

UCAT Admission and ID Policy 2026

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1. Test Centre Admission Policy

Candidates in a test centre:

- 1.1. must arrive 15 minutes before their appointment time to complete the check-in process.
- 1.2. who arrive more than 15 minutes late for their appointment may be refused admission, and their test fee will be forfeited. The same applies if they miss their appointment for any reason.
- 1.3. must present Permitted Photographic Identification (ID) which meets the requirements of this policy (see [section 2](#)).
- 1.4. who are unable to present Permitted Photo ID will not be allowed to test and their test fee will be forfeited.
- 1.5. must not take any personal belongings or food/drink into the testing room. Exceptions are permitted for [comfort aids and approved access arrangements](#), and [religious, cultural and medical apparel](#).

2. Test Centre Photo ID Policy

- 2.1. Candidates in a test centre will be asked to present one form of Permitted Photo ID that meets the stated requirements set out below.
- 2.2. Candidates with queries about their ID should submit a Help Request via their UCAT account at least 10 working days before their test date. They should upload a photo of their ID with the enquiry. Candidates making contact fewer than 10 working days before their test date may have limited options.

Test Centre Permitted Photo ID

- 2.3. Permitted Photo ID must meet the requirements stated in section 2.4 *AND* be listed as Accepted Government-Issued ID in section 2.5.
- 2.4. Permitted Photo ID must:
- be original (not a photocopy or digital ID).
 - be unexpired.
 - include a photograph which is a true likeness.
 - include the candidate's name which exactly matches the name registered in their UCAT account (and appears in their appointment confirmation email). If it does not match, candidates should refer to [section 2.8](#).
 - include the candidate's signature. If it does not include a signature, refer to [section 2.7](#).
- 2.5. Accepted Government-Issued ID:

Accepted Government-Issued ID	Accepted for use:
Passport	at any test centre
Photo-card Driver's Licence (full or provisional)	at test centres in the country of issue.
EU Identity Card or Irish Passport Card (information on the card must be presented in Roman script as well as the original character set)	at test centres in the EU (not accepted in the UK).
Government-Issued Identity Card from a Non-EU country (information on the card can be presented in Roman script or local language)	at test centres in the country of issue.
Aadhaar ID must meet the Pearson Aadhaar ID Policy	

- 2.6. ID that does not meet the requirements of this policy will not be accepted under any circumstances. This includes but is not limited to transport pass; library card; student/employer ID card; CitizenCard; Voter Authority Certificate/Electoral Identity Card; Proof of age card (e.g. Post Office PASS card, Young Scot National Entitlement Card).

Signature Policy

2.7. If Accepted Government-Issued ID does not include the candidate's visible signature, it will ONLY be accepted if presented together with an unexpired bank or credit card that has their printed name and visible signature. This also applies in the case of child passports signed by a parent.

2.7.1. If the bank or credit card does not include a printed name or signature refer to [section 2.12](#).

Name Variation Policy

2.8. Test centre staff will refer to the [Pearson Name Matching Guidelines](#) to check whether variations in name are acceptable. Common scenarios where ID *would* be accepted are given below:

Name Registered in UCAT Account			Name on Photo ID
First name	Middle name	Last name	
Joseph	Peter	Bloggs	Joseph Bloggs
Joseph	[blank]	Bloggs	Joseph Peter Bloggs
Mohammed	[blank]	Saeed	Saeed Mohammed

2.9. If a non-Western name has been entered into the incorrect fields during account registration, the ID will be accepted if all names on the candidate's account also appear on the ID.

2.10. Candidates who need to correct or change their registered name should submit a Help Request via their UCAT account at least 5 working days before their test date. They should upload a photo of their ID to verify the request. Candidates making contact fewer than 5 working days before their test date may have limited options.

2.10.1. If a name has changed, proof of the new name must be provided (e.g. a copy of their marriage or civil partnership certificate or a 'deed poll').

2.11. UCAT does not permit name changes once a candidate has sat their test. Corrections to minor typographical errors may be permitted to prevent issues with the delivery of results to universities.

Test Centre Alternative ID and ID Exceptions

2.12. Candidates testing at a test centre who do not have permitted photo ID as detailed above should arrange **Alternative ID**.

2.13. Permission to use Alternative ID is at the discretion of Pearson Professional Assessments and the UCAT Consortium Office to ensure the security of the test.

Alternative ID for candidates testing in the UK and currently in education

2.14. **Candidates testing in the UK and currently in education** should obtain a document confirming their identity from their school/college/university to use as Alternative ID. The identity document must:

- be on **headed paper**

- have a **photograph** attached (digital or physical) which is a **true likeness**.
 - be **signed** by a **head teacher** or a **senior member of staff**.
 - be **signed** by the **candidate**.
 - bear the **institution's official stamp**, which should **cover part of the photograph**. If the institution does not have a stamp, the **signatory of the letter** must **sign their name over part of the photograph**.
 - include the following text: "This document is to confirm the identity of our student [insert candidate registered name], date of birth [insert candidate date of birth], whose signature and photograph appears below, endorsed with our official stamp [that covers part of the photograph]."
- 2.15. A sample identity document can be found on the [UCAT website](#).
- 2.16. The original identity document (printed copy) must be presented at the test centre for the candidate to be admitted. If the identity document does not follow the agreed format, the candidate will not be allowed to test, and their test fee will be forfeited.

