HPAT—IRELAND
Health Professions Admission Test – Ireland

Information booklet 2013
Registration Deadline – Sunday 20 January 2013 at 17:15 GMT
Test date – Saturday 2 March 2013

www.hpat-ireland.acer.edu.au
This Information Booklet covers everything you need to know about registering for HPAT – Ireland 2013.

If you have any queries about the registration process, you may contact the HPAT – Ireland Office. All communication will be via email. The Office will not answer queries relating to the content of the test.

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Please read the LEGAL NOTICE at the end of this booklet as this booklet details any legal agreement reached between you and the Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd (ABN 19 004 398 145).

The LEGAL NOTICE also contains some terms and conditions that you should make yourself familiar with.

You may have legal rights and guarantees under the Australian Consumer Law (found at Schedule 2 to the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth), as amended from time to time). If a supply under this booklet is a supply of goods or services to a consumer within the meaning of the Australian Consumer Law, nothing contained in this booklet excludes, restricts or modifies the application of any provision, the exercise of any right or remedy, or the imposition of any liability under the Australian Consumer Law.

a. To the maximum extent permissible by law (and for the avoidance of doubt, subject to any obligations which cannot be excluded, restricted or modified under the Australian Consumer Law), ACER expressly, irrevocably and totally disclaims any liability whatsoever for any loss or damage in connection with: your participation in HPAT – Ireland; and your test results, including, but not limited to, any representations made by ACER or its personnel (including agents, subcontractors and consultants) in respect of HPAT – Ireland;

b. You are put on NOTICE that, subject to the Australian Consumer Law, the entire risk of your participation in HPAT – Ireland is assumed by you. To the maximum extent permissible by law (for the avoidance of doubt, including the Australian Consumer Law), ACER will have no liability whatsoever to you for any loss, harm, damage, cost or expense (including legal fees) or any direct, special, indirect, incidental, punitive or consequential loss or damage (including, without limitation, economic loss, loss of contract, profit, revenue, income, opportunity, goodwill, information, anticipated savings, business relationships, production or data);

c. Both of the above clauses extend to cover any claims in connection with any actual or anticipated participation in HPAT – Ireland and any inability to so participate;

d. ACER provide NO WARRANTY or REPRESENTATION that: HPAT – Ireland will ensure you a placement with an educational institution; completion of the HPAT – Ireland registration form and/or payment of the registration fee guarantees you a place in HPAT – Ireland (which will remain in the sole discretion of ACER subject to any rights under the Australian Consumer Law); or that you will be provided with your HPAT – Ireland results (except in strict accord with this Agreement).

ACER has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information provided in this Booklet. However, ACER reserves the right to alter or amend test details outlined in the Booklet if this becomes necessary.
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1.1 The Health Professions Admission Test – Ireland (HPAT – Ireland)

The Health Professions Admission Test – Ireland (HPAT – Ireland) is a 2½ hour multiple-choice test developed and used specifically to assist with the selection of students into medicine degree programmes at undergraduate level.

HPAT – Ireland is divided into 3 sections and is designed to assess logical reasoning and problem solving skills as well as non-verbal reasoning and the ability to understand the thoughts, behaviour and/or intentions of people. The test has a strong focus on general skills and personal abilities that have been identified as important for a competent health professional. HPAT – Ireland is designed to complement academic achievement; it does not test academic knowledge and it does not require special understanding of any academic discipline.

1.2 Who should sit HPAT – Ireland?

HPAT – Ireland is available to any candidate who is applying to study a course for which HPAT – Ireland is a prerequisite, and who is capable of meeting the academic entry requirements set by the universities. Applicants must either be in their final year of school or have completed their Leaving Certificate prior to 2013. Please note that international / non-EU students may be exempt from taking HPAT – Ireland. For further details contact the universities to which you intend to apply or refer to their websites.

1.3 Participating universities

You will need an HPAT – Ireland score for applications to an undergraduate medical programme at the following institutions:

• National University of Ireland, Galway
• Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
• Trinity College Dublin
• University College Cork
• University College Dublin

For information about specific courses and admission requirements, please refer to the relevant university websites. Links are provided on the HPAT – Ireland website at www.hpat-ireland.acer.edu.au.

If you intend to apply to The University of Ulster, you should sit HPAT – Ulster. For more information please visit the HPAT – Ulster website at www.hpat-ulster.acer.edu.au.

