Applying to Edinburgh College

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Aim of this session:

Prepare students for applying to college

Understand the process

Improving confidence on how to pick a course

How to do a personal statement

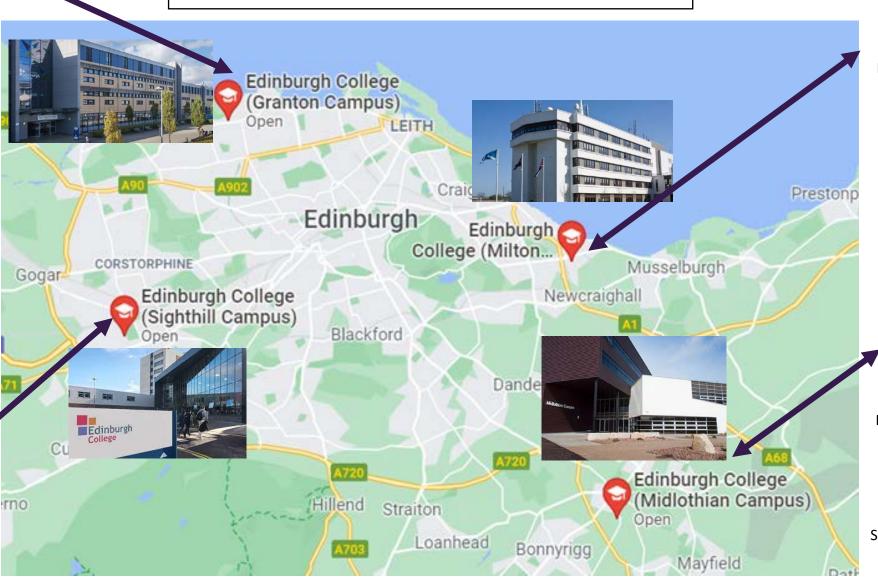
GRANTON CAMPUS

The Apprentice Restaurant,
Art and Design studios
Construction Centre
Dental Nursing facilities
Hair, Barbering, Beauty and
Complementary Therapies
salons
Performing Arts Studio
Scotland (PASS)

SIGHTHILL CAMPUS

Broadcast Media and Photography studios
Centre for Sport and Exercise
Community Garden
Science laboratories
The Music Box

Edinburgh College



MILTON RD CAMPUS

Broadcast Media facilities
The Club
CRE:8
Eh15 Restaurant
Hair, Barbering, Beauty and
Complementary Therapies
salons
Music and Sound
Production studios
The Club Gym and Spa

MIDLOTHIAN CAMPUS

Automotive Engineering
workshops
Childhood Practice and SVQ
Provision
MacTaggart Scott Hydraulics,
Pneumatics and PLC
Laboratory
Oil Production Platform
Simulator
Solar Meadow
Specialist Instrumentation and
Control engineering
workshops

Application Process

Course Selection

- Applications open Wednesday the 1st of February
- Speak to your Careers adviser if you are unsure what you would like to study

Application

- Once submitted you will receive an email confirmation
- Some courses require interview, audition or assessment before an offer can be made. Look out for an email with further instructions

Offer

- Unconditional means you have been accepted and have a guaranteed place on your course
- Conditional means you must achieve further qualifications to meet certain criteria before you are accepted on the course. The conditions you will need to be will be listed in your conditional offer email
- Unsuccessful Unfortunately you have not been accepted on to the course

Key points

- Wednesday 1st February 2022 Application Opening Dates
- You can only apply for one course
- Not set closing dates, first come first serve for applications
- Remember to check your emails and CONFIRM your acceptance of the course.
- Normally the Construction and Health Care courses fill up the quickest!
- Use your personal email and not your school one



Understanding the different course levels

You may see levels that are not on the above sheet but usually on the college website it says below the course title what the SCQF level is

If you are studying at a particular level, make sure you are applying for the next level above I.e.. currently studying at level 4, you would be looking at level 5 courses

THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

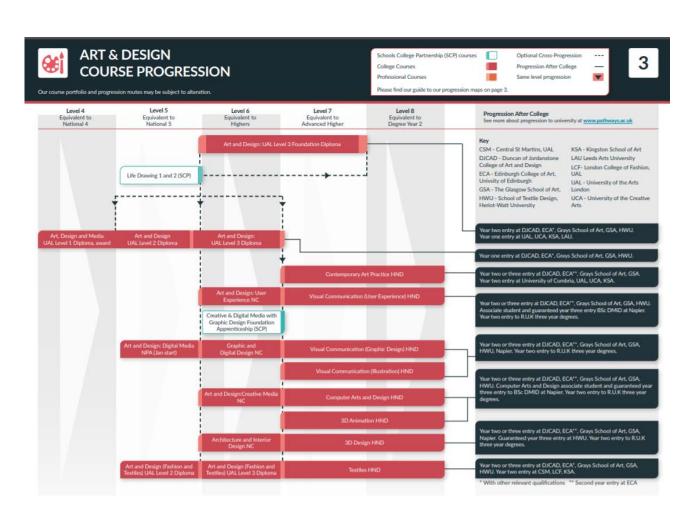
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This Framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and HEIs. However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework, which, due to the limitations of this format, cannot be represented here. For more information, please visit the SCQF website at www.scqf.org.uk to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.

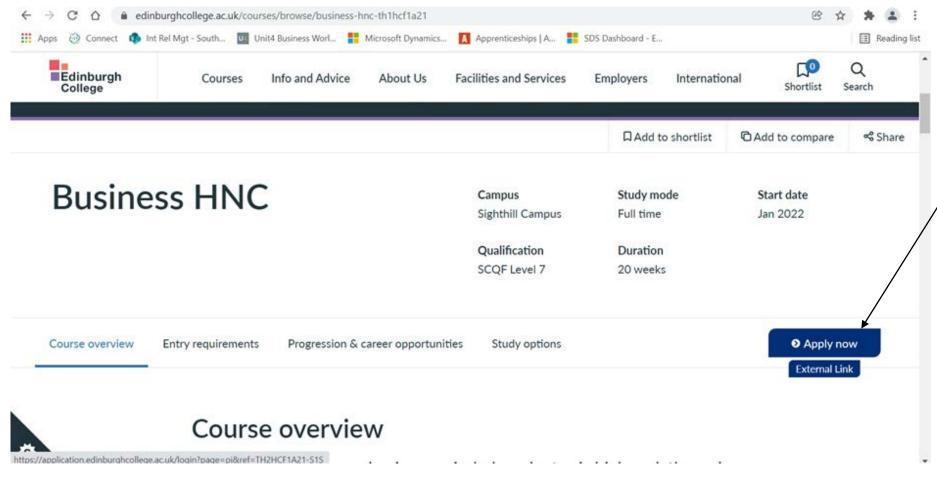
| SCQF Levels | SQA Qualifications | | | Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions | Apprenticeships & SVQs |
|----------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| 12 | | | \uparrow | Doctoral Degree | Professional Apprenticeship |
| 11 | | | | Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate | Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship SVQ |
| 10 | | | | Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate | Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship |
| 9 | | | Professional Development Award | Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate | Graduate Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ |
| 8 | | Higher National Diploma | | Diploma Of Higher Education | Higher Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ |
| 7 | Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate | Higher National Certificate | | Certificate Of Higher Education | Modern Apprenticeship SVQ |
| 6 | Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher | <i>'</i> | ` | | Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ |
| 5 | National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5 | | | | Modern Apprenticeship SVQ |
| 4 | National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4 | National Certificate | National Progression Award | | SVQ |
| 3 | National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3 | | | | |
| 2 | National 2, Awards | | , | | |
| 1 | National 1, Awards | | | | |

