

UK UNIVERSITIES APPLICATION
[FOR ENTRY: AY 2014 / 2015 (DEFERRED)]

✚ All applications to all UK universities are handled by UCAS. UCAS utilizes an online application system called **APPLY**.

✚ THERE ARE 2 APPLICATION CYCLES:

I. **1 Sep 2013 – 15 Oct 2013: Application for Medicine, Dentistry, Vet Med/Science and all courses in Oxbridge (Oxford / Cambridge)**

- ❖ INTERNAL DEADLINE (NON-CAMBRIDGE APPS): 1 OCT 2013
 - ❖ INTERNAL DEADLINE (CAMBRIDGE): 6 SEP 2013 / 1 OCT 2013

Please refer to page 5 to see which deadline applies to you

- ❖ Applications are done via UCAS, with the exception of:
 - Cambridge – An application consists of (1) UCAS application; (2) Cambridge Online Preliminary Application (COPA); and (3) Supplementary Application Questionnaire (SAQ).

- ❖ Deadline for most are on **15 Oct 2013**, with the exception of:
 - Cambridge – An earlier submission deadline for applicants who **wish to be interviewed in Singapore**. The deadline is **20 Sep 2013**. However, if students are willing to travel to Cambridge for interview in December (first 3 weeks), the completed COPA and UCAS application must be submitted by 15 Oct 2013.

II. **1 Sep 2013 – 15 Jan 2014: Application for all other courses in other universities**

- ❖ INTERNAL DEADLINE: 3 JAN 2014

- ❖ Applications received by the above deadlines are guaranteed to be considered by the universities and colleges.
- ❖ Applications received at UCAS after the deadlines, up until **30 June 2014**, will only be considered by the universities and colleges if they still have vacancies for the course(s) you have selected.

 **YOUR ROLE:**

- I. RESEARCH, RESEARCH, RESEARCH... This includes the universities and their locations; courses offered; course programmes; course fees; entry requirements; admission tests (if any); application deadlines; living costs... SO MANY THINGS TO CONSIDER!!!! This is an important step you are taking, so be sure to give yourself sufficient time and **do as much research as possible so that you choose the right course for the right reasons**. Speak to your family, friends, tutors but make sure the final decision is yours.

- II. WORK ON YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT... For most universities, this may be your only written work that the course tutor sees before making a decision, so do **spend sufficient time (recommended... 3 months) writing on your personal statement**, and do seek feedback from your tutors, the guidance counselors, parents, and friends.

- III. REQUEST A REFERENCE FROM A TEACHER REFEREE... and do so as soon as possible. For all UK applications, **only ONE reference is required** and **this reference will be read by all the UK universities you apply to**. The reference ought to be an **academic** one, to support your suitability for the course(s) you apply.
 - *As soon as you have received approval from your teacher referee, please notify Mr Tan Kok Choon via email at kokchoon@acsindep.edu.sg as soon as possible. Please cc your teacher referee in the email.*

- IV. REGISTER AND COMPLETE ALL APPLICATION FORMS (UCAS AND/OR COPA & SAQ) ON TIME... For students applying to Medicine, Dentistry and Vet Science/Med, and all courses in Oxbridge, please take note of the internal deadlines and additional application procedures set by the school.

- V. APPLY FOR PREDICTED GRADES TO THE YEAR 6 DIRECTOR!! This is a must for current Year 6 students who are applying to for the early deadlines (20 Sep / 15 Oct). For students where the 15 Jan 2014 deadline applies, you may submit your applications earlier, using your predicted grades. Universities do make early conditional offers for early applications.

UCAS REGISTRATION & APPLICATION

- I. Go to ***www.ucas.com*** and click on ***APPLY***. Click on ***Register / Log in to use Apply 2014***. After registering, you can log in. After you have registered, you will be asked how you will be applying. Please indicate that you will be ***applying through the school***. To successfully link your account to the school, you need the school buzzword. Please email Mr Tan Kok Choon for it. After doing this, you may proceed to complete your application. Do note that you need not complete your application at one go, but do save your work in progress.