1.4 Structure and Content

The HPAT – Ireland test is a 2½ hour paper-based test consisting of three sections. Each section is separately timed and there are no rest breaks between sections. The questions are in multiple choice format with 4 or 5 response alternatives from which you are asked to choose the most appropriate. Each question has only one correct response. Questions in sections 1 and 2 are in written form (though some section 1 questions may present information in visual or tabular format). Section 3 questions are based entirely on visual material.

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Section 1: Logical Reasoning and Problem Solving

Materials in this section are drawn from a wide variety of general sources and are based on a brief text and/or piece of information presented graphically. Questions assess your ability to comprehend, draw logical conclusions, reach solutions by identifying relevant facts, evaluate information, pinpoint additional or missing information, and generate and test plausible hypotheses.

Section 2: Interpersonal Understanding

Section 2 assesses the ability to understand and think about people. Questions are based on a scenario, dialogue or other text representing specific interpersonal situations. Most passages will have several questions. The questions assess your ability to identify, understand, and, where necessary, infer the thoughts, feelings, behaviour and/or intentions of the people represented in the situations.

Section 3: Non-Verbal Reasoning

Questions in this section may be of several kinds. All are based on patterns or sequences of shapes and are designed to assess your ability to reason in the abstract and solve problems in non-verbal contexts.
1.5 Equity and Fairness

HPAT – Ireland is developed to rigorous professional and technical standards. Test questions are designed and developed by a team of ACER writers, expert in their fields. All test questions must pass detailed panelling, trial testing, analysis and final review. The content, style, duration and sequencing of the tests are determined to ensure that the testing programme is relevant, fair, valid and reliable.

HPAT – Ireland test data are subjected to statistical analysis to check that each question has performed as required. Test questions in development are carefully scrutinised in an ongoing attempt to minimise gender, ethnic or religious bias, and to ensure that the test is culturally fair. The test may contain a small number of trial questions which may not contribute to candidate scores.

1.6 Use of Personal Information

Test results may be used by relevant authorities through ACER for purposes of research into the HPAT – Ireland programme. Candidates are assured that any use of registration and test records will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. Candidate names will be separated from data in all cases.

By completing the HPAT – Ireland registration form you are indicating your acceptance of the processing of your personal and sensitive data for purposes connected to your HPAT – Ireland registration amongst other things. Please see the Legal Notice at the end of this booklet.

ACER’s policy on the collection, access to, and use of personal information can be found at www.acer.edu.au/about/assessment-services-privacy-policy.

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**HPAT – Ireland 2013 timeline**

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**Note:** candidates who provide an email address that is hosted by hotmail or yahoo are advised that some procedures implemented by these providers may result in some email messages not being accepted, or being flagged as spam. You are advised to use a different email service provider for the purposes of HPAT – Ireland registration, or to put hpat-ireland@acer.edu.au in your address book to ensure emails from the HPAT – Ireland Office are not regarded as junk email.
2.1 Test Date
The test will be held on:

**Saturday 2 March 2013**

This date will be the only opportunity to sit HPAT – Ireland in 2013.

2.2 Registration fee payment date
Your online registration and test payment of €115 must be received by:

**17:15 GMT Sunday 20 January 2013**

PLEASE NOTE:
1. Refund terms on page 5 and that under some circumstances the registration fee is non-refundable; and
2. ACER reserves the right absolutely to refuse or cancel a registration in circumstances where a registration is not bona fide or the registration fee is not received by the payment date above or the late registration date below.

Late registrations will be accepted up to 17:15 GMT on Friday 1 February 2013, on payment of a late fee of €65 in addition to the registration fee of €115.

An exceptional late registration is available until 17:15 GMT on 4 February 2013, on payment of the exceptional late fee of €100 in addition to the registration fee of €115. An exceptional late registration will only be accepted from candidates who have submitted their application to CAO by 17:00 GMT on 1 February 2013.

It will NOT be possible to register for HPAT – Ireland 2013 once the online registration system closes at 17:15 GMT on Monday 4 February 2013.

2.3 Test Centres
HPAT – Ireland will be offered in the following locations:

- Cork
- Galway
- Waterford
- Dublin
- Sligo

Additional test centres will not be established.

Every effort will be made to accommodate applicants at their preferred test centre. However as capacity in some test centres may be limited, places in those venues will be allocated on a first come basis. It is important that applicants register early to ensure that they are able to get their choice of test location.

The test is held on the same day at all test centres.

Before you register you MUST read the information in this booklet and on the HPAT – Ireland website, as it contains all the relevant details about the test, deadlines, registration procedures and HPAT – Ireland terms and conditions.

