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## **Guidance on how to complete your online application form for MA Acting**

### Completing our online application form

You will need to create a username and password before you can apply online. You can apply via the online application form which you will find on our website under the 'How to Apply' section for the above course. You can work through the form at your own pace, saving as you go along. You will need to provide information on your previous and current education, employment and English language ability, as well as a personal statement and a referee. We recommend you write your personal statement offline and paste it into the application form.

### What should I include in my personal statement?

Your personal statement should cover your interests, accomplishments and personal ambitions. You should discuss the relevance of any specialist training you have undertaken prior to your decision to apply for your chosen course. You should also tell us whether you have applied to any other Drama Schools and/or Universities (and if so, which ones) and whether you have applied to Birmingham School of Acting previously.

### How long should my personal statement be?

Your personal statement should be about 500 words in length and written in essay style. You should give your personal statement the same amount of care and attention as your audition: be sure to cover all the elements requested above, proof-read it carefully and check your spelling before submitting it with your application.

### What does my reference need to include?

Your referee should be someone who is not a family member. Your referee should focus on commenting on your stamina and character – in particular, your ability to sustain rigorous training. He or she should also comment on your suitability for study at postgraduate level and your suitability to pursue a specialised course in acting.

## Will I be auditioned?

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Admission to the MA Acting is via audition. We will contact you to discuss the process and to arrange an audition after we have received and read your application. Before completing your application you should ensure that you have read all of the guidance below and on our website regarding the audition process. You will need to pay the appropriate [audition fee](#) before you are offered an audition.

Auditioning consists of a full day to allow us to assess prospective postgraduate students for a longer period of time and speak to them in an interview if necessary. This helps to ensure that each

Applicant is given a fair opportunity and that we have the best information on which to base our choice of candidates, as we receive hundreds of applications each year. In addition to the guidance below, you may wish to read [Auditions: Frequently Asked Questions](#).

We recognise that you will inevitably be nervous about your audition; much rides upon the outcome. We work hard to ensure that your audition is a positive experience. Members of both academic and admissions staff will be available to answer questions at all stages of auditioning. All auditions are stewarded by fulltime students who are there to support and guide you through the process.