

Agent Handbook

Your guide to successfully placing an international student application at the University of Otago.

Note: this handbook does not include guidance for placing students in Pathway and English Language Centre programmes.

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SECTION 1:

Where to find relevant information

1. Prospectus

The Otago International Prospectus is a summary of everything you need to know about international students at Otago.

The back section of the International Prospectus PDF version provides a detailed summary of programmes available to international students, including tuition fees and semester intakes. We recommend this as the first place to look when researching programme options for your students. <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/nat/10.2016/n

2. Otago website: otago.ac.nz

Otago's website is the most comprehensive and up to date source of information.

A. Structure of the University Website

Depending on what you need and how you like to search for information, there are various ways you might want to use the website:

Academic Divisions & Pathway programmes

• Business <u>otago.ac.nz/business/index.html</u>

• Health Sciences <u>otago.ac.nz/healthsciences/index.html</u>

• Humanities <u>otago.ac.nz/humanities/index.html</u>

• Science <u>otago.ac.nz/sciences/index.html</u>

Pathway and English Language Centre otago.ac.nz/uolcfy/index.html

If you want to apply for the Diploma in Arts, Commerce or Science you can do so through your eVision portal. If you are a Pathway and English Language Centre agent and you don't have an eVision portal please email pathways.admissions@otago.ac.nz for a link to apply.

Departments

Within each Division are a number of academic Departments. You can find these in the Divisional websites above, or access them all here: otago.ac.nz/departments/

The Department webpages may have more detailed, or different, information to the Subject pages (as below).

International Office

Start here for any international-specific information, eg visas, insurance, student support, as well as information about Dunedin and New Zealand otago.ac.nz/international/

B. Subjects and programmes

Subjects

Each subject at Otago has a dedicated page with all programme options for that subject.

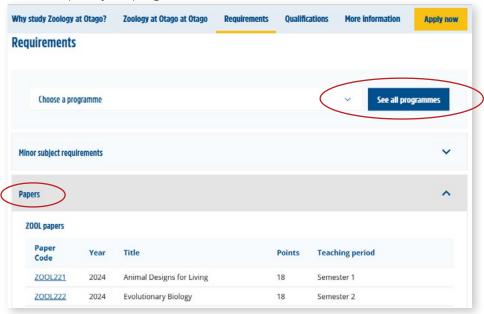
Undergraduate subjects: otago.ac.nz/subjects/

Postgraduate subjects: occupiects: <a href="https://occupiects.org/postgraduate-study/subjects.org/postgraduate



You can then click on Requirements (as per image above) to see all the qualifications under which that subject can be studied – both undergraduate and postgraduate.

Select your qualification to view the programme structure and papers required to complete your programme.



To view a list of Papers scroll down, you will get information about all the papers (individual courses) available under that subject

Programmes

C. PhD and Research Master's programmes

Otago's Graduate Research School provides comprehensive information otago.ac.nz/graduate-research/study/phddoctoral/index.html

Department-specific information about PhD, including potential supervisors, can be found on each of the department's webpages. otago.ac.nz/departments/

D. Entry and English language requirements

The International Office website contains this information. This information is not located on the subject or the Department websites.

Entry requirements, by country

otago.ac.nz/international/future-students/entrance-requirements/international-entrance-requirements/index.html

English language requirements

otago.ac.nz/international/future-students/entrance-requirements/english-language-requirements/

E. Documentation required

All applicants will be required to submit some documentation in support of their application. This varies by programme and level of study.

It is important that agents verify all documentation submitted.

English language requirements

Most international students must show that they meet Otago's English language requirements. Otago accepts a large number of English tests.

otago.ac.nz/international/future-students/entrance-requirements/english-language-requirements/index.html

Official Academic Transcript

Applicants must provide scanned copies of previous official academic transcripts (awards gained, marks, grades) – certified by you as their agent. Remember to scan the back of the transcript if it includes details of the grading scale.

Certified translations from an official translation service are required if the original document is not in English.

Undergraduate study = scanned copy of your official high school or foundation transcript is required.

Post graduate study = scanned copy of your official tertiary (university) education transcript is required. Your high school results are not necessary.

Identity documentation

Evidence of the applicant's full name, date of birth, and nationality. This must be an agent-certified copy of a passport or birth certificate (in English).

CV (Curriculum Vitae)/Resume

Some programmes may require a CV/Resume. This document should include your work experience, education, interests and skills. Visit our Career Development Centre website for assistance (otago.ac.nz/careers/jobs/cv/index.html). Postgraduate applicants may be required to submit an academic CV, which should focus on academic achievements.

References

Some programmes may require details of a referee to speak to about the applicant's skills, work experience or academic background, or a confidential written reference. Postgraduate applicants may be required to provide academic referees who can speak specifically about academic achievements (eg a previous professor).

Personal Statement

Some programmes may require a personal statement, which should include information such as study and career goals, skills and achievements, personal characteristics/strengths that will support the application, what are the reasons the applicants chose that programme, or chose Otago, or chose New Zealand?

Postgraduate documentation

This varies by programme, but applicants may be required to submit a detailed research proposal (required for most research programmes), confirmation from an academic staff member agreeing to supervise the student (usually just for research programmes, and an approximate start date (may be required for research Masters/PHD).

F. Tuition fees

Note: this information is **not** located on the subject, programme or the Department webpages.

The Fees page contains this information, with the fees displayed by Division: otago.ac.nz/study/fees/#international

- Division of Health Sciences
- Division of Humanities

- Division of Sciences
- Otago Business School
- Pathway and English Language Centre

G. Scholarships

This information is located on the International pages: otago.ac.nz/international/future-students/international-scholarships/

H. Accommodation

Accommodation website:

otago.ac.nz/accommodation/index.html

Accommodation information for international students: otago.ac.nz/accommodation/international-students/index.html

I. Information for students with offers (including fees and fees receipts)

Prepare for Otago pages outline everything students need to know to complete their enrolment and get ready to study at Otago.

otago.ac.nz/international/future-students/prepare-for-otago/

Paying fees and requesting a receipt

Tuition fee receipts are not automatically generated. To request a tuition fee receipt for student visa application purposes complete the International Student Receipt form: Request a tuition fee receipt

Tuition fee receipts cannot be issued until your payment has been received into the University of Otago bank account. Due to this we encourage new students to make payment well in advance of their student visa application deadline to allow the Revenue Management Office time to supply a receipt.

J. Publications

Find our International Prospectus, Study Abroad and Exchange Guide and Chinese-language publications for viewing and download:

otago.ac.nz/study/publications.html#international

3. Key contacts

Before submitting an application

If you have questions about the suitability of a student for a particular programme, contact AskOtago:

Email: university@otago.ac.nz

After submitting an application

If you have questions about a specific application, check your eVision portal for alerts.

If you still have questions about an application, contact International Marketing:

Email: international.marketing@otago.ac.nz.

Technical support

If you are having problems with eVision, contact International Marketing.

Email: international.marketing@otago.ac.nz.

Agreement questions

If you have any questions regarding your agent agreement with Otago, contact your Regional Market Manager.

4. Other resources

A. Otago Videos

International Student Videos

youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC0982FB020CDE55B

All Otago videos

youtube.com/channel/UCPVjZXotZ5oX9jyXlFFRj2w

Otago videos in Chinese

For Youku, Tencent and Weibo search our account name: 新西兰奥塔哥大学 (Uni of Otago, New Zealand)

B. Social Media Channels

International Office facebook

facebook.com/OtagoInternationalOffice

University of Otago facebook

facebook.com/otagouniversity

International Office instagram

instagram.com/universityofotagointernational/

China platforms

Otago website <u>universityofotago.cn/</u>

Weibo m.weibo.cn/u/2517655933

WeChat mp.weixin.gg.com/s/PPryYywn4KFcN8VPUcl2tQ

C. Information Sheets

We have a range of information sheets for our programmes, such as Health Science First Year or Postgraduate Business.

Contact your Regional Market Manager who will be able to provide the relevant information.

D. Student Profiles

We have a range of student profiles, across different programmes and nationalities, which may assist you in presenting Otago's programmes to your applicants.

Contact your Regional Market Manager who will be able to provide the relevant information

SECTION 2:

Student management system, eVision

Overviews

Otago's student management system, where online applications are submitted, is called eVision.

Otago does not accept paper applications.

Applications for Foundation Year Certificate and English language programmes are not accepted via eVision.

Applications can be submitted by:

- Applicants themselves, who can then select their agent
- By agents, on behalf of applicants.

Agents have their own eVision portal where they can login in and:

- Submit applications
- Monitor the status of applications.

Applications status:

Offer of place

- · Applicant is emailed their portal login details.
- Agent can view the offer of place in the agent portal, but doesn't receive alert.

Conditional offer of place

- Agent receives an alert advising of the programme decision.
 Conditional offer appears as an alert in the tasks to complete.
- Applicant is not emailed and is unable to access their portal.

Rejected application

- Agent receives alert advising of the programme decision. This appears as an alert in the tasks to complete.
- Applicant is not emailed and remains unable to access their portal.
- Agent has opportunity to apply for another programme on behalf of the applicant.

Accessing eVision

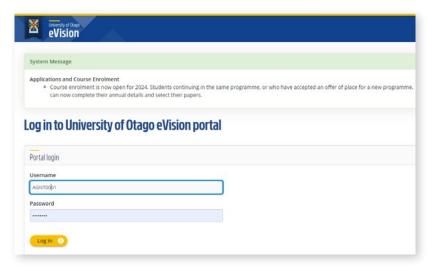
Login to eVision here: evision.otago.ac.nz

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otago.ac.nz/international/



Before you begin

Where to start an application

Start new applications in your eVision portal: evision.otago.ac.nz

Click on the 'New Application' button.