2.4 Before you register
Before registering for HPAT – Ireland, all applicants must first get their CAO number. You need this number to successfully complete your HPAT – Ireland registration. To get a CAO number you need to apply online at www.cao.ie. Please note that if a paper application is submitted your CAO number will not be available in time to register for HPAT – Ireland.

2.5 How to register
Registrations must be submitted online via the HPAT – Ireland website http://www.hpat-ireland.acer.edu.au. To register you will need a computer with internet access, a credit card and an email address. This email address will be used for all communication from the HPAT – Ireland Office including information on how to access your Admission Ticket and results. Before you start, you should save the HPAT – Ireland email address (hpat-ireland@acer.edu.au) in your ‘safe’ list of contacts. This is especially important if you are using hotmail, msn, yahoo or gmail addresses, as adding the email address to your address book will prevent HPAT – Ireland emails being regarded as spam and deleted/ blocked from your account.

TO REGISTER FOLLOW THESE 3 STEPS:

**STEP 1:** Enter your details in the online registration form

Follow the instructions on screen.

The HPAT – Ireland registration form will ask you to provide information that is essential for the processing of your registration, and information that may be used for research purposes. Candidate confidentiality will be strictly maintained in any research undertaken (see 1.6 Use of Personal Information). The information
collected during HPAT – Ireland registration relates only to your registration to take HPAT – Ireland, and is not related to any subsequent application you may make for a university place.

**STEP 2: Sign the online declaration**
Read the declaration carefully and if you agree with the terms proceed to submit your registration.

**STEP 3: Complete your registration**
Enter your payment details. You will receive an email confirming your registration after submitting the online form. If you do not receive the email within 30 minutes, contact the HPAT – Ireland Office via email as soon as possible.

ACER reserves the right to refuse or cancel a registration under certain circumstances.

### 2.6 Applying for Special Testing Conditions
If you have a visual, hearing, physical or other impairment which might interfere with your ability to sit the test in the standard manner, you should apply for special testing conditions as soon as possible after registration.

All such requests must be submitted no later than 4 February 2013 and must be accompanied by an explanatory letter from a registered health practitioner. This letter must be no more than one year old for a medical condition and no more than three years old for a learning disability. The letter from your practitioner must give clear information on your condition as it affects your ability to sit HPAT – Ireland.

Applicants with dyslexia should submit a copy of an appropriate educational psychologist’s report (no more than 3 years old) for consideration. If your report is more than 3 years old, it will still be accepted, as long as it is accompanied by a recent letter from a psychologist stating that the information in the report is still applicable to you as you are today. All reasonable efforts will be made to provide appropriate testing conditions for your needs.

**Note:** There is no possibility of special consideration being given to test results. In no circumstances will scores be adjusted to account for any perceived disadvantage.

### 2.7 Refund Terms
You may have legal rights and guarantees under the Australian Consumer Law, including the right to a refund in certain circumstances. Nothing in this booklet purports to exclude, restrict or modify any of these legal rights or guarantees.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Registration fees for the 2013 test will be refunded on request up to 1 February 2013, however, an administrative charge of €45 will be deducted.

After that date, the registration fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE** if you change your mind or are unable or ineligible to participate in HPAT – Ireland. ACER fulfils its commitment to you by reserving a place for you (which would otherwise be available to another) in HPAT – Ireland and making all necessary preparations (which need to be completed a reasonable time before you sit HPAT – Ireland) for you to sit the test. If you are unable to participate in HPAT – Ireland due to a change of mind, inconvenience or ineligibility, or you no longer need to sit, and you fail to notify ACER prior to the above date, your registration fee will not be refunded (unless you have the right to a refund under the Australian Consumer Law). Please note that access to the preparation material included in this year’s registration will be removed upon completion of the refund.

There is no penalty, other than the loss of your registration fee, if you register for the test but do not sit.

### 2.8 Communicating with the HPAT – Ireland Office
If you have any queries about the registration process, you may contact the HPAT – Ireland Office. The Office will not answer queries relating to the content of the test.

**HPAT – Ireland Office at ACER:**

- **Email:** hpat-ireland@acer.edu.au
- **Web:** www.hpat-ireland.acer.edu.au
- **Fax:** +61 (0) 3 9277 5757
- **Postal address:** Private Bag 55
  Camberwell VIC 3124
  Australia

Email is the principal means of communication concerning your HPAT – Ireland registration, Admission Tickets and results. Candidates must provide a current valid email address which must be maintained during the registration, test and reporting cycle.

