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2027 Tuition and Fees Explained

MD Program Intake Fee

For students beginning the MD program in January 2027, the Intake Fee is due and payable by 1 December 2026.

- Students must make a single payment covering the entire amount of the Intake Fee by the deadline to secure their enrollment into the MD program.
- The Intake Fee includes 8 Pre-Clinical tuition credits and 2 Research tuition credits. The 8 Pre-Clinical tuition credits will be applied to the first unit of the MD program, General Principles. The 2 Research tuition credits will be applied to the Research Requirement, which you must complete during the MD Program.
- The remaining 32 tuition credits for Pre-Clinical units and 2 Research tuition credits required to be purchased for your 2027 tuition may be purchased in one of three ways, which are detailed in the Tuition Payment Plan Options section.

2027 Tuition and Fees for Non-Scholarship Students

In 2027, the tuition is the same for both pathways: 44 tuition credits (40 Pre-Clinical and 4 Research), which includes tuition cost, access to OUM's online interactive professional library resources featuring books, medical journals, images, videos, and more), and Exam Proctor (invigilation software to facilitate remote completion of unit examinations).

The 2027 credit point cost is an inclusive charge of tuition and associated direct fees. Tuition is based on credit points, with credit points assigned to each unit. To register for a unit, students must have purchased enough tuition credits to cover that unit (e.g., Unit 1 General Principles costs 8 tuition credits). To graduate, students are required to complete 182 credit points (102 Pre-Clinical, 8 Research, and 72 Clinical).

The cost of tuition credits varies depending on a student's country of residence, and students pay tuition and fees in their local currency. Tuition is subject to an annual price review and update. OUM uses indexation/inflationary adjustment reflecting the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in each country to guide our tuition updates. A country's CPI is released annually in July and is used as a guide to set tuition for the following year, beginning 1 January. The updated tuition credit cost for the following year will be published by 1 September each year.

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Intake Fee for Non-Scholarship Students (WST)

Generally, Samoan applicants who are Samoan citizens and full-time residents, and meet OUM's postgraduate entry requirements, will be offered tuition-and-fee-inclusive scholarships to complete the MD program.

This does not preclude Samoan-based scholarship-ineligible students from enrolling in OUM and paying the following fees:

January 2027 cohort Intake Fee (WST$13,020) is due 1 December 2026.

The Intake Fee will be applied to Unit 1 (General Principles) and the Research Requirement.

Non-Scholarship Students	Pre-Clincal Credits	Research Credits	WST
Unit 1	8		$11,040
Research Requirement		2	$1,980
Intake Fee Total	8	2	$13,020

2027 Tuition Cost for Non-Scholarship Students (WST)

The cost of the 2027 first-year tuition (44 credit points) for the January 2027 cohort is WST$62,180.
The tuition cost includes all fees associated with delivering your tuition, including Exam Proctor (an online examination tool for delivering and supervising exams) and OUM's Professional Library.

The inclusive cost of credit points in 2027 is WST$1,470 (Pre-Clinical credit), WST$1,060 (Research credit) and WST$1,060 (Clinical credit).
For 2027, you will be required to purchase 40 Pre-clinical and 4 Research credits; 8 Pre-clinical and 2 Research credits are purchased through payment of the Intake Fee at the 2026 Tuition credit cost. The balance required will be 32 Pre-clinical and 2 Research credits purchased at the 2027 Tuition credit cost.

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2027 Tuition Cost for Non-Scholarship Students (WST)

The MD Program will comprise the following credits, which you will purchase during your program: 102 Pre-Clinical credits (2.5 years), 8 Research Credits, and 72 Clinical credits (2 years). Research is completed during both the Pre-Clinical and Clinical phases of your MD program.

Below is an outline of the 2027 first-year program for non-scholarship students:

	Due Date	Pre-Clinical Credits	Research Credits	WST
Unit 1 - General Principles	1 Dec 2026	8		$11,040
Cardiovascular System	22 Mar 2027	12		$17,640
Urinary System	28 Jun 2027	10		$14,700
Pulmonary	20 Sep 2027	10		$14,700
Research Requirement	1 Dec 2026 31 Dec 2027		2 2	$1,980 $2,120
Total Payable for First-Year		40	4	$62,180

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Scholarship Information for Samoans

For Samoan scholarship students, the cost of the MD program, including the Intake Fee, is covered in full by your scholarship.

Qualified Samoan applicants are eligible for full scholarships. To qualify for a Samoan Scholarship, applicants must provide proof of Samoan citizenship (i.e., birth certificate or passport), and be a full-time resident of Samoa for at least 3 years before admission, or if overseas for an educational purpose during that time, proof that the applicant has been a permanent resident of Samoa for at least 5 of the past 10 years before admission.

