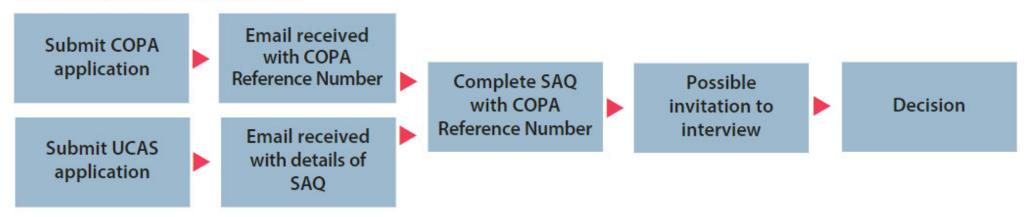
Guide to COPA Cambridge Online Preliminary Application

Raffles Institution
Higher Education Office
August 2020

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The application process looks like this:



The COPA is a required part of the application process for anyone applying outside the EU, or for anyone wishing to be considered for an Organ Scholarship.

The COPA should be completed <u>in addition</u> to your UCAS application and Supplementary Application Questionnaire (SAQ). Your application to the University of Cambridge will not be valid unless all three are received by the relevant deadlines.

Check your email regularly, especially the junk/spam folder.

^{*}It may take up to 24 hours for the email containing your COPA reference Number to come through. It will also take time for your UCAS application to be processed, so you will not receive the email containing the details of the SAQ immediately.

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- You can access COPA via this link: https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/copa.
- The first time you access COPA, you will be asked to register by providing a valid email address, a password and your ten-digit UCAS Personal ID number.
- Not all questions are applicable to you. However, <u>compulsory questions</u> marked with an asterisk* need to be answered or you will <u>not</u> be able to submit your COPA.
- After submission, you will <u>not</u> be able to change your answers. Make sure that you <u>check through</u> your application carefully before submission.
- You <u>DO NOT</u> need to complete the COPA in one go. Start early so that you do not have to rush through it.

Avoid last minute submissions in case you encounter difficulties which may cause you to miss a deadline. Application deadlines are FIRM. Late submissions will be considered invalid.

ALWAYS PLAN AHEAD AND SUBMIT MATERIALS WELL AHEAD OF DEADLINES.

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- You should read through the Cambridge resources and FAQ guide before starting your account: https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/copa/faq
- Then refer to the online "Guide to Completing the Cambridge Online Preliminary Application (COPA) 2020-21 Entry" (the updated copy is not published yet) https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/copa.pdf
- If you require further assistance on COPA or the portal, email Cambridge Admission Office directly: copahelp@admin.cam.ac.uk.

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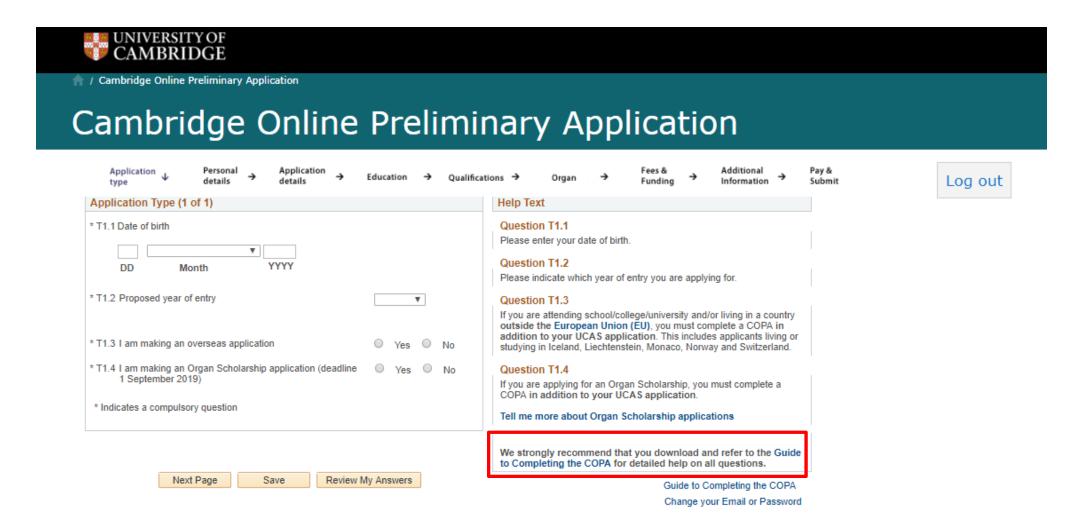
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- Your UCAS Personal ID number (you will need to have created a UCAS account prior).
- A valid, personal email address
- A passport-style digital photograph of yourself
- Your BMAT registration number (if applicable)
- Details of your academic qualifications
- Copy of personal statement that you have included or intend to include in your UCAS application
- Contact details for your UCAS referee (your CT's email and office phone number)
- A valid debit or credit card
- Copies of your relevant results slips (see later slides).
- **❖** It is very important that you enter your UCAS Personal ID number exactly as UCAS has given you at registration.
- ***** Have a password ready and record it somewhere for your subsequent reference.