Where your course can take you: Progression maps

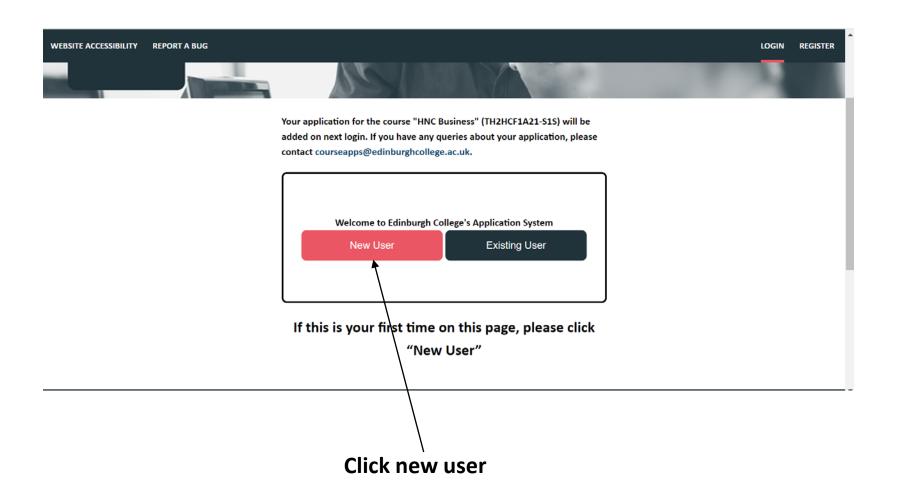
- Edinburgh College > Info & Advice > Progression Routes
- https://www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/me dia/ky1lgzwi/ec-progression-mapsbooklet.pdf
- As you can see from the progressions booklet, college can lead to lots of opportunities
- Did you know that if you do a HNC/D at college you can sometimes get into 2nd or 3rd year of university (depending on the course)

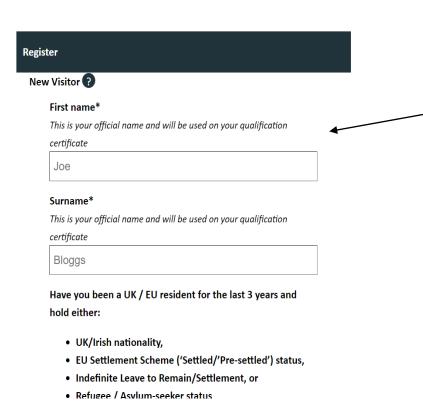


How to apply: Step by step application support

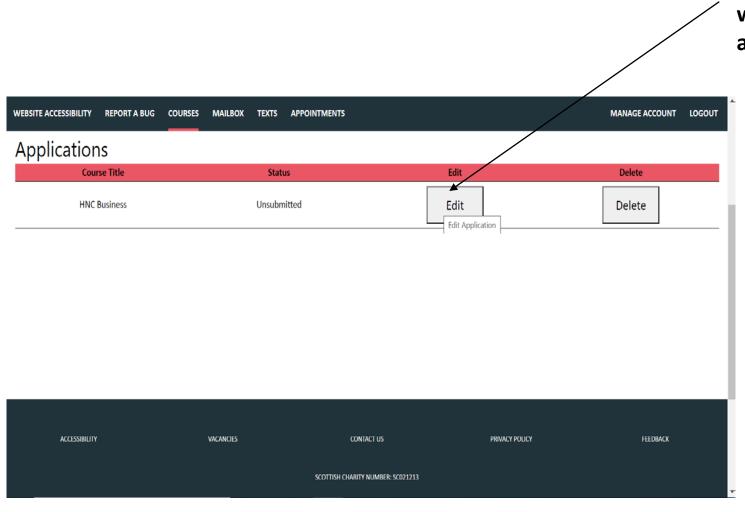


First search for the course you wish to apply for Then this his is the button you will click to start your application

