

UNITED KINGDOM UNIVERSITIES

Remember – You will be an international student studying in the UK – fees range from approximately £3500 - £18,000 per year. Unless you get a scholarship you will have to pay these fees plus your living expenses yourself. It is often better and more financially feasible to get your first degree in NZ then look at overseas universities for post graduate study where more funding is available.

- General information on studying in the UK is available from www.britishcouncil.org.uk
- To find out about the cost of studying in the UK go to www.ukcisa.org.uk and download the information sheets or on <http://search.ucas.com>
- The UK Universities and College Admissions Service (UCAS) has a customer service team to answer queries from overseas schools and colleges. Email them at hei_team@ucas.ac.uk
- The UK has a different system for applying to universities than New Zealand. You apply through a central agency called UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Through this system you can apply to a maximum of five institutions on one form.
- **Entry Requirements:** There are entry requirements for each course and you can find them in each university and college prospectus and also on the relevant university sites on the web.
- New Zealand's secondary school qualifications are well regarded in the UK. You can check how NCEA credits relate to UK equivalents and whether you meet entry criteria through NARIC (National Academic Recognition Information Centre). There is normally a charge for this.

Website: www.naric.org.uk

Email: info@naric.org.uk

- University applications for the UK are done on line. www.ucas.com gives you information about universities, colleges, courses and how to apply. This is a very good website. You should take considerable time and care in preparing your application and get somebody to check it for you.
- **Due Dates for Applications:** Most applications are due any time between 1 September and 15 January, for a starting date in September i.e. you can start applying a year before you are due to start university. Late UK applications are received between 16 January and 30 June and universities and colleges will consider them if they want to make more offers but some popular courses might not be available. It is strongly recommended that you send in your application as early as possible, certainly before Christmas the year before you wish to attend university. There may be some courses (e.g. medicine, dentistry and veterinary science) with early application dates so **YOU MUST** check these carefully.
- **Reference:** Your school has to prepare a reference to accompany any UCAS application. You must allow sufficient time for completion of this reference as it may take some time to prepare. (At least four weeks before the due date).
- **Applying to Oxford and Cambridge:** This involves two application processes. One directly to Oxford or Cambridge itself, the second to UCAS as explained above. The deadline for both forms is usually 15th October of the year preceding intended entry. You may be asked to attend an interview, so you must be prepared for this, and you may also be asked to sit a special exam in NZ at the end of the year.