

Changes to Apply 2019

There are a number of changes to Apply 2019 that you need to know about as an adviser supporting a student through their application.

New update - Following sector consultation, there will no longer be a **24 March deadline** for art and design courses. This means there will only be two UCAS Undergraduate equal consideration deadlines for 2019 entry:

- ☐ **15 October** – courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary science/medicine, and all courses at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge
- ☐ **15 January** – all other courses

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The GDPR represents the most significant change in data protection law for nearly 20 years, and came into effect on 25 May 2018. In our view, the GDPR should not significantly alter the existing arrangements we have with registered centres. [UCAS' terms and conditions for becoming a registered centre](#) include clauses relating to data protection and data security. It is very important that you regularly review the permissions you have set for staff members. When staff members leave or change roles and no longer require access, their accounts must be deleted.

The sharing of applications with schools/centres

Once you become a registered centre, students can link their UCAS Undergraduate applications to your centre. This allows you to view and receive updates on their progress through Apply for advisers, and Adviser Track, and support your students throughout the application process.

As part of the GDPR changes, we have updated the boxes that are pre-ticked in an application.

Before submitting their application, students now need to opt-in to share the progress of their application with their school/adviser on the declaration page.

This enables advisers to see their students in Adviser Track and their Applicant Status Reports. Previously, this box was automatically ticked.

Applicants will be linked to your centre if they enter a buzzword when registering their application, but if they do not tick this additional box on the declaration page, advisers will not see these applicants in Adviser Track.

2019 apply Declaration

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Additional information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Student finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Choices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Employment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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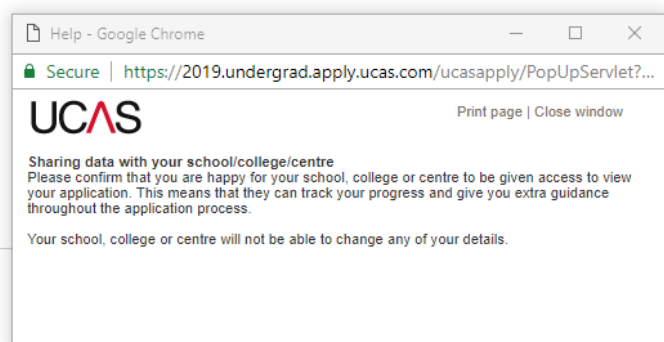
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- ☐ In progress
- ☐ Not started
- ☐ Help

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Welcome > Declaration

Tick boxes if you agree:

- ☐  I have read and agree to be bound by the [declaration](#).
- ☐  I confirm that the information given on this application is true, complete and accurate and no information requested or other material information has been omitted.
- ☐  I understand that the personal data within my application will be used in the ways explained in the [declaration](#) and [privacy policy](#).
- ☐  I accept that, if I do not fully comply with these requirements, UCAS shall have the right to cancel my application and I shall have no claim against UCAS or any higher education institution or college in relation thereto.
- ☐  I agree to allow details of my application and its progress to be shared with my school/college/centre (optional).

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Students now need to tick the boxes in the section **Keeping you informed about your UCAS application**, and choose which information they would like to receive/share.

The only section that is pre-ticked is:

If you haven't been offered a uni or college place

We can ensure you receive course information from other unis or colleges that use UCAS – you may not have applied to them, but they will have relevant vacancies for you to consider.

If you would prefer not to receive this information, simply untick this box.

**References**

Applicants have always been able to request a copy of their application from us, which includes the reference and predicted grades. Wherever possible, we'd encourage you to share references with applicants either before their application is submitted, or at the point of submission.

In line with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the process for UCAS to provide reference through subject access requests is changing, which may mean more applicants request this.

Changes to questions asked in Apply 2019

We've updated the questions students have to answer about criminal convictions:

1. We've removed the requirement for all students to declare whether they have any relevant unspent criminal convictions.
2. We'll only ask students who apply for certain courses – for example, those that involve work with children and vulnerable adults, such as medicine, teaching, or social work – to declare whether they have any criminal convictions, including spent convictions. This question will only appear if a student is applying for one of these courses.

We've removed the questions in the student finance section of Apply, as we no longer share this data with the Student Loans Company or Student Awards Agency for Scotland. However, we will still provide applicants with important information about student finance, and how to apply for it.

UK-wide qualification reform

Applicants will hold reformed qualifications, including A levels, decoupled AS qualifications, Applied Generals and Tech levels, and numerically-graded GCSEs in some subjects, dependent upon their country of domicile – find out more at www.ucas.com/qualsreform.

We have produced guidance on how higher education providers are responding to the changing qualification landscape, and the FAQs we're receiving: www.ucas.com/applying-with-reformed-quals.

Increases to the UCAS Undergraduate application fee for the 2019 admissions cycle

The decision to increase fees comes following a thorough review of the market, and the increasing costs to deliver an admissions service. The increase will ensure we're able to continue to meet our responsibilities in delivering value for money, and a fair and accessible admissions service for applicants and higher education providers.

The changes are:

Current fee (2018 cycle)	Single choice – £13 Multiple choices – £24
Increase	Single choice – £5 Multiple choice – no change
New fee (for 2019 cycle)	Single choice – £18 Multiple choices – £24

If you need any help or advice on using Apply, please contact our Schools Team.

By telephone

Monday to Friday, 08:00 to 18:00 (UK time)

- Calling from the UK: 0345 123 8001
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You can also email us at adviserhelp@ucas.ac.uk with your enquiry, or visit ucas.com/advisers, where you'll find a number of resources prepared to guide you and your students through all stages of the application cycle.