Do not start a new application by going to a specific programme page on the Otago website – it is designed for applicant-initiated applications.

Application process – a **two step** process

There are two steps to the Application process:

1. Create a new application

Agent: complete the applicant's name and contact details and click submit.

Otago: checks that no duplicate applications exist. If we find a duplicate your application will not show in your agent portal.

Please email international.marketing@otago.ac.nz

2. Submit the application

If there are no duplicate applications, you will be able to complete and submit the application.

Locate the new application and complete the rest of it by clicking the 'Application Form' link.

Important notes:

- Always use the **applicant's own email** in the application form, do not use an agency email address.
- Note: **unfortunately** there are issues around communicating via Hotmail addresses, so ensure your applicant's address is not Hotmail.
- Ensure your applicant's name is entered exactly as it appears on their passport. If the student has changed their name or married, documents must be provided to support the change.
- If you are submitting an application for 'Study Abroad', choose 'Certificate of Proficiency Incoming Study Abroad' as programme selection.
- You will see various messages addressed to your student as you complete their application process. Ignore these messages as all information is sent to you only. Access for your applicant is enabled when they accept an unconditional offer of place.
- If there is no back button in the browser window, you need to close that window (tab) and go back to the main agent portal window.
- Make sure you submit the application on the 'Declaration and Legal Statement' page. If you don't do this all of your application will be lost.

Avoiding duplicate applications

As soon as applicants start an application they are creating an eVision account. They don't have to submit an application to have a student ID number.

We strongly encourage you to directly ask your applicant if they have already created an eVision record by starting an application or submitted an online application themselves.

If they have, you will not be able to submit their application in your agent portal. You have three options:

- 1. Ask the applicant for their login details and complete the application in the student portal. You can select yourself as the agent, so the application will appear in your agent portal once submitted.
- 2. Ask the applicant to complete the application and they can select you as their agent when completing the programme part of the application.
- 3. If the applicant has submitted the application please contact International Marketing for further information: international.marketing@otago.ac.nz

Supporting documents

You may be required to provide documentation for your applicant. It is best to organise this before you begin the application.

Please see section 1:2.F of this handbook for the types of documentation you may be required to provide.

Important notes:

Undergraduate study - all supporting documents should be submitted together into **one PDF document up to 5MB.** If your file exceeds 5MB please email it to <u>international.marketing@otago.ac.nz</u>. These can be uploaded in the Educational background, High school details section of the application. If you need to send any additional documentation please use the email above.

Academic transcripts - if the mark sheet or grading sheet is in the back or reverse of your academic transcript, ensure that it is scanned and sent through.

eVision alerts and updates

Each Agency only has one email address to which alerts will be sent.

You should check your eVision agent portal regularly, for updates on the current status of your applications.

Programme opening and closing dates

The majority of programmes offered open for applications on 1 May. For programmes that do not have a start date of 1 May, the opening and closing dates listed in the table below apply.

PROGRAMME	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE
Health Sciences Undergraduate Professional Programmes: Bachelors of: Dental Surgery (BDS) Dental Technology (BDentTech) Medical Laboratory Science (BMLSc) Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) Oral Health (BOH) Pharmacy (BPharm) Physiotherapy (BPhty)	1 August (Medicine via HSFY & Graduate categories opens on 1 August)	15 September (Medicine via HSFY & Graduate categories closes on 15 September)
Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) "Alternative" category	1 April	1 May
Bachelor of Teaching (BTchg)	1 May	31 August
Postgraduate Certificate in Pharmacy (PGCertPharm)	1 May	15 July (following year)
Postgraduate Diplomas in: Clinical Dental Technology (PGDipCDTech) Clinical Dentistry (PGDipClinDent) Community Dentistry (PGDipComDent)	1 April	31 May
Postgraduate Diploma in Dental Technology (PGDipDentTech)	1 April	31 July
Postgraduate Certificate in Science Communication (PGCertSciComm) Postgraduate Diploma in Science Communication (PGDipSciComm)	1 May	15 July
Master of Business Administration (MBA)	refer to website	refer to website
Master of Community Dentistry (MComDent) Master of Dentistry (MDent) Master of Dental Technology (MDentTech)	1 April	31 July
Master of Oral Health (MOH)	1 April	31 May

PROGRAMME	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE
Master of Marketing (MMart)	1 April	1 February (following year)
Master of Nursing Science (MNSc)	1 July	31 January
Postgraduate Diploma in Wildlife Management (PGDipWLM) Master in Wildlife Management (MWLM	1 May	1 October
Master of Teaching and Learning (MTchgLn)	1 May	31 July
Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)	1 January	10 May
Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) (For Shanghai based students only)	1 January	10 May
Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (DClinDent)	1 April	31 May
Doctor of Education (EdD)	30 June	31 March



eVision User Guide

eVision is your administration tool for submitting online applications to the University of Otago

eVision User Guide

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Agent portal navigation and overview

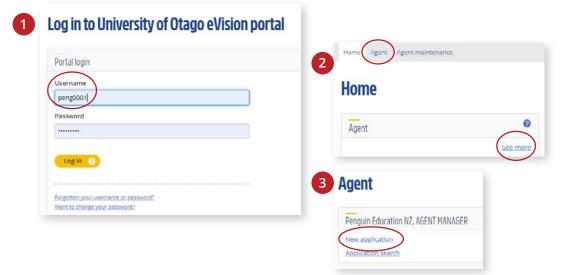
Navigation otago.ac.nz/evision

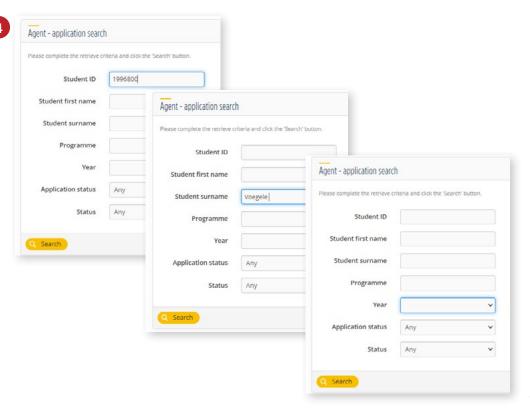
- 1 Log in to your agent portal using the username created for you by International Marketing and the password you created (or the login details created for you by the branch manager or head office).
- 2 Click on the Agent tab or select the link See more.
- In the Agent box click New application to start an application.
- 4 Application search* to search for existing applications in your agent portal.
 - * In the Application search fields enter the applicant ID if you know it. If not, enter applicant's name.

IMPORTANT - leave the *Year* search field blank and click *Search*.

TIPS

- 1. The year field defaults to the current year (e.g., 2024). If your application is for study in 2025 when you click *Search* the application will not show up in the results.
- 2. If you leave all fields blank and click *Search* you will see a list of all applications you have in your agent portal.





Agent portal overview

- 1 Year
 Refers to programme intake, not the year when the application was placed.
- 2 Logged by student / agent manager
 The student-logged applications have been started by applicants, then transferred into the agent portal by selecting the agent in their application form before they submit.
- 3 The *Agent Manager* logged applications have been started by the agent on behalf of the applicant.
- 4 Filter
 Useful when there are multiple applications. This is a quick way to find an application if you are unsure of the ID number or the intake year, for example.
- 5 Page links open new pages (or tabs in your browser):

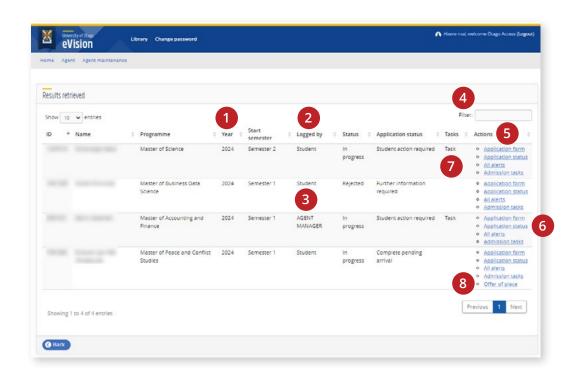
Application form

Sections on required personal information, academic background, programme specific information, declaration and submit.

- 6 Application status
 Indicates where the application is in the process towards gaining
 University Admission.
- When an eVision alert is issued the *Tasks* column displays *Alerts* and *Tasks*. This indicates there is a task to complete.

 If the column contains a *Task* click on the *Admissions tasks* link.

 If the column contains an *Alert* click on the *All alerts* link.
- When the full *Offer of place* is issued Agents can view the offer by clicking on the link. A limited/conditional offer is an alert and can be viewed in the *All alerts* link



Application – Initiated by agent

The agent places an online application on behalf of the applicant*.

This section will cover:

- 1 Login as an agent
- 2 Initiate a new application
- 3 Create an eVision account (for your applicant)
- 4 Complete the application
- 5 Application form uploading academic documents programme specific questions
- 6 Submit the application
- 7 Application status
- 8 Alerts and tasks to complete
- 9 Application status and completed programmes

*IMPORTANT

Please ask the applicant if they have created an eVision record by starting an application or submitted an online application themselves.

If the applicant starts an application but does not submit it they have created an eVision record. If an agent tries to place an application on behalf of the applicant it will be held by eVision as a duplicate application and the application will not show in the agent portal.