Relevant Sections of COPA

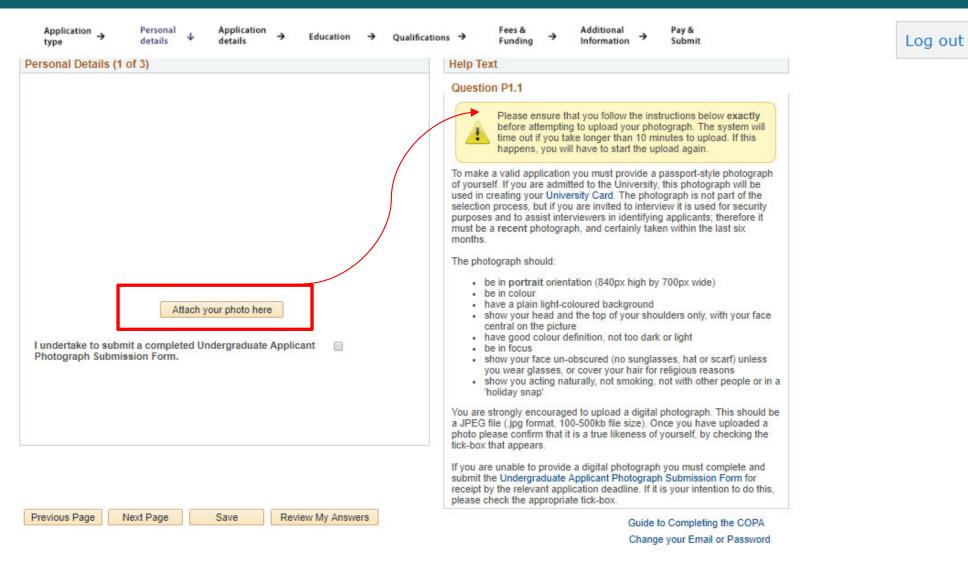
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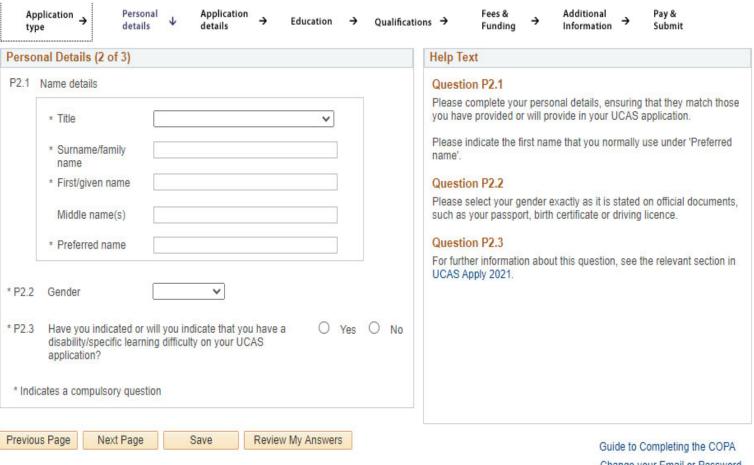
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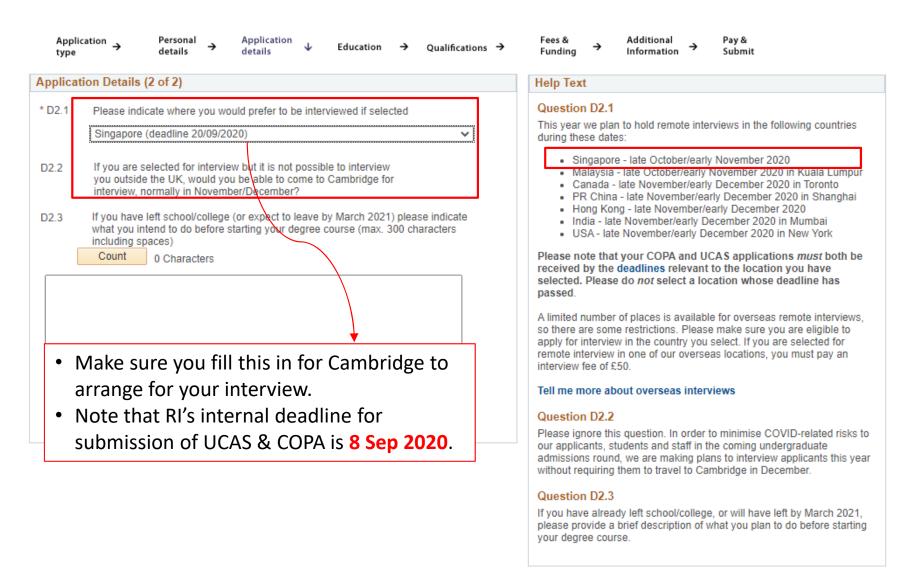
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Application details (D1.1 – D2.3)

