

## **The University of Aberdeen Widening Access Contextualised Admissions Policy Entry in Academic Year 2027/2028**

The University of Aberdeen has a long-standing commitment to widening access to Higher Education. A key part of this commitment is the University's Contextualised Admissions Policy.

We wish to encourage students from the widest possible range of backgrounds to participate in university studies, and we appreciate that not all students have the same opportunity to meet our advertised entry requirements therefore we take contextualised information into account when making decisions on the applications we receive and the entrance requirements which we require.

### **1. University of Aberdeen Widening Access Contextualised Criteria**

Applicants who come from the following backgrounds and have selected them as part of their UCAS application, would be eligible for consideration under the Widening Access Contextualised Admissions Policy.

- Applicants ordinarily resident in a POLAR 4 Quintile 1 (Rest of UK) postcode area
- Applicants who are Receiving Free School Meals
- Applicants who are Care experienced
- Applicants who are estranged from parents
- Applicants who are unpaid carers
- Applicants who have experienced a disability or mental health issue that has impacted on their secondary education
- Applicants who identify as Gypsy, Roma or Traveller
- Applicants with Refugee/Asylum Seeker Status
- Applicants with a Parent or Carer in Armed Forces
- Applicants who have served in Armed Forces
- Applicants whose parents(s) have had a custodial sentence

Please note that this list is not exhaustive, and the University may consider other criteria where detriment to education can be evidenced.

### **2. University of Aberdeen Adjusted Offer Making**

For applicants meeting our Widening Access contextualised criteria we guarantee an offer at the grades stated in our prospectus for 27/28 entry.

The University guarantees interviews for Care Experienced applicants where interviews are a required part of the admissions process.

### **3. Exemptions to Adjusted Offer Making**

Adjusted offers are not given for MEng, MChem, MSci Computing Science and MSci (Medical Sciences) programmes. Candidates who perform well during the 1st year of their studies may be able to apply to move onto the related advanced course.

As entrance to BMus Music degrees are on the basis of both academic achievement and musical ability, entry to the degree cannot be guaranteed based on academic grades alone. Indicative grades are given but offers will be tailored to the individual after interview.

This policy does not apply to medicine applicants. The policy for medicine applicants can be found here <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/smmsn/undergraduate/medicine/widening-access/>.

#### **4. Informing the University of your Contextualised Criteria**

The University can check if an applicant meets some of the criteria listed above using the information supplied in the UCAS application. Please ensure you select the appropriate boxes on UCAS to inform us of any contextualised criteria. Any additional information, including impact on education, can be included in a personal statement or sent by email to [ugadmissions@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:ugadmissions@abdn.ac.uk). Any additional information, which is supplied to the University in a clear and timely manner, will be considered alongside the main application. (Applicants must include their full name and UCAS ID number in all correspondence with the University).

The University would also ask that referees verify if an applicant meets one or more of the contextualised criteria in their UCAS reference and the impact this has had on their education.

#### **4. Policy Documents**

Information relating to all the University's Admissions Policies can be found at the following webpage: <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply/admissions-policy/>

#### **5. More information**

For more information about Widening Access at the University of Aberdeen, please contact [study@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:study@abdn.ac.uk).

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