If you start an application for an applicant and the application is not showing in your agent portal please contact: international.marketing@otago.ac.nz

1 Login as an agent

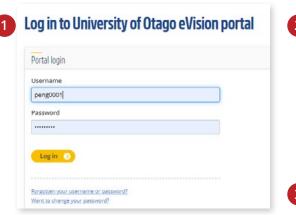
- otago.ac.nz/evision
 To begin the application process log in to your agent portal using the username created for you by International Marketing (eg, ABC0001) and the password you created (or the login details created for you by the branch manager or head office).
- Select the Agent option tab or the See more link..
- 3 Click on the *New application* link

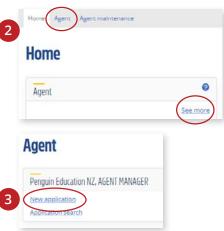
2 Initiate a *new application*

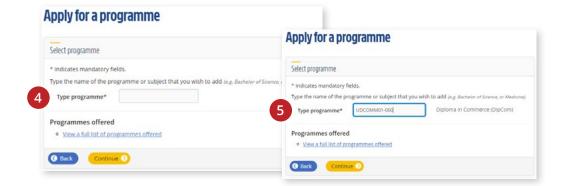
- 4 On the *Apply for a programme* page start typing the first few characters of the programme name, eg phd, health sci, com, dipcom Or you can type a subject name such as *chemistry* and a list of possible programmes you can apply for will come up.
- 5 Select the programme from the list. Select *Continue*.
- This opens page two of the *Apply for a programme* process where you select the *Year and location* and confirm the programme you have selected.

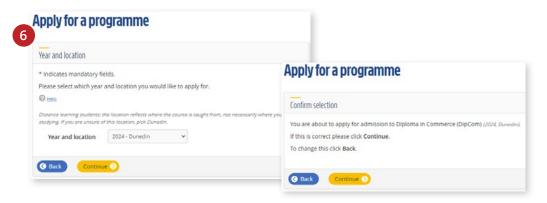
NOTE

- 1. If the *Year and location* box is blank this indicates that applications have not opened yet, or they have closed for that programme.
- 2. Multiple locations will be available for selection if the programme is taught at campuses other than Dunedin (this does not include PhDs).









3 Create an eVision account (for your applicant)

- 1 On the *Create account (step 1 of 3)* page: Enter the *Personal details* (full name and date of birth)* Enter the *Account details* (applicant email address and password) Select *Continue* to open the Create portal login (step 2 of 3) page.
 - * Please ensure that the legal names entered match the names displayed in the applicant's passport. The offer letter will be issued according to the names entered here.
 - When you enter the *Preferred given name* please make sure you have also entered the Given/first name.
- 2 The Account details are to be entered as the applicant's email address and a password you create.

Always enter an applicant's email address, never the agency address. Never create an email address for the applicant.

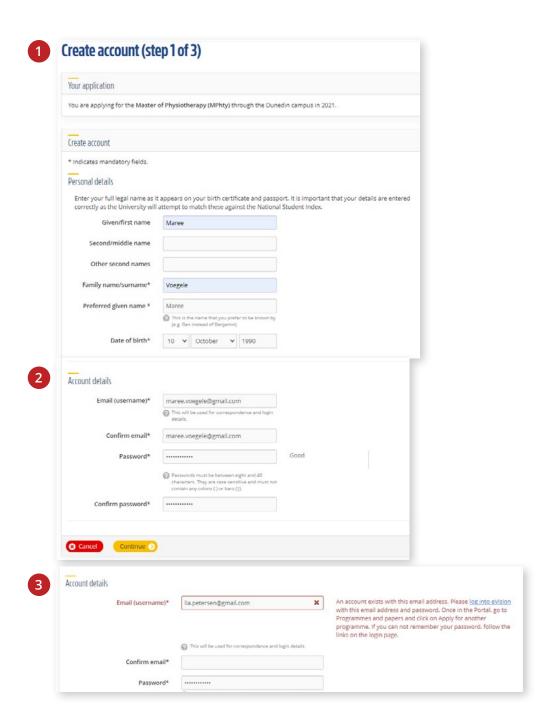
eVision automatically checks for possible duplicate applicant records. If there is a duplicate record, the application is flagged for the University to investigate. **The application will not show in your agent portal.**

If you place an application and it is not showing in your agent portal please contact <u>international.marketing@otago.ac.nz</u>.

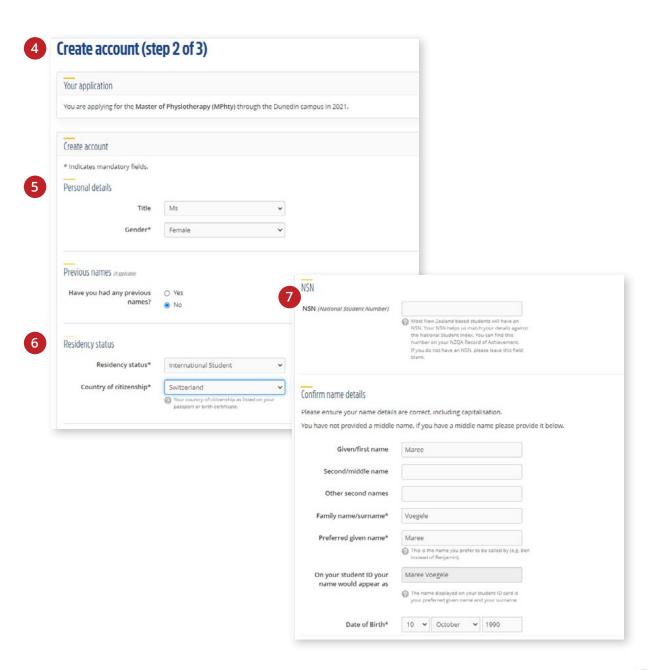
3 If after you select **Continue** an alert pops up with the warning:

"An account exists with this email address...".

- Please contact <u>international.marketing@otago.ac.nz</u> for help
- Don't use the applicant's alternate email address
- Don't enter an agency email address instead
- Don't create an email address for the applicant



- 4 On the *Create account (step 2 of 3)* page complete the information requested.
- 5 Confirm the applicant's name details ensuring that the legal names entered match the names displayed in the applicant's passport.
- 6 Make sure that the Citizenship/residency status is correct.
 This information cannot be changed after the application is submitted.
- 7 If your applicant has previously studied in New Zealand enter their NSN (National Student Number).



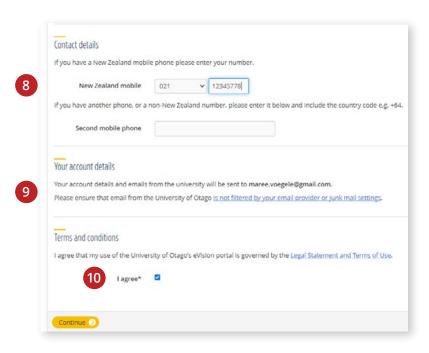
- 8 If the applicant has a New Zealand mobile number please enter it. Otherwise enter the applicant's home mobile number if you know it.
- 9 A message will state that portal login details will be sent to the applicant please ignore this message. All correspondence is sent to your eVision agent portal email address until a programme decision has been made (and the applicant accepts an offer of place).
- 10 Tick the *I agree* tick box and select *Continue*.
- 11 Create account (step 3 of 3) can be ignored.

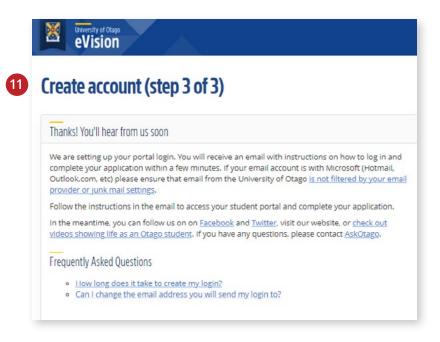
 All correspondence is forwarded to the Agent until a programme decision is made

You have initiated a new application and created an eVision account (for your applicant).

Always log in to your agent portal using the username assigned to you.

Never log in to eVision using the applicant's email address.





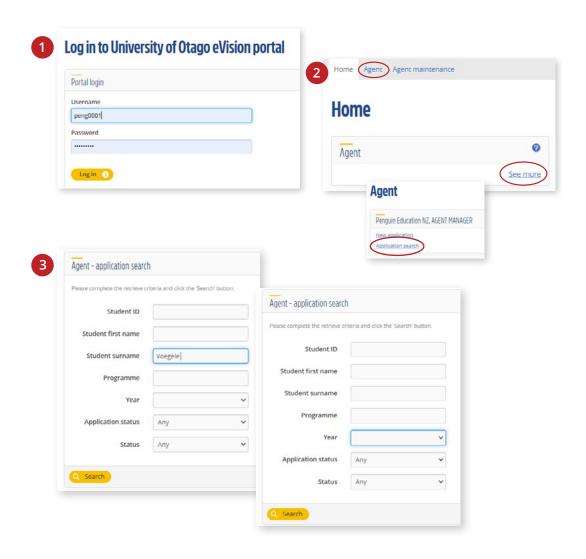
4 Complete the application

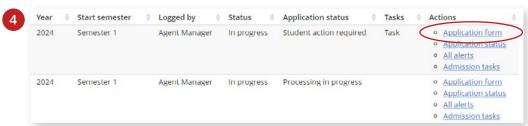
- 1 To complete the application for your applicant log in to the agent portal. Remember you are always logging in with the agency username and password **not** the applicant's email address.
- 2 This opens the agent portal page. Select the *Agent* option, then select *Application search* to search for the applicant.
- 3 In the Application search fields enter the applicant's name. Leave the **Year** search field blank and click **Search**.

TIPS

- 1. The *Year* field defaults to the current year. After 1 September the year changes to the following year. If the application is for study in a different year when you click *Search* the application will not show in the results.
- 2. If you leave all fields blank and click *Search* you will see a list of all applications in your agent portal. You can then filter the results of your search.

