

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 offers bursary vouchers to candidates' resident in the UK, that are in financial need and are able to evidence that they meet one of the requirements outlined below. Applications for bursaries must be submitted via the **UAT-UK office**.

1. Key Information

- 1.1 If a candidate intends on applying for a UAT-UK bursary, they should not book a test until UAT-UK has confirmed the bursary has been granted and the candidate has been provided with a voucher code.
- 1.2 UAT-UK is unable to reimburse candidates who book and pay for their test and subsequently are granted a bursary. In this case, provided the registration deadline has not passed, the test can be cancelled, with a full refund, and re-booked using the voucher code, however this will be subject to test centre availability. UAT-UK cannot guarantee a candidate will be able to re-book at their preferred centre or time.
- 1.3 Candidates can apply for one bursary code per UAT-UK test, per application cycle. If you are sitting both the ESAT and the TMUA, you will be provided with a voucher code for each. These are one-time voucher codes and must not be shared.
- 1.4 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 or 3.6.
- 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 we may consider alternative evidence on a case-by-case basis.
- 3.5 A candidate may be eligible for a UAT-UK bursary where they in are receipt of:
- 3.5.1 **Free school meals**, evidenced by a recent letter from their school, on headed paper, dated no earlier than 2023/24.
 - 3.5.2 **The 16-19 Bursary / EMA**, evidenced by an official award letter, containing the name and address of the claimant, dated no earlier than 2023-24.
- 3.6 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:
- 3.6.1 **Universal credit** (with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods), 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.
 - 3.6.2 **Working Tax Credit**, evidenced by the first part of their award letter, dated no earlier than 2023/24. This letter must show the name and address of the claimant.

- 3.6.3 **Child Tax Credit**, evidenced by the first part of their award letter, dated no earlier than 2023/24. This letter must show the name and address of the claimant.
- 3.6.4 **Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance (JSA), or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)**, evidenced by ALL pages of their award letter, dated 2024 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.
- 3.6.5 **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.
- 3.6.6 **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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