How to complete your UCAS application for courses starting in 2026

Here is a step-by-step guide for each section

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Go for it!

Start the application even if you think that you don't want to go to University right now







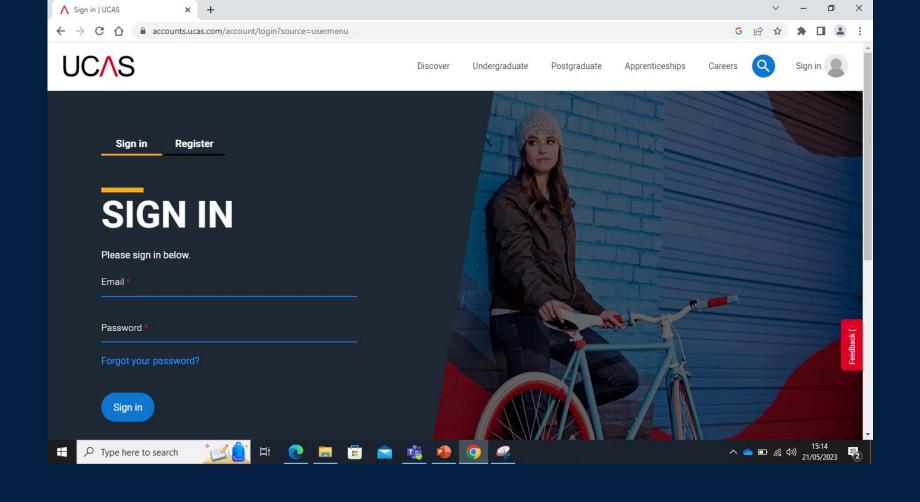












Log in to the UCAS Hub and let's do this together









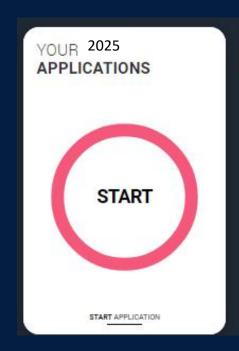


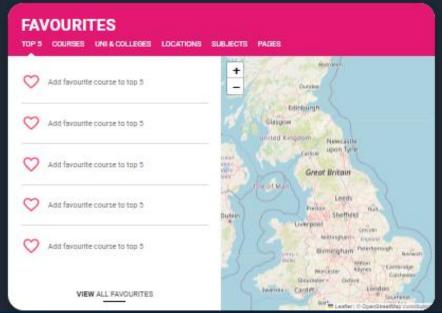


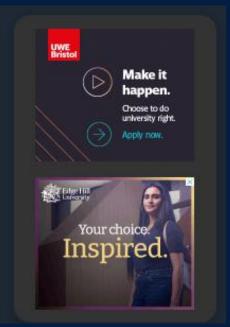




To start your UCAS application, click on the 'Your 2026 applications' tile.

















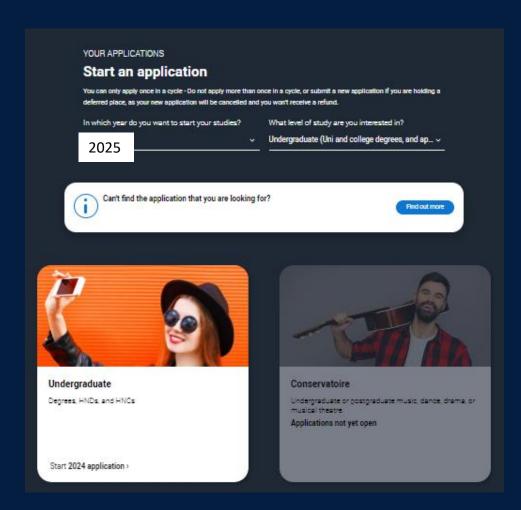






Choose the year you want to start your studies, level of study (it's **Undergraduate** if you are still at school/college) and type of application you wish to make.

Make sure you choose **2026** if you want to start next year, including if you want to defer entry.



















Linking College















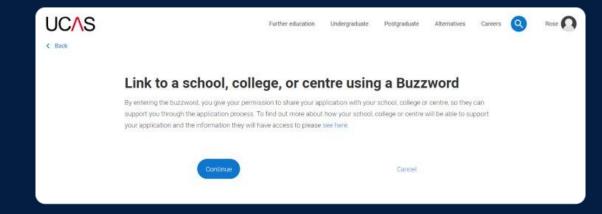


You are applying with the help of College so select 'Yes'.

UCAS Are you applying from a school, college, or centre? No

You will then need to enter the **Buzzword:**

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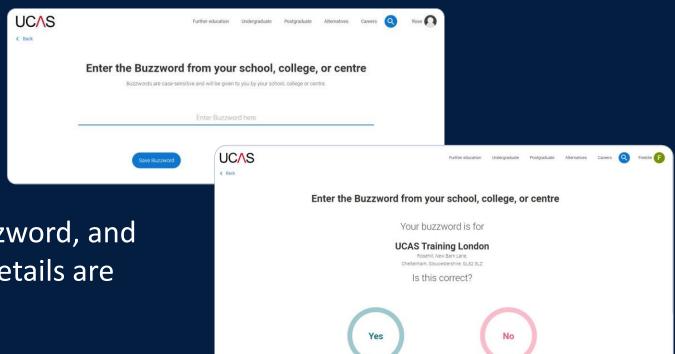












confirm the details are correct.

