



## Guidance for candidates taking interviews for 2022 admission to medicine

Planning medical school interviews is complex and takes time. Medical schools plan when and how they will hold interviews very early in advance. Therefore most medical schools will have made their decision already as to whether they will hold their interviews online or in person. When you are invited for an interview, the medical school will let you know what kind of interview you will take part in, either face to face, or online.

The majority of medical schools will continue to hold their interviews online. However, a small number of medical schools may choose to hold their interviews in person.

### Face to face interviews

Face to face interviews will be happening in a small number of medical schools across the UK. These will mostly be the traditional Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) format, but with more social distancing. Please see our website on [how to prepare for MMIs](#).

### Online interviews

Most medical schools will continue with online interviews. Some medical schools will use MMIs, others may use a panel interview format, and others may use asynchronous interviews.

The traditional format of an MMI is a circuit of stations, where each applicant rotates through a number of stations through virtual rooms using a video conferencing platform. Alternatively, some online MMIs use a single panel interview model where you as an applicant are assessed by a single panel of interviewers across all of the stations.

Some medical schools may ask you to do your MMI using an asynchronous interview platform. This format is slightly different to the others described above because you do not have to interact with the assessor but instead you will be expected to respond to questions on screen by talking on camera, which will then be recorded.

## How to prepare for your interview

There are lots of ways to prepare for your interviews. MSC has links to some great resources.

- Use the [MSC Interview Preparation website](#). This is an online platform which goes through what an MMI is and gives some practical tips about how to prepare. It also has some great short videos.
- [How to run a mock MMI](#) - this resource was created so that teachers and career advisors can set up mock MMIs for their students. It is good to practice how you move between stations and answering questions to time.
- Guidance for candidates taking online [interviews](#) and [MMIs](#) - these two resources describe the different types of online MMIs that you may come across and provides some practical tips for you to prepare.