



UKCAT Consortium Questionnaire

Why is this information required?

The UKCAT Consortium wants to minimise bias due to factors such as age, sex, nationality, ethnicity, or socio-economic background of the candidates on their performance in the test. In order to do this, we need to ask for information about each applicant's nationality, ethnicity, parents' occupation, mother tongue and languages spoken and highest educational level, as part of the registration process.

The questions we ask are the same as the questions used in the 2001 UK Census, which were developed by the Office for National Statistics in consultation with the Commission for Racial Equality. The questions are shown below, with guidance on how to answer them.

Please answer the questions about your nationality, your ethnicity and about your parents' occupations as fully and as accurately as you can. By your parents, we mean the parent(s) or carer(s) who have most fulfilled the role of parents in the household in which you grew up, who may or may not be your biological parents.

The UKCAT Consortium guarantee that this information will not be passed to universities before the selection process is complete. The UKCAT consortium will store the data in an anonymised electronic form containing only random identifying codes, with names being stored separately, and all files will be password-encrypted.

The information will be used solely for the purposes of educational research, evaluation of the UKCAT and quality control of the selection process. The results will be published in medical, educational and other academic publications in aggregate or other forms in which individuals cannot be identified.

You can choose the option 'Information withheld' in answer to any of these questions without it affecting your application. A proportion of people who choose this option (as well as some who complete the full set of questions) will be sent a paper questionnaire asking these questions again, for return entirely anonymously, to allow UKCAT to undertake a proper statistical interpretation of the data.



Question 1: Identification requirements. Please confirm your agreement by selecting the 'Yes, I agree' option from the drop-down list.

Question 2: Please confirm that you have reviewed the practice test questions.

Answer: It is important that you have reviewed the practice questions prior to sitting the test. You can try the practice test questions at the following website address: http://www.ukcat.ac.uk/home/preparing_for_the_test/practice-questions/

Once you have tried the practice test questions, select YES.

Question 3: How old are you?

Answer: Select the number of years from the drop-down list. The list covers ages from 15 – 80. If you are younger than 15 or older than 80 please select 'Other' from the drop-down list.

Question 4: If you selected 'Other' from the drop-down list in question 3, please enter your age expressed as number of years.

Question 5: What is your date of birth? Please type your date of birth in the following format dd/mm/yyyy

Answer: You must enter your date of birth in the format indicated above. For example if your date of birth is the 27th of November 1989, you would enter 27/11/1989

Question 6: What is your sex?

Answer: Select Female or Male.

Question 7: What is your country of permanent residence? Please choose your answer from this list

Answer: This means the country where you and your family would normally live.

1. UK
2. EU
3. Other

Question 8: What is your home postcode? (This should be your permanent residence, not an educational establishment or temporary residence).

Answer: Type in your home postcode in the space provided.

Question 9: If you selected UK for your country of permanent residence, what do you consider your national identity to be? Please tick the box / boxes that apply from this list.

Answer:



1. *English*
2. *Scottish*
3. *Welsh*
4. *Irish*
5. *British*
6. *Information withheld*
7. *Other national identity – please type in your nationality below.*

Question 10: If you selected 'Other national identity' to the above question – please type in your national identity in this box.

Question 11: If you selected EU or Other for your country of permanent residence, what do you consider your national identity to be?
Please type in this information.

Question 12: If you selected UK for your country of permanent residence what is your ethnic group?

Answer:

1. *White – British*
2. *White – Irish*
3. *White – Other*
4. *Mixed – White/Black Caribbean*
5. *Mixed – White/Black African*
6. *Mixed – White/Asian*
7. *Mixed – Other*
8. *Black/Black British – Caribbean*
9. *Black/Black British – African*
10. *Black/Black British – Other*
11. *Asian/Asian British – Indian*
12. *Asian/Asian British – Pakistani*
13. *Asian/Asian British – Bangladeshi*
14. *Asian/Asian British – Other Asian*
15. *Chinese*
16. *Information withheld*
17. *Other ethnic group – please type in your ethnic group below*

Question 13: If you selected 'Other ethnic group' please type in your answer here.

Answer: *Type in your nationality here if you selected 'Other ethnic group' above. Otherwise, leave this space blank if you selected options 1-15 from the previous question.*

Question 14: If you selected EU or Other for your country of permanent residence what is your ethnic group?



Answer:

1. *White*
2. *Mixed – White/Black Caribbean*
3. *Mixed – White/Black African*
4. *Mixed – White/Asian*
5. *Black Caribbean*
6. *Black African*
7. *Black Other*
8. *Asian Indian*
9. *Asian Pakistani*
10. *Asian Bangladeshi*
11. *Asian Other*
12. *Chinese*
13. *Information withheld*
14. *Other ethnic group – please type in your ethnic group below*

Question 15: If you selected 'Other ethnic group' please type in your answer here.