This will **link your application** to College, so we can track your progress and provide support, including adding your reference.







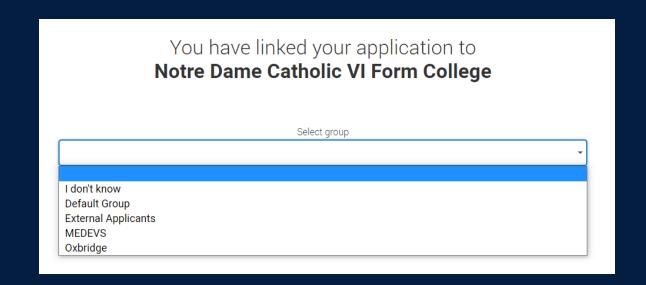












Once your application has been linked, select **Default Group**

If you are applying for:

- Medicine/Dentistry/Veterinary Science select MEDEVS group
- Oxford or Cambridge University select Oxbridge group















Application Overview













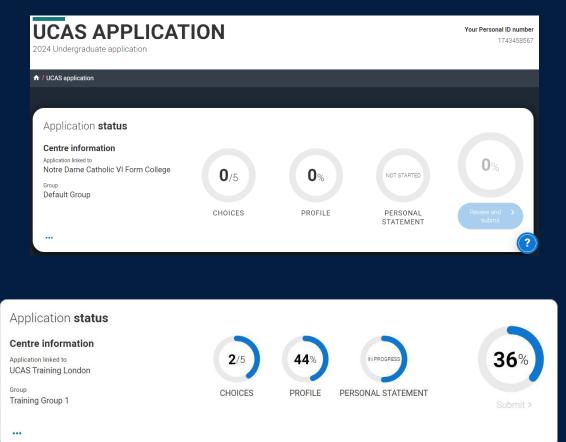




Your 'Application status' helps you keep track of your progress.

As you add information to each tile, the **percentage complete** updates each time you mark a section as complete.

You don't need to complete the application straight away, you can log in and out at any time until you're finished.













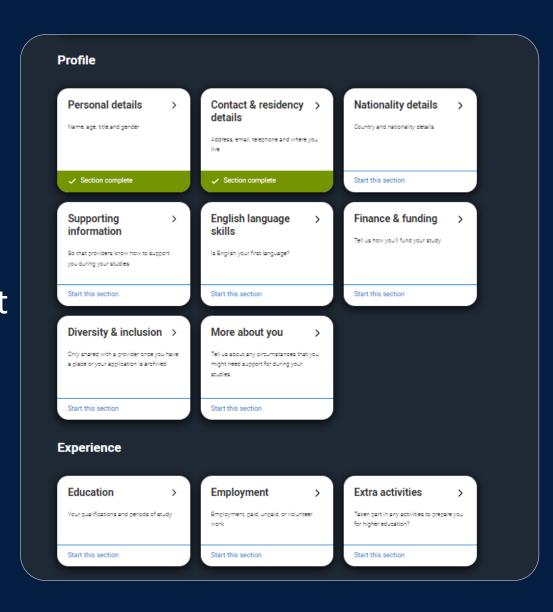






The application form is responsive to make it easier to complete.

Once you've completed 'Contact & residency details' if your permanent residence is in the UK, you'll also see the 'Diversity and inclusion' and 'Extra activities' sections to complete.











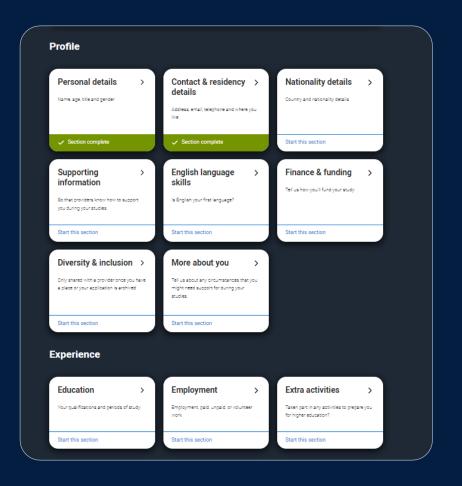






All sections must be marked as 'Complete' before sending to College for review.

You must complete all mandatory questions to mark a section as complete (they have a *).











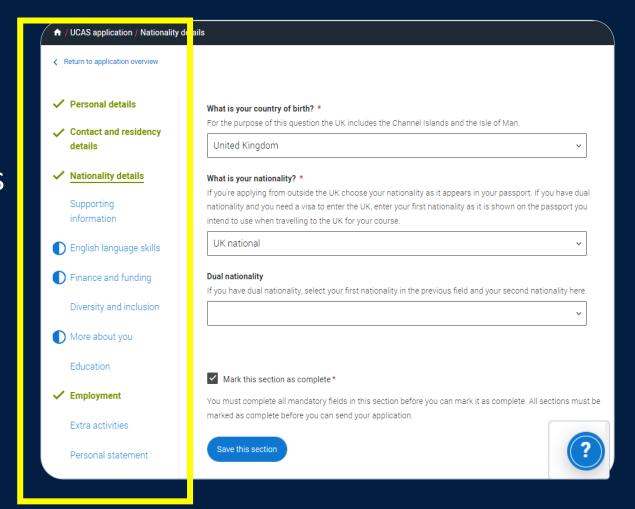








The list on the left of each section will show which sections are completed (with a tick), which are in progress (with a half-moon) and which have yet to be started (no icon).



