Log out Application > Personal Application Additional Pay & Education Qualifications > details Funding Information Submit Application Details (1 of 2) Help Text Question D1.1 Proposed course at Cambridge Please specify the subject that you wish to study at Cambridge. Not all subjects are available at all Colleges; see ▼ | the Undergraduate Study website for details. Please check the admissions assessments pages carefully, and ensure that you register for a pre-interview assessment by 18:00 (UK time) on 15 October 2019 if you are required to do so. * D1.1a Indicate the option(s) within the course that you wish to follow Organ Scholarship applicants: Please also note that in some Colleges, awards are not normally available to applicants planning to study certain subjects. Click here for further information. Question D1.1a If applicable, please indicate the course options/pathway you wish to follow from the drop down list. For further D1.1b Please enter your BMAT number (omitting the 'B' prefix information about the options available (if any) please see the Guide to Completing the COPA. Question D1.1b Preferred College (Organ Scholarship ₹. Medicine only. If you are registered for the October sitting of BMAT, please enter only the five digits of your applicants should ignore this guestion) candidate number. For example, if your BMAT number is B12345, enter '12345', If you submit your COPA before BMAT registration opens, please register promptly in September and pass your BMAT number to your preference Are you currently studying full-time at another College or the Cambridge Admissions Office if you made an open application. university? If you have registered for the August BMAT session, please enter '00000' (five zeros), to indicate that you have * D1.4 Are you completing or have you completed an underg aduate registered for this alternative session. degree at another university? Tell me more about BMAT * D1.4a If yes, are you applying as an affiliated student? Question D1.2 Yes No Are you intending to use the Extenuating Circumstances * D1.5 Overseas applications: Please select a College, or select 'Open Application' if you wish to make an open Form (ECF)? application. This information must match the College choice you make in your UCAS application. Tell me more about Colleges and open applications Students applying to read Med/VetMed Organ Scholarship applications: You will be able to enter your College preferences at a later point in the application. will have to provide your BMAT number. Question D1.3 Please indicate if you are currently studying full-time at another university. Register early with SEAMEO RELC as they Question D1.4 will need at least 2 working days to Tell me more about affiliated students. Please note that affiliated students may not make an open application. generate your BMAT number.

