



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

Interested applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- You must be applying for a first undergraduate degree (ie BMus, BEd or BA)
- You must 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>.
- Applicants who 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

Applications through UCAS Conservatoires are subject to a £25 application charge. This is retained by UCAS and cannot be waived.

We do not offer any other additional fee waivers. Please do not contact us if you do not meet the above criteria.

How to request a waiver

1. Check that you meet the criteria listed above.
2. Complete the UCAS Conservatoires application and pay the UCAS application charge, but do not pay the RCS audition fee at this point. Without payment of the UCAS charge, the application will not be visible to RCS staff and we cannot process your request. The UCAS Conservatoire application fee can be paid by telephoning UCAS directly on 0371 468 0470.
3. Email your request 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. Care Experienced 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.
4. 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.