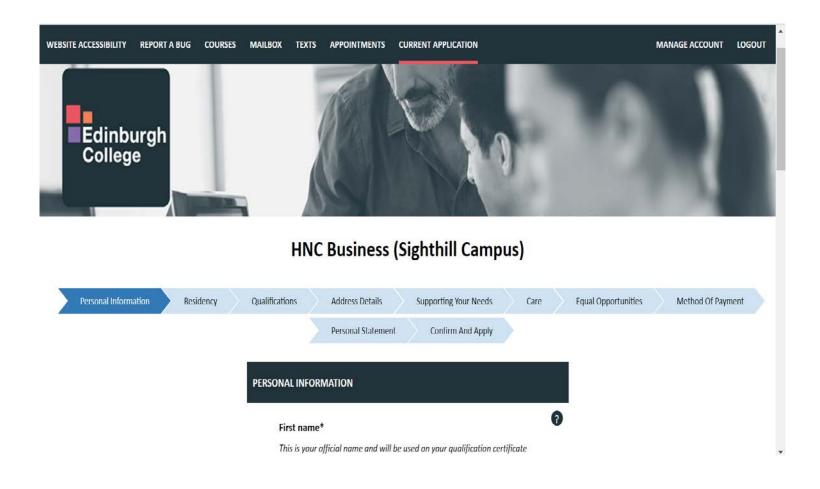




Fill in all the registration questions and click register at the bottom of the page



Click the edit button and this will take you to your application



- You are now ready to start your application
- Fill out all the sections
- In the qualifications section add your SCN number (this is your school email number)
- Check the following slides for support on writing a personal statement
- When you are ready click submit!

Personal Statement

Why this course?

Anything in particular you are excited to study (check modules)

Any key skills and strengths you have that would make you a suitable candidate

What skills do you have that relates to the course



School subjects

Are you studying any relevant subjects?

What skills and experience have these subjects given you?



Relevant Experience

Do you have any work experience, volunteering part time jobs?

What do you like to do in your spare time? (hobbies, interests etc)



Career aspirations

Where do you hope to go following this course?

Employment? Further studies? Don't worry if you aren't sure you can keep it more generic and talk about challenging yourself and learning new skills

Example Personal Statement

- My passion for studying history has developed from my interest in exploring how the past can allow for greater understanding of society in the present. Many of the subjects I studied in school, as well as my current college course within social science have allowed me to look at past historical events and think about how these relate to modern societal issues. I have always had an interest in my own family's past. My grandad fought in the Second World War and I found it fascinating to learn about his role and what life was like back then. This is what started my enthusiasm for studying World War Two and this interest has stayed with me throughout my life. I am passionate about Scottish history but would also value the chance to study history and explore its relation to politics and culture around the world.
- My school studies have also helped prepare me for academic study. Studying Higher history, RMPS and modern studies has allowed me to develop skills in essay writing, working within a group and improved my skills in delivering presentations. Additionally, these subjects have given me skills in exploring different societal issues through research and critical analysis.
- My work experience through school allowed me to improve upon my general employability skills and has given me an insight into the world of work. I received an excellent report as the teacher felt I had good communication skills and was a good role model.
- In my spare time I enjoy continuously learning and have taken part in school trips outside of school, including
 with my RMPS class to a Buddhist monastery. This gave me insight into the life of a Buddhist monk and how
 they eat, practice their religion and live daily. I feel that I am an inquisitive person and therefore enjoy finding
 out about different religions and ways of living.
- My previous studies within both school and college have allowed me to explore various social subjects and led
 me to focus on history. I feel that studying history would allow me to challenge myself in new ways and I
 would value the opportunity to see where studying history could take me in the future.

FAQS

What happens if I am unsuccessful? : If you are unsuccessful the college normally offer you a place on another course, the college have a clearing number that you can call to apply for a place on another course once you have your exam results

Who do I contact with questions about my application: see details below

Course Information (For help with choosing a course and making an application.):0131 297 8300 or courseinfo@edinburghcollege.ac.uk

Course Application Enquiries (For enquiries about your course application): 0131 297 8500 or course application): 0131 297 8500 or <a

Student Funding Enquiries (EMA, Bursary, Childcare) :studentfunding@edinburghcollege.ac.uk

Learning Support: learning.support@edinburghcollege.ac.uk

What happens if I do not meet my conditions: If you do not meet your conditions the college normally offer you a place on another course potentially at a lower level, the college have a clearing number that you can call to apply for a place on another course once you have your exam results

What happens if I change my mind and don't want to go to college: its ok to change your mind! You can just contact the college using the numbers above and let them know

Next Steps

Check out the college's Help with applying page Here

You can watch this video from the college:

Contact your school careers adviser if you would like your personal statement checked or need further help

Attend an open day: You can find out dates and locations by clicking HERE

Contact Details

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