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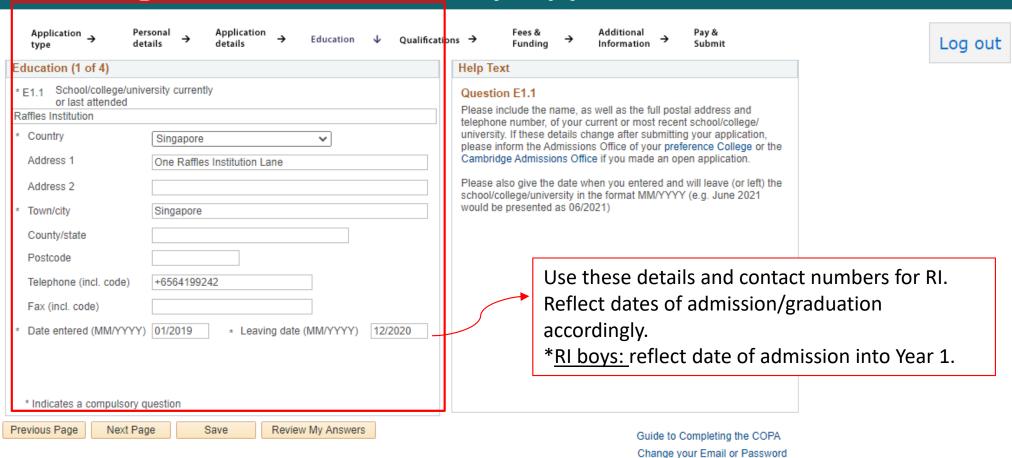
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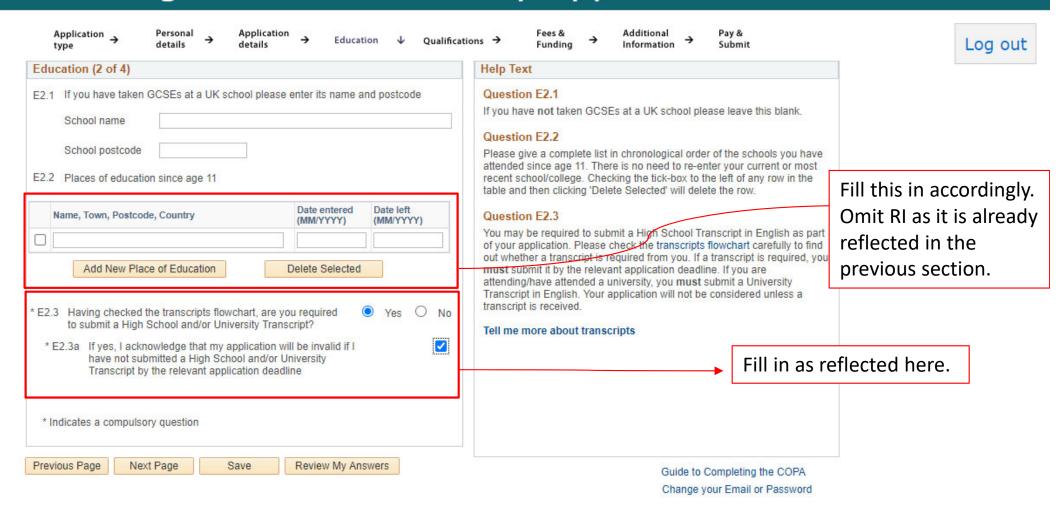
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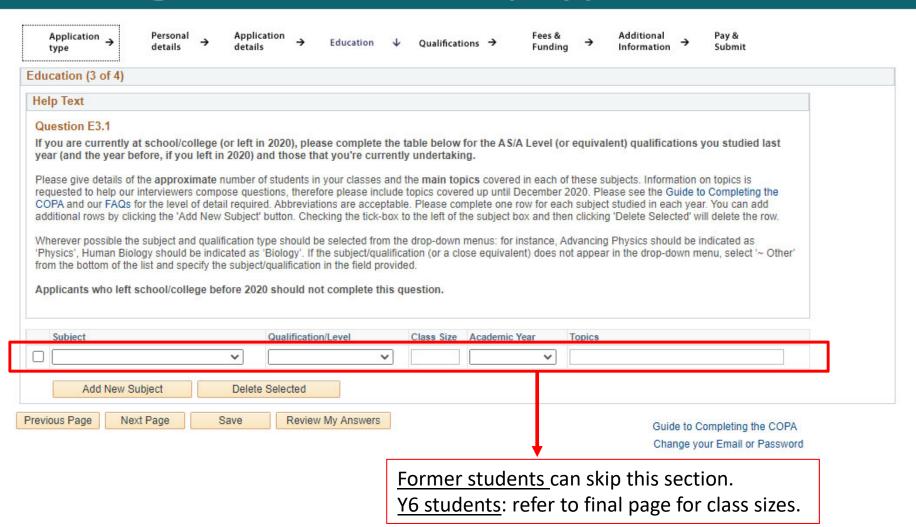
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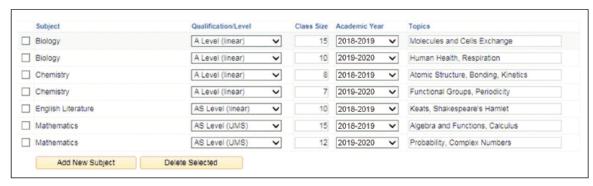
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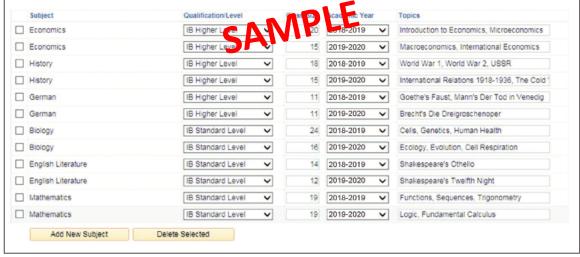
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 Take the time to list key topics covered in your listed subjects. They are important for the interview.

Information on topics is requested to help our interviewers compose questions. Abbreviations are acceptable. Please see our examples for the level of detail required. If you are unsure which topics you will be covering up to December 2019, please ask your teachers for guidance.

