



UCT ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL

POLICIES

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Adult Matric



OVERVIEW

Purpose	This policy provides an overview of the information and rules relating to Adult Matric learner admissions.
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DEFINITIONS

“Academic Year”. Refers to a calendar period of 12 months. The academic year starts in January and ends in December of the year. Specific dates will be available on the website.

“Applicant”. An individual who has submitted an application to study with UCT Online High School for the Amended Senior Certificate (ASC).

“Conditional Offer”. A conditional offer of a place made to the applicant after attaining the minimum requirements based on the Admissions Criteria.

“Final placement”. Final placement is dependent on the payment of a non-refundable placement fee and the submission of particular documentation (and their verification, as required).

“Grade”. Refers to the accepted academic year group that an Adult Matric learner is placed in. UCT Online High School for the Adult Matric qualification includes learning for the grades of the qualification.

“Programme” (of the School). The complete offering that the School provides.

“Qualification”. The final award that an Adult Matric learner obtains for successfully completing the requirements of the Adult Matric qualification - the Amended Senior Certificate (ASC).

“School”. The school’s full name is UCT Online High School for the Adult Matric. “School” is the abbreviation that is used in this policy. The School has different curriculum offerings. The offering in this policy is the Adult Matric certification resulting in the Amended Senior Certificate (ASC) aligned with the CAPS curriculum.

“Learners”. Individuals within the prescribed age ranges attending the School will be referred to as Adult Matric learners.



GENERAL

1. This policy was developed by the custodians and adopted by the leadership of UCT Online High School for the Adult Matric Preparation Programme, in collaboration with Valenture Institute. The School reserves its rights to amend this policy.
2. This policy shall at all times be interpreted and applied in a manner that protects and promotes the best interests of all Adult Matric learners concerned.
3. All admission applications should be directed to the Admissions Team.
4. Adult Matric is a Preparation Programme and the applicants must ensure that they are eligible to register and write the Department of Basic Education Senior Certificate examinations. Given the nature and design of our Adult Matric Programme, we are unable to assist learners with study visa applications and other related documents.

POLICY

1.1. Mode of learning

UCT Online High School for the Adult Matric is an institution that offers online learning. Adult Matric learners will need to be computer literate and have access to a computer with reliable internet connectivity that supports live conferencing tools. This is a prerequisite.

2.1. Language of learning

The UCT Online High School is a single-medium online school, where the medium of instruction is English.



3 General admissions principles

Applicants are required to submit their admission applications by the stipulated deadline to be considered for a place at UCT Online High School. Submission of an admission application and payment of the application fee and/or the Placement Fee does not guarantee a place. All applications received by the stipulated deadline will be considered and assessed in accordance with our admission criteria provided herein below.

3.1 Admissions Criteria

- 3.1.1 The selection of Adult Matric learners for admission to the School shall be based on an assessment of the following factors (in no particular order):
- 3.1.2 Applicants must be 21 years or older when they complete the UCT Online High School Adult Matric.
- 3.1.3 Applicants must be 19 years turning 20 years by 31 March in the year of enrolment for the UCT Online High School Adult Matric.
- 3.1.4 The applicant must have a South African identity document or passport and study permit in the case of foreign nationals.
- 3.1.5 Whether a complete application for admission (being a complete set of all information requested in terms of the online application) has been submitted with payment of the non-refundable Application Fee.
- 3.1.6 Whether the Adult Matric learner can independently meet the educational demands of the programme, regardless of any barriers to learning that may or may not exist. The School will not be offering



additional support to Adult Matric learners with special educational needs.

N.B It is important to note that all barriers to learning can be accommodated if the Adult Matric learner can work independently within a mainstream curriculum and if the learner has access to the necessary external therapeutic support, as well as the funds required for implementing the support and/or assistive technology. This needs to be arranged by the Adult Learner themselves. We can recommend 'A Class Tutors', one of our official partners who offer tutoring and concession assistant services for Reading, Scribing, and Prompting during the Final Amended Senior Certificate (ASC) Examinations.

4. Submission of application for admission

Application Process

The School will process all applications as follows:

- 4.1 All applications for admission to the School must be submitted via the School website by the applicant.
- 4.2 The School will consider all applications received for admission to determine whether the applicants concerned are eligible for admission to the School in terms of the admissions criteria set out in this policy.
- 4.3 Once the application has been submitted, this will be reviewed in line with the admissions criteria in this policy, and communication confirming whether the application for admission has been



successful or unsuccessful will be sent to the applicant once a decision has been taken.