Personal Details











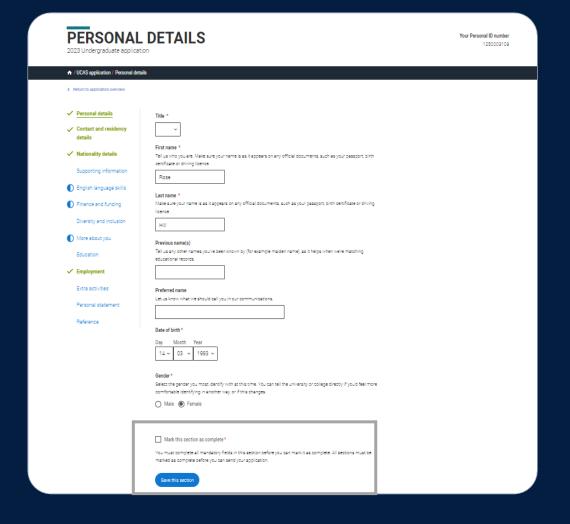






Personal details: your name should already be visible, but you'll need to add your title and complete the other mandatory fields (marked with a *).

Once you have completed a section, you must remember to mark the section as complete and save it at the bottom of each page.











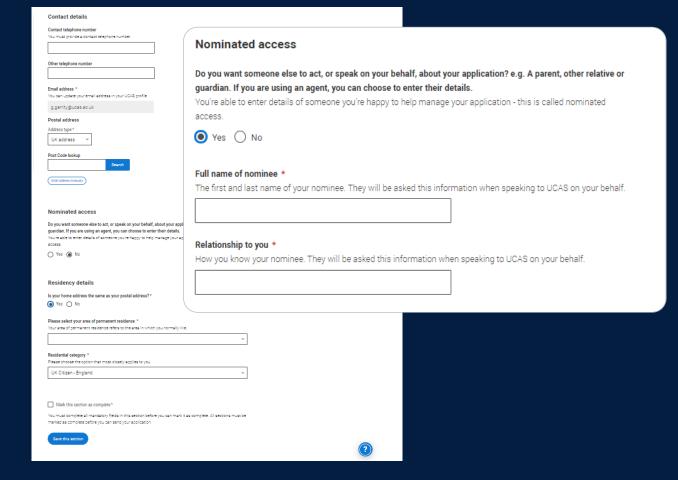








Your email will be used by both UCAS and your choices to update you. If you're using a school/college email address make sure you can access it at all times so you don't miss anything important. UCAS would advise using a personal email address.



You'll only see the fields to add the nominated contact details if you answer 'yes' to the question.

This means someone else can speak to us about your application.









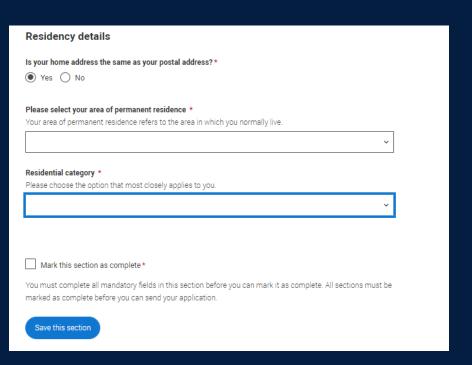


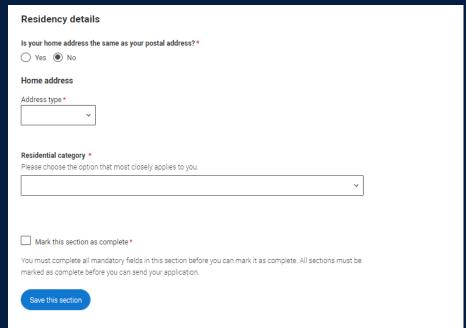






If you select '**No'**, additional **Home address** questions will appear. Remember to use the help text for advice about this question if you are unsure what to enter.





















Nationality Details

















If you're a UK national, this is what you will see.

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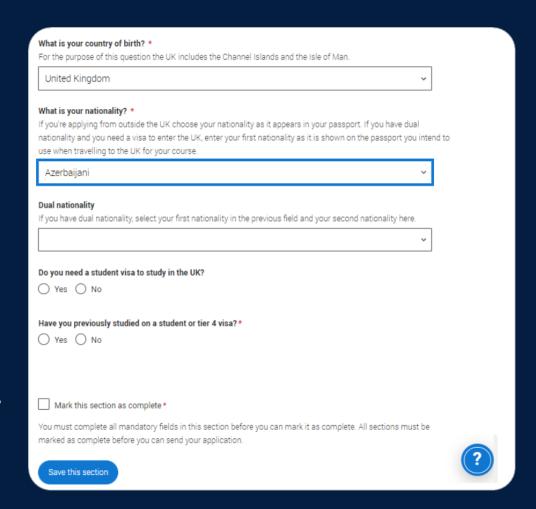




If you were born in the UK but have a different nationality, you will be asked additional questions.

