Guide to COPA

Cambridge Online Preliminary Application

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COPA: Overview Cambridge Online Preliminary Application

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 **in addition** 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.

*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.

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

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- You can access COPA via this link: http://www.cam.ac.uk/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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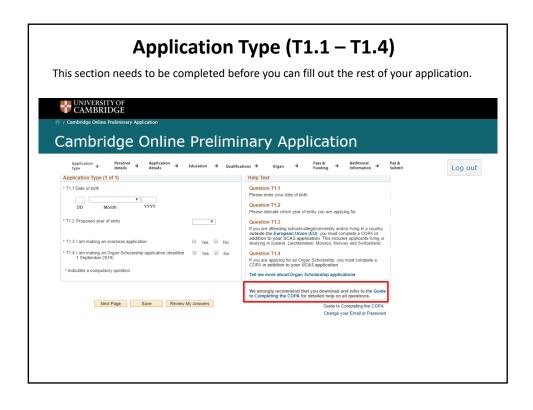
- You should read through the Cambridge resources and FAQ guide before starting your account: https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/copa/faq;
- Then refer to the online "Guide to Completing the Cambridge Online Preliminary Application (COPA) 2020-21 Entry" https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/copa.pdf
- If you require further assistance, email Cambridge Admission Office directly: copahelp@admin.cam.ac.uk.

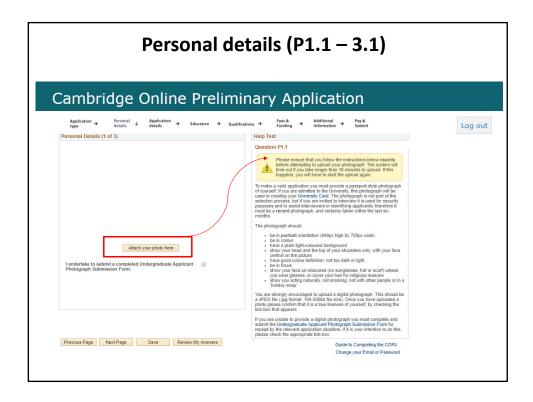
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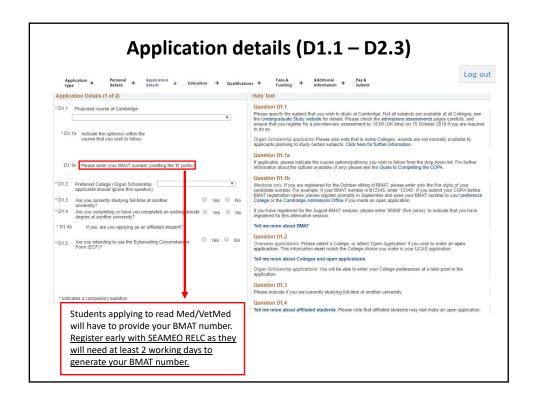
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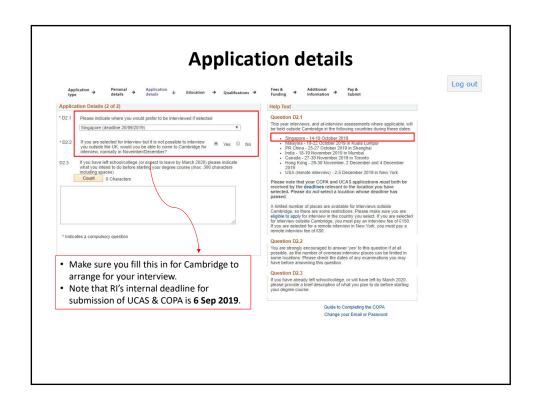
- Your UCAS Personal ID number (you will need to have created a UCAS account prior).
- A valid, personal email address
- A passport-style digital photograph of yourself
- Your BMAT registration number (if applicable)
- · Details of your academic qualifications
- Copy of personal statement that you have included or intend to include in your UCAS application
- 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 note it somewhere for your subsequent reference.