Class Sizes and Topics Covered





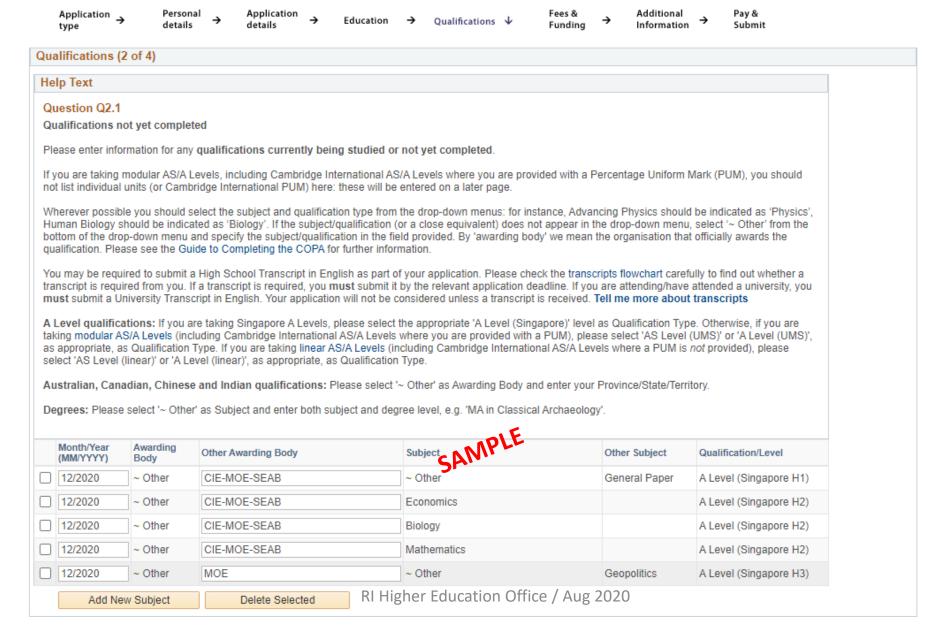
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- Current students should list <u>ALL Y4 grades here</u> (IP and O levels).
- Former students should list <u>BOTH</u> Y4 grades and A level grades.
- Y4 IP results: reflect the <u>letter grade</u> (without "+"/"-") and not your GPA. Reflect exactly the way you had entered the information in your UCAS application.

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Qualifications; current

- Current students should list <u>ALL subjects with pending A level grades</u> in this section.
- **Not applicable** to former students.



Qualifications; SATs, EL (Q4.1 – 4.2)

Qualifications (4 of 4) Q4.1 SAT results Date Taken Score Plan to SATs Test (MM/YYYYY) (out of 800) Retake? V Add new SAT Delete Selected Q4.2 English language qualifications If you have taken the IELTS qualification please provide details of your scores below Date Taken Overall Listenina Reading Writing Speaking (MM/YYYY) Score Add new IELTS qualification Delete Selected Q4.2a If you have taken, or intend to take, a different English language qualification please provide details (max. 300 characters including spaces) Count 0 Characters * Indicates a compulsory question

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Question Q4.1

Funding

If you have completed SAT I (Reasoning) or SAT II (Subject) Tests, please provide details including the results. If you are intending to take SAT examinations in the future, please add these to your list in question Q2.1, selecting 'USA SAT I' or 'USA SAT II (Subject)', as appropriate, from the qualification/level drop-down menu.

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The College Board changed the scoring system for the SAT in March 2016, so please take care to enter the correct 'date taken' for each test. We will assess scores according to the system in use at the time you took the SAT, so failure to provide the correct date may lead to your score(s) being misinterpreted.



Prior to March 2016 the SAT was made up of three scores: 'Critical Reading'; 'Writing'; and 'Math' (each out of 800).

From March 2016 the SAT is made up of two scores: 'Reading and Writing'; and 'Math' (both out of 800). The SAT Essay is now optional and is scored separately, so if you took the Essay from March 2016 onwards, please provide your combined score out of 24 by selecting 'SAT-Essay' (Reading, Analysis, and Writing in the essay are each marked out of 8, to give a combined score out of 24).

Question Q4.2

If your first language is not English you must demonstrate that you meet the University's English language requirements. Please provide details of any English language qualifications you have taken or are intending to take. By 'English language qualification' we mean qualifications that include a strong element of spoken English, for example IELTS.

