

UAT-UK Bursary Policy

UAT-UK is committed to ensuring the accessibility of our tests and that test fees do not provide a barrier to entry, in so far as is possible. UAT-UK can apply a bursary to candidates resident in the UK, that are in financial need and can evidence that they meet one of the requirements outlined below. This will cover the full cost of their test(s).

Applications for bursaries must be submitted via a candidate's online account, by the [relevant deadline](#).

1. Key Information

- 1.1 If a candidate intends to apply for a UAT-UK bursary, they must not book a test until UAT-UK has confirmed the bursary has been granted and the approved bursary appears on the candidate's online dashboard.
- 1.2 Candidates with an open bursary application, awaiting review, will not be able to book a test.
- 1.3 Candidates with a test booking will need to cancel their booking if they wish to apply for a bursary and re-book following approval, provided the relevant deadlines have not passed. Bookings can be cancelled and are automatically refunded if cancelled more than 48 hours in advance of the appointment. Re-booking will be subject to Test Centre availability.
- 1.4 UAT-UK is unable to reimburse candidates who book and pay for their test and are subsequently granted a bursary.
- 1.5 Candidates can use a bursary **once** per UAT-UK test, per application cycle.
- 1.6 If you are awarded a bursary for the October sitting, but do not use it, or cancel your test more than 48 hours prior to your appointment, your bursary will be reinstated and can be used for the January sitting.
- 1.7 If a candidate books a test using a bursary for the October sitting and does not cancel more than 48 hours prior to their test, and is subsequently absent, they will not be eligible for a bursary for the January sitting of the same admissions cycle.

- 1.8 It can take UAT-UK up to **five working days** to review an application for a bursary. It is the responsibility of the candidate to apply as early as possible, and in advance of the registration deadline, leaving enough time for approval and test booking.

2. Candidate Eligibility

- 2.1 A candidate may be granted a bursary if:
- 2.1.1 They are living permanently in the UK at the time of application, AND
 - 2.1.2 They are planning to sit their test at a UK Test Centre, AND
 - 2.1.3 The candidate, or a parent/guardian living at the same address, is in receipt of, and able to meet the evidential requirements for, one of the means-tested benefits listed in clauses 3.5 or 3.6.

3. Required Documentation

- 3.1 Candidates only need to demonstrate that they themselves, or a parent or guardian (where applicable), is in receipt of **one** of the means-tested awards listed in clauses 3.5, 3.6 **OR** 3.7.
- 3.2 Where a candidate is over the age of 21 and no longer in full-time education, they must be personally in receipt of a qualifying award.
- 3.3 UAT-UK reserves the right to request additional evidence if, in its view, the initial supporting documentation is not sufficient to verify eligibility.
- 3.4 On occasion UAT-UK may consider alternative evidence on a case-by-case basis.
- 3.5 A candidate may be eligible for a UAT-UK bursary where they are also eligible for, or in receipt of:
- 3.5.1 **Free school meals**, evidenced by a recent letter from their school, on headed paper, dated no earlier than 2025/26, **OR**

- 3.5.2 **The 16–19 Bursary (England) / EMA (Scotland, Wales or NI)**, evidenced by an official award letter, containing the name and address of the claimant, dated no earlier than 2025/26.
- 3.6 A candidate may also be eligible for a UAT-UK bursary if they are a **care leaver**. This will be evidenced by a letter from the relevant local authority, or their case/social worker dated no earlier than 2025/26. A candidate will be defined as a care leaver if:
- 3.6.1 they've have been in the care of, or have been given accommodation by, their local authority
 - 3.6.2 their time in care lasted at least 13 weeks
 - 3.6.3 their time in care ended after they turned 16
 - 3.6.4 in most cases, they've not returned to the care of their parent(s) before applying to sit their admissions test
- 3.7 Alternatively, a candidate may be eligible for a UAT-UK bursary where they, or their parent or guardian, living at the same address as them, is in receipt of:
- 3.7.1 **Universal credit**, evidenced by the first part of their universal credit statement, dated within the **last three months**. The letter must show the name and address of the claimant and the award amount.
 - 3.7.2 **Working Tax Credit**, evidenced by the first part of their award letter, dated no earlier than 2025/26. This letter must show the name and address of the claimant.
 - 3.7.3 **Child Tax Credit**, evidenced by the first part of their award letter, dated no earlier than 2025/26. This letter must show the name and address of the claimant.
 - 3.7.4 **Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance (JSA), or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)**, evidenced by ALL pages of their award letter, dated 2026 only. This must be from UK Jobcentre plus and must be a means-tested award (specified on the last page of the letter). It must show the name and address of the claimant.

- 3.7.5 **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**, evidenced by ALL pages of their official award letter, dated in the last 12 months only. This letter must show the name and address of the claimant.
- 3.7.6 **The guarantee element of State Pension Credit**, evidenced by ALL pages of their official award letter, dated in the last 12 months only. This letter must show the name and address of the claimant.

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