The information you provide will help universities and colleges in determining your eligibility and allow them to assist you with the visa application process, if required.

There's some possible combinations but we'll only show relevant fields depending on your answers.



















If you select 'you will need a visa', you'll also be asked for your passport details.

If you have a passport, they ask you for your passport number, valid from and expiry dates and place of issue.

Do you need a student visa to study in the UK?	
● Yes ○ No	
Have you previously studied on a student or tier 4 visa? *	
Yes No	
Yes O No	
Do you currently have a passport? *	
Where relevant, UCAS collects applicants' passport information on behalf of universities and colleges, who need it for	
purposes of visa application and checks with the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI). For further details about UK Visas and Immigration please visit the UKVI website.	3
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Supporting Information









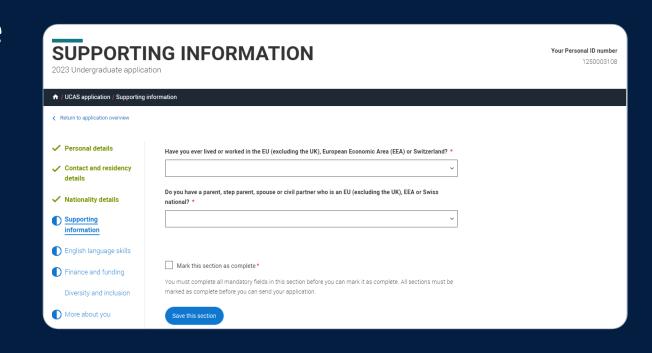








All questions are mandatory (*), but you have the option of don't know and Prefer not to say.



















English Language Skills

















English proficiency tests and exams are taken by students who don't speak English as their first language. Is English your first language?

This question is to find out whether you have taken an IELTS or TOFEL English proficiency test. The answer to this question is not passed on to your choices.

- If you click yes, you won't be asked any additional questions and can mark this section as complete.
- •If you click no, and have taken English proficiency tests, you can add your certificate numbers and we'll pass them on to your chosen universities and colleges when you submit your application.
- If you click no and haven't completed any tests, for example because Welsh is your first language, you can leave the remaining fields blank and then mark this section as complete.

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Can you provide any of these certificate numbers?
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Number
International English Language Testing System (IELTS) TRF Numb

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If English isn't your first language, and you have taken English proficiency tests, you can add your certificate numbers and UCAS will pass them on to your chosen universities and colleges when you submit your application.

If you haven't completed any tests, you can leave the remaining fields blank and then mark this section as complete.

















Finance & Funding

















You will only be asked further questions in finance and funding if you select UK, ChI, IoM or EU Student Finance Services.

We'll ask you for your local authority under 'Student support arrangements'.

For more information head to: ucas.com/finance

- Personal details
- Contact and residency details
- ✓ Nationality details
- Supporting information
- ✓ English language skills
- Finance and funding

Diversity and inclusion

More about you

Education

✓ Employment

Extra activities

Personal statement

What will be your main source of funding for your studies? *

Select an option from the drop-down list to tell us how you expect to pay for your tuition fees. Most applicants from the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, and the EU will be in the category UK, ChI, IoM, or EU student finance.

This guidance has been created in the absence of full Brexit arrangements being available and you should give your answer as guided. Universities and colleges are aware that EU applicants will be selecting the UK, ChI, IoM or EU student finance option.

UK. Chl. IoM or EU student finance services >

Student support arrangements

Tell us who will assess you for tuition fees, or how you will pay for your course. Please select the option which best describes your situation.

Gloucestershire

Mark this section as complete *

You must complete all mandatory fields in this section before you can mark it as complete. All sections must be marked as complete before you can send your application.

Save this section

















Diversity & Inclusion











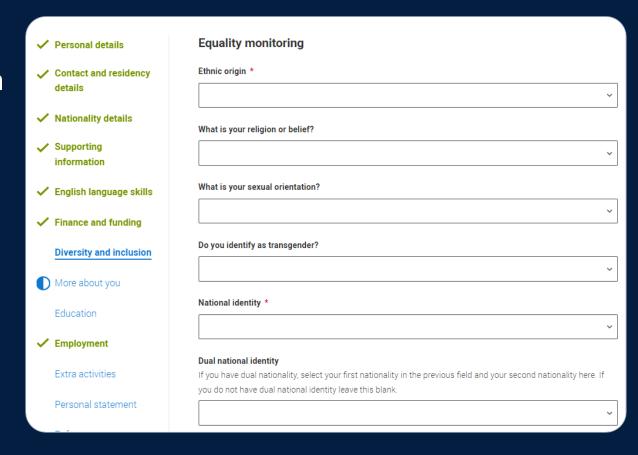






You'll only see these questions if you have a UK home address.

There are two mandatory fields(*), but you have the option to respond with I prefer not to say.



This information is only shared with universities or colleges once you have secured a place, it does not influence any decision making. It's used to ensure applications are treated fairly.

















Growing up in care means you are entitled to a range of practical support; for example during your application, financial assistance, year-round accommodation, or help with managing your health and wellbeing.

When you give this information, you are letting the university or college know that you may need additional support during your studies. They may get in touch to tell you more about the benefits and options available, if you want it.

Care support information

Have you been in care?