- II. From here you can proceed to fill in the 5 sections of the form. Help and instructions are available at every stage. Here are some additional notes:
 - i) **Personal Details:** Choose **01 (private finance)** for your fee code. If you have already secured a scholarship, the fee code selected should be **09 (International agency)**. Date of first entry to live in UK - enter **1st September 2014** (or **1st September 2015** if you are applying for deferred entry).

 - ii) **Choices:** Students can make a max of **5** choices on their application. Do note that
 - ❖ A student may **not** apply to both Oxford and Cambridge in the same application cycle.
 - ❖ Students may only make a max of **4** choices in any 1 of the following 3 areas: (i) Medicine; (ii) Dentistry; and (iii) Vet Medicine/Science.

 - iii) **Education:**
 - ❖ If you're an ACS IP student, then you need only add **Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)**.
 - ❖ If you attended a different secondary school, then you need to add this school as well as Anglo-Chinese School (Independent).
 - ❖ After choosing the correct link(s) to your qualification type(s), fill in the relevant details.
 - i. For IP students, the only qualification you will need to enter is the **International Baccalaureate Diploma**.
 - Enter the date you received or will receive the qualification.
 - In addition to your 6 HL/SL subjects, please enter TOK and EE in this section.
 - For current Year 6 students, please choose **Pending** when entering the individual subject grades and total score.
 - ii. For non-IP students, you will also need to add your **GCE O-level** qualification.
 - For non-Mother Tongue subjects, the awarding body is **UCLES**;
 - For Mother Tongue subjects, the awarding body is **SEAB**.
 - Enter the date you received the qualification.

- iv) **Employment:** If you have undertaken any (**paid**) work experience, then by all means enter the details in this section. Otherwise, this section is not essential. If your work experience has been unpaid, only if it is relevant and meaningful, include in your personal statement.
- v) **Personal Statement:** Full notes to this section are available on the site. Basically you should use this opportunity to tell your universities about your **suitability to the course(s) that you hope to study. Any out-of-school interests or activities should be linked to the skills and experience required for the course(s).** The personal statements could be used as the basis for an interview, so be prepared to answer questions on it. This is the one chance that your chosen universities will have to "get to know" you and a personal statement that is both sincere and naturally expressed will certainly create a good impression. You will only get to write **one personal statement for each application cycle, and this personal statement will be used for all your choices.**

Additional key points to take note:

- ❖ Do not mention a university or college by name, even if you are applying to one university -- your personal statement cannot be changed if you apply to a different place later.
- ❖ If you are applying for a joint degree, you will need to explain why you are interested in both aspects of this joint programme. However, if you are applying for different subjects or courses, you need to identify common themes and skills that are relevant to your choices. If you are unable to, you do need to think about your reasons for applying to such varied courses – it might be useful to seek some guidance.
- ❖ Check spelling and grammar.
- ❖ Word format: 4,000 characters (including spaces), 47 lines (including blank lines), whichever comes first.
- ❖ **APPLY** times out after 35 minutes of inactivity. Remember to save all your entries!
- ❖ Do work with a Word file and upload the contents later on **APPLY**.
- ❖ More importantly, the **personal statement must be authentic.** All personal statements sent to UCAS will be tested for similarity. Each personal statement is checked against a library of personal statements previously submitted to UCAS, and sample statements available online and on print publications. Each personal statement received at UCAS is added to the library of statements after it has been processed.

- vi) **Pay/Send:** Choose to pay by credit card. The fees is as follows: £12 (for students who uses just one of the 5 choices); and £23 (for students making two or more choices).

FURTHER NOTES ON CAMBRIDGE APPLICATION

You will need to do the following in order to complete your application to Cambridge (website: www.cam.ac.uk/admissions).