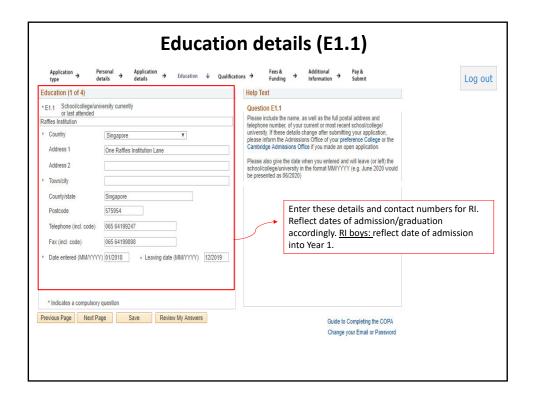
Relevant Sections of COPA

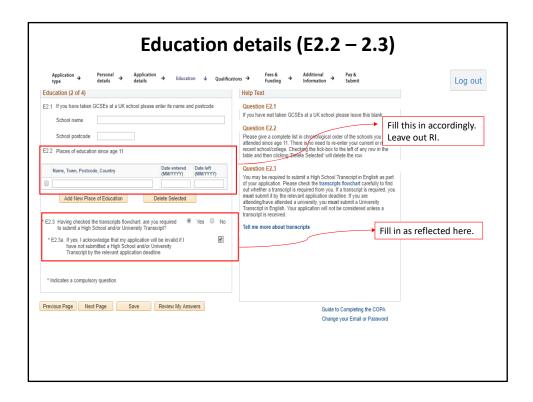


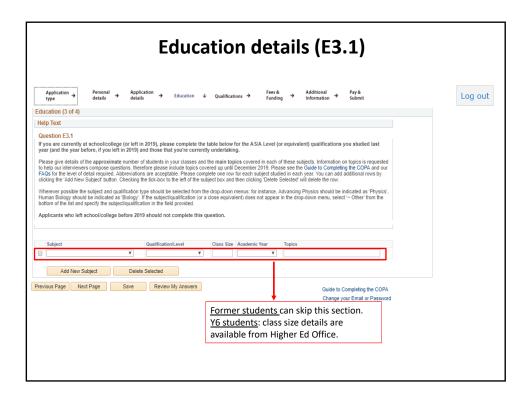


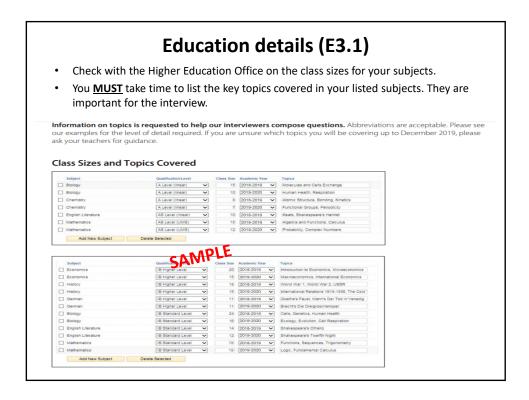


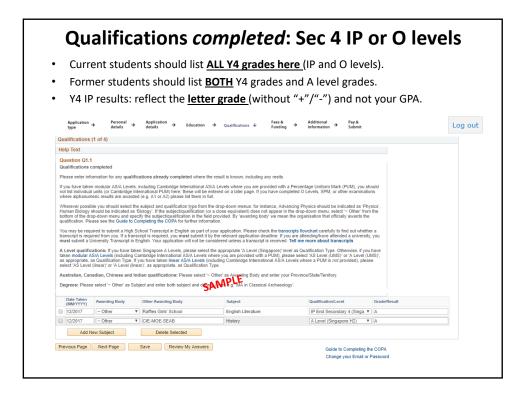


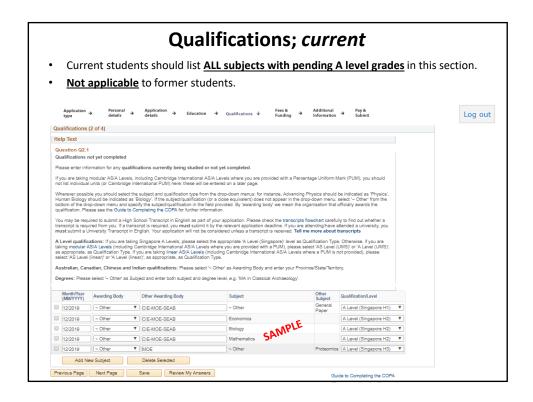


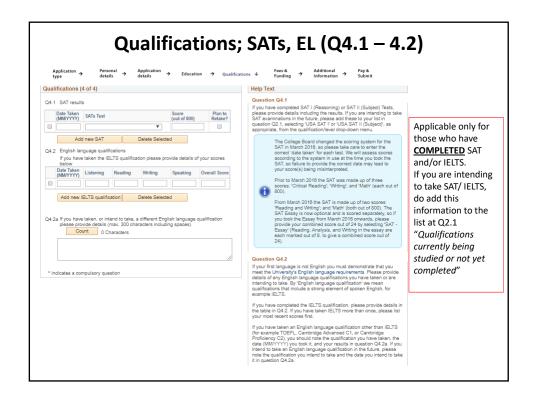


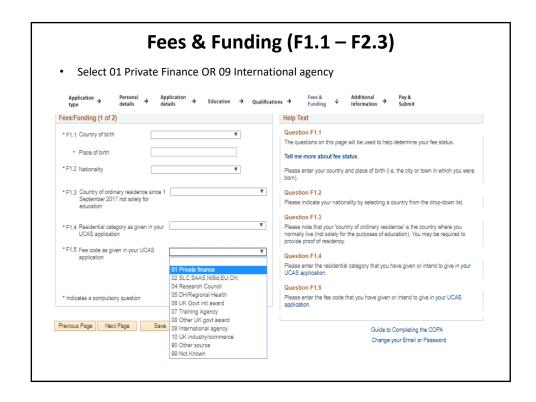


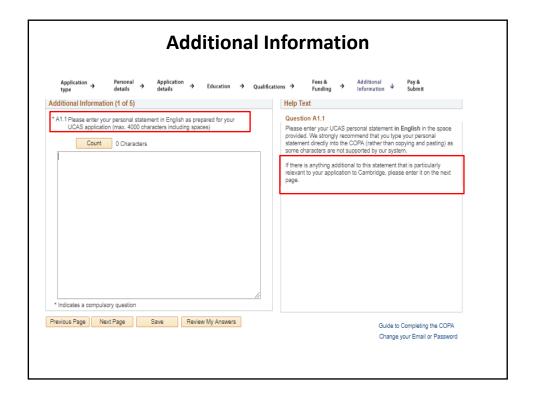


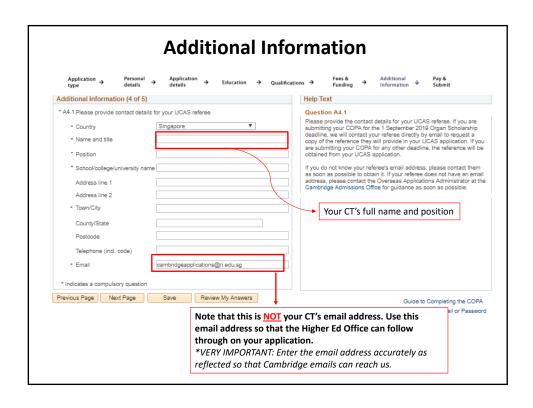


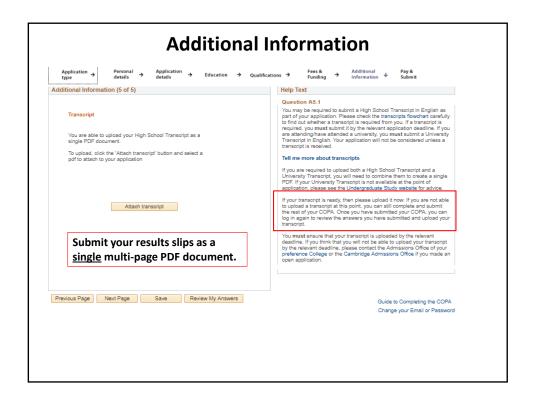












High School Transcript

- <u>All</u> Cambridge applicants have to upload their transcripts as part of COPA. You only have <u>one</u> opportunity to upload the transcript. Once you have submitted your COPA and transcript, <u>you cannot make changes</u>.
- Transcripts should comprise <u>Certified True Copy</u> of the following documents. Bring
 original documents and photocopies to Higher Education Office or the SAC for
 certification.