4 Select the link to the applicant's *Application form*. This opens the *Application form* page and enables you to complete the rest of the application for submission.





5 Application form

1 Complete each section of the page as indicated by the gold buttons.

When all the mandatory questions (questions with a * beside them) have been answered, and each section has been completed, you can move on to the next section. The grey buttons switch to gold.

- 2 As you complete each step the gold circle will go green and will have a tick inside.
- 3 The *Educational background* section is where you upload academic documents and English language competency test results.
- 4 You can add an additional two programmes after the first programme step is complete.

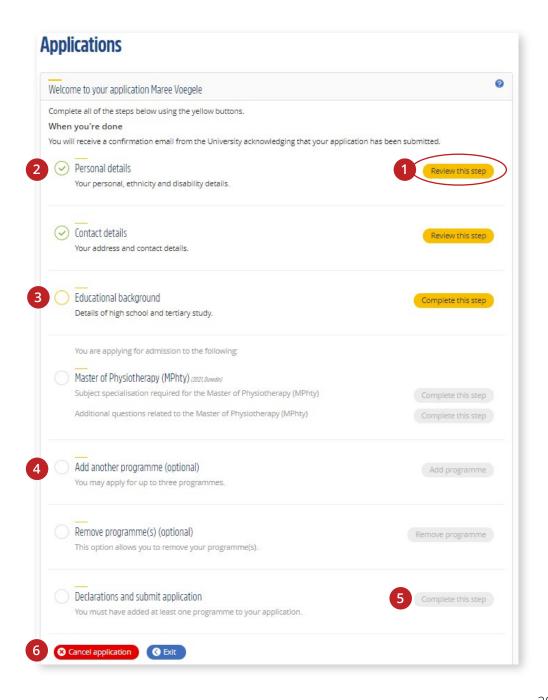
The applicant will appear in the agent portal list once for each programme.

You can remove programmes.

You submit the application by completing this step. If the *Declarations* section is grey this indicates that you haven't completed previous sections.

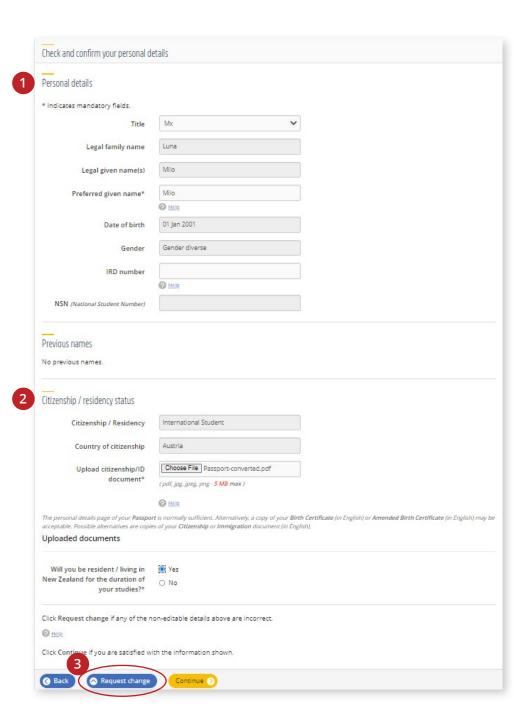
PLEASE NOTE:

6 Clicking the *Cancel application* button will not work. To cancel the application please email: international.marketing@otago.ac.nz.



Personal details

- 1 Check and confirm the applicant's personal details entered when creating the eVision account.
- 2 Upload the *citizenship/ID document*, for example, Passport or Birth Certificate. The document will show as uploaded once you have answered the questions and clicked *Continue*.
- 3 If a mistake has been made with any of the personal details, citizenship or residency, please click the *Request change* button.



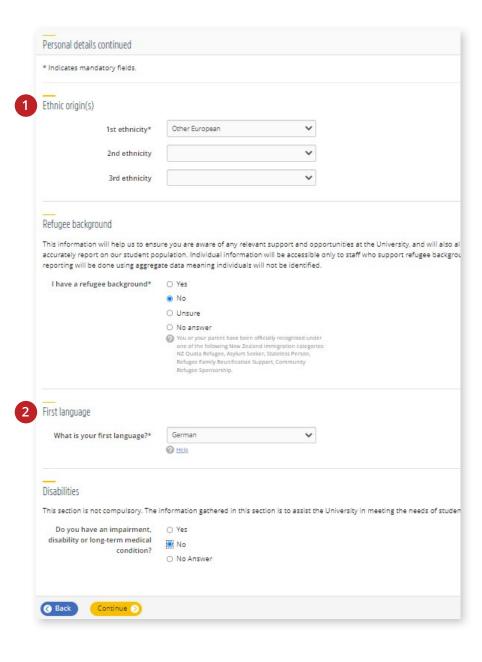
Personal details continued

- 1 Complete the questions on Ethnicity and Refugee background.
- 2 Select the applicant's First language

Your first language (also known as your 'native language' or 'mother tongue') is the one that you first learned to speak.

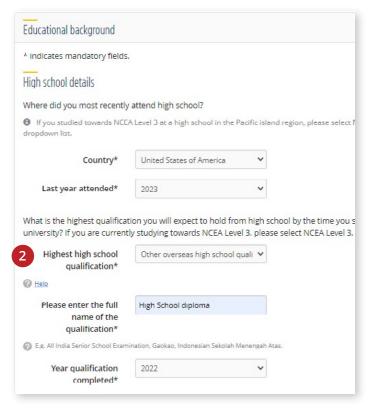
If you grew up speaking two languages, you may have more than one 'first' language.

If this applies to you, and one of the languages is English, Māori, or NZSL, please select that from the list.



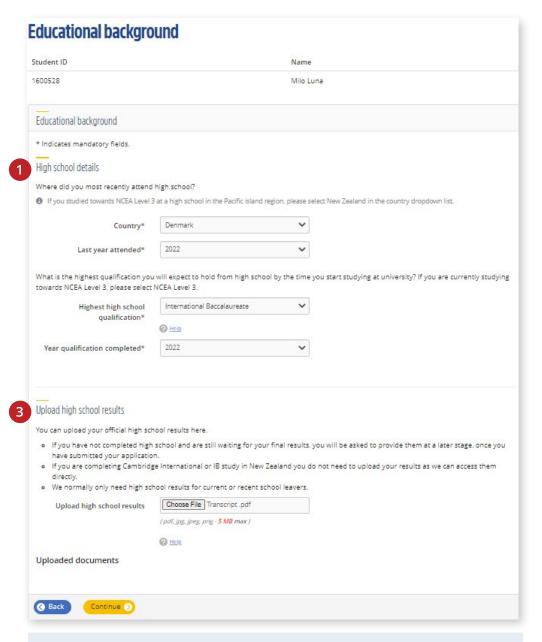
Educational background

- 1 Answer the questions in the High school details section.
- 2 If your qualification is not in the list select *Other overseas qualification* and specify the achievement type.



If the application is for an undergraduate programme the *Upload high* school results function will be available.
Please upload the high school results.

If the application is for a postgraduate programme the upload function will not display. You don't need to upload your high school results. Click *Continue*.



PLEASE NOTE

You can only upload **one** document for your high school results. Please combine all documentation and upload as one PDF document. The maximum file size is 5MB.

Language competence

1 Students applying for admission to the University of Otago must be competent in the use and understanding of written and spoken English.

There are five options to select from to demonstrate English competency:

I have completed, or intend to complete, an approved English language proficiency test

Select the language test from the list. If you select *Other* name the test, and upload the test results.

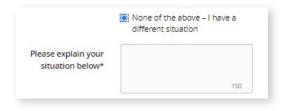
I have undertaken university/tertiary study in an English-speaking country in the past two years

I have achieved, or expect to achieve, the minimum requirement of English language study at high school/secondary school

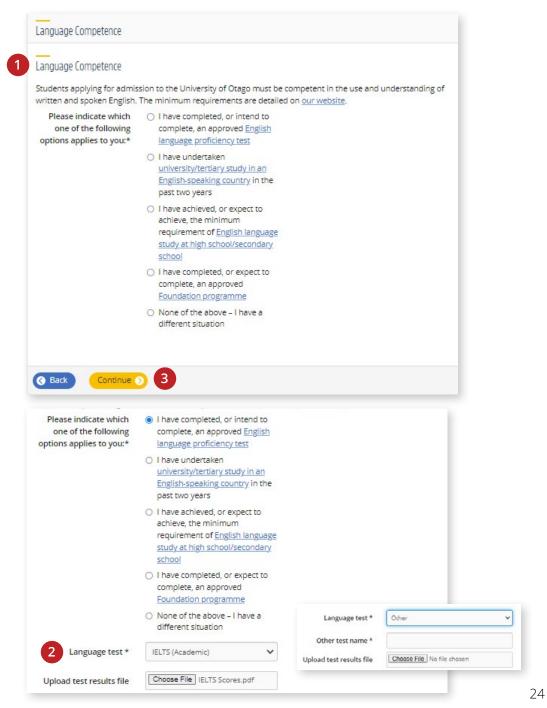
I have completed, or expect to complete, an approved Foundation programme

None of the above – I have a different situation

Please explain.



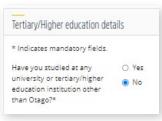
3 Click Continue.



Uploading tertiary academic documents

1 If the applicant hasn't studied at a *University or* tertiary/higher education institution select No and click Continue.

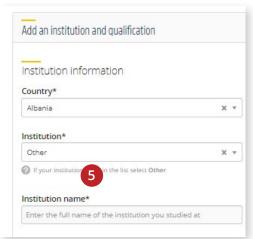
If the answer is "Yes", this launches the *Tertiary study details* section.

