

References for 2024 entry

Refined and refocused

To help advisers focus references on the areas universities and colleges want to know more about, the free text approach is replaced with three structured sections for all undergraduate applications. There are no changes to conservatoire references.

1

Enter a general statement about your school/college/centre.

2

If applicable, enter any information about extenuating circumstances which may have impacted the applicant's education and achievement.

3

Outline any other supportive information specific to the applicant and relevant to the course(s) applied for that you think universities/colleges should be aware of.

Key resources

- [Reference guidance for each section explained](#)
- [Example reference statements](#)
- [Presentation to share with colleagues](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)

Important things to note

- The information advisers provide for the reference is not changing. The three sections will streamline and structure the content provided.
- Section two should include anything that has impacted the applicant's education and bring context to their academic journey.
- Minimising the need for liaison with multiple internal colleagues, providers have confirmed focusing section three on information specific to the course(s) applied for will not disadvantage students.
- Universities and colleges have asked for short, concise, statements to ensure they can easily find the information they need, to make selection decisions and target support.