

### BSc (Biomedical Science) First Year (Auckland)

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* During your BSc first year, you will take one General Education course from either the Faculty Schedule (EMHSS) or the Open Schedule (O) excluding BIOSCI 100G, MEDSCI 100G, MEDSCI 101G, POPHLTH 103G, POPHLTH 104G.

For more information, please visit: [www.auckland.ac.nz/generaleducation](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/generaleducation)

2. Graduate Entry:

Graduates who achieve a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5 (B average) or equivalent across a relevant undergraduate degree completed on a full-time basis from any New Zealand university, or from a recognised overseas tertiary institution, are eligible for consideration for an admission interview. The applicant’s last year of full-time study in a completed qualification should not have been more than 5 years prior to the application.

Graduate applicants deemed eligible for an admission interview will then be ranked based on the GPA from their last two academic years of full-time study only, and each year weighted equally (including Honours and Masters).

What if I am not eligible to apply under the admission categories outlined above?

Applicants whose education background differs to those outlined in the application categories above should contact the Faculty Admissions Office for advice: fmhs@auckland.ac.nz

### Preferential Entry Categories

You may apply through one of the following as either an Undergraduate or Graduate applicant:

**RRAS:** Up to 1 places are allocated each intake for students who have undertaken EITHER the full course of their pre-secondary education (Years 1-8) OR at least 3 years of secondary education in a regional or rural area. For the purpose of the scheme, a regional rural area is defined as any part of New Zealand that does **not** fall within the local authority boundaries of the Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Wellington, Porirua, Hutt, Upper Hutt, Christchurch or Dunedin City Councils.
MAPAS: This category is for students of Māori or Pacific descent. Up to 4 places will be offered to MAPAS candidates in each intake. Those applying under this scheme must be able to demonstrate a willingness to participate in their culture. MAPAS applicants must complete online **MH04 Supplementary Information Form**

**What are the conditions for entry into first year BSc (Biomedical Science)?**

Entry into the first-year of the BSc (Biomedical Science) is limited. Guaranteed school-leaver entry into this programme will require:
- a rank score of **280** at NCEA level 3, or;
- a rank score of **310** in CIE, or;
- a score of **33** in IB.

More information about the BSc Biomedical Science is available at [http://www.science.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/](http://www.science.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/)

**Do I need to have done three science subjects at school to be admitted into the BMedImag(Hons) programme?**

It is recommended that potential applicants for the BMedImag(Hons) take a range of science subjects at Year 13 level, including biology, chemistry and physics. If applicants have to choose, or wish to take, two science subjects only, biology and chemistry are recommended.

At least one **English rich subject** is also strongly recommended. Beyond the university entry standard, you will be required to demonstrate the ability to communicate well in written and spoken English, both for admission to and progress through the degree.

**Can I study BMedImag(Hons) part-time?**

No. The workload demands, length of the programme and clinical placements mean students must take the degree full-time.

**Is there a mid-year intake for BMedImag(Hons)?**

No

**Can I transfer from another Medical Imaging degree into the Auckland BMedImag(Hons)?**

No

**Do I need to sit UMAT for BMedImag(Hons)?**

No

**How many times can I apply?**

There is no limit to the number of times you can apply for the BMedImag(Hons).

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**What if I have already completed a degree in Medical Imaging from overseas but want to gain a University of Auckland BMedImag(Hons) to register to practice in New Zealand?**

You will not be admitted to the BMedImag(Hons) programme at the University of Auckland for the purposes of clinical registration if you have already completed a Medical Imaging degree elsewhere.

Overseas trained Medical Imaging practitioners are encouraged to visit the Medical Radiation Technologists Board (MRTB) website for information on the New Zealand registration process.

**What if I have completed a degree in Medical Imaging at another institution but want to complete the Honours component of the BMedImag(Hons) at the University of Auckland?**

No. The Honours component is not a stand-alone honours year, it is integrated into the 4 year programme. Therefore you will not be eligible for the BMedImag(Hons) at the University of Auckland if you have already completed a medical imaging degree elsewhere.

**What else can I do if I don’t get in after FY?**

BMedImag(Hons) applicants who are not successful in gaining entry at the end of their first year are advised to continue with their studies. They have the option of remaining in the degree they started, transferring to another degree or a conjoint degree. Furthermore, having completed their degree, they may be eligible to reapply for entry to the BMedImag(Hons) programme as a graduate applicant.

Alternatively, students may apply for the BMedImag(Hons) programme at the end of their second full-time year of study in the BSc (Biomedical Science) under the undergraduate admissions category. Please note however that only the GPA achieved in the 7 core FY courses is used (not across their two years).

**If I left school without any qualification, what do I need to do to apply for BMedImag(Hons)?**

You may wish to investigate some of the University’s pathway programmes to gain entry into the BSc (Biomedical Science) programme, e.g.:

- Tertiary Foundation Certificate
- Certificate in Health Science (MAPAS only)

For more information, visit [www.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.auckland.ac.nz)
Are Australian students considered as International applicants?
No. Citizens and permanent residents of Australia and students from the Cook Islands, Tokelau or Niue, who are New Zealand citizens, are eligible for enrolment on the same basis as New Zealand students.

What if I am an International Student?
Places for international applicants are not currently available; this will be reviewed in 2020.