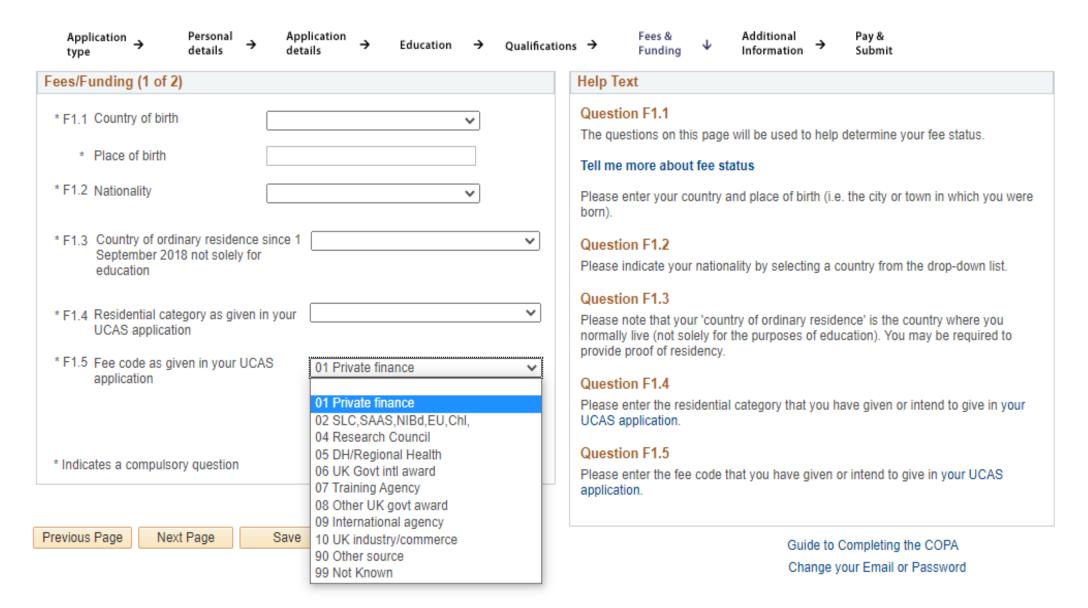
If you have completed the IELTS qualification, please provide details in the table in Q4.2. If you have taken IELTS more than once, please list your most recent scores first.

If you have taken an English language qualification other than IELTS (for example TOEFL, Cambridge Advanced C1, or Cambridge Proficiency C2), you should note the qualification you have taken, the date (MM/YYYY) you took it, and your results in question Q4.2a. If you intend to take an English language qualification in the future, please note the qualification you intend to take and the date you intend to take it in question Q4.2a.

Applicable only for those who have **COMPLETED** SAT and/or IELTS. If you are intending to take SAT/ IELTS, do add this information to the list at Q2.1 "Qualifications currently being studied or not yet completed"

Fees & Funding (F1.1 – F2.3)

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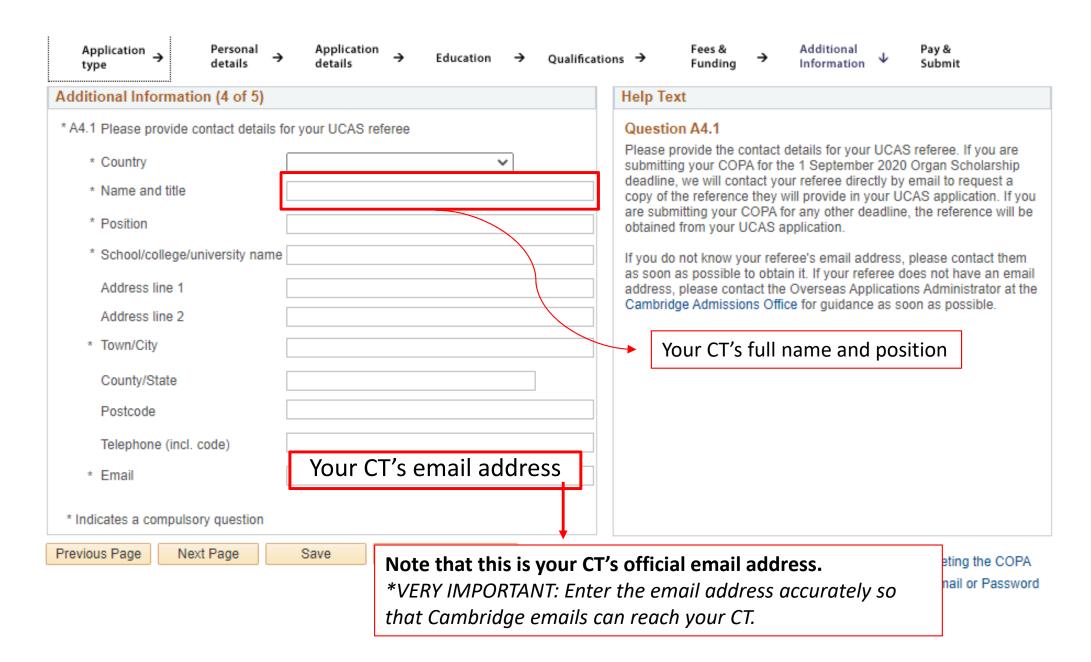


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| * F2.3 Have you applied or will you be applying for a scholarship only tenable at specific Cambridge Colleges? * Indicates a compulsory question | O No | Please indicate possible sources of funding and likely annual amounts. 'Private funding' is not a sufficient answer. For overseas students support normally comes from family funding and/or through a scholarship programme. The source of any scholarship funding should be indicated. The Cambridge Commonwealth, European & International Trust has some bursaries that may provide limited support for students who are able to meet the major part of their costs from other sources, but there are very few full-cost awards available for undergraduate study. If you receive an offer of a place, your College will send you appropriate information in January. | | | |
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Transcript

You are able to upload your High School Transcript as a single PDF document.