	Things to do	Remarks												
1	UCAS registration & Submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambridge deadline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 20 Sep 2013 (for those who wish to be interviewed in Singapore) ○ 15 Oct 2013 (for those who wish to be interviewed in Cambridge) • Internal deadline (applies to all current and graduated students): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6 Sep 2013 (for those who wish to be interviewed in Singapore) ○ 1 Oct 2013 (for those who wish to be interviewed in Cambridge) • Please keep your UCAS Personal ID Number. You will need it to complete the COPA. 												
2	COPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambridge deadline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 20 Sep 2013 (for those who wish to be interviewed in Singapore) ○ 15 Oct 2013 (for those who wish to be interviewed in Cambridge) • It is of your own personal responsibility to submit the COPA on time. Do note that Cambridge will send a link for your teacher referee to submit his/her reference. Do keep in close contact with your referee to ensure that they have submitted the reference on time. • Academic transcripts that are to be uploaded via this link: https://webservices.admin.cam.ac.uk/cbk/atyb/ The transcripts that are applicable are as follows: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: black; color: white;"> <th colspan="2">Current Students</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">IP students</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yr 4 IP transcript (front & back) & MOE certification ○ Yr 5 Promo transcript ○ Yr 6 Common Test transcript </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-IP students</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GCE O-Level transcript (front & back) ○ Yr 5 Promo transcript ○ Yr 6 Common Test transcript </td> </tr> <tr style="background-color: black; color: white;"> <th colspan="2">Graduated Students</th> </tr> <tr> <td>IP students</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yr 4 IP transcript (front & back) & MOE certification ○ IB Diploma Transcript (front & back) </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-IP students</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GCE O-Level transcript (front & back) ○ IB Diploma Transcript (front & back) </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">**The transcripts are to be scanned and submitted into 1 PDF file**</p> • Submission of COPA is done entirely online, except in the case where you are unable to submit a digital photograph of yourself. For this, you will need to submit not only a passport-sized photo together with the Undergraduate Applicant Photograph Submission Form. Address the envelope to: Overseas Applications Administrator, Cambridge Admissions Office, Fitzwilliam House, 32 Trumpington Street, Cambridge CB2 1QY. 	Current Students		IP students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yr 4 IP transcript (front & back) & MOE certification ○ Yr 5 Promo transcript ○ Yr 6 Common Test transcript 	Non-IP students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GCE O-Level transcript (front & back) ○ Yr 5 Promo transcript ○ Yr 6 Common Test transcript 	Graduated Students		IP students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yr 4 IP transcript (front & back) & MOE certification ○ IB Diploma Transcript (front & back) 	Non-IP students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GCE O-Level transcript (front & back) ○ IB Diploma Transcript (front & back)
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		<p>**Please ensure that you mail this about two weeks' in advance. If this arrives in Cambridge later than 20 Sep / 15 Oct, your application is deemed incomplete.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Once you have submitted your COPA, it is not possible to amend the answers online. If you now notice an error in the information you provided, contact the Admissions Office of the College you applied to or, in the case of open applicants, Cambridge Admissions Office (copahelp@cao.cam.ac.uk / +44 (0) 1223-333308).
3	SAQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• After you have submitted your UCAS application, you should receive an email from Cambridge with details of the SAQ.• All that you will need to provide in the SAQ are your COPA Reference Number and your UCAS Personal ID. You will not need to complete the rest of the SAQ questions as you will have already answered them in the COPA.• The (Cambridge) deadline for the submission of the SAQ is 22 Oct 2013.






Fees











- ✚ Overseas applicants have to pay £30 application fee. The payment will be made upon submission of COPA.
- ✚ Applicants that are selected for an interview outside Cambridge must pay an interview fee of £120. Details regarding the interview and payment instructions will be provided in the correspondence inviting you to attend an interview.

ADMISSIONS TESTS

Some universities and colleges require you to pass an admissions test if you are applying for courses in certain subjects. Key details of the major tests are provided below.

Other admissions tests may be required which are not listed on this page. Please check the individual university websites.

