

## 1. Admissions from program 3181 to 8095: Step-by-step process

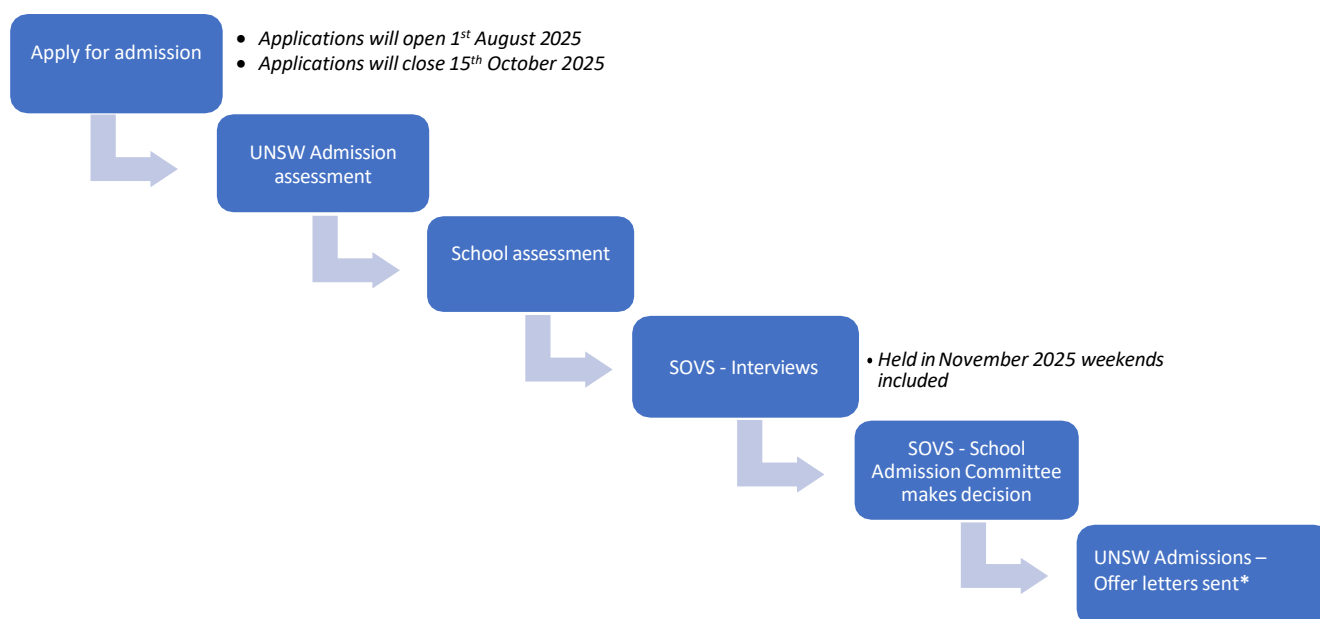


Figure 1: Admissions process outline and workflow.

\*: Offers are contingent on passing remaining courses for those who are still enrolled and completing relevant programs (e.g. Program 3181, Bachelor of Vision Science) at the time of offer.

### Admissions process: Step by step guide

1. This admission process is for the UNSW postgraduate program 8095 [Master in Clinical Optometry](#). You may familiarise with the program by visiting the [UNSW Future Students website](#).
2. Submit your application directly to UNSW using the [UNSW Apply Online portal](#), and ensure that you also include the Rural Entry Statutory Declaration form completed (if applicable).
3. UNSW Admissions will acknowledge receipt of your application. Only applications that include all relevant compulsory supporting documentation and are received before the application deadline will be sent to the School of Optometry and Vision Science for further assessment.
4. Once the application deadline passes, the School Admission Committee will finalise the interview shortlist. The deadline for applications is **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025**.
5. Only shortlisted applicants will be invited by the School to participate in the interview process.
6. The interviews are scheduled to take place in November this year. Final interview dates and times will be emailed to all the shortlisted applicants by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Student Experience Team.
7. The interviews will be conducted **online** and the format of the interviews will be Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI), which consist of several very short interviews with interviewers drawn from academic staff, optometrists and community representatives (See: [Student Information: Admission Interview into Program 8095](#))
8. After all interviews are completed, the School Admission Committee will consider the applications, including **WAM and the MMI interviews in ranking** applicants. The WAM at the time of application deadline will be used.
9. Offers are conditional on successfully fulfilling requirements for entry into the 8095 program by the end of the calendar year, including completion of the 3181 program. The School Admission Committee's decision is final, and no appeals will be allowed.

## **2. Frequently Asked Questions Admissions from program 3181 to 8095**

**Q: Will the 3181 BVisSci WAM considered for entry be the overall WAM following T2 or T3?**

**A:** The [Admissions from program 3181 to 8095: Step-by-step process](#) states that the WAM at the time of application deadline will be considered. For current Stage 3 students enrolled in the BVisSci program 3181, the program WAM at the end of T2, 2025 will be considered for entry into MClinoptom program 8095. For students who have already completed the BVisSci program 3181, the entire 3181 program WAM will be considered in their application for the MClinoptom program 8095. All students must successfully complete BVisSci program 3181 and achieve a minimum program WAM of 65.00 to be eligible to enter MClinoptom program 8095.

**Q: Who will be selected for the interview?**

**A:** In the 2025 round for entry in 2026, the interview shortlist will include applicants who have a WAM of 65 or greater and have submitted a completed application by the application deadline. These applicants must be able to fulfill the requirements for entry into the MClinoptom program 8095 by the end of the calendar year, including completion of the BVisSci program 3181.