Select yes if you've ever lived in public care or as a looked-after child, including:

- with foster carers under local authority care
- in a residential children's home
- being 'looked after at home' under a supervision order
- living with friends or relatives in kinship care

Note: This does not refer to time spent in boarding schools, working in a care or healthcare setting, or if you are a carer yourself

For more information about answering this guestion read our FAQs.

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Duration in care *

















You can select I prefer not to say for the parental education question.

For the occupational background, you must type at least 3 letters into the response field, and then select an option from the menu that appears below it.

If you prefer not to give this information, please enter 1 prefer not to say'.

Parental education Do any of your parents, step-parents or guardians have any higher education qualification, such as a degree, diploma, or certificate of higher education? Occupational background * Please give the job title of your parent, step-parent, or quardian who earns the most, if you are under 21. If she or he is retired or unemployed, give their most recent job title. If you prefer not to give this information, please enter 'I prefer not to say'. If you are 21 or over, please give your own job title. If you can't find a match for the job title you want to enter, please choose the one closest to it.

















More about you

















You can tell us about any circumstances that you might need support for during your studies.

You might feel uncertain about sharing personal circumstances; please feel reassured this information is confidential and will not negatively impact your application.

They don't need you to give details — this information will be shared with those involved in making arrangements to support you at the university or college (e.g. the student support team, admissions staff), and they may get in touch to tell you more.

Every year, over 60,000 students with a physical and/or mental health condition, long-term illness, or learning difference apply through UCAS to study at a university or college in the UK, and access a range of support available to help with their studies, day-to-day activities, travel, or lifestyle. Would you consider yourself as living with any of the following: *
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Would you consider yourself estranged from your parents (i.e. you're not in contact with and supported by your parents)?
○ Yes ○ No
Do you have any caring responsibilities?
○ Yes ○ No
Are you a parent or do you have parenting responsibilities?
○ Yes ○ No
Do you have official refugee status or limited leave to remain, or are you seeking asylum?
No The UK government has granted me refugee status or humanitarian protection in the UK
\bigcirc I have limited or discretionary leave to remain in the UK \bigcirc I'm currently seeking asylum in the UK
Do you have a parent or carer who currently serves in the UK Armed Forces, or who has done so in the past?
○ Yes ○ No
Have you ever served in the UK Armed Forces?
○ Yes ○ No
Are you currently receiving free school meals, or have you been in receipt of free school meals during your secondary education?
Yes No Don't know

Make sure you check 'Yes' if you have and the UCAS application fee will not apply

















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No disability

You have a social/communication impairment such as Asperger's syndrome/other autistic spectrum disorder. You are blind or have a serious visual impairment uncorrected by glasses.

You are deaf or have a serious hearing impairment

You have a long standing illness or health condition such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or epilepsy

You have a mental health condition, such as depression, schizophrenia or anxiety disorder

You have a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia, dyspraxia or AD(H)D

You have physical impairment or mobility issues, such as difficulty using your arms or using a wheelchair or crutches

You have a disability, impairment or medical condition that is not listed above

You have two or more impairments and/or disabling medical conditions

















Education















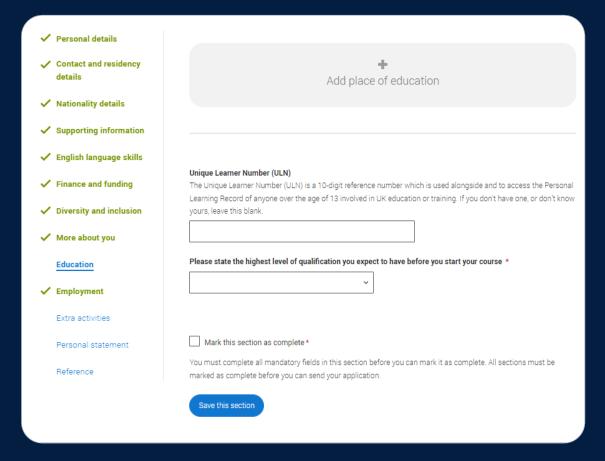


You must enter all your qualifications from secondary education onwards – whether you have the result (even any that were ungraded) or you're still awaiting exams and results.

First you need to add details of where you've studied, or are studying, then add qualifications.

Start by clicking -Add place of education.

You'll be asked for a Unique Learner Number – if you don't have one leave the question blank.

















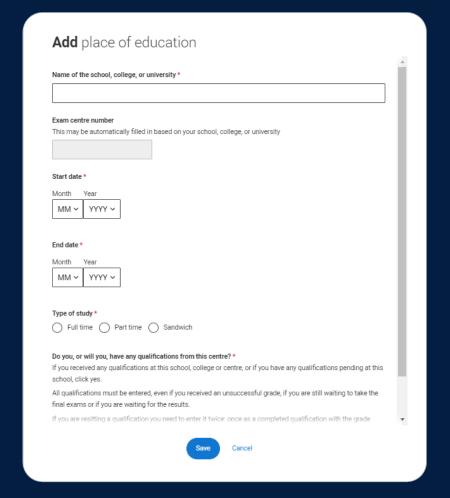


Type the name of where you studied. Once you find your centre, click on the name and the **Exam centre number** will automatically populate.

If an exam centre number doesn't appear that's ok, it's because they don't have it.