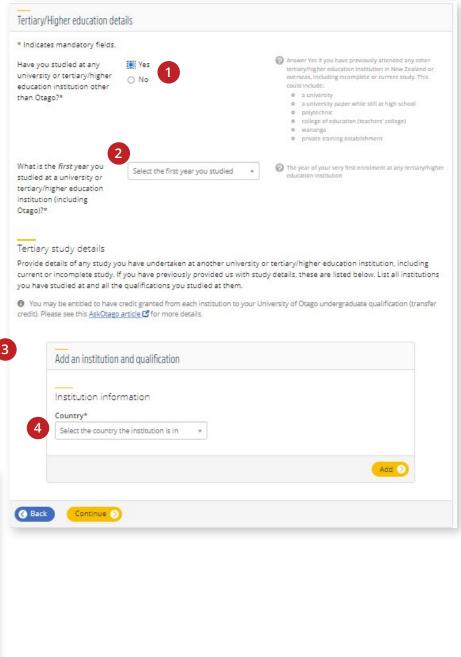


- 2 Select the *first* year your applicant studied at a university or tertiary/higher education institution.
- In the *Tertiary study details* section you need to provide the details of each qualification your applicant has studied.

If your applicant has studied more than one qualification at the same university e.g., a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree, you need to enter the details and add the transcripts separately. This includes qualifications completed or currently being studied, and qualifications obtained from different institutions.

- 4 Select the *Country* where your applicant studied.
 - Select the institution from the drop-down list.
- If the institution is not there please select *Other*, then enter the full name of the institution.





Uploading tertiary academic documents continued

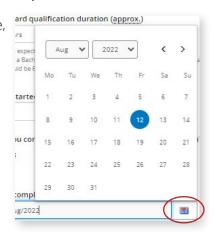
- Once you have entered the *Institution information* complete the *Qualification details*.
- 2 Select the *Qualification type* from the drop-down list. If the qualification is not there select *Other*.
- 3 Enter the *Qualification name* e.g. Bachelor of Arts with Honours.
- 4 Enter the Standard qualification duration.
 Please enter the expected standard length of the qualification in years.
 e.g. a Bachelor's degree standard length is 3 years, or a ½ year Certificate would be 6 months.
- 5 Select the year your applicant started the qualification from the drop-down list.
- 6 If the applicant has completed, or expected to complete, the qualification, select **Yes**. This will display a dialogue box where you can enter the date.

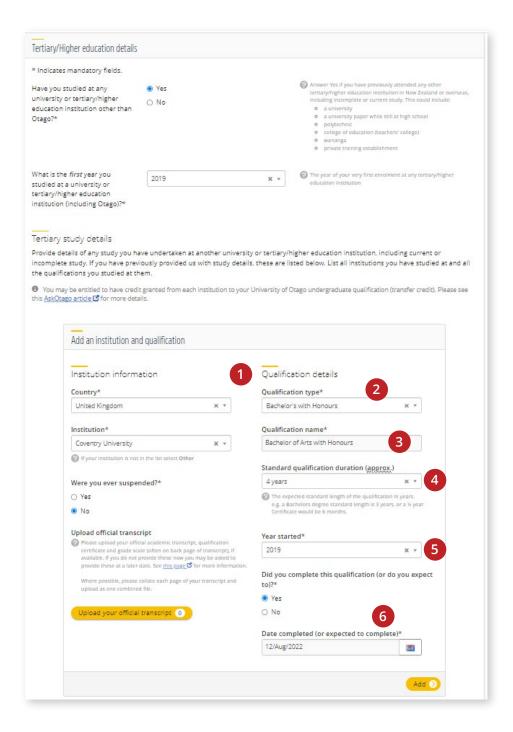
Click on the calendar icon to select the date, or enter the date manually in the format DD/Mon/YYYY (Day/Month/Year) eg. 12/Aug/2022.

PLEASE NOTE

The maximum file size you can upload is 5MB.

If your file is too big please split the PDF. You can upload multiple documents.





Uploading tertiary academic documents continued

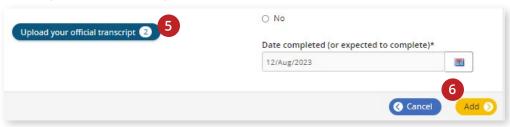
Please upload the official academic transcript, qualification certificate and grade scale (often on back page of transcript), if available. If you do not provide these now you may be asked to provide these at a later date.

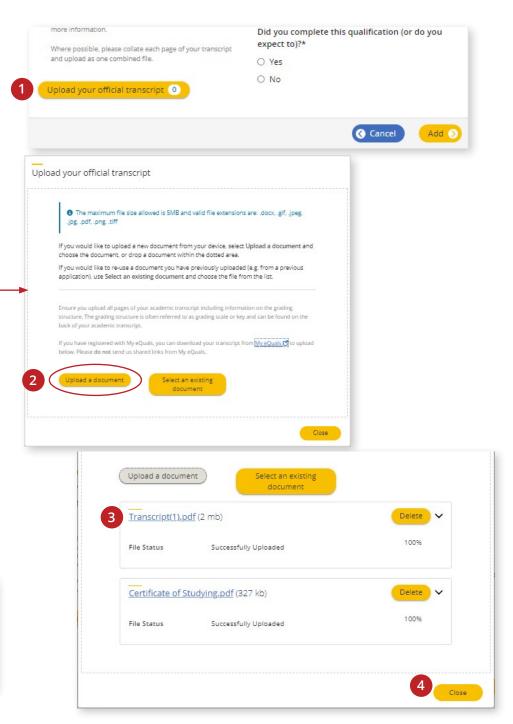
Where possible, please collate each page of the transcript and upload as one combined file.

- 1 Click on the *Upload your official transcript* button to open the upload window.
- 2 Select *Upload a document* to upload a document from your device.

Or, drop a document within the dotted area.

- 3 Once uploaded, the filename is displayed in the upload window.
 - Click on *Upload a document* again to upload another file, e.g., the degree certificate
- 4 When you have uploaded all the academic documents for this qualification click *Close*
- 5 You can see there are now two transcripts uploaded.
- When you have completed uploading all of the documents for the qualification select *Add*. This saves all the information you have entered. If you don't click *Add* you won't be able to continue to the next section.





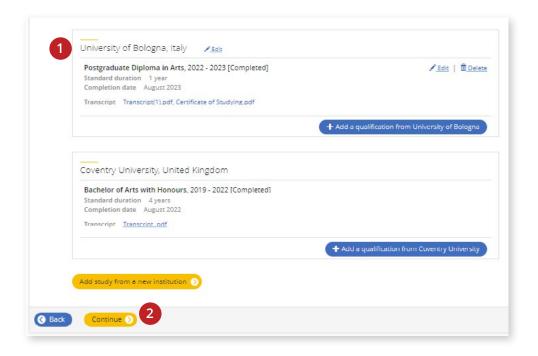
Uploading tertiary academic documents continued

1 When you click *Add* all of the tertiary information is displayed for each institution and qualification.

You can come back to this section to *edit* current details, or *add* additional tertiary qualifications until you have submited your application.

Once you have submitted the application you can't edit the details of the University and qualification.

When you have finished uploading all your tertiary qualifications click *Continue* to move on to the next section.



6 Programme specific questions

- 1 Next you select the *Subject specialisation* for the programme, ie the major and minor subjects of study, and confirm the choices in the *Specialisation selection*.
- The next section contains *Additional questions* relating to *International students* and *Programme-specific questions*.

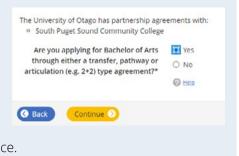
 This is where the applicant selects an agent from the drop-down list. You will see your agency is already selected because you are placing the application through your agent portal.
- 3 Please enter the name of the counsellor working with the applicant and the name of your branch. If there is only one branch please enter your city.
- 4 If your applicant has a financial sponsor paying the tuition fees, eg a government sponsorship or scholarship, select *Yes* and select the sponsor name from the drop-down list. Upload proof of Scholarship. If the sponsor is not in the list then select *No*, as the sponsorship or scholarship will be considered a private one.

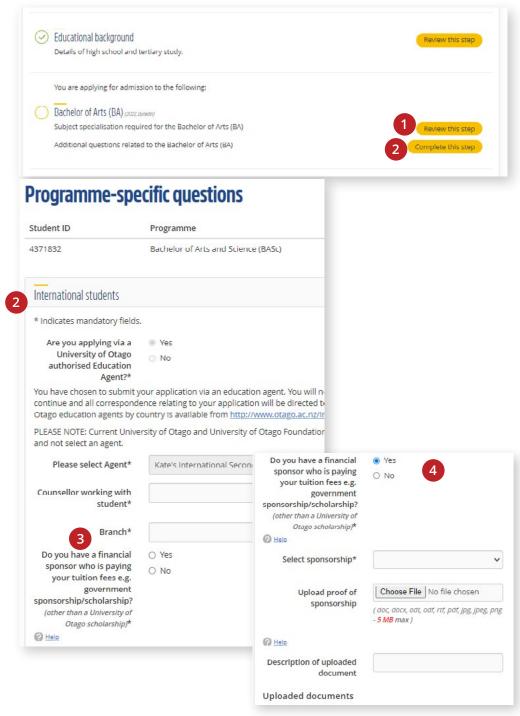
PLEASE NOTE - Partnership agreements (eg 2+2 articulation)

If your applicant is applying as an articulation student please make sure you have completed the *Tertiary/higher education details* in *Educational background* section of the application form. When you enter an institution that we have a partnership agreement with a question is triggered that appears at the bottom of the Programme-specific questions section.

