

Bring Your Own Device Program

Recommendations, Guidelines & Expectations



Overview

This document applies to students enrolled in the Doctor of Medicine (MD) and Doctor of Medicine (MD Ochsner) programs (referred to as MD throughout this document).

Through the Medical School's Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program, you will:

- have an enhanced student learning experience in both on-campus and mobile contexts; and
- experience a greater ability to engage with information and communication technologies effectively and appropriately

The purpose of these guidelines is to share with you the minimum specifications required to ensure you are able to effectively participate in BYOD learning experiences and assessment, and to take full advantage of electronic materials available throughout the program.

To deliver the University of Queensland's core strategic vision of high value personalised and digital experiences, the Medical School aims to move appropriate learning content to the online environment and to utilise the classroom for active learning experiences that build upon the online content. Access to a private computing device will enhance your learning and development opportunities.

When using a personal device in connection with the MD program, you are subject to the rights and responsibilities detailed in these guidelines.

These guidelines should be read in conjunction with the University's policies and procedures relating to [Examinations Procedure](#), [Diversity, Equity and Inclusive Behaviours Policy](#), [Acceptable Use of UQ ICT Resources Guideline](#), [Cyber Security Policy](#), [UQ BYOD](#) and [Student Code of Conduct Policy](#).

Minimum Device Specifications

You should be able to reliably engage with course learning resources from your own device. These guidelines detail the minimum device technical specifications for compatibility with the BYOD Program.

Windows based laptop

- Operating System: 64-bit versions of Windows 11.
- Only genuine versions of Windows Operating Systems are supported. (*Windows RT and 11 S* are **NOT** supported)
- The versions of Windows 11 23H2, 24H2 and 25H2
- CPU Processor (Non-ARM based processor supported by your operating system).
- RAM: 8GB of usable RAM or higher.
- Hard drive: 4GB or higher of available space.
- Compatible webcam: integrated user-facing camera
- A working USB port is required. (Newer devices may require an adapter.)
- Internet connection.
- Screen resolution must be at least 1280 x 768.

Windows Surface Pro

- Surface Pro, Surface Books and Surface Laptop devices are supported (Non-Pro Surface devices are NOT recommended)

- Surface Pro 4 or newer (Pro and Non-Pro devices *ARE* suitable)
- Hard drive: highest recommended for the operating system or 4GB of available space
- External Keyboard (USB or Bluetooth) required
- A working USB port is required (Newer devices may require an adapter)
- Internet connection
- Screen Resolution at least 1920x1080
- Integrated user-facing camera
- Operating system (refer to Windows based laptop requirements)

Mac

- Operating System: macOS Sonoma, Sequoia or Tahoe
- Only genuine versions of Mac operating systems are supported
- CPU: Intel or M series processor
- RAM: 8GB or higher
- Hard drive: 4GB or higher available space
- A working USB port is required (Newer devices may require an adapter)
- Server version of Mac OS X is not supported
- Internet connection
- Integrated user-facing camera
- Screen resolution must be at least 1280 x 768 or higher

iPad

- Hardware: iPad 5+, iPad Air 3+, iPad Mini 5+, iPad Pro.
- Operating Systems: iPadOS 17.6 and higher, iPadOS 18 and iPadOS 26 (Only genuine versions of iPadOS).
- At least 500 MB of free space **at all times**.
- Jailbroken devices are **NOT** supported.
- Internet connection.
- Integrated user-facing camera.

Important note: Chromebooks, Android, or Linux operating systems are unable to run Exemplify.

Accessing some learning resources may be impeded depending on the system and processing capabilities of your device. For example, an iPad may not have enough internal memory to download and store large files.

1. Student Expectations and Responsibilities

1.1 Student Responsibilities under the BYOD Program

- a) Your personal device should:
 - i. Meet the minimum device specifications and University technical specifications set out in these guidelines;
 - ii. Adhere to the University's policies and procedures including, but not limited to, [Acceptable Use of UQ ICT Resources Guideline](#), and [Student Integrity and Misconduct Policy](#);
 - iii. Receive hardware support from the hardware manufacturer;
 - iv. Be maintained and fit-for-purpose;
 - v. Be configured to ensure access to the University's network;
 - vi. Meet minimum University computer security requirements regarding anti-virus software and firewalls;
 - vii. Have any required accessories (including cables, headphones, external hard-drives, portable chargers, keyboards, covers, and power cables); and
 - viii. Have at least a minimum of 300 minutes of reliable battery life (as the availability of access to power is not guaranteed by the University in any learning space).
- b) You accept all responsibility for any change/s you make to your device that may impact the overall function, including changes and/or updates to software and/or hardware as they could affect the performance or suitability of your device.
- c) You are responsible for any resources created or saved to your device or a UQ owned device. The Medical School accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage due to technical and/or software failure to the device.
- d) For the avoidance of doubt, you accept all responsibility in bringing devices, and any associated accessories (including, but not limited to, power supply cables, power banks, headphones, keyboards) to all University campuses and clinical placement sites, and are responsible for the provision of appropriate insurance.

1.2 Medical School Responsibilities

- a) The Medical School is responsible for communicating BYOD expectations and procedures to students.
- b) The Medical School will monitor student engagement to ensure University policies and guidelines are adhered to during:
 - i All examinations and assessment completed online using a personal or University owned device; and
 - ii Learning and teaching encounters including but not limited to tutorials, practicals, placements, and lectures where a device is required as part of the teaching.

2. Equity

The University's [Diversity, Equity and Inclusive Behaviours Policy](#) reaffirms that University staff have a responsibility to ensure that curriculum and teaching learning practices are inclusive and equitable. In

accordance with the University's [Reasonable Adjustments Students Policy](#), the Medical School is committed to achieving a participatory environment for students with disability by being proactive in providing an opportunity to fully participate in University life.

These guidelines recognise the need to offer all medical students' access to a device that meets the minimum device specifications insofar as the use of such a device is a mandatory part of their learning and/or assessment within the MD program.

2.1 Student Laptop Loans

The [Student Laptop Loans](#) is designed to assist all current UQ students who require a study laptop. Refer to the Student Laptop Loans for details on how to access a laptop.

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