Add when you started and finished, and if you're still studying there add the month, you're due to finish.

Start date: 08/2024 End date: 08/2026















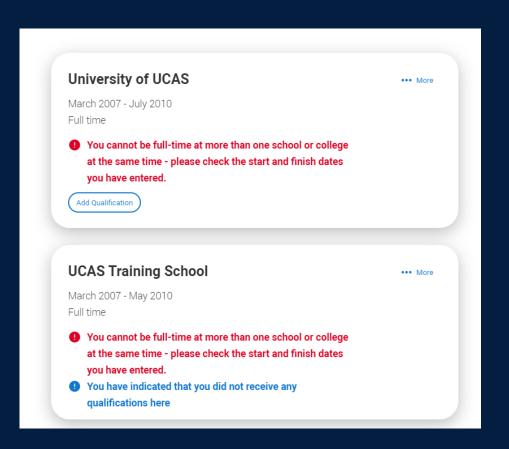




There are warning messages to help you.

For example: you can't say you attended 2 or more places of study full-time during the same date range.

Red text are warnings and mean something is wrong and blue text is for information you need to be aware of.



















Once you've added where you studied you need to 'Add qualification'.

If you are searching for a qualification, make sure you use the qualification title and the subject.

CTEC = Technical not including BTEC

For more <u>help and advice</u> head to ucas.com.

International qualifications are listed by name and country, but don't worry if yours isn't there – just add it into the 'other' box.

Add qualification

If you received any qualifications at this school, college or centre, or you have any pending at this school, add them here.

All qualifications must be entered, even if you received an unsuccessful grade, haven't taken the final exams or are waiting for the results.

If you are resitting a qualification you need to enter it twice: once as a completed qualification with the grade achieved and once as a qualification with the result Pending.

Pick your qualification type

Choose the type of qualification you would like to add, you can search for specific qualifications within each group.

A Level, AS, EPQ, and T Levels GCSE and equivalent	BTEC ~
Job related Scottish qualifications International and EU	Baccalaureate
Apprenticeships Access to HE Technical (not including BTEC)	Core maths
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All qualifications	

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The qualification dates you can select are based on those you entered when you entered your place of education.

You need to enter the awarding organisation – speak to your teacher or adviser if you're not sure.

If you haven't finished the qualification or had your result, then you must choose Pending.

It's entirely up to you whether you include module information. However, some courses may state in their entry requirements that they'd like to see module results – in which case make sure you include them on the application.

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Employment















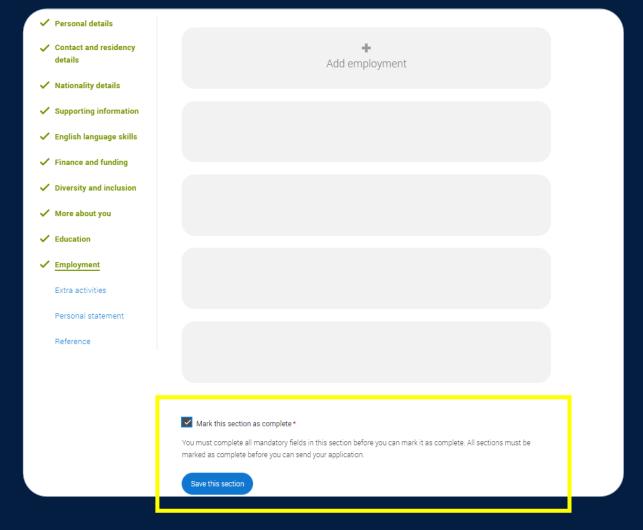


Only enter paid work here, so not everyone will have something to enter.

If you add more than one employer, it will appear in chronological order with the most recent at the top.

Any work experience or volunteering should be covered in your personal statement.

If you leave this section blank remember to mark it as complete.



















Extra Activities

















Please add any activity you have taken part in to prepare for higher education.

These include national or regional schemes, university-run programmes, summer schools, taster courses, and booster courses.

Open days are **not relevant** to this question.

If you haven't attended any such activity, please leave this sections blank.

Extra activities

Have you attended an activity to prepare you for higher education?

Please select any activity you have taken part in to prepare for higher education. For example: national or regional schemes, university-run programmes, summer schools, campus days, taster courses, and booster courses. You can also use your personal statement to include more details about the activities you took part in, the skills you learned, and how this prepared you for higher education.

Note: Open days are not relevant to this question.

If you haven't attended any such activity, please leave this sections blank

If this section is relevant to you, please provide the following details:



Mark this section as complete *

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Save this section













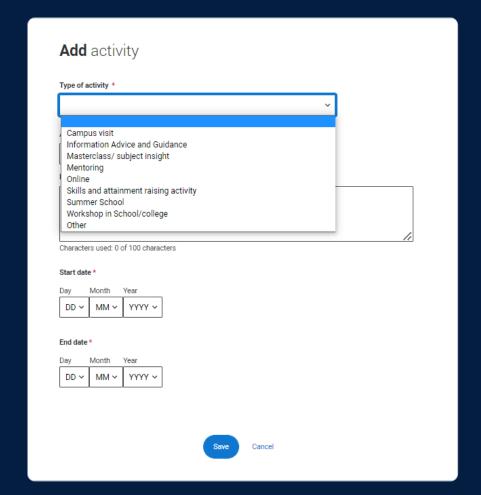




If this section is relevant to you, you need to include:

- type of activity
- name of the activity provider (from a drop down list)
- name of the activity/programme (a free text box)
- dates of the activity.