The question states that we have an agreement with "the institution" and asks you to confirm your applicant is applying for the programme related to the partnership agreement. If so, select **Yes**, then **Continue**.

This allows us to easily identify partnership applications, process appropriate credit transfer, and generate the correct offer of place.





Student safety checks

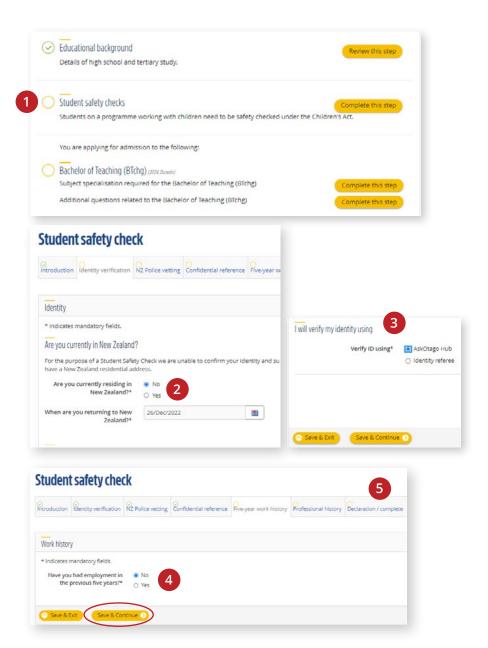
Applicants enrolling in a programme working with children need to be safety checked under the Children's Act. The *Student safety checks* appears as a separate section on the application form.

- 1 If applicants are enrolling in a programme and/or papers that requires safety checking, they will normally need to:
 - provide identity confirmation via original copies of specified primary, secondary and evidence of name change identity documents (please note that expired passports cannot be accepted)
 - provide a history of your employment, if any, over the last five years
 - provide the names of any relevant professional bodies, licencing authorities and/or registration authorities to which you belong or through which you are licenced or registered (such organisations may be contacted by the University)
 - provide details of referee(s) who are not relations, who may be contacted by the University about your suitability to work with children
 - provide any other information considered to be relevant by the University, and
 - be interviewed by University representative(s) on your suitability to work with children

On the basis of the information you provide, the University will then conduct a risk assessment.

- 2 Applicants need to be residing in New Zealand in order to complete the *Student safety checks* section of the application form. If the applicant is not residing in New Zealand you need to provide a date when the applicant is expected to be in New Zealand.
 - Selecting "No" to the question "Are you currently residing in New Zealand" prompts the question "When are you returning to New Zealand?"
 - The date entered will prompt an alert in the applicant's student portal reminding them to complete the Student safety checks section. This needs to be completed before the applicant is allowed to work with any children, e.g., their teaching placement or treating children in a clinic.
- 3 For identity verification International students should select *AskOtago Hub*.
- 4 You will need to complete most of the *Student safety check* before you can move past this section and submit the application.

 There are some mandatory questions that must be answered (fields with an asterisk *). You'll also need to provide information in the *Work history* and *Professional history* before you can complete the *Declaration/complete* tab. Select save and complete at the bottom of every page or you won't be able to complete the declaration.
- On the *Declaration/complete* tab review the information, tick the *Declaration and authorisation* box, then select *Complete*.



PLEASE NOTE - Once on campus, students need to go to the AskOtago Hub with their identity verification documents to complete the Student safety checks.

Additional programme specific questions

There will be additional *Programme-specific questions* to answer and required documents to upload depending on the programme. For example:

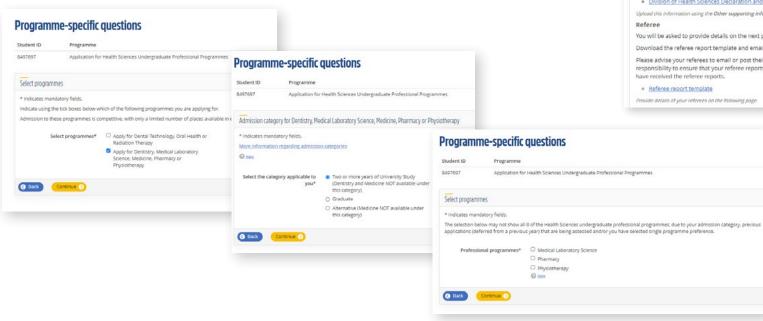
PhD application will require a Curriculum Vitae (CV), a research proposal, email from confirmed supervisor, research experience and publications etc.

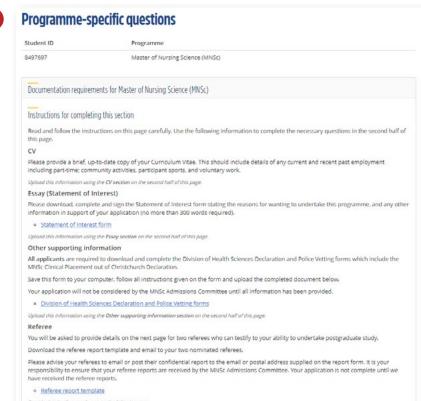
MBA requires no additional documents for the application.

Master of Business Data Science requires a CV and academic transcript.

Master of Nursing Science requires a CV, essay (statement of interest), declaration and police vetting form, referees.

2 Health Sciences Undergraduate Professional Programmes have a series of options you need to select based on the programme applied for. (See example below)





7 Submit the application

On the *Consent & Declaration* page you:

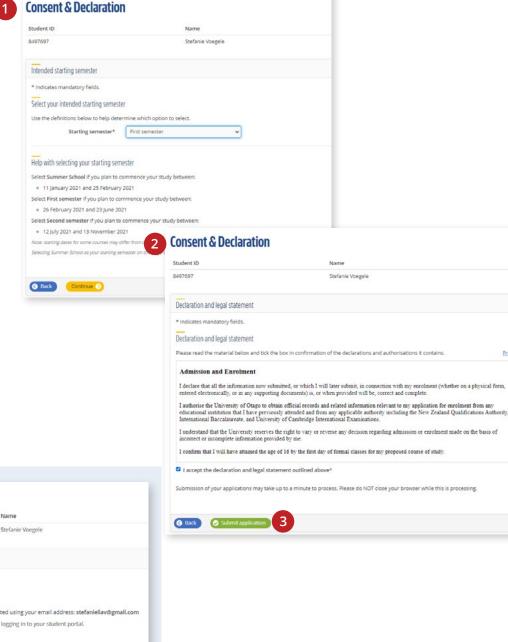
1 Select the intended starting semester

PLEASE NOTE

Not all semesters (intakes) are available for every programme. Most programmes only have a semester one (February) intake. Please consult the International Prospectus for programme and intake information.

- 2 Read and accept the Declaration and legal statement.
- 3 Select *Submit Application*. This will open a blank page. Close the browser tab and return to the Agent portal page.

The Application status is updated to *In progress*.



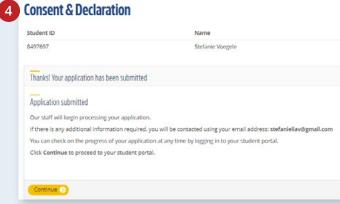
PLEASE NOTE

The application is only visible to University staff once you submit the application.

4 CONFIRMATION OF APPLICATION SUBMITTED

This screen indicates that we will contact the applicant using their email address.

Please ignore this message – all information is sent to **your agent portal email address.**



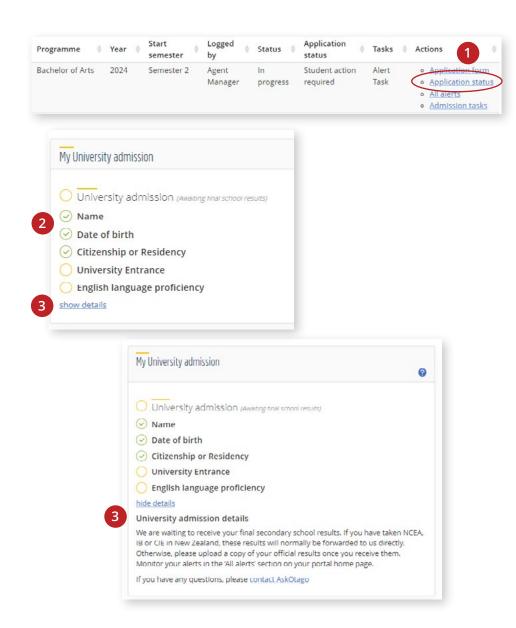
8 Application status

1 To view the application status select *Application status*. This opens the *Application status* page in a new tab.

The status will change as the application is processed by the admissions team.

- 2 Once all components are completed (indicated by green tick) University admission is complete.
- If further information is required you can see the request in the **show details** link below.

To upload the requested information view the Admissions task associated with the request. Tasks are explained in the next section.

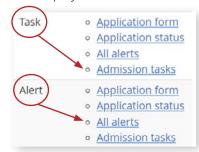


9 Alerts and Tasks to complete

When you receive an email from eVision stating "You have a new alert in your student portal" please login to your agent portal and navigate to the applicant's application. Check the *Tasks* column to see whether you have an Alert, Task, or both to attend to.

- When you search for applicants in your agent portal you will see a *Tasks* column on the righthand side. The Tasks column displays Alerts and Tasks.
- 2 If the column contains a *Task* click on the *Admissions tasks* link.

If the column contains an *Alert* click on the *All alerts* link.



- Admission tasks are requests for information (eg. "Please upload evidence of English language proficiency", "Please upload your academic transcript")

 To view the details of the task click on the blue link. For example, High School results.
- 3a Click on the yellow upload button to upload the required document.

