

# MCQ CAT examination: user's guide

Important information for candidates scheduled for the AMC computer-administered MCQ examination.

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## 1. The AMC Multiple-Choice Question (MCQ) examination

The MCQ CAT examination is a computer-administered examination that consists of:

- 150 Type A questions (one correct response from five options):
  - 120 questions are scored questions.
  - 30 questions are pilot (non-scored) questions
- one 3.5-hour session.

## 2. ID requirements

You **must** comply with the Pearson VUE ID requirements, as specified in the AMC placement letters and the Pearson VUE confirmation email sent to you. The requirements are also listed on the AMC website.

Before taking your seat in the examination room, you must present your ID documentation at reception, where a photo will be taken and your signature obtained. If you do not comply with this requirement, you may be denied entry to the examination.

## 3. Seating in the examination room

You will be seated at a computer terminal after you present your ID documentation, have your photo taken and provide your signature. You **must** leave your primary and secondary identification documentation on the desk when seated in the examination room, for the final ID check.

## 4. Writeboard

On your desk, you will find a writeboard and pen. You can make notes on the writeboard during the examination.


The writeboard will be collected at the end of the examination session. You **must not** take the writeboard from the examination room. If you do not return the writeboard to the proctor, your examination result will be cancelled.


## 5. Commencement of the MCQ examination

### Introduction to the examination

When you sit down in the examination room, you will see the following computer screen:

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Candidate Name  
54321

If this information is not correct, raise your hand for assistance.

If this information is correct - do NOT touch the keyboard.  
The Proctor will provide a briefing and step you through the process to begin the examination.

PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH THE KEYBOARD UNTIL ADVISED.



You should not touch the keyboard until instructed to do so, as you could accidentally activate the examination, resulting in the loss of examination time.

The proctor will first make some announcements.

Once the announcements have been completed, you can activate the examination by clicking on the **Next** button.

Four introductory screens will appear before the examination begins:

1. Non-Disclosure Agreement
2. Tutorial – Practice Question One
3. Tutorial – Practice Question Two
4. Examination information.

An explanation and view of each screen follows.

# 1st screen: Non-Disclosure Agreement

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- Reporting of breaches of examination rules to the Medical Board of Australia (MBA)
- Legal action to recover the cost of the examination material involved.

I agree that in consideration of the AMC disclosing the examination to me, I shall (i) use the examination solely for the purpose of completing this examination and (ii) not disseminate or reveal to others the examination content. I have read, understood and agree with the above confidentiality statement.

**This screen has a 5 minute time limit. You must click on I Agree to proceed with the examination. If you do not complete this within the 5 minutes, your examination will be terminated.**

Y. I Agree

N. I Do Not Agree

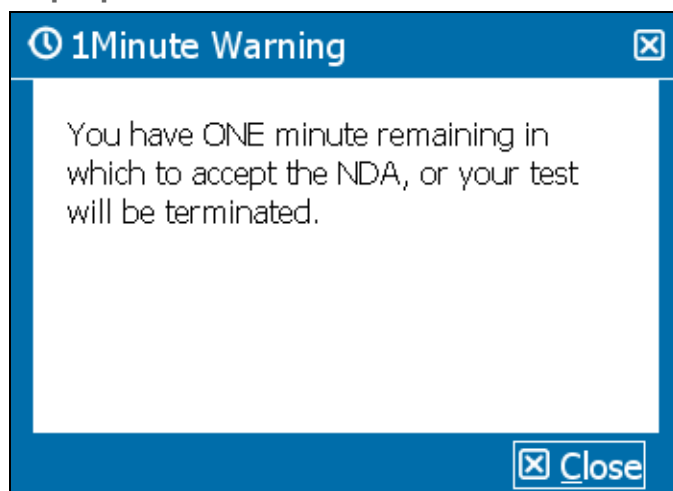
Next →

You have only **5 minutes** to read this screen carefully, and click on **I Agree** at the bottom of the screen. If you do not agree within this time, your examination will be terminated.

If you choose not to accept the Non-Disclosure Agreement, your examination will end.

If you have only 1 minute remaining to make a selection, a warning will pop up.

## Pop-up alert



**Warning:** If you do not select a response within the 1 minute remaining, the examination will be terminated.

If you again select **I Do Not Agree**, the following screen will appear to confirm that the examination has been cancelled and the examination fee is not refundable.

## Refusal of Non-Disclosure Agreement

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### Refusal of Non-Disclosure

The Australian Medical Council requires all exam candidates to read and accept the Non-Disclosure Agreement prior to taking a test.

Because you chose not to accept the Non-Disclosure Agreement, your test has been cancelled.

Please note exam fees for candidate-terminated exams are not refundable.

Select the End Exam button to exit your exam.

End Exam

However, if you select **I Agree**, you can proceed to the tutorial questions by clicking on the **Next** button.

## 2nd screen: Tutorial – Practice Question One

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### Tutorial - Practice Question One

This is an example of what screens in the exam will look like. The number of items and the time will be different, but will look like what is shown on this screen.