If the type of activity you attended is not listed, please select 'Other'.













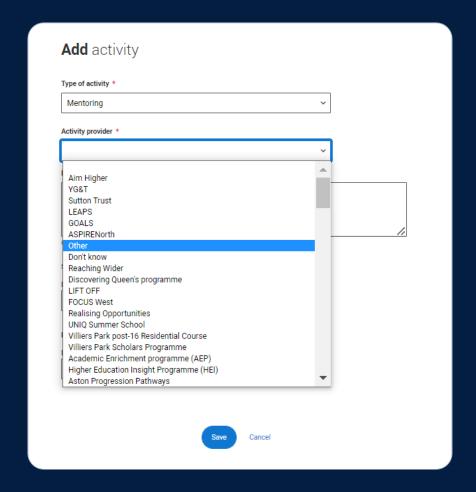






The activity provider is the organiser of the activity. It may be a university or college, or a national, regional, or local organisation.

If the activity provider isn't listed, please select "Other". If you're unsure of the answer, contact whoever organised the activity to find out, and, if you're still unsure, select 'Don't know'.













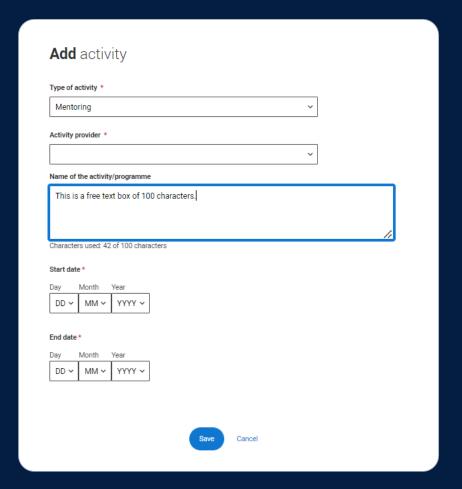






Add the official title of the activity. If you're unsure of the answer, contact whoever organised the activity to find out.

Remember: you can use your personal statement to include more details about the activities you took part in, the skills you learned, and how this prepared you for higher education.



















Personal Statement













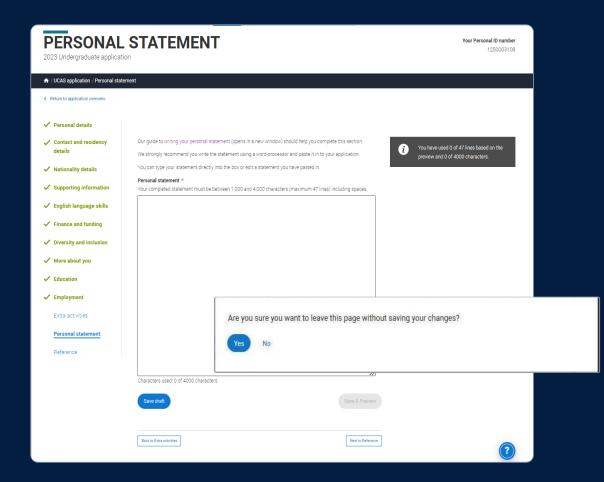




You can save and edit this section as many times as you need to.

If you try to navigate away without saving your work, it'll remind you with a pop-up warning.

For advice on how to write your personal statement, head to ucas.com or use the personal statement builder in the UCAS Hub.













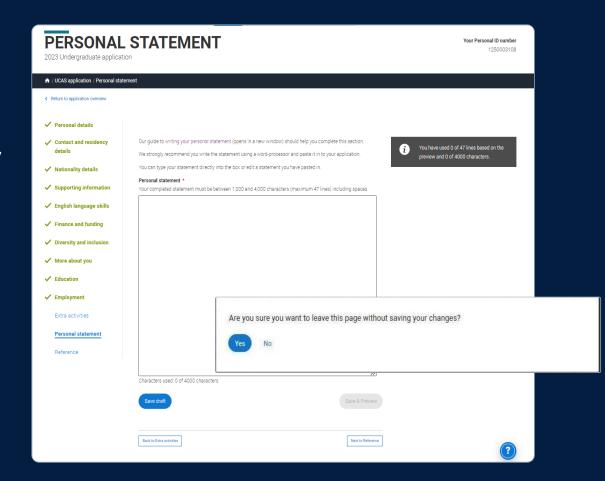






The Personal Statement is changing for 2026. You will be asked 3 questions:

- 1. Why do you want to study this course?
- How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course?
- 3. What else have you done to prepare outside of formal education?, and why are these experiences useful?



















You can only mark this **section as complete** on the Preview screen.

Remember: they'll carry out checks to verify your personal statement is your own work.

If it appears to have been copied from another source, UCAS will inform the universities and colleges to which you have applied. They will then take the action they consider appropriate.

UCAS will also contact you by email to tell you this has happened.

Personal statement Preview

You have used 5 of 47 lines based on the preview and 445 of 4000 characters.

