



# SFC Announcement

## Intake targets for the controlled subject of Medicine in universities for academic year 2019-20

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Summary: Announcement of intake targets for the controlled subject of Medicine in universities for academic year 2019-20.

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### **Purpose**

1. I am writing to announce the academic year (AY) 2019-20 intake targets for the controlled subject of Medicine. This is set out in Table 1 below.

### **Intake targets**

2. SFC has received guidance from the Scottish Government advising that the recommended intake for Medicine for AY 2019-20 will be 1,013 students; an increase of 60 students from AY 2018-19. This intake should continue to support the continuing widening access programme (50 places) and the Scottish Graduate Entry Medicine (ScotGEM) course which was introduced in AY 2018-19. ScotGEM is run by the universities of St Andrews and Dundee and health boards in Fife and Tayside, in collaboration with NHS Highland, NHS Dumfries and Galloway, and the University of the Highlands and Islands.
3. An additional intake of 60 places has been allocated in AY 2019-20 as part of the Scottish Government's commitment to Part 1 of the National Health and Social Care Workforce Plan. These places are to be split evenly between the universities of Aberdeen and Glasgow.
4. For the first time, in response to guidance from Ministers and workforce demands, SFC will be setting a minimum intake target for students that are Scottish domiciled and / or from the rest of the European Union (EU), for each university, from within the overall 1,013 students target outlined above. Ministers have requested that by AY 2021-22 there should be an additional 100 Scottish domiciled / rest of EU students (rEU) recruited, with a similar reduction in rest of UK (rUK) recruitment. This is to be phased in over three years with the number of additional Scottish domiciled / rEU students in AY 2019-20 to be set at 34.
5. The additional intake of 34 Scottish domiciled / rEU students for AY 2019-20 will be split between the medical schools in proportion to their core intake target (excluding additional intakes for widening access, ScotGEM and the 60 places introduced in AY 2019-20). A review of this distribution for AY 2020-21 and AY 2021-22 is being considered and we would welcome input and suggestions from universities on this matter.
6. SFC recently met with all Scottish universities with Medical Schools individually to discuss the minimum intake target for Scottish domiciled / rEU students, the Scottish Government's policy objectives, and proposed changes to SFC's controls and calculation of funded student places for the controlled subject of Medicine. It is our intention to continue this engagement with universities.

7. A copy of the guidance from the Scottish Government is provided at Annex A and details of individual university intake targets are set out in Table 1 below:

**Table 1: Intake targets for Medicine for AY 2019-20**

Intake targets for the Scottish Medical Schools for AY 2019-20

Institution	Core intake target		Additional intake targets			International	Total Intake Target for AY 2019-20
	Scottish domiciled, rest of UK, and rest of EU	Of which a minimum must be Scottish domiciled and rest of EU	Widening Access Places	ScotGEM	Additional intake for AY 2019-20		
	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Aberdeen, University of	152	127	10	-	30	16	208
Dundee, University of	134	120	10	-	-	13	157
Edinburgh, University of	190	114	10	-	-	17	217
Glasgow, University of	210	164	10	-	30	18	268
St Andrews, University of	98	54	10	55	-	-	163
<b>Sector</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>1,013</b>

### Additional Widening Access places

8. SFC has again allocated 50 widening access places equally across the five medical schools. We will monitor the use of these additional places against the criteria outlined in AY 2016-17, as well as monitoring the existing performance of universities in their widening access aspirations for the most deprived 20% under the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD 20).
9. SFC intends to review the distribution of these places prior to their planned allocation in AY 2020-21. In reviewing their distribution, we will take into account performance against the existing widening access criteria, success in recruiting SIMD 20 students, and also the outcomes of the Access Data Group which is looking at appropriate measures of deprivation.

### Pre-entry medical places

10. The Scottish Government and SFC recognise the positive outcome of the first year of the 'Gateway to Medicine' courses being run by the universities of Aberdeen and Glasgow. In response to this success an additional intake of 10 students has been allocated to this scheme, giving both universities an intake of 25 students for AY 2019-20. The pre-entry medical intake is not included in the intake targets above.

### **International students**

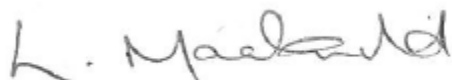
11. The Scottish Government recognises that international students make an important contribution to medical education in Scotland, however their expectation is that the number of international students should not increase beyond their current level.

### **Funding and funded places**

12. We will provide further information with regards to funding and funded student places for the controlled subject of Medicine in due course, with a view to formally publishing these in our Final Outcome Agreement Funding announcement.

### **Further information**

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