

## **CHANGE USER GROUP**

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Changes for 2009

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*A summary of the changes to be introduced for the 2009 cycle*

### **1. Introduction**

Work is now underway on development of the 2009 system. Following consultation with institutions the introduction of the extended character set has been delayed until the 2010 cycle and the application number will be maintained within applicant details sent to institutions for the 2009 cycle.

### **2. Changes**

A summary of changes to be introduced:

- The number of letters sent to applicants will be reduced as the facility for applicants to view and print details of decisions on Track is expanded
- Applicants will be able to request letters in Welsh (both paper and on Track)
- Applicants will be asked to supply their Unique Learner Number
- The In Care question will be expanded to ask for indication of a time period
- The Predicted Grades for some qualifications will be collected in a pre-defined format
- The Declaration and Data Protection summary within Apply/How to Apply will be re-ordered and simplified
- The application fee will rise to £17/£7
- Institutions will be able to provide feedback to unsuccessful applicants via the UCAS system
- The Timings and Adjustment period will be introduced
- The Clearing Passport will be replaced with an electronic system
- The provision of BTEC results will be incorporated into the main examination processing so providing electronic results as for GCE/SQA etc

Further details of the changes will be presented at the Admissions Conference.

### **3. Improvements**

The review and performance testing of software used by both applicants and HEIs is continuing to ensure that at the deadlines for 2009 we will be able to cope with the continuing increase in demand from users.

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