Make sure your personal statement is your own work

We'll carry out checks to verify your personal statement is your own work

Provided it is your wn work, you can use your personal statement from your application last year. If it appears to have been copied from another source, we'll inform the universities and colleges to which you have applied. They will then take the action they consider appropriate. We'll also contact you by email to tell you this has



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- Mark this section as complete *

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Adding a choice















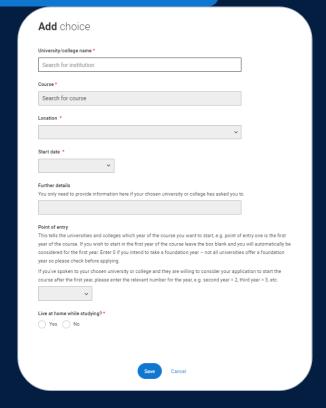




To add your choice, start typing the name of the university or college into the institution field. Select from the options displayed.

Do the same for the course you have selected.

Locations and start dates are displayed according to the course details.



















Some courses may require you to disclose your criminal conviction status.

This question is only shown if the course choice requires it.

Criminal convictions

Applied Health & Social Care (top-up) at University of Worcester

This course has entry requirements which ask you to disclose further information regarding any spent or unspent convictions or any past criminal activities, and may also require a criminal records check.

▼ Help with criminal convictions

Further checks may also be required under the Disclosure and Barring Service.

If you have spent or unspent convictions from a court outside Great Britain, additional checks may be carried out depending on the records available in respect of the applicable country.

A criminal records check may show all spent and unspent criminal convictions including (but not limited to) cautions, reprimands, final warnings, bind over orders or similar and, to the extent relevant to this course, may also show details of any minor offences, fixed penalty notices, penalty notices for disorder, ASBOs or VOOs.

Please tick if you have any spent or unspent criminal convictions or other punishments that would show up on a criminal records check?*

If you tick the box you will not be automatically excluded from the application process.

It is recommended that you read our page on criminal convictions and if these issues are in any way relevant to you, you should obtain further advice from appropriate bodies. UCAS will not be able to assist you in this respect.

You will be asked this question each time you add a course that requires a criminal conviction declaration.











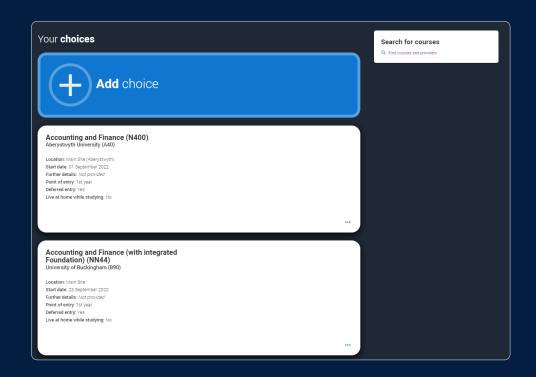






There is a maximum of 5 choices and choice restrictions still apply (a maximum of four courses of medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or veterinary science).

Once all choices are added you must mark the section as complete to be able to submit.



You can add up to 5 choices to your application. You can change your choices until you send your application to us. All sections must be marked as complete before you can send your application to us.

Mark complete













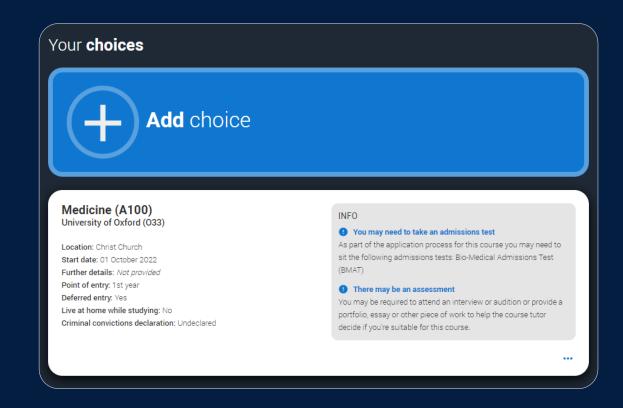




Some courses have extra admissions, tests and assessments.

It will show these in blue text on the choice card.

This should not be a surprise to you, as you should have seen details of this when researching the course.



















Clicking the 3 dots in the bottom right of a card enables you to see it as a summary.

Medicine (A100)
University of Oxford (O33)

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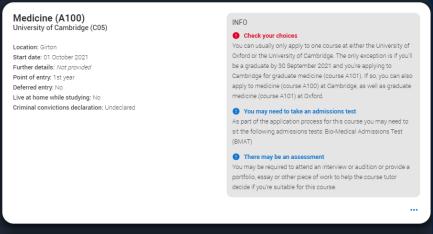
1 You can't make two or more applications to Oxford

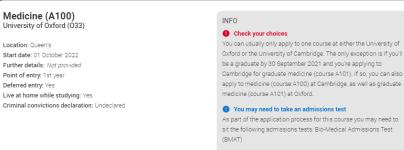
1 You may need to take an admissions test

1 There may be an assessment

Any choice combinations that are not permitted will be flagged with **red text** on the right of each relevant card.

For example these screens show error messages for students trying to apply to University of Cambridge **and** University of Oxford.





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decide if you're suitable for this course.

You may be required to attend an interview or audition or provide a portfolio, essay or other piece of work to help the course tutor



Submitting the application

This will be done in the first half term of your U6 year

Use your summer break to research and make decisions about universities and courses