Answer: *Type in your nationality here if you selected 'Other ethnic group' above.*

Otherwise, leave this space blank if you selected options 1-12 from the previous question.

Question 16: Please select the category that best describes your Parent/Carer 1 occupation / work.

Answer:

1. *Modern Professional*
e.g teacher, nurse, social worker, artist, police officer (sergeant or above)
2. *Clerical & intermediate*
e.g secretary, call centre agent, nursing auxiliary, nursery nurse.
3. *Senior managers or administrators*
e.g finance manager, chief executive
4. *Technical & craft*
e.g. motor mechanic, plumber, printer, tool maker, gardener, train driver, fitter
5. *Semi-routine manual & service*
e.g postal / farm worker, security guard, catering / sales assistant.
6. *Routine manual & service*
e.g. HGV driver, porter, cleaner, sewing machinist, bar staff, labourer
7. *Middle or junior managers*
e.g. office / retail / bank / restaurant / warehouse manager, publican.
8. *Traditional professional*
e.g. accountant, solicitor, medical practitioner, scientist, civil servant.
9. *Never worked*
10. *Don't know*

11. *Information withheld*

Question 17: Does your parent/carer 1 work as an employee or are (were) they self employed?

Answer:

Employee

Self-employed with employees

Self-employed without employees

Question 18: Please estimate how many people work (worked) where your parent/carer works.

Answer:

1-24 employees

25 or more employees

Question 19: Does (did) your parent/carer 1 supervise other employees on a day-to-day basis?

Answer:

1. *Yes*

2. *No*

Question 20: What is the sex of your Parent/Carer 1?

Answer:

1. *Female*

2. *Male*

3. *Information withheld*

Question 21: Please select the option that best describes Parent/Carer 2 occupation. If your parent/carer is not working now please show what she/he was employed as.

Answer:

1. *Modern Professional*

e.g teacher, nurse, social worker, artist, police officer (sergeant or above)

2. *Clerical & intermediate*

e.g secretary, call centre agent, nursing auxiliary, nursery nurse.

3. *Senior managers or administrators*

e.g finance manager, chief executive

4. *Technical & craft*

e.g. motor mechanic, plumber, printer, tool maker, gardener, train driver, fitter

5. *Semi-routine manual & service*

e.g postal / farm worker, security guard, catering / sales assistant.

6. *Routine manual & service*

e.g. HGV driver, porter, cleaner, sewing machinist, bar staff, labourer

7. *Middle or junior managers*



e.g. office / retail / bank / restaurant / warehouse manager, publican.

8. *Traditional professional*

e.g. accountant, solicitor, medical practitioner, scientist, civil servant.

9. *Never worked*

10. *Don't know*

11. *Information withheld*

12. *Not applicable, one parent/carer household*

Question 22: Does your parent/carer 2 work as an employee or are (were) they self employed?

Answer:

Employee

Self-employed with employees

Self-employed without employees

Question 23: Please estimate how many people work (worked) where your parent/carer works.

Answer:

1-24 employees

25 or more employees

Question 24: Does (did) your parent/carer 2 supervise other employees on a day-to-day basis?

Answer:

1. *Yes*

2. *No*

Question 25: What is the sex of your Parent/Carer 2?

Answer:

1. *Female*

2. *Male*

3. *Information withheld*

Question 26: What language(s) do you speak fluently?

Fluency is defined as a native or near-native speaker, meaning you can participate in extended conversations, understand the language when spoken normally (for example on TV), figure out meaning of words within context, debate, use and understand complex sentences with little or no difficulty, speak with a good accent.

Answer:

Refer appendix A

Question 27: What is your mother tongue / first language?

By this we mean the first dialect or language you spoke and that was spoken

in your home in your earliest childhood. This is not a question about how well you now speak that language.

You can select more than one mother tongue / first language if applicable.

Answer:

Refer appendix A

Question 28: If you selected “Other” to the question above, please specify in the text box below the language that you speak:

Answer: *Type in your language here if you selected ‘Other’ language above.*

Otherwise, leave this space blank if you selected options 1-117 from the previous question.

Question 29: At what age did you start to learn English?

