



Royal Conservatoire
of Scotland

Audition Fee Waivers

The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland is committed to ensuring fair access to a conservatoire education for students who have the talent and potential to benefit from it, regardless of their background. In support of this, audition fee waivers are offered to applicants whom financial hardship may be a barrier to auditioning.

Eligibility

You must firstly meet **all** of the following criteria:

- Applying for an undergraduate degree (ie BMus, BEd or BA)
- Be ordinarily resident in the UK (ie not just for the purpose of education)

In addition, **one** of the following criteria also needs to be met:

- Scottish domiciled applicants who live in the postcode area in the lowest quintile of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD 1). To check if you are eligible, please use this tool - <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/SIMD/SIMDPostcodeLookup/ScotlandPostcodeLookup>.
- You are in receipt of one or more of the following:
 - Income-based Jobseeker Allowance
 - Income Support
 - Housing Benefit
 - Council Tax support (not just the single person reduction)
 - Income-based Employment Support Allowance
 - Personal Independence Payments (PIPs)
 - Pension Credit (guaranteed element only) with an award notice showing annual gross household income of less than £25,000
 - Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit or Universal Credit with an award notice showing annual gross household income of less than £25,000
- You are care experienced. You are deemed care experienced if you are, or have ever been:
 - Looked after at home whilst subject to a supervision order from a Children's Panel
 - In kinship care, ie you have not been able to be cared for by your birth parents for short or long periods of time and you have been looked after by a close relative such as an older sibling, grandparent, aunt or uncle

- In foster care for any period
- Living in residential care where you live with a group or other young people and are looked after by paid Local Authority staff
- Living in secure care
- You are estranged from your family.

Applications are made through UCAS Conservatoires and are subject to a £26.50 application fee. This is retained by UCAS and cannot be waived.

If you meet the criteria above we encourage you to apply for an audition fee waiver. We do not offer any other additional fee waivers.

To request a waiver, please complete the form on the page 3 and 4 and email this to feewaiver@rcs.ac.uk and attach the relevant supporting documentary evidence.

Audition Fee Waiver Form 2022 Entry

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Name	
Country of residency (non-UK applicants are not eligible for a fee waiver)	
Course applied for (only undergraduate courses are eligible to apply for an audition fee waiver)	

Step 1 –

Complete the UCAS Conservatoires application and pay the UCAS application fee, but do not pay the RCS audition fee at this point. Without payment of the UCAS application fee, the application will not be visible to us and we cannot process your request. To do this, please select the option to *pay later by invoice* (this is presented as an option for those unable to pay by card) and arrange a bank transfer of the application fee to UCAS.

Step 2 –

Tick which criteria you meet from the table below –

Criteria	Cross if applicable
I am a SIMD 1 applicant	
I am in receipt of Income-based Jobseeker Allowance	
I am in receipt of Income Support	
I am in receipt of housing benefit	
I am in receipt of Council Tax support (not just the single person reduction)	
I am in receipt of Income-based Employment Support Allowance	
I am in receipt of Personal Independence Payments (PIPs)	
I am in receipt of Pension Credit (guaranteed element only) with an award notice showing annual gross household income of less than £25,000	

I am in receipt of Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit or Universal Credit with an award notice showing annual gross household income of less than £25,000	
I am care experienced	
I am estranged from my family	

Step 3 –

Email this form to feewaiver@rcs.ac.uk and attach supporting documentary evidence. Please see below for examples of acceptable documents:

- a. SIMD 1 applicants – letter confirming current address such as bank statement, a utility bill, credit or store card statement or correspondence from a statutory body. The letter should be dated within the last 3 months.
- b. Documentary evidence of that you are receipt of certain UK government benefits (as above)
- c. Care Experienced and estranged applicants – A letter from a professional person which confirms that you are or have been. A professional person can be someone from the local authority by whom you were looked after, social worker, doctor, nurse, lawyer, college/university student adviser, teacher, nursery teacher, notary public counsellor, police officer, minister or religion or family mediation worker.

You will be notified of the decision as soon as possible. If you are eligible for a fee waiver, this will be processed on the course/s applied for on UCAS Conservatoires. Please note that we cannot consider requests received after an audition has taken place.