An infant develops jaundice 6 hours after birth. Which one of the following is the most likely diagnosis?

- A. Haemolytic disease of the newborn.
- B. Umbilical sepsis.
- C. Physiological jaundice.
- D. Atresia of the bile ducts.
- E. Neonatal hepatitis.

Next →

Select an answer, then click on the **Next** button.

### 3rd screen: Tutorial – Practice Question Two

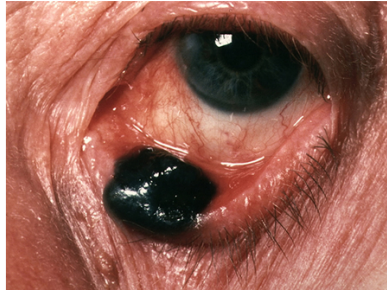
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#### Tutorial - Practice Question Two

This is an example of what screens in the exam will look like. The number of items and the time will be different, but will look like what is shown on this screen.

The lesion depicted (see image) appeared spontaneously. Which one of the following actions should be undertaken?



- A. Reassurance that spontaneous resolution will occur.
- B. Incision under local anaesthetic.
- C. Application of liquid nitrogen.
- D. Review in one month.
- E. Plastic surgical referral.

← Previous Next →

Select an answer, then click on the **Next** button.

## 4th screen: Examination information screen

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The AMC MCQ CAT examination contains:

- 150 questions -120 scored questions and 30 pilot (unscored) questions.

You will have 3.5 hours to answer all questions

No additional time is added for time taken out of the room for water or a comfort break.

You should attempt to answer ALL the questions. Please read each question carefully.

You must make a selection before moving to the next question. During the examination you can flag questions to review at the end of the session, using the Flag for Review function.


Your results will be communicated to you by the Australian Medical Council at a later date.

Please click the Next button to proceed to the first examination question.

← Previous Next →

Once you click on the **Next** button after reading screen 4 (Examination information screen), a **Ready to Begin Exam** box will pop up.

Ready to Begin Exam ✕

 If you are ready to begin the exam, select the Yes button. Otherwise, select the No button to return to the previous screen.

You should select **Yes** to commence with the examination. Once the **Yes** button has been selected, the first examination question will appear, and the timer will activate.

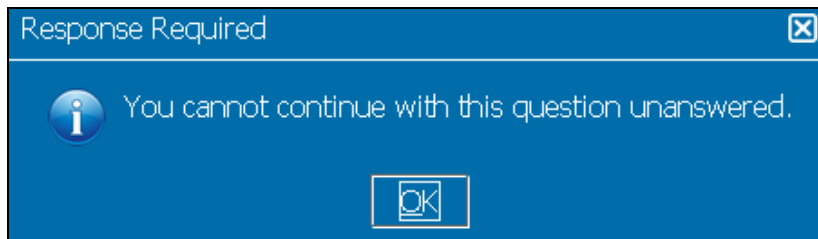
## 6. ANSWERING QUESTIONS

All the questions are multiple choice questions, where one of five options (A–E) must be selected as the answer.

To answer a question, you must:

- **select** your preferred correct response by clicking on a radio button
  - A.
  - B.
  - C.
  - D.
  - E.
- **confirm** your selected response by clicking on the **Next** button at the bottom right of the screen. You must select an answer before the **Next** button becomes active.

If you do not select an answer, the following warning will appear:



When you reach the end of the examination, you can review and change any answers in the time remaining, as shown on your session timer.

You can also flag questions for review, or make a note on the writeboard of any question you want to reconsider and view again when you have answered the last question in the examination.

**The question number and timer are shown in the top-right corner of the screen:**





If the question is too long to fit on the screen, you must scroll down. If you hit **Next**, you will be taken to the next question, rather than to the rest of the question you are responding to.

Time Remaining 180:39  
4 of 150  
Elig for Review

Which one of the following is the

**Note:** If the question is too long to fit on the screen, you must scroll down by using the arrows that will automatically appear on the right of the screen.

← Previous Next →

If you have not seen the full screen, the following warning message will appear:

Unseen Content

**i** You have not yet viewed the entire screen. Make sure you view all multi-media content, select every tab and scroll to every corner.

OK

This warning will ensure that you view the full screen and all of the question and responses.

## 7. REVIEWING QUESTIONS

When you have answered the last question of the examination, if you have any time remaining on your session timer, you can review any question and change any answer. The computer will automatically take you to the following screen:

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🕒 Time Remaining 197:41

**Review**

**☰ Instructions**

Below is a summary of your answers. You can review your questions in three (3) different ways.

The buttons in the lower right-hand corner correspond to these choices:

1. Review all of your questions and answers.
2. Review questions that are incomplete.
3. Review questions that are flagged for review. (Click the 'flag' icon to change the flag for review status.)