**Q: How many students can be selected for the Master's course?**

**A:** For 2026 intake, at least 10 places will be available for entry into the MClinoptom program 8095. The number of places available for entry into the MClinoptom program 8095 will vary each year.

**Q: How many students apply for entry to MClinoptom program 8095?**

**A:** The number of students applying and places available for entry into MClinoptom program 8095 will vary each year depending on several factors. We are unable to estimate the number of applications each year.

**Q: For the interview, how should I prepare for it? What kind of questions would be asked?**

**A:** Please refer to the [Student Information: Admission Interview into Program 8095](#) sheet which provides more detail about the interview process.

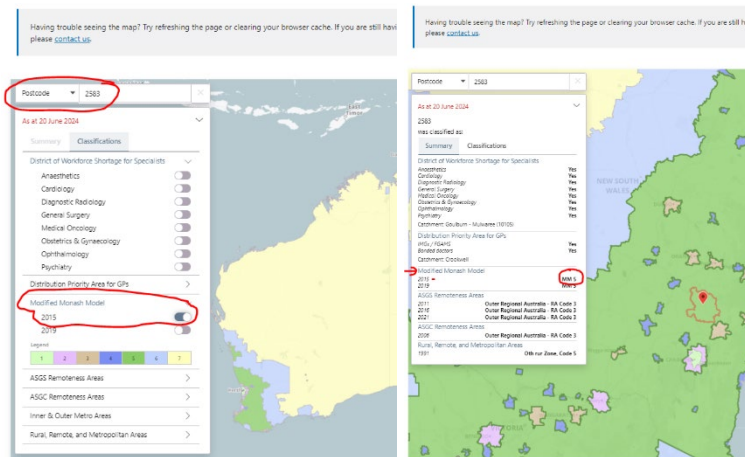
**Q: Is there a Rural Entry Scheme for entry into the MClinoptom program 8095?**

**A:** Yes, students will be able to apply for entry into the MClinoptom program 8095 through the Rural Entry Scheme. Students from a rural background demonstrated through their home and schooling up to and including the completion of secondary (Higher School Certificate) education may be eligible to apply through this scheme.

**Q: How do I know if I am eligible for Rural Entry Scheme?**

**A:** Click this website link: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/app>

Tick the Modified Monash Model (see the screenshot below), then enter your location in the **Find address** search window, you will then find the category of the location. Categories range from MM 1 to MM 7. MM 1 is a major city and MM 7 is very remote. You are eligible for Rural Entry Scheme if you fall in the category MM 2 to MM 7.



To apply via the Rural Entry Scheme, applicants must be an Australian/New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident that has lived in a defined Australian rural area, **MM 2 - 7** (Modified Monash Model classification system) for at least five consecutive or ten cumulative years between the ages of five (5) and eighteen (18). This will be evident through your rural residential and schooling locations.

**Q: How do I apply for the Rural Entry Scheme for entry into the MClinOptom program 8095?**

**A:** To apply for the Rural Entry Scheme for entry into the MClinOptom program 8095, students must declare their eligibility for the Rural Entry Scheme by completing the [statutory declaration](#) template based on the criteria listed. Students must submit the statutory declaration form as a part of their online application. If students are successful in receiving a placement into the MClinOptom program 8095 through the rural entry scheme, they will then be required to provide evidence to support their declaration.

**Q: When will I know the outcome of my application?**

**A:** Successful applicants will be notified of their application before 23<sup>rd</sup> December this year (first round of offers). Based on the number of places available, a second round of offers may be sent in January next year.

### 3. **Student Information: Admission Interview into Program 8095**

Admission interviews for entry into the MClinoptom program 8095 will be in a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) format and will be conducted **online**. These interviews will take place in November (weekends included). The date and time of the interviews will be emailed to all shortlisted applicants by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Student Experience Team.

Once an interview has been scheduled, rescheduling is not permitted. Once you enter the interview room, you're deemed fit to be interviewed. If before the scheduled interview you believe you're not fit to be interviewed, you should immediately advise the admission team ([mh.admissions@unsw.edu.au](mailto:mh.admissions@unsw.edu.au)) and follow their guidance. An alternative day and time of interview may be offered based on availability but cannot be guaranteed.

Attending the online interview is compulsory for admission into the MClinoptom program 8095. You will be informed closer to the scheduled interview date of any changes to the admission interview process.

The admission interview process is anticipated to take a total of approximately 30 minutes and will be station-based. You will attend a total of 5 stations and be allocated 5 minutes at each station. Each station will have one interviewer drawn from staff at the School of Optometry and Vision Science, optometrists and community representatives

At each station, you will be presented with a written scenario to consider for 2 minutes. You will then be given 3 minutes for your verbal response to the presented scenario. Scenarios presented will generally NOT be based on presumed knowledge from program 3181. Your interviewer will generally not be interacting with you during your verbal response but will be taking notes. They will also inform you when your verbal response should begin and when your allotted time is over.

The MMI format will assess non-academic qualities that are important in pursuing a career in clinical optometry including but not limited to:

- Personal humanistic qualities, including empathy and compassion
- Communication and listening skills
- Ability to develop rapport with people
- Problem solving and decision-making skills
- Integrity and ethical qualities

If you have any further questions, please email: [mh.admissions@unsw.edu.au](mailto:mh.admissions@unsw.edu.au)