What are the entry requirements for competence in English?
The BMedImag(Hons) degree requires a high level of competence in written and spoken English. In order to practise as a Medical Imaging Technologist in New Zealand, you must be able to communicate well in English, and this ability is evaluated at the interview and repeatedly throughout the programme.

In addition, all students entering the programme must complete an English language competency assessment. Those students who are identified as having insufficient written or spoken skills must successfully complete additional English language classes to continue to Part III of the BMedImag(Hons) programme.

If your entrance qualifications are from an overseas institutions and your first language is not English, you will have to meet the University's English requirements for admission and provide evidence of one of the following:

- IELTS academic module 7.0 (with no band below 6.5)
- TOEFL 600 (paper-based) and Essay (TWE) of 5.0 or 100 (internet-based) and a writing score of 24
- PTE 65 and a communicative skills score of 58 or higher
- MELAB 90

However, IELTS/TOEFL is not required if applicants have completed a degree from a New Zealand university or the University of Auckland first year BSc(Biomedical Science).

When will the admission interviews take place?
Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) for both Undergraduate and Graduate categories will be held in late November. You must attend in person.

Please see Important Dates: www.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz/faculty/undergrad/importnt-dates.aspx

When will I find out whether or not I have been offered an interview?
Applicants who will be invited to attend an admissions interview will be notified by e-mail in mid-November. For this purpose, it is very important that you notify fmhs@auckland.ac.nz of any changes in personal contact information.

How many do you interview?
Based on the applicant's GPA ranking, approximately twice as many eligible candidates as there are places available in the programme will be interviewed.

What is the GPA cut-off for interviews?
It varies from year to year and it is determined once we have received and reviewed the entire application pool for that admission period.

Please note that meeting the minimum GPA of 5 (B average) does not guarantee an interview.

What sort of things do you ask in the interview?
Applicants who are invited to an interview will be assessed on personal attributes considered by the Faculty to be important for those wishing to pursue a career in Medical Imaging.

Applicants should exhibit a mature attitude and good communication skills; therefore, good English speaking skills are essential. Applicants will also be assessed on their awareness and knowledge of structure and issues of the New Zealand health system, and political and societal issues in New Zealand community in general. It is essential that applicants can explain why they aspire to become a health professional.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities, whether sports or other social or community groups.

Can I apply for all the professional programmes (MBChB/ BMedImag(Hons)/BPharm/BOptom) in any one academic calendar year?
Yes. Applicants may also apply for the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Pharmacy and/or Bachelor of Optometry.

Applicants who are eligible for more than one programme interview will only be offered one MMI. The results of the MMI will be used for all applications.
Can I move from the BMedImag(Hons) to other clinical programmes in the Faculty, such as Medicine, after completing my Part II?

No. Students are not eligible to transfer from the BMedImag(Hons) programme to the MBChB programme. You may apply after the completion of your degree, or you may transfer to other non-clinical programmes, such as the BSc and BHSc programmes.

BMedImag(Hons) students may potentially be eligible to apply for BOptom, BPharm and/or BNursing programmes.

Am I required to complete practical work experience in a clinical situation?

Yes, block periods of clinical studies in a working radiology department commence in Part II of the BMedImag(Hons) programme and continue throughout Parts III and IV.

All Medical Imaging students will be assigned a clinical placement for the duration of their programme and full-time attendance is compulsory during the clinical block periods. The University will determine the placement for each student and this decision is final.

Placements may or may not be located within Auckland. Students will be responsible for all travel and accommodation costs associated with their clinical placement.

Are there any special requirements that I need to meet to be eligible for clinical placement?

All students must comply with the Vulnerable Children Act (VCA) 2014 and Police Vetting Clearance for admission. Continued satisfactory compliance is required of students throughout the programme.

In addition, all students must be immunised in accordance with the Faculty’s immunisation policy and are required to complete a Level 1 First Aid course in their first semester of the BMedImag(Hons) Part II.

Failure to comply with these requirements will result in the student being unable to attend clinical placements.

If a person does not wish to be vaccinated for personal, philosophical, religious or health reasons, will that person be declined from studying Medical Imaging?

Yes, students will not be permitted to commence any Medical Imaging clinical placement without meeting the mandatory immunisation requirements; therefore, students unable to meet this requirement will not be able to be admitted to this degree.

If I study Medical Imaging in NZ, can I work in Australia and New Zealand automatically or do I have to do more tests to be registered? Where else can I work with an NZ qualification?

Australian and NZ qualifications are interchangeable. The NZ Medical Imaging qualification is registrable in both NZ and Australia without further examination.

However, in order to work in other countries, Medical Imaging graduates may be required to sit further exams. Please check with relevant registration authorities in the country of interest.

Can I do postgraduate study or research on completion of the BMedImag(Hons)?

Yes, there are many opportunities to take a variety of postgraduate qualifications, both in New Zealand and overseas, on completion of the BMedImag(Hons).

The School of Medical Sciences offers a variety of postgraduate programmes in Medical Imaging, ranging from postgraduate certificate to doctoral level.

For further postgraduate information, please see the postgraduate section of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences website: https://www.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz/en/faculty/for/future-postgraduates.html

Application Closing Dates

BMedImag(Hons): 1 October

BSc(Biomedical Science): 8 December

Late or incomplete applications will NOT be accepted.

To apply: visit www.auckland.ac.nz and Click on “Apply Now” or Student Services Online (current University of Auckland students)

NOTE: As selection criteria may change from year to year, applicants should consult the University website or the University Student Information Centre for the latest information.