

Widening Participation Criteria

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Quintile score of 2	The postcode of your home address is in a POLA Quintile 2 area, according to the OfS lookuptool	-	1
TUNDRMSOA score of 1	The postcode of your home address is in a TUNDRA MSOA Quintile 1 area, according to the		

Terms & Conditions of Contextual Offers:

- Contextual offers will only apply to GCE A Levels, these in combination the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales, Scottish Highers/Advanced Highers and the International Baccalaureate for the time being (further details in Table 1.2). Those taking linear A Levels (e.g. in England or, in some cases, Northern Ireland) who qualify for a contextual offer will still be expected to achieve a 'Pass' in their science practical for all natural science subjects.
- Where there is insufficient evidence to determine that one meets a criterion at the point of application, the applicant will be deemed not to have met it. Where one is in care or a care leaver, applicants will need to provide a letter of proof once they have submitted their application via UCAS, without this the applicant will be deemed not to meet this criterion.
- Where an applicant states they were in receipt of free school meals, but the RVC cannot verify this, the applicant will be asked to provide evidence. Without this the applicant will be deemed not to meet this criterion.
- Where qualifications have been taken outside of the standard period (e.g. a student from Wales would be expected to study for the GCSEs in Years 10 and 11) or at more than one school/college the RVC reserves the right to use its discretion as to whether the candidate would qualify under a Contextual School flag.
- No other criteria, including mitigating circumstances, can be used in place of the above criteria.
- Contextual offers are not open to those attending (or who have attended since the age of 14) an independent or fee-paying school.
- By definition, applicants from outside of the UK will not be eligible for a contextual offer.
- Applicants applying with their results already confirmed will not receive a contextual offer – as their qualifications will be complete but may be considered for an unconditional offer with grades matching the contextual offer grade profile, depending on their application.

Table 1.2

Qualification	Subjects	Standard Offer	Contextual Offer
GCE A Levels (linear)	Two qualifying sciences*	BBB with 'Pass' in all science practicals	CCO with 'Pass' in all science practicals

GCE A

*Qualifying sciences:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Mathematics