

Applying through UCAS

– frequently asked

questions (FAQs)

Is there a separate application for international students?

No, the same one is used by all applicants.

Will my UCAS choices know if I choose to apply to universities elsewhere in the world?

Your choices won't know where you've chosen to apply outside the UK. UCAS doesn't share information on applications with universities in other countries.

Can I apply for apprenticeships as well as on my UCAS application?

The UCAS application shouldn't be used to apply for apprenticeships. However, you can find information about degree apprenticeships on the UCAS website.

Do I need to have all my choices listed on my application when I send it to UCAS?

There is no requirement to list all five choices (ie. the maximum allowed) when first sending the application to UCAS. You can add choices up to 30 June by signing into Track – as long as no replies to offers have been recorded.

Can someone else contact UCAS to discuss my application on my behalf?

Yes, you can nominate someone to discuss your application on your behalf. You do this by entering their details in the **Nominated access** section of your application, then they will be able to talk to UCAS about your application. This ensures UCAS is compliant with UK Data Protection legislation.

Do I need to pay UCAS more money use Clearing?

No. All applicants who have paid the standard application fee of £24 can, if eligible, participate in Clearing, free of charge. (Single choice applicants, who have paid a £13 application fee, can use Clearing if they pay UCAS an additional £11.)

How often do universities use Skype to interview applicants?

Skype is increasingly used to conduct interviews with international and EU applicants. For UK applicants, there will normally be a requirement to attend a face-to-face interview. However, Skype is used by some universities and colleges to interview UK applicants during Clearing.

How often do universities use Skype to interview applicants?

Skype is increasingly used to conduct interviews with international and EU applicants. For UK applicants, there will normally be a requirement to attend a face-to-face interview. However, Skype is used by some universities and colleges to interview UK applicants during Clearing.

Do I need to provide a photograph of myself to include in my UCAS application?

No, the UCAS application does not include a photograph of the applicant.

Can I only make one UCAS application a year?

Yes. Duplicate applications will be detected and cancelled as part of the initial checking process conducted by UCAS.

Will my university and college choices know where else I have applied to?

They only find out when you have decided which offers to accept, or if you have no live choices, for example, if your application is unsuccessful, or you decline the offers you have.

I am an international student –how do I enter my qualifications?

Make sure you add as much detail as possible, including grades and results. You should enter your qualifications as they appear on your exam certificates – do not try to enter a UK equivalent.

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

Do I have to fill out my UCAS application all at once?

No. Schools, colleges, and UCAS strongly recommend completing the application over a number of sessions. This is easy to accomplish, as all data is safely and securely saved, and can be accessed (and amended, if required) next time you sign in to Apply.

There is no time limit for completing the application once started, but be aware of the deadlines that apply to your chosen courses.

What happens once UCAS receives my application?

UCAS will quickly process it and send you a welcome email, confirming the application has been sent to your university choices. This email will also contain your Personal ID, which will enable you to sign in to Track to check the progress of your application.

What is the UCAS Tariff?

The UCAS Tariff is a way of allocating points to qualifications. Because it was originally set up for UK qualifications, most international or EU qualifications don't yet attract UCAS Tariff points. However, this doesn't hinder applications from international or EU students, as tens of thousands are successful each year in gaining degree places without UCAS Tariff points.