Answer:

1. Age 2 or below
2. Age 3
3. Age 4
4. Age 5
5. Age 6
6. Age 7
7. Age 8
8. Age 9
9. Age 10
10. Age 11
11. Age 12
12. Age 13
13. Age 14
14. Age 15
15. Age 16
16. Age 17
17. Age 18
18. Age 19
19. Age 20
20. Over 20
21. Information Withheld

Question 30: Have you taken (or will you have taken by the time you start medical school) an ‘access to medicine/dentistry’ course?

Answer *Yes or No*

Question 31: What will be your highest level of academic qualification before you start medical school (prior to September 2011)?

Answer:

1. *School leaving qualifications eg A levels, International baccalaureate or*



equivalent

2. *Higher education*
3. *Information withheld*

Question 32: If you choose Higher education, now select the HE qualification (Refer to the following table as an example)

Answer:

1. *Certificates of Higher Education*
2. *Foundation degrees*
3. *Ordinary or non-honours Bachelors degrees*
4. *Diplomas of Higher Education eg Nursing*
5. *BTEC national diplomas*
6. *Bachelors degrees with honours*
7. *BDS*
8. *BVet Med or equivalent*
9. *Graduate Certificates*
10. *Graduate Diplomas*
11. *Masters degree*
12. *Postgraduate Certificates*
13. *Postgraduate Diplomas*
14. *Doctorate*
15. *Other*

Question 33: If you selected 'Other' to the previous question, please specify in the text box below the 'Other' higher education level that you have attained.

Answer: *Type in your higher education level here if you selected 'Other higher education level' above.*

Otherwise, leave this space blank if you selected options 1-14 from the previous question.

Question 34: I have read and understood the reasons for collection of the data I have supplied above, and I agree to its use by the UKCAT Consortium as described in the information from "Why is this information required?" link above.

Answer: *You must answer 'YES' to this question to complete the registration.*

If you do not agree, you will not be able to complete the registration.

Appendix A – Language list (for Question 26 and 27)

1. *English*
2. *Welsh*
3. *Afrikaans*
4. *Albanian*
5. *Amharic*

6. *Arabic*
7. *Armenian*
8. *Ashanti*
9. *Azeri*
10. *Basque*
11. *Byelorussian*
12. *Bengali*
13. *Bosnian*
14. *Bulgarian*
15. *Burmese*
16. *Catalan*
17. *Cebuano*
18. *Chichewa*
19. *Chinese-Mandarin*
20. *Chinese-Cantonese/Yue*
21. *Chinese-Hakka*
22. *Chinese-Min*
23. *Chinese-Wu*
24. *Chinese-Xiang*
25. *Chinese-Other*
26. *Chinese Simplified*
27. *Chinese Traditional*
28. *Creole*
29. *Croatian*
30. *Czech*
31. *Danish*
32. *Dari*
33. *Dutch*
34. *Efik*
35. *Estonian*
36. *Ewe*
37. *Fanti*
38. *Farsi*
39. *Finnish*
40. *French*
41. *Fulah*
42. *Galician*
43. *Georgian*
44. *German*
45. *Greek*
46. *Gujurati*
47. *Hausa*
48. *Hebrew*
49. *Hindi*

50. *Hungarian*
51. *Icelandic*
52. *Igbo*
53. *Ilocano*
54. *Indonesian*
55. *Irish - Gaelic*
56. *Italian*
57. *Japanese*
58. *Kannada*
59. *Kashmiri*
60. *Kazakh*
61. *Khmer*
62. *Kikuyu*
63. *Kinyarwanda*
64. *Kish*
65. *Korean*
66. *Kurdish*
67. *Kutchi*
68. *Kosraean*
69. *Latvian*
70. *Lingala*
71. *Lithuanian*
72. *Lugandan*
73. *Macedonian*
74. *Malay*
75. *Malayalam*
76. *Maltese*
77. *Marathi*
78. *Marshallese*
79. *Mauritian*
80. *Mirpuri*
81. *Moldovan*
82. *Mongolian*
83. *Nepalese*
84. *Norwegian*
85. *Pidgin English*
86. *Polish*
87. *Portuguese*
88. *Punjabi*
89. *Pushto*
90. *Romanian*
91. *Russian*
92. *Serbian*
93. *Shona*

94. *Sinhalese*
95. *Slovak*
96. *Slovenian*
97. *Somali*
98. *Spanish*
99. *Swahili*
100. *Swedish*
101. *Tagalog*
102. *Tajik*
103. *Tamazight*
104. *Tamil*
105. *Telugu*
106. *Thai*
107. *Tigrinian*
108. *Turkish*
109. *Turkmen*
110. *Twi*
111. *Ukrainian*
112. *Urdu*
113. *Uzbek*
114. *Vietnamese*
115. *Wolof*
116. *Yoruba*
117. *Zulu*
118. *Other*