To upload, click the 'Attach transcript' button and select a pdf to attach to your application

Attach transcript

Submit your results slips as a single multi-page PDF document.

You may be required to submit a High School Transcript in English as part of your application. Please check the transcripts flowchart carefully to find out whether a transcript is required from you. If a transcript is required, you must submit it by the relevant application deadline. If you are attending/have attended a university, you must submit a University Transcript in English. Your application will not be considered unless a transcript is received.

Tell me more about transcripts

If you are required to upload both a High School Transcript and a University Transcript, you will need to combine them to create a single PDF. If your University Transcript is not available at the point of application, please see the Undergraduate Study website for advice.

If your transcript is ready, then please upload it now. If you are not able to upload a transcript at this point, you can still complete and submit the rest of your COPA. Once you have submitted your COPA, you can log in again to review the answers you have submitted and upload your transcript.

You must ensure that your transcript is uploaded by the relevant deadline. If you think that you will not be able to upload your transcript by the relevant deadline, please contact the Admissions Office of your preference College or the Cambridge Admissions Office if you made an open application.

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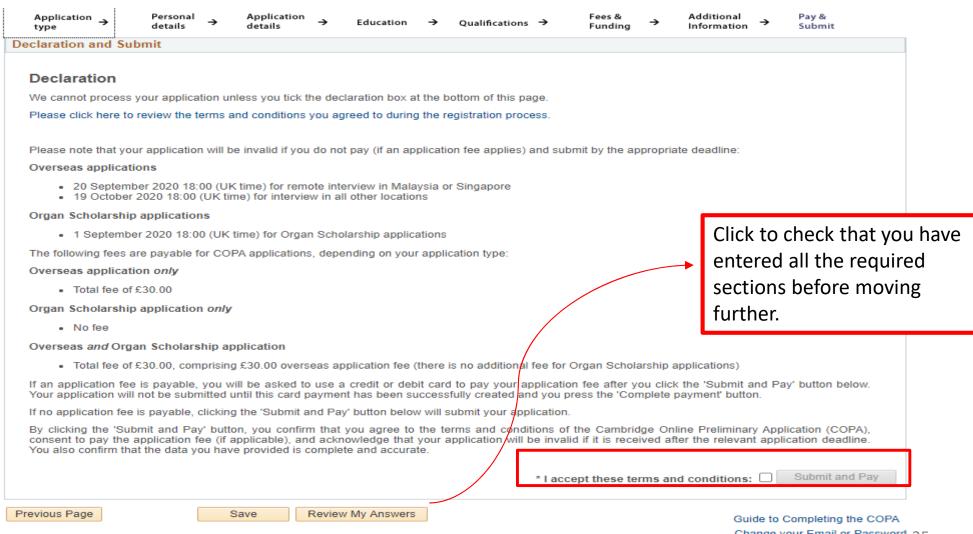
- ALL Cambridge applicants are to upload your transcripts. Once you have submitted your COPA and transcript, you cannot make changes. Hence, be careful and double check your materials.
- Applicants hoping to interview in SG are to upload your transcripts and submit your COPA by 8 Sep 2020 (although official deadline on Cambridge website is 20 Sep) for the COPA application to be considered complete.
- Transcripts should comprise <u>Certified True Copy</u> of the following documents.
 - Y6s: Bring original documents and photocopies to the SAC for certification.
 - Former students: Limited entry to school as part of safe management measures. (I) Get a junior to certify your photocopies at the SAC and scan you the soft copies. (II) If you can't arrange for that, email SAC (student.affairs@ri.edu.sg) to make an appointment to come in for certification. You are not allowed to hang around in school or visit your teachers before/after the appointment. You have to leave the campus once you are done at the SAC.

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| | Y6 Prelim results slip | | | |
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- When you have completed all sections of the COPA, be sure to review your submission by using the 'Review My Answers' button. If you have not answered any compulsory questions or you have provided an invalid answer, these will be highlighted.
- Then proceed to the 'Pay & Submit' section of the COPA. At this stage, you may wish to print a final copy of your answers for your records.