4.4 Successful applicants will be sent a conditional offer of admission pending the fulfilment of stipulated criteria. 4.5 Where an application for admission is conditionally successful, the fee payer will be required to set up their tuition fee.

4.6 The School reserves its right to rescind a conditional offer of a place to study at the School where the Placement Fee for the successful applicant has not been received by the School by the stipulated deadline.

4.7 If the School denies admission, the applicant may request reasons for such a decision from the School. These reasons will be provided in writing by the School within a reasonable time after receiving the applicant's request.

4.8 Once the non-refundable Placement Fee has been received, the applicant will be asked to upload further documentation via the School Portal.

4.8.1 All applications for admission to the School must be made online through the submission of the application form on the School's website. The School's prescribed online application form must be completed and agreed to by the applicant.

4.8.2 Please note that when you accept our offer to study at UCT Online High School for the Adult Matric you are legally bound by the School Policies and Handbooks available on the website. These Policies form part of our contractual relationship with you. **For this reason, we encourage you to first read and familiarise yourself with the content of our School Policies before accepting our Offer of Study.**



4.8.3 The School reserves its rights to verify all information and any documentation supplied for admission and reserves its rights to take legal action against any individual who intentionally provides false information and/or documentation.

5. Closing dates for applications

Applications for admission to study at the School must be submitted at least 10 days prior to the start date. To be considered for admission for a specific start date, however, the application must be submitted to the School before the closing dates, as indicated on the School's website. Prerequisite for enrollment to a start date is that all required documentation is provided by the relevant cut-off date and meets relevant promotional requirements for validation.

6. School fees

- 6.1 The fees are set by the School, and are subject to annual increases.
- 6.2 Where an application for admission to the School is successful and the conditional offer is accepted, the fee payer concerned has a contractual duty to pay the relevant school fees, unless they have been exempted from paying all or part of the fees payable.
- 6.3 A schedule of the school fees payable to the School for the relevant period of admission will be provided by the School.
- 6.4 It is every fee payer's responsibility to ensure that school fees are paid, and are up to date.



8. Matric Rewrite Preparation Programme

Learners who are unhappy with their matric results have an option to rewrite specific subjects and improve their marks. UCT Online High School has developed a Rewrite Matric Programme intended to support and prepare learners who wish to rewrite and improve their matric results.

8.1 Key benefits

Comprehensive Subject Material: Full access to CAPS-aligned content, including past papers and memos, ensuring thorough exam preparation.

Flexible Enrolment: Pay only for the months you are actively using the preparation resources, up until May 2025.

Personalised Work Plans: Recommended study schedules designed to help you cover all necessary material before your exam.

Dedicated Support: Access to an Advisor to assist with queries and guide you through your preparation journey.

Self-Paced Learning: Study on your own terms with flexible, online resources designed to fit around your existing commitments.

8.2 Acceptance criteria

8.2.1 The applicant must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the Matric Rewrite Programme. The applicant must;

- a. Have completed matric and wrote the final NSC examinations the previous year.
- b. Have a complete School-Based Assessment (SBA) portfolio.



8.3 Subject selection and changes

8.3.1 Enrolment into the programme occurs between January and March.

8.3.2 Learners have an option to choose the number of subjects they want to be enrolled in, and prepare for using our expertly designed resources. The maximum number of subjects a learner can take is six subjects.

8.3.3 Subject changes are not allowed. This means that the learner must select and repeat the same subjects that are reflected in the Matric Statement of Results.

8.4 Guardian and learner responsibilities

8.4.1 It is the responsibility of the learner to register with the Department of Basic Education for the May/June 2025 examinations.

UCT Online High School does not register learners with the Department of Basic Education for the purposes of rewriting their subjects. The learner will have to register on their own. As a result, we encourage learners to familiarise themselves with the registration process and requirements before joining our matric rewrite programme.

8.4.2 The guardian or fee payer is liable for the payment of tuition fees as outlined in the Fees Handbook accessible on the website.

8.4.3 All the School Policies and Handbooks available on the website are legally binding to learners and their guardians, and by applying and accepting the offer for your child to repeat matric at UCT Online High School, you agree to be unconditionally bound by these policies.