 The maximum file size allowed is 5MB and valid file extensions are: .gif, .jpeg, jpg, .pdf, .tiff.
- Enter any additional information you think is relevant in the dialog box. Click the green *Submit task response* button to complete the upload.
- 4 Alerts can be notifications. For example, informing the applicant that a deadline has passed, or asking the applicant a question. It can also contain the outcome of an application, a conditional offer of place (eg. "A decision has been made..."). Or, if the application is unsuccessful a decline or rejection.

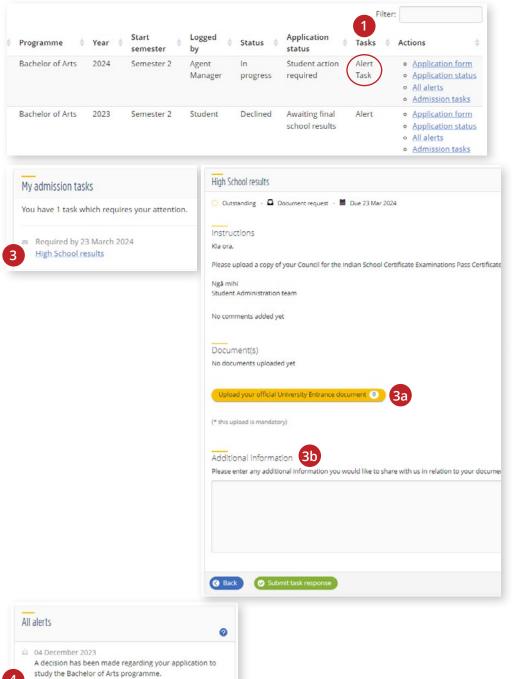
Click on the *View details* link to view the alert.

PLEASE NOTE

Tasks in **bold type** indicate the task has not been read yet.

Tasks that require an action, eg a request for information or a document to be uploaded, will remain in the *All alerts* section until they have been completed.

Tasks that have been opened and read will move to *Previous alerts*.



Application – Initiated by applicant

The applicant places an online application and adds the agent*.

This section will cover:

- 1 Select a programme
- 2 Create a login
- 3 Complete the application (personal details, contact details, educational background and programme specific information)
- 4 Nominate an Agent
- 5 Submit the application

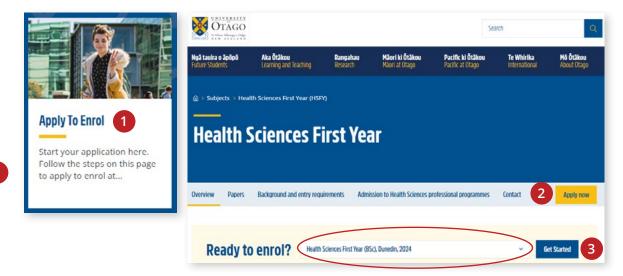
^{*} The Applicant may start an application and choose to have their application managed by an international agent. The applicant may have the intention of using an agent **or** they may select an agent after the application is submitted, as an alternative to providing an Educational Credentials Evaluation (ECE).

1 Select a programme

To begin the application process, the applicant selects:

- 1 The *Apply to enrol* tile on the Otago University homepage or
- 2 The *Apply Now* button on a subjects page, then choose a qualification from the qualification menu and click *Get Started*. 3

This opens the **Your application** page.

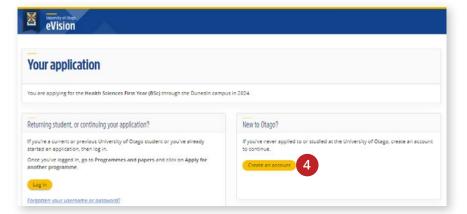


2 Create a login

4 To create a login, an applicant selects *Create an account*. This opens the *Create account* page.

On the *Create account* page the applicant goes through the same process as the agent:

- Enters the requested information.
- · Agrees to the Terms and Conditions.
- Selects continue to open the *Create account (step 3 of 3)* page confirming their portal login is being created.
- eVision automatically checks for possible duplicate applicant records. If there is a duplicate record, the applicant will receive an email instructing them to log in to their original account or to reset their password.



From the details you have entered you have been identified as having previously applied, or started applying, to the University of Otago. Use the username and password from your original application (as shown above). You will need to update any details that have changed since you started your previous application.

Until you have completed your application, communications from the University will be sent to the personal email address you provided when you created your eVision account. Once you have completed your application, communications from the University will be sent to your student email address.

If you have a problem logging into the portal, click the link on the login page "Forgotten your username or password?".

If you have any questions, please contact AskOtago.

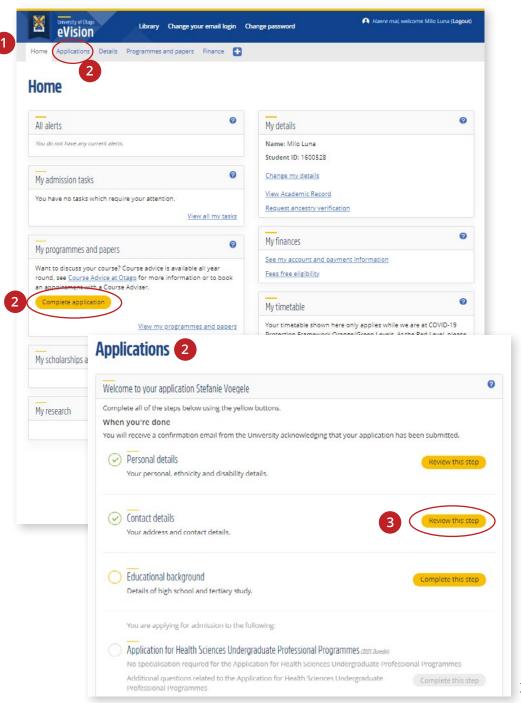
3 Complete the application

- 1 Once the applicant logs in to eVision, the *Home* page opens.
- 2 The applicant can access the application form by selecting *Complete application* in the *My programmes and papers* section or by clicking on the *Applications* tab.
- The applicant now completes each section of the form as indicated by the gold buttons. When all the mandatory questions (questions with a * beside them) have been answered, and each section has been completed, the applicant can move on to the next section. The grey buttons switch to gold.

International applicants are able to nominate an Agent when completing the *Programme-specific questions* (see page 34) in the section called *International students*.

PLEASE NOTE:

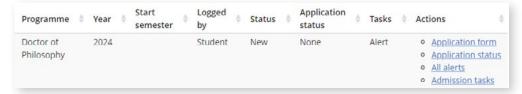
The agent can only be added in the *International students* section **before** the application has been submitted by the applicant.



4 Programme-specific questions - nominate agent

- 1 On the *Programme-specific questions* page the International applicant:
 - · Selects **Yes** if applying via an agent
 - · Selects the agent name from the drop-down menu
 - Applicant enters the name of the Counsellor and the agency branch

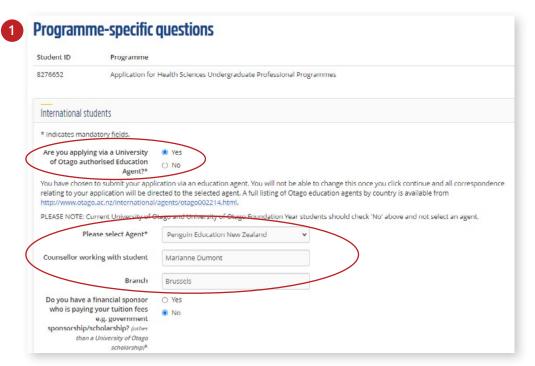
Once the International applicant submits the application it will automatically appear in the agent portal as **new** and logged by **Student** (applicant). From this point only the nominated agent may make changes to the application. Applicants can no longer log in to their student portal at this stage of the application process.

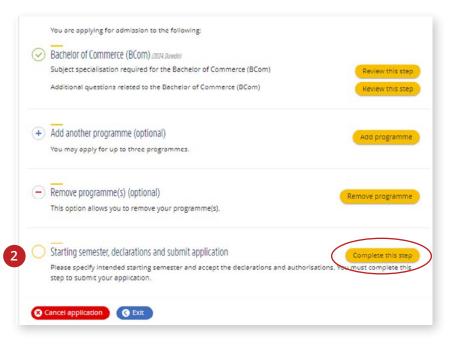


There will be additional *Programme-specific questions* to answer and agent certified documents to upload depending on the programme. For example, a PhD application will require a Curriculum Vitae (CV), a research proposal, correspondence from a confirmed supervisor, research experience etc. A Master of Business Data Science requires a CV and academic transcript.

Once you have completed all the sections of the application form you complete the Declaration and Submit the application.

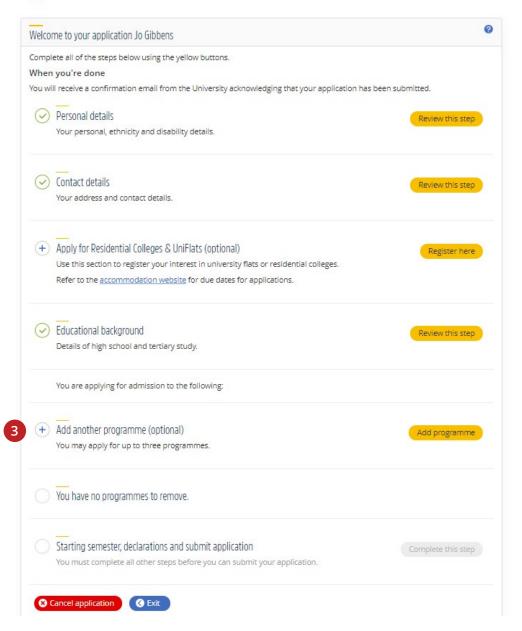
If you can't complete the *Starting semester, declarations and submit application* (ie. the button is grey and you can't select it) it usually means there are unanswered questions in the application.