**☰ Section 1 Section**
**(150 Questions, 0 Incomplete)**

🚩 Question 1	Complete	🚩 Question 51	Complete	🚩 Question 101	Complete
🚩 Question 2	Complete	🚩 Question 52	Complete	🚩 Question 102	Complete
🚩 Question 3	Complete	🚩 Question 53	Complete	🚩 Question 103	Complete
🚩 Question 4	Complete	🚩 Question 54	Complete	🚩 Question 104	Complete
🚩 Question 5	Complete	🚩 Question 55	Complete	🚩 Question 105	Complete
🚩 Question 6	Complete	🚩 Question 56	Complete	🚩 Question 106	Complete
🚩 Question 7	Complete	🚩 Question 57	Complete	🚩 Question 107	Complete
🚩 Question 8	Complete	🚩 Question 58	Complete	🚩 Question 108	Complete
🚩 Question 9	Complete	🚩 Question 59	Complete	🚩 Question 109	Complete
🚩 Question 10	Complete	🚩 Question 60	Complete	🚩 Question 110	Complete
🚩 Question 11	Complete	🚩 Question 61	Complete	🚩 Question 111	Complete

➔ End Review
🚩 Review All
✖ Review Incomplete
🚩 Review Flagged

Questions that have been flagged during the examination will be indicated by the icon appearing in a dark blue colour as shown below:

🚩 Question 1	Complete	🚩 Question 51	Complete	🚩 Question 101	Complete
🚩 Question 2	Complete	🚩 Question 52	Complete	🚩 Question 102	Complete
🚩 Question 3	Complete	🚩 Question 53	Complete	🚩 Question 103	Complete
🚩 Question 4	Complete	🚩 Question 54	Complete	🚩 Question 104	Complete
🚩 Question 5	Complete	🚩 Question 55	Complete	🚩 Question 105	Complete
🚩 Question 6	Complete	🚩 Question 56	Complete	🚩 Question 106	Complete
🚩 Question 7	Complete	🚩 Question 57	Complete	🚩 Question 107	Complete
🚩 Question 8	Complete	🚩 Question 58	Complete	🚩 Question 108	Complete
🚩 Question 9	Complete	🚩 Question 59	Complete	🚩 Question 109	Complete
🚩 Question 10	Complete	🚩 Question 60	Complete	🚩 Question 110	Complete
🚩 Question 11	Complete	🚩 Question 61	Complete	🚩 Question 111	Complete

➔ End Review
🚩 Review All
✖ Review Incomplete
🚩 Review Flagged

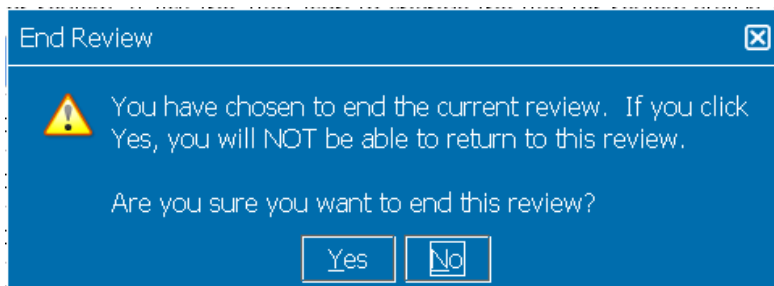
You can now review the flagged questions by selecting the **Review Flagged** button or choose to select all the questions again by clicking on the **Review All** button.

Once you have finished your review, you can finish your examination by clicking on the **End Review** button at the bottom left of the screen.

**Note:** Once you have clicked on the **End Review** button, you cannot return to the examination questions and the examination is over. This button can be clicked at any time during the review (if applicable) to end the examination.

While you are on the review screen, the session timer does not appear on the screen. However, the timer is still active. When you select a question to review and click on it, the timer will show as before.

After you have clicked on the button, the following message will appear:



If you select **Yes**, the following screen will appear.

## Examination completed notification



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You have now completed the exam.

Please now click the End Exam button and await instructions from the administrator before leaving the testing room quietly.

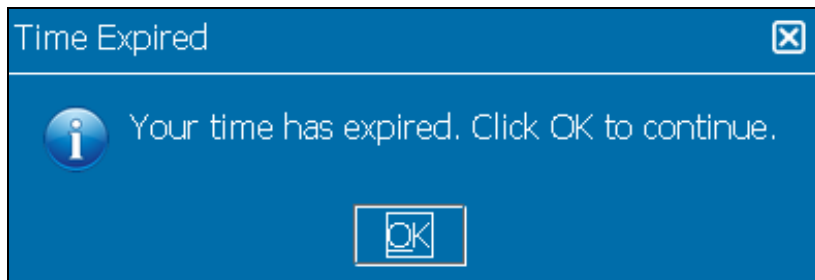
Thank you



**You should raise your hand for the proctor to attend to you.** You must not touch your computer from this point. The proctor will collect the writeboard and verify that the correct screen is showing on your computer.

After handing in your writeboard, and on approval from the proctor, you must leave the examination room.

If the session time limit has been reached **before** you complete all questions in the examination (or while you are in the reviewing phase) the following message will appear:



You should click on the **OK** button and then raise your hand for the proctor to attend to you. You must not leave the examination room before the proctor collects the writeboard and verifies that the correct screen is on the computer.

If you attempt to interfere with the computer administration of the examination, your examination result may be disallowed.