If you have not answered any compulsory questions or if you have provided an invalid answer, these will be highlighted.

This page displays an overview of all your answers. You can also see which questions you have not answered. Unanswered compulsory questions are highlighted by warnings to the right. If you want to change any of your answers click on the 'Edit' link. You can generate a version of this information suitable for printing by clicking the 'Generate Printable Version' button.

You only have one opportunity to submit your transcript.

Please check and make sure that the transcript PDF that you upload is the correct file.

Once you have submitted your COPA and transcript, you will not be able to make any changes or upload another transcript PDF.

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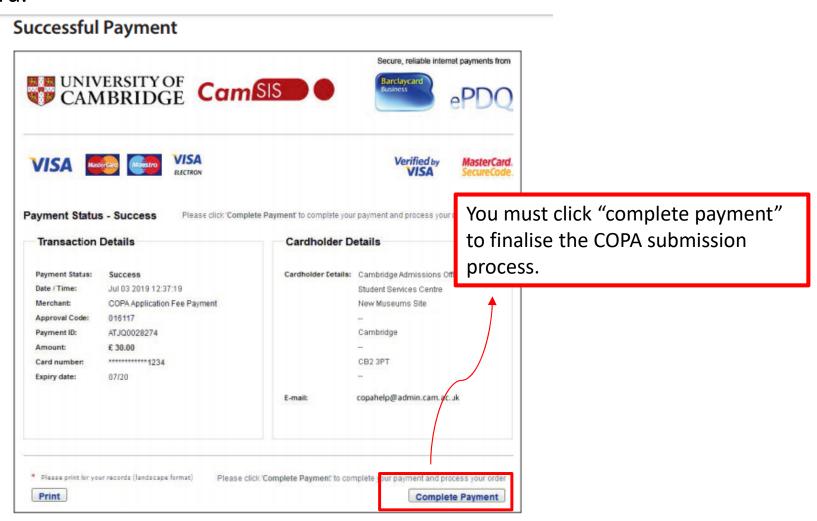
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There are 31 questions with errors in your application. These are highlighted in red below.

Please make sure that you have not missed the relevant COPA application deadline. Failure to submit your COPA by the application deadline will render your application invalid and you will not be considered for admission. In order to avoid last minute problems, we strongly discourage you from leaving submission of your COPA (and UCAS application) until deadline day.

Pay & Submit

When you click 'Submit and Pay', you will be asked to confirm that you wish to submit your COPA. Note that it is not possible to alter your answers once you submit your COPA. If you confirm that you wish to submit, you will be taken through the application fee payment process. You will be asked to pay the appropriate fee by debit or credit card.



Pay & Submit

- After submission, you will receive an email confirming that your COPA submission has been received. The submission confirmation email will contain your COPA Reference Number (consisting of the letter 'C' followed by 9 digits).
- It is very important that you retain these emails you will need both your COPA Reference Number and your UCAS Personal ID number at a later stage in the application process.

SAQ (Supplementary Application Questionnaire)

It is very important that you also complete the Supplementary Application Questionnaire (SAQ) after submitting your UCAS application – your application will not be valid unless you also submit a SAQ.

Cambridge will email you a link to the SAQ once they receive your UCAS application. You are not likely to receive anything from Cambridge before 20 September as that is their official UCAS deadline. Hence, be patient and ensure that you check your spam folder regularly from 20 September.

In the SAQ, once you have confirmed your identity and entered your <u>COPA Reference</u> <u>Number and UCAS Personal ID number</u> in the boxes provided in <u>Section 1</u>, you will be automatically be taken to <u>Section 8</u>.

You will <u>NOT</u> need to complete the rest of the SAQ questions, as you will already have answered them in the COPA. The email you receive from the University about completing the SAQ will also include a deadline by which you must submit your SAQ.

Reminders

- For your Cambridge application to be considered valid, you must make sure that all
 of the following items reach them by the appropriate deadline:
 - UCAS application
 - COPA & COPA fee payment (not applicable to Organ scholars)
 - SAQ
- It may take up to 24 hours for the email containing your COPA reference Number to come through. It will also take time for your UCAS application to be processed, so you will not receive the email on SAQ immediately. There's no need to worry unnecessarily. Check your inbox regularly, especially the junk/spam folder.
- We strongly recommend that you submit your UCAS & COPA ahead of the internal deadline (8 Sep 2020) to allow enough time for your Civics Tutor and the Higher Ed Office to prepare the required documents in support of your application.
- Note that your COPA will not be considered valid if the required documents are not submitted by the given deadline.

Avoid last minute, careless submissions.

If this matters to you, plan ahead and make time to do it properly.