Sometimes personal emails don’t make it through our spam filters, so if we don’t respond within a week, please resend the message.
3.1 Admission Ticket
You will receive an Admission Ticket approximately two weeks before the test date. Notification will be emailed to your nominated account, so you are advised to add hpat-ireland@acer.edu.au to your address book prior to registering.

The Admission Ticket will tell you exactly where and at what time to report on the day of the test. It will also contain your personal details. This ticket is your permission to attend the test centre and a printout must be taken with you on the day. If you present without an Admission Ticket you will be refused entry. Please check it carefully and contact the HPAT – Ireland Office immediately if there are any errors.

Do not print your Admission Ticket on recycled paper; there should not be any other marks on your Admission Ticket. You may not write on your Admission Ticket during the test.

If you have not received your Admission Ticket by 15 February 2013, you should contact the HPAT – Ireland Office. Check your junk mail folder to ensure the message from the HPAT – Ireland Office has not been treated as spam.

3.2 Reporting to the Test Centre
You will be assigned to a test centre in your chosen city. You must report to this centre at the time designated on your Admission Ticket. The test itself will start as soon as pre-testing procedures are completed. If you report to the centre after all candidates have been seated you may not be admitted. No latecomers can be admitted once the test has started.

When you report to the test centre, you must bring:
• a printout of your HPAT – Ireland Admission Ticket
• appropriate identity document (see 3.3)
• grey-lead pencils (medium soft HB), pencil sharpener and eraser

All other items with the exception of a bottle of drinking water are prohibited.

Mobile phones, pagers, stopwatches, audio or recording devices of any kind including MP3 players, calculators, note paper, food and bags will not be permitted in the test room. Dictionaries are not permitted. Pencil cases, highlighters and rulers are also not permitted.

Some test centres are warmer or cooler on weekends than during the week and you should consider dressing in layers, so that you can be comfortable no matter what the room conditions are.

You are also advised to have a light meal before reporting to the test centre, as you may have to be there for up to 4½ hours and you will not be allowed to leave the test centre until all post-test procedures are complete, even if you finish the test early.

3.3 Identification on the Test Day
On the day of the test you will be required to show one form of photo-bearing identification. The only acceptable forms of ID are:
• Current passport
• Current driver’s licence (photo-bearing)
• Certified letter of identification (details follow)

Student cards, Garda cards and/or documents that have expired will NOT be accepted under any circumstances. Photocopies of identity documents are also not acceptable forms of ID.

If you do not possess a current passport or driver’s licence you must obtain a certified letter of identification from your school or other educational institution. The letter must be on official letterhead and must contain your name; date of birth; a passport photo glued to the letter with institution stamp overlapping; signature and title of the official verifying the identification; and your signature. A sample letter of identification is provided on the HPAT – Ireland website and you are strongly advised to use this template to avoid any problems on the day.

IMPORTANT: The identity document you present MUST bear an easily recognisable photograph of you as you look on the test day. If you do not present your Admission Ticket AND appropriate identification you will not be allowed to sit HPAT – Ireland and will be turned away from the test centre.
3.4 Penalties for Misconduct

Misconduct includes:

• breach of any of the security arrangements for HPAT – Ireland;
• impersonation;
• attempting to remove a test book or answer sheet or part thereof, or any notes, from the test room;
• failure to follow test supervisor's instructions at all times;
• giving or receiving assistance during the test;
• creating a disturbance;
• using prohibited aids (e.g. notes, scrap paper, calculator, mobile phone, audio/recording device etc.);
• writing, or marking your test paper or answer sheet after the instruction is given to stop writing;
• writing on the Admission Ticket during the test;
• copying another candidate’s work;
• using the test questions, their content or information about them for purposes other than your sitting of HPAT – Ireland is prohibited. This includes: publishing the HPAT – Ireland questions or any of their content or information about them on the internet, any digital format or otherwise; and/or passing the HPAT – Ireland questions, any of their content or information about them to third parties.
• the giving of false or misleading information;
• infringement of copyright. Copyright infringement includes: performing those acts which only the copyright holders may or authorising or allowing a person on the candidate’s behalf to infringe ACER’s copyright material.

PENALTIES for misconduct include: withholding of your HPAT – Ireland results or disqualification from sitting HPAT – Ireland for a period or at all.

YOU ARE PUT ON NOTICE there is NO APPEAL from any penalty applied.

3.5 Security

HPAT – Ireland is a high stakes test. Therefore ACER, in conjunction with the medical schools, has established security procedures which will be strictly enforced at all times.