Alternative ID exception request for candidates out of education or testing outside the UK

- 2.17. Candidates **out of education** or **testing outside the UK** need to request an ID exception in order to present one of the following forms of Alternative ID:
- a document confirming their identity from their school / college / university / doctor / solicitor or an official government organisation. This should follow the format of the sample identity document which can be found on the [UCAT website](#).
 - An expired Passport (no more than 12 months) if the photograph is still a true likeness and it meets the usual ID requirements (in [section 2.4](#)).
- 2.18. Candidates can request an ID exception by submitting a Help Request via their UCAT account. They should upload a photo of their Alternative ID (expired passport or identity document) to verify the request. Candidates making contact fewer than 10 working days before their test date may have limited options.
- 2.19. Candidates with an approved ID exception must present the original expired passport or identity document (printed copy) at the test centre to be admitted. Changes to the identity document after the ID exception is approved will be considered [misconduct](#).
- 2.20. Candidates seeking asylum in the UK or with refugee status who cannot obtain a form of Alternative ID should submit a Help Request via their UCAT account to seek further advice. Candidates making contact fewer than 10 working days before their test date may have limited options.

3. Online (OnVUE) Proctored Testing Admission Policy

Candidates sitting an online (OnVUE) proctored test:

- 3.1. should ensure that:

- they meet the [technology](#) requirements and pass a [System Test](#).
 - their [testing space](#) meets requirements.
- 3.2. can begin check-in up to 30 minutes before their appointment time to allow for troubleshooting. If they are more than 15 minutes late for their appointment, they will not be able to check-in, and their test fee will be forfeited.
- 3.3. must present Permitted Photographic Identification (ID) which meets the requirements of this policy (see [section 4](#)).
- 3.4. who are unable to present Permitted Photo ID will not be allowed to test and their test fee will be forfeited.
- 3.5. under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian present at the start of their test to give consent to them being recorded. Their parent/guardian must present their own Permitted Photo ID (as detailed in [section 4](#)). The candidate must also present Permitted Photo ID or a valid student ID (that includes full name and recognisable photo).
- 3.6. once admitted must not:
- use unauthorised materials during testing (e.g., mobile phones and recording equipment). Exceptions are permitted for [approved access arrangements](#) and [permitted note taking materials](#).
 - leave the webcam view for any reason or duration (even during breaks).
 - speak aloud or cover their mouth/face.
 - interact with third parties intentionally or unintentionally.
 - violate any other [testing rules](#).

4. Online (OnVUE) Proctored Testing Photo ID Policy

- 4.1. Candidates sitting an online (OnVUE) proctored test will be asked to present one form of Permitted Photo ID that meets the stated requirements set out below.
- 4.2. Candidates with queries about their ID should submit a Help Request via their UCAT account at least 10 working days before their test date. They should upload a photo of their ID with the enquiry. Candidates making contact fewer than 10 working days before their test date may have limited options.

Online (OnVUE) Proctored Testing Permitted Photo ID

- 4.3. Permitted Photo ID for online (OnVUE) proctored testing must meet the requirements stated in section 4.4 *AND* be listed as Accepted Government-Issued ID in section 4.5.
- 4.4. Permitted Photo ID must:
- be original (not a photocopy or digital ID).
 - be unexpired.
 - include a photograph which is a true likeness.
 - include the candidate's name which exactly matches the name registered in their UCAT account (and appears in their appointment confirmation email). If it does not match, candidates should submit a Help Request via their UCAT account at least 5

working days before their test date to have this addressed. They should upload a photo of their ID to verify the request. Candidates making contact fewer than 5 working days before their test date may have limited options.

4.5. Accepted Government-Issued ID:

- Passport
- Plastic photo-card driver's licence (full or provisional)
- National, State, Provincial, or EU ID card.
- Alien Registration Card (green card or permanent resident/visa)

4.6. Candidates under the age of 18 are permitted to present a valid student ID (that includes their full name and recognisable photo) as a form of ID if they are testing with their parent/guardian's permission and they are present at the start of their test with their own Permitted Photo ID.

4.7. The following ID are not accepted under any circumstance:

- ID from countries where OnVUE delivery is restricted: Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, Russia, Belarus and regions of Ukraine (Donetsk, Luhansk, Sevastopol, Crimea)
- transport pass; library card; employer ID card; CitizenCard; Voter Authority Certificate/Electoral Identity Card; Proof of age card (e.g. Post Office PASS card, Young Scot National Entitlement Card).
- Aadhaar Cards that do not meet the [Pearson Aadhaar Policy](#).
- Paper-based ID.
- ID prohibited by law from being photocopied, digitised, or captured on camera.

Online (OnVUE) Proctored Testing Alternative ID and ID Exceptions

4.8. No other form of ID is permitted for online (OnVUE) proctored testing.

4.9. Candidates that do not have Permitted Photo ID (as detailed in [section 4](#)) would need to test at a test centre.