Outlook 2016: Adding and using a Generic Email

**Note:** This fact sheet has been based on the process for Outlook 2016 or later.

A generic email account is one that is not associated with an individual, but instead with a department, team, or group of people. It will have a generic email address, e.g. registry@abdn.ac.uk, servicedesk@abdn.ac.uk, or communications@abdn.ac.uk.

If you have been granted access to a generic email account, you can add it to your Outlook. This allows you to send messages from the generic address rather than from your own personal university email address; any replies to these messages will go to the generic account.

You can also view messages sent to the generic account’s Inbox, or view its Calendar.

**Adding a generic account to Outlook**

1. Open your Outlook and click the **File** menu.
   The **Account Information** window is displayed.
2. Click the **Add Account** button:

   The **Add Account** dialogue box appears:

3. **Enter** the email address for the generic account in the form `accountname@abdn.ac.uk`, e.g. `tad@abdn.ac.uk`
4. Click on **Connect**
5. In the pop-up login box **enter** the generic account details in the following format:

   **Username:** *change* this from the form `accountname@abdn.ac.uk` to the form `username@abdn.ac.uk`, e.g. `abc123@abdn.ac.uk`
   **Password:** the password for the generic account
There is a checkbox to remember my credentials.
It is recommended that you **do not** tick this on first set up.

6. Once Outlook has successfully configured the additional email account, click on the **OK** button:

![Account setup is complete](image)

**Note:** You can untick the option to have this set up on your Outlook mobile.

7. The generic account’s mailbox appears under your own mailbox, in the folder list at the left side of the Mail window:

![Mailbox list](image)

**Notes:**
If you have many mail folders listed under your own mailbox, you may have to collapse your own mailbox by clicking on the arrow next to it in order to see the generic mailbox. Alternatively, scroll down to the bottom of your own mailbox folder list to see the generic mailbox.

You may have to click the arrow alongside the generic account’s mailbox to view its folders, e.g. Inbox, Sent items, etc.

8. When you close and restart Outlook you will be prompted again for the login details.

**Note:** Click the checkbox **Remember my credentials** so that you do not have to retype the email address and password every time you start Outlook.

Enter **username@abdn.ac.uk** and password for the generic account.
Sending an email from the generic address

1. Click on the generic account in your mail folder list:

2. Click the New Email button on the ribbon or press [Ctrl] N to create a new email message:

   The generic email address should appear in the From... field as the sender of the message.

   If it doesn’t, then you haven’t selected the generic account from your mail folder list as described in step 1 above.

3. Create and send the message in the usual way.

4. The message recipient will see the generic account’s mail name in the message header area:

   Note: Messages sent from the generic account are filed in its own Sent Items folder.

Further information and help

Contact the Service Desk: https://myit@abdn.ac.uk