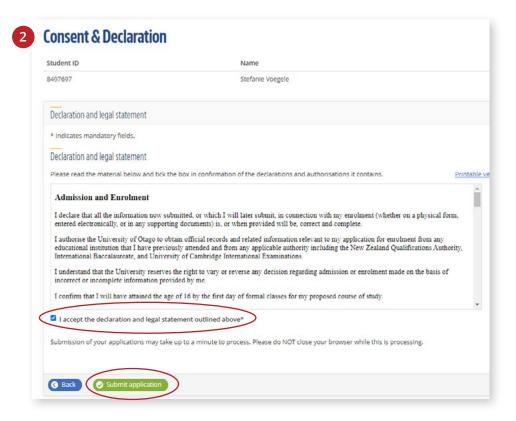
- 3 Once the first qualification application is complete, the applicant can:
 - · Apply for an additional two qualifications.
 - Remove a qualification.
 - · Cancel the application.

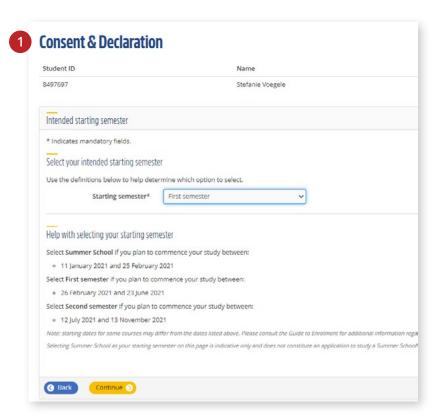
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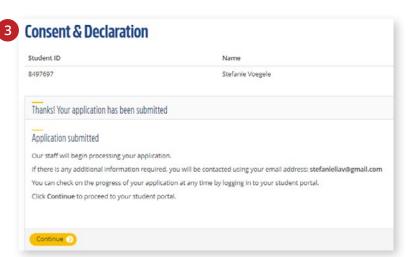


5 Submit the application

- On the Consent & Declaration page the applicant:
 - · Selects the intended starting semester.
 - Reads the declaration and legal statement.
 - · Accepts the declaration and legal statement.
 - · Submits the application.
- 2 The application is only visible to University staff once the applicant submits the application.
- The application is now managed by the agent. The applicant no longer has access to their student portal.







Application status actions

When all tasks are complete, a programme decision will be made. Depending on the outcome of the decision the following will occur:

PROGRAMME DECISION = ADMIT (Offer is made)

- The applicant will be emailed their portal login details.
- Upon first log in the applicant will be asked to change their password.
- The applicant will receive an email alerting them of an update to their portal.
- The agent can view the *Offer of place* in the agent portal. The agent does not receive an alert. The offer appears as a link under *Admission tasks*.
- The *Status* will be *Admitted* in the agent portal, which means:
 - Agent access to perform actions on behalf of the applicant is denied.
 - The agent will receive no further correspondence (relating to the programme with the decision of Admitted) from the University.
 - The agent will have the opportunity to apply for another programme on behalf of the applicant.
 - Once the applicant has declared the *Actions* column is blank. 2

PROGRAMME DECISION = LIMITED (Offer with conditions)

- The agent will receive an alert advising of the update to the applicant's application (ie the programme decision). The limited offer (offer with conditions eg English test results) appears as an Alert in the All alerts.
 - The applicant will not be emailed and will remain unable to access their
- The *Status* in the agent portal will be *In progress*. The *Application status* will depend on the conditions outstanding eg Further information required (of English proficiency) or *Awaiting final school results*.
 - The *Tasks* column will display *Task* until the tasks associated with the limited offer have been completed.
 - The programme application will remain in the agent portal until it is Admitted or Rejected.
 - Communication will continue to be directed to the agent until a programme decision of *Admit* is made for that applicant.

PROGRAMME DECISION = REJECT



- The agent will receive an alert advising of the update to the applicant's application (ie the programme decision). This appears as an *Alert* in the All alerts.
- The applicant will not be emailed and will remain unable to access
- The agent will have the opportunity to apply for another programme on behalf of the applicant.
- · Communication will continue to be directed to the agent until a programme decision of *Admit* is made for that applicant.

Agent portal view





Click on the All alerts link to view the alerts. The alert that contains the limited offer of place will say, "A decision has been made...". Click on View details to see the limited offer.

Applicant admitted, Offer of place link.

Offer of place link, application still in progress, offer is outstanding (not accepted yet).

Application process exceptions

From time to time there may be exceptions to the above processes. Some of these are:

Applicant has applied via an agent but wishes to change agent

eVision will prevent the applicant from being able to change agents themselves. The applicant will need to contact International Marketing (international. marketing@otago.ac.nz) who will assess whether the change is necessary.

Applicant has applied via an agent then also applies themselves for another programme

If an applicant submits an application via an agent for the current intake year, any subsequent programmes for the same year will have the agent field on the application form pre-populated with the agent name. This will direct all communication to the selected agent.

Applicant elects to add an agent to a submitted application

If an applicant submits an application themselves then decides to appoint an agent, the applicant will need to contact International Marketing (international. marketing@otago.ac.nz). The applicant needs to provide a brief statement authorising the agent to represent them.

Normally, appointment of an agent will not be accepted if an applicant already has an offer of place.

Applicant applies themselves then appoints an agent for next programme application

If an applicant applies themselves, then applies through an agent for another programme, the applicant will have access to their portal but as long as there is no 'Admit' decision on the first programme, communication will be directed to the agent for both programmes.

Agent maintenance - create counsellor logins

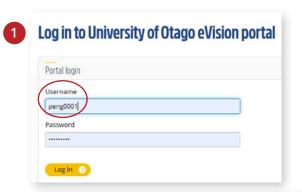
We have automatically set up a login account called *Agent Manager*. This account can be used by any counsellor in your office to place applications. Or, you can use the *Agent Manager* account to create and manage login accounts for each of your counsellors.

- 1 Log in to your agent portal using the username created for you by International Marketing (eg AGNT0001) and the password you created.
- 2 Click on the *Agent maintenance* tab or select the link *See more*. Then select the *Create new or edit an existing agent*. This opens the *Agent maintenance* page.
- 3 Select *Create a new agent* from the *Agent option* list and click *Continue*. This opens the *Agent details* page.
- 4 Complete the *Agent details*. The *Username* must be between 5 and 8 alphanumerical characters eg PENGUIN, abcd0001, or Agent99. Enter the *Branch name* (if required), *First name*, *Surname* and *Email*.

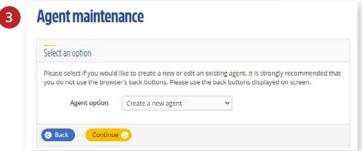
Select *Continue*. This opens the *Confirmation* page. If the details are correct select *Continue*. If the details need amending select *Back*.

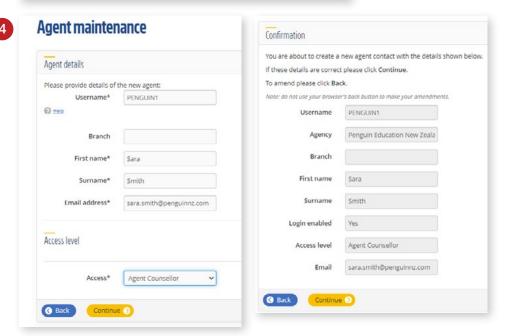
PLEASE NOTE:

- 1. Application alerts are only sent to the Agent portal email address. The email address for additional logins are for the purpose of sending username and password to counsellors, and resetting their password.
- 2. We have created a login called 'Otago Access'. Please do not disable this as it enables an International Marketing staff member to go into your portal and assist you if you are having problems submitting applications.









5 The Agent Manager can email the counsellor their username and temporary password by clicking the **Send email** button.

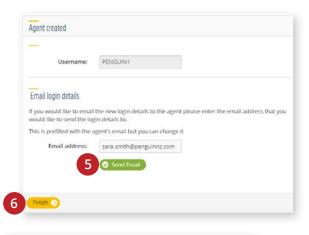
This opens the **Agent maintenance** page.

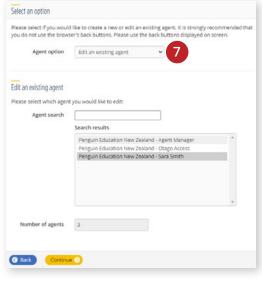
The counsellor will receive an email containing their username, a temporary password and a link to log in to the evision portal to reset (create) their password.

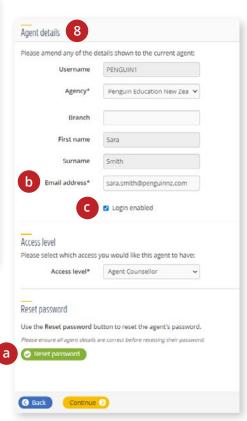
- Or, the Agent Manager can complete the counsellor setup (without sending login email) by selecting *Finish*.
 This opens the *Agent maintenance* page.
- 7 To send the username and password at a later stage, the Agent Manager will go back to the *Agent maintenance* page and for the *Agent option* select *Edit an existing agent*, click on the agent and select *Continue*.
- 8 The Agent Manager has three options:
 - a Click *Reset password* to send the login details to the counsellor. This opens the Agent maintenance page.
 - **b** Change the default *Email address* if required.
 - Or, click the tick box to disable the counsellor login, then select *Continue* to confirm the decision, and *Continue* again to open the *Agent maintenance* page.

PLEASE NOTE:

Disabling the counsellor login deletes the counsellor's account. This can't be undone. You need to recreate the counsellor login, if required.









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