1	<p>BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT)</p> <p>www.bmat.org.uk</p>	<p>For entry to medicine, veterinary medicine and biomedical science courses at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  University of Cambridge  University of Oxford  University College of London  Imperial College London  Royal Veterinary College <p>The test is conducted at the British Council. Candidates should register with British Council Singapore to take the test. Registration starts from 1 Sep 2013.</p> <p>Standard entry closing date: 1 Oct 2013 - Standard entry fee: £74</p> <p>Test date: 7 Nov 2013</p> <p>Refer to website: http://www.admissionstests.cambridgeassessment.org.uk/adt/bmat for specimen papers.</p>
2	<p>UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UK CAT)</p> <p>www.ukcat.ac.uk</p>	<p>25 (undergraduate) medical and dental schools require applicants to take this test. Please refer to the website.</p> <p>The test is conducted at the Pearson Professional Centers (located at International Plaza, Anson Road). All candidates must register for the test using the Pearson VUE online registration system (http://www.pearsonvue.com/).</p> <p>Registration is open from 1 May - 20 Sep 2013. You are advised to book a test slot as soon as possible. Testing begins from 1 Jul - 4 Oct 2013. Test fee: £100.</p> <p>Candidates wishing to apply for entry to the participating universities in 2014 or deferred entry in 2015, are required to take the UK CAT before the 4 Oct 2013 deadline.</p>

<p>3</p>	<p>National Admissions Test for Law (LNAT)</p> <p>www.lnat.ac.uk</p>	<p>For entry to law at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  University of Birmingham  University of Bristol  Durham University  University of Glasgow  King's College London  University of Nottingham  University of Oxford  University College of London <p>The test is conducted at the <u>Pearson Professional Centers (located at International Plaza, Anson Road)</u>. All candidates must register for the test using the Pearson VUE online registration system (http://www.pearsonvue.com/). You will need your UCAS ID before you can complete your registration for LNAT.</p> <p>Registration is open from 1 Aug 2013 - 15 Jan 2014. Testing begins from 1 Sep 2013 - 30 Jun 2014. Test fee: £70.</p> <p>*If you are applying to Oxford, you must register and book an LNAT test slot by 5 Oct 2013. Also, you must sit for LNAT by 20 Oct 2013 at the very latest.</p> <p>* If you are applying to King's College London, you must sit for LNAT by 15 Jan 2014.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Sixth Term Examination Papers (STEP)</p>	<p>For entry to mathematics at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  University of Cambridge  University of Warwick <p><i>The University of Bristol, the University of Bath, the University of Oxford and Imperial College London all encourage applicants to take the papers.</i></p> <p>The test is conducted at the British Council. Candidates should register with British Council Singapore to take the test.</p> <p>Registration was closed on 23 May 2013.</p>

There are other subject-specific tests required by Oxbridge. Full details can be found on their websites:

Cambridge	<p>http://www.cam.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/tests/</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Depending on the course and College you apply to, other than the interview, you may be asked to either:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ submit one or two school/college essays, which may be discussed at the interview○ take a further test either when you attend for interview or beforehand (either a subject-based test organised by the College, Thinking Skills Assessment or Cambridge Law Test).• The Thinking Skills Assessment is normally required for entry to computer science, natural sciences, engineering, economics, land economy and politics, psychology and sociology (PPS) at a number of Colleges.• The College you apply to will advise you if you need to send any work in or sit a test and the arrangements for this. <p>Refer to the following links for specimen papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thinking Skills Assessment: http://www.admissionstests.cambridgeassessment.org.uk/adt/tsacambridge/Test+Preparation• Cambridge Law Test: http://www.law.cam.ac.uk/admissions/cambridge-law-test-specimen-questions
Oxford	<p>http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate_courses/how_to_apply/tests/</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Candidates should contact the British Council to register for the test. The last date for registration is 15 Oct 2013.• All of the aptitude tests (including English Literature, Mathematics, Physics, History, and Thinking Skills Assessment) take place on 7 Nov 2013. <p>Refer to the website: www.admissionstests.cambridgeassessment.org.uk for specimen papers.</p>