3.6 Infringement of Copyright

HPAT – Ireland is copyright material. Any infringement of HPAT – Ireland copyright material, in addition to any right at law, will be treated as misconduct for the purposes of this Agreement.
4.1 HPAT – Ireland Practice Materials

The purpose of HPAT – Ireland is to assess your abilities in a range of general skills. HPAT – Ireland measures skills acquired over a period of time, including the ability to reason, make logical deductions and form judgments. The test does not draw on any particular body of knowledge or curriculum. Wide and critical reading may provide helpful preparation for sections 1 and 2. Some familiarity with the question types typically presented in HPAT – Ireland is beneficial.

The only official HPAT – Ireland Practice Materials are available from the HPAT – Ireland website or with your registration. There are currently two publications available for purchase in the form of e-books: Practice Test and Practice Test 2.

Each HPAT – Ireland Practice Test is equivalent to a full test and will take approximately 2½ hours to complete under exam conditions. The preparation materials contain different selections of material and are designed to give examples of the types of question, skills and knowledge contained in HPAT – Ireland. Answers are given for all questions.

From 2013 the registration fee is inclusive of the HPAT – Ireland Practice Test with worked solutions. The practice booklet normally retails at €22.00 but is provided to candidates as part of their registration at a reduced rate.

ACER and the Irish medical schools do not recommend or endorse any commercially available courses offering HPAT – Ireland preparation. Nor does ACER have knowledge of the content of such courses, or any involvement in their development, or any commercial interest in the programmes. Thus the HPAT – Ireland Office is unable to comment on their relevance or usefulness. It is possible that some commercial preparation courses might provide misleading information or advice to candidates. Neither ACER nor the Irish medical schools conduct HPAT – Ireland preparation courses.

4.2 Test-taking Strategy

Each test section is separately timed. You are advised to work steadily through each section. It is not advisable to spend too much time on any one question. Read through all the alternative answers to a question, even if you think the first one is correct, before marking your chosen response. If you think you know the answer to a question, mark it, even if you are not certain. Go on to the next question and come back later if you have time.

Please note the following:

All questions have the same value, therefore by attempting as many questions as possible you stand the best chance of maximising your score.

No marks are deducted for a wrong answer.

If you mark more than one answer to a question it will be considered wrong.

Answers should be marked directly onto the answer sheet, not in the test book. Answers marked in the book will not be scored.

You may do rough work in the margins of your test book. Scrap paper is not allowed.

HPAT – Ireland is in multiple-choice format. You will mark your answers by filling in ovals on a machine-readable answer sheet. It is very important that you record your answers carefully. Record your answers by completely filling in the oval with pencil. If you decide to change an answer, erase it completely and mark the oval corresponding to your new choice. See example ovals below:
5.1 The HPAT – Ireland Scores

An online HPAT – Ireland Statement of Results will be issued to mature candidates in late April and to the other candidates on Monday 24 June 2013. You will receive a score for each of the three sections, together with an Overall HPAT – Ireland Score and an overall percentile rank to give you an indication of how well you performed against other HPAT – Ireland candidates.

Your results will also be provided to the Universities and the CAO for the purpose of selecting applicants into the medical programmes.

Under no circumstances will results be released over the telephone, by fax or by email. This is to protect candidate confidentiality.

Candidates will not be provided with any additional information on scores or the scoring process. All information remains the property of HPAT – Ireland and no right of inspection will be deemed to be vested in a candidate.

5.2 Currency of Results

The HPAT – Ireland score is current for two years. Scores are scaled by ACER to make them directly comparable from year to year. If you have more than one valid score (i.e. you take HPAT – Ireland two years in a row) you may use whichever score you prefer.

Please note that the currency of results for candidates sitting HPAT – Ireland in 2013 is still under review and may change. Candidates will be notified of any amendment as soon as the information is made available to the HPAT – Ireland Office.

5.3 Appeals and Re-checks

The HPAT – Ireland Office will not enter into appeals against HPAT – Ireland results or any penalties applied for misconduct under this agreement.

Please note that results are released after careful calculation and extensive checking, and errors in scoring are highly unlikely. However, following receipt of the HPAT – Ireland Statement of Results, a candidate may apply for a re-check of his or her answer sheet, if they believe an error may have been made. A re-check involves individual rescoring of the answer sheet. The resulting scores will then be compared with the original scores to check that there has been no error in calculating or collating marks.