- A reminder that applicants hoping to interview in SG have to upload your transcripts and submit your COPA by <u>6 Sep 2019</u> (although official deadline on <u>Cambridge website is 20 Sep</u>) for the COPA application to be considered complete.

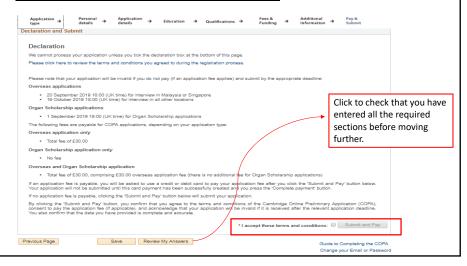
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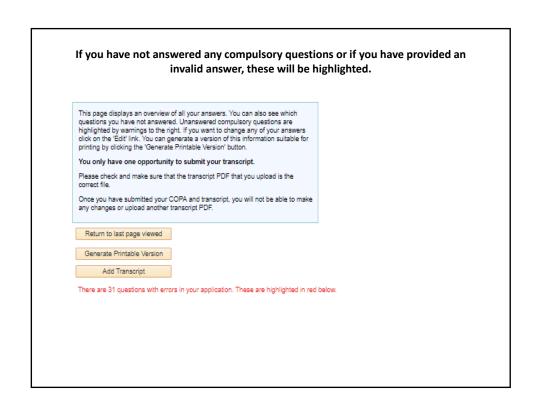
Transcripts required for upload:

For current students	For former students
O level or IP Year 4 grades	O level or IP Year 4 grades
Promo (Y5 Overall Grades)	Promo (Y5 Overall Grades)
	Y6 Prelim results slip
	A level Certificate

Pay & Submit

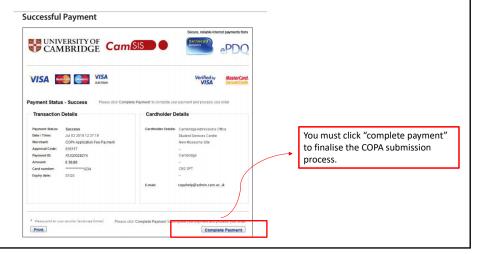
- When you have completed all sections of the COPA, <u>be sure to review your submission</u>
 <u>by using the 'Review My Answers' button</u>. If you have not answered any compulsory
 questions or you have provided an invalid answer, these will be highlighted.
- Then proceed to the 'Pay & Submit' section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





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

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 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.