Recipients of OUM's Samoan and American Samoan scholarships are **legally bound to work as medical doctors in Samoa or American Samoa for at least five years following completion of postgraduate training.**

For full eligibility requirements and details regarding the scholarship and bonding requirements, please review the **Samoan and American Samoan Scholarship Policy and Procedure**.

Samoan applicants who do not qualify for the scholarship are still encouraged to apply.

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Other Fees for Non-Scholarship Students

The January 2027 Intake Fee, which includes 8 Pre-Clinical tuition credits and 2 Research tuition credits, is due and payable by 1 December 2026.

The 8 Pre-Clinical tuition credits will be applied to the first unit of the MD program, General Principles, and 2 Research tuition credits will be applied to your Research Requirement (8 Research credits in total), which you will undertake during the MD program.

Fees are included in the Tuition credit costs for the following graduation requirements:

- **Exam Proctor:** Online examination tool for delivery and monitoring of online exams (required for all units)
- **Library:** Extensive online professional library (required for all units)
- **NBME Exams:** USMLE Step 1 and Step 2
- **Clinical Transition Unit (CTU) Workshop:** A 5-day, in-person, face-to-face CTU workshop delivered between the Pre-Clinical and Clinical phases of the MD program
- **FCE OSCE:** Final in-person practical exit exam (1 attempt)
- **Graduate Preparatory Program Costs:** USMLE (USMLE Pathway) or AMC (Standard Pathway)

Additional fees that may be applied to individual accounts will relate to specific actions or behaviors. Fees that may be imposed:

- **Late Fees:** $25 for each late payment of a charge to your account
- **Convenience Fees:** Card provider fees are passed on to students at payment
- **Additional Exam Fees:** If resits are required (NBME and OSCE)
- **Administrative Fee:** 2% for a monthly payment plan

Hospital and Clinic Fees: Clinical rotations in hospitals or clinics may incur a weekly hospital fee. Hospital or clinic fees will be payable by students as an additional fee. North American students should expect to pay hospital fees on all clinical rotations. In Australia and New Zealand more hospitals are now charging clinical rotation fees, and this is a developing trend, you should expect to pay weekly hospital fees for all Australian based clinical rotations, the cost varies widely. Hospital fees are payable before the commencement of a clinical rotation.

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Tuition Payment Plan Options

OUM has three payment plan options:

Paid in Full: Purchase all tuition credits upfront to lock in the current year's credit point cost. You may purchase as many credits as you like at any time, up to the full amount remaining to complete your program. Students must always have purchased at least the credits needed for a unit before they may enroll in that unit, unless they are on a monthly plan.

Note: In the event of withdrawal or dismissal pre-purchased credit points are refundable at 75% of the purchase price, so purchasing all credits in advance carries some risk if you do not complete the MD program.

Pay As You Go (PAYG): Purchase tuition credits before the commencement of each unit. Tuition Credit must be purchased before starting each unit.

Monthly: Monthly payment plan to purchase the annual tuition credit required for the current year. Tuition Credit must be purchased before starting each unit, except for students electing the Monthly Payment Plan, in which payments for the year will be spread over the remaining months of the calendar year. The Monthly Payment Plan has a 2% Administrative Fee in addition to the credit point cost.

Failed units will require the purchase of additional tuition credits to re-sit the unit.

Students may:

- Change between PAYG and Monthly Payment Plans, and students changing payment plans must have enough credits paid for their next unit.
- Purchase credits in one year for use in subsequent years to lock in the current year's price.

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Refund Policy for Non-Scholarship Students

Tuition payments will be refunded in the case of withdrawal from the Doctor of Medicine (MD) program, but will be subject to an Administrative Fee as follows:

If a student withdraws:

- Before the start of Orientation, there will be a full refund and no Administrative Fee
- Before the first unit (General Principles) starts, there will be a $1,000 Administrative Fee
- Within the first two weeks of the first unit, there will be a $5,000 Administrative Fee
- After two weeks, unused prepaid credits will be refunded at 75% of the purchase cost on withdrawal from the MD program

Application Fees are not refundable and may not be applied to cover other fees.

Unused tuition credits are refunded pro-rata only in the event of withdrawal/dismissal from the university. Unused tuition credits are refunded at 75% of the purchase cost.

For further financial information, please contact **bursar@oum.edu.ws**.

The information published in this document is correct at the time of publishing (SEPTEMBER 2026). The University reserves the right to change its program offerings and policies without notice.

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