Requests for re-checks for mature candidates must be submitted online within one week from the release of results in late April. Requests for re-checks for other candidates must be submitted online by midnight Tuesday 23 July 2013. A fee of €85 is payable for this service.

It is not possible to give special consideration for impaired performance on the day of the test caused by illness or unexpected personal situations.
1. This booklet (as well as being an information source) is a LEGAL AGREEMENT (“the Agreement”) between you and the Australian Council for Educational Research LTD (ABN 19 004 398 145);

2. By completing the registration form for HPAT – Ireland located at www.hpat-ireland.acer.edu.au you are entering into a legal agreement with the Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd (ABN 19 004 398 145);

3. The TERMS AND CONDITIONS you agree to are contained in this booklet;

4. Therefore, please read and understand this Agreement carefully as this Agreement governs amongst other things: your sitting of HPAT – Ireland, payment of the registration fee, refunds and release of your results;

5. You may have legal rights and guarantees under the Australian Consumer Law. If a supply under this booklet is a supply of goods or services to a consumer within the meaning of the Australian Consumer Law, nothing contained in this booklet excludes, restricts or modifies the application of any provision, the exercise of any right or remedy, or the imposition of any liability under the Australian Consumer Law.

6. Some of the terms and conditions are summarised as follows:

a. To the maximum extent permissible by law (and for the avoidance of doubt, subject to any obligations which cannot be excluded, restricted or modified under the Australian Consumer Law), ACER expressly, irrevocably and totally disclaims any liability whatsoever for any loss or damage in connection with: your participation in HPAT – Ireland; and your test results, including, but not limited to, any representations made by ACER or its personnel (including agents, subcontractors and consultants) in respect of HPAT – Ireland.

b. You are put on NOTICE that, subject to the Australian Consumer Law, the entire risk of your participation in HPAT – Ireland is assumed by you. To the maximum extent permissible by law (for the avoidance of doubt, including the Australian Consumer Law), ACER will have no liability whatsoever to you for any loss, harm, damage, cost or expense (including legal fees) or any direct, special, indirect, incidental, punitive or consequential loss or damage (including, without limitation, economic loss, loss of contract, profit, revenue, income, opportunity, goodwill, information, anticipated savings, business relationships, production or data);

c. ACER provides NO WARRANTY or REPRESENTATION that: HPAT – Ireland will ensure you a placement with an educational institution; completion of the HPAT – Ireland registration form and/or payment of the registration fee guarantees you a place in HPAT – Ireland (which will remain in the sole discretion of ACER subject to any rights under the Australian Consumer Law); or that you will be provided with your HPAT – Ireland results (except in strict accord with this Agreement);

d. Under some circumstances your registration fee is NON REFUNDABLE, please see page 5 of this booklet for more details; and

e. There is no appeal in respect of your HPAT – Ireland results or any penalty applied for misconduct.

7. PRIVACY, PERSONAL INFORMATION and SENSITIVE DATA: By completing the HPAT – Ireland registration form you agree to be bound by the ACER privacy policy and you consent to:

a. ACER collecting your personal information including any sensitive (such as health) information. The personal information ACER may collect about you includes your registration information, your payment details, your test answers and results, any application for special testing conditions and any communications you have with HPAT – Ireland;

b. ACER using and disclosing the personal information we collect about you for purposes connected with your HPAT – Ireland registration and testing which may include investigating any suspected misconduct and administering any penalty for misconduct. You understand that if you do not provide us with all the information requested, we may not be able to process your HPAT – Ireland registration or test or respond to your communications;

c. Your personal (including sensitive) information being disclosed by ACER to the Irish medical schools, CAO and other persons or bodies connected with HPAT – Ireland for purposes related to HPAT – Ireland (which may include transferring it overseas); and

d. ACER using your personal information for research purposes and disclosing it to relevant research bodies (in a de-identified form). Candidate names will be separated from data in all cases.

All information collected will be treated with utmost confidentiality and we will take all reasonable steps to ensure its security. Any use of your registration and test records will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. We will strictly adhere to our obligations under the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and any other applicable data protection legislation.

For more information about our privacy policy and how to access or correct your information, please see www.acer.edu.au/about/acer-privacy-policy.

8. By completing the HPAT – Ireland registration form you have agreed to:

a. The terms and conditions contained in this booklet; and

b. This agreement being subject to the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and both parties to the agreement submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the State of Victoria, Australia and having jurisdiction to hear appeals from the Courts of the State of Victoria, Australia.
Any queries about HPAT – Ireland should be directed to:
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