RECOGNITION OF UK DEGREES IN SINGAPORE

Degrees in Universities

- Law**
1. University of Birmingham
 2. University of Bristol
 3. University of Cambridge
 4. University of Durham
 5. University of Exeter
 6. University of Leeds
 7. University of Leicester
 8. University of Liverpool
 9. University of London (from any of the following):
 - King's College
 - LSE
 - Queen Mary and Westfield College
 - SOAS
 - UCL
 10. University of Manchester
 11. University of Nottingham
 12. University of Oxford
 13. University of Sheffield
 14. University of Southampton
 15. University of Warwick
- Medicine**
1. Faculty of Medicine & Medicine Science, University of Aberdeen
 2. College of Medicine & Health Sciences, The Queen's University Belfast
 3. School of Medicine, University of Birmingham
 4. Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, University of Bristol
 5. School of Clinical Medicine, University of Cambridge
 6. Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, University of Dundee
 7. Medicine School, University of Edinburgh
 8. Faculty of Medicine, University of Glasgow
 9. School of Medicine, University of Leeds
 10. School of Medicine, University of Leicester
 11. Faculty of Medicine, University of Liverpool
 12. University of London:
 - King's College London School of Medicine
 - Imperial College
 - Barts and The London
 - Royal Free and University College Medicine School
 - St. George's University of London
 13. Faculty of Medicine, University of Manchester
 14. Faculty of Medicine Sciences, University of Newcastle upon Tyne
 15. Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, The University of Nottingham
 16. Oxford University Medical School
 17. Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, University of Sheffield
 18. Faculty of Medicine, University of Southampton
 19. Medical School, University of St Andrews
 20. College of Medicine, University of Wales

Degrees in Universities

- Veterinary Science**
1. University of Bristol
 2. University of Cambridge
 3. University of Edinburgh
 4. University of Glasgow
 5. University of Liverpool
 6. University of London (Royal Veterinary College)

- Dentistry**
1. University of Birmingham
 2. University of Bristol
 3. University of Dundee
 4. University of Glasgow
 5. University of Leeds
 6. University of Liverpool
 7. University of London
 8. University of Manchester
 9. University of Newcastle upon Tyne
 10. The Queen's University Belfast
 11. University of Sheffield
 12. University of Wales
 13. University of Edinburgh

For more information on studying in the UK, check out: www.educationuk.org/Singapore

CHANGES TO VISA (wef 6 APRIL 2012)

From 6 April 2012, there are several changes to Student visas (Tier 4). Tier 4 is for adults who want to go to the UK for their post-16 education.

When you apply for a Tier 4 student visa, you need to demonstrate that **you will be able to support yourself financially as a student in the UK**. This means you will have to be able to show that you have minimum amounts of money available to cover your living costs.

From 6 April, the required amount of money rises to reflect the cost of living in the UK. For example, if you are an adult Tier 4 student:

- in inner London, you'll need to show that you have **£1,000** for each month of your course up to a maximum of nine months
- in other regions of the UK, you'll need to show that you have **£800** a month up to a maximum of nine months.

The UK is cheaper than US and Australia for international students

The good news is that, when compared with the US and Australia, Britain is very competitive when it comes to tuition fees and living costs. According to *International Pricing Study: A snapshot of UK and key competitor country international student fees*, a report published in 2011 by the UK HE International Unit:

- The UK is cheaper than the US and Australia in terms of fees charged, based on the institutions surveyed in the study
- The UK is also cheaper than the US and Australia in terms of living costs and similar to the Netherlands and Germany.

How long can you study in the UK on a Tier 4 visa?

From 6 April 2012, students on a Tier 4 visa are limited to spending **five years** on courses at degree level.

There will be exceptions:

- if your undergraduate degree course is four or five years long and you want to study a Master's degree or PhD at a higher education institution (recognised body or institution in receipt of public funding)
- if you are studying a specific course: architecture, medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and science, law, music (at a conservatoire).

Of course many UK undergraduate degree courses can be completed in three years, and many UK masters courses only take a year to complete - so most international students will be on courses that come within the five-year limit.

For more information, go to the UK Border Agency

(<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/studying/adult-students>).