# **Guidance for Applicants**

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Applications from jobseekers who require Skilled Worker sponsorship to work in the UK are welcome and will be considered alongside all other applications. However, non-UK candidates requiring sponsorship may not be appointed to a post if a suitably qualified, experienced, and skilled candidate who does not require sponsorship is available to take up the post. The UKVI requires employers to meet a range of requirements to fulfil their sponsorship duties to ensure that no suitably qualified UK worker can fill the post.

## **Completing your Application**

The application form, as opposed to curriculum vitae (CV), is used to ensure that information is presented in a standardised format and that only the details that we require are provided. This ensures that all applicants are treated fairly and equally.

As the information contained on the form is used during the selection process, it is essential that you complete all sections as fully as possible.

The following notes are intended to assist you with the completion of the application form:

### **Current Employment**

This section requests the details of your current employment. If currently employed, you should:

- Provide a brief description of the duties and responsibilities held during this employment.
- Include any duties that you consider to be of particular relevance to the position for which you are applying.
- Provide the name and address of your present employer.
- Provide details of your current salary or rate of pay.
- Indicate how much notice you are required to give to your current employer.

### **Employment History**

- Provide details of all previous employment, including that of a voluntary nature. The
  information should be provided in date order, starting with the most recent and working
  back.
- Include the dates of employment, a brief summary of your responsibilities in the role, your final salary and reason for leaving. Please do not include details of your current employment in this section.
- If there are gaps in your employment, please use the space available to provide further details.
- If you add additional rows to your employment history and then find that you don't need them, please delete the blank rows. You will not be able to submit your application with blank rows.



#### **Education**

Provide details of the educational establishments that you have attended and include details of any examinations taken, results obtained, scholarships and other distinctions awarded.

Please start with your most recent institution.

Please note that you may be asked to provided evidence of the qualifications you state you have achieved.

If you add additional rows to your education history and then find that you don't need them, please delete the blank rows. You will not be able to submit your application with blank rows.

### **Professional and Vocational Qualifications**

- Provide details of technical, professional and occupational training.
- Provide details of relevant training, apprenticeships, articles, evening, full-time day or day release courses, correspondence courses or company courses.
- Please attach photocopies of documentary evidence of your training or qualifications.

# Personal Statement (if applicable)

Use this section to provide relevant information about yourself and how you meet the criteria detailed in the job description and person specification for the role.

This part of the application form is critical within the shortlisting process, so please ensure you provide sufficient information in order to demonstrate your suitability for the role.

#### Referees

- Please provide the details of two people who may be approached for a reference.
- If you are employed, one referee must be connected to your current employer i.e. your line manager.
- Where you have previously worked with children but are not currently doing so, please provide reference details in respect of the last employer for whom you worked with children.
- If you are a college or school leaver, please give details of a teacher or tutor.
- A suitable second referee would be a previous employer, business associate or leader/organiser of a voluntary organisation.
- Personal referees, such as friends, family or those with whom you have any other significant relationship, are not suitable.
- Please note that references may be sought prior to interview.

#### **Personal Relationships**

Please provide the name and position of any relative, friend or acquaintance employed or associated with United Learning.

## **Applicant Monitoring Form**

Please complete this section to facilitate applicant monitoring. This information will be removed from your application and will not be used as part of the selection process.



### **Confidential Disclosure**

By virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975, Section 4(2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act does not apply to this application as the post involves substantial opportunity of access to children. This means that you may not withhold information about previous convictions, cautions, reprimands bind-overs or warnings on the grounds that it is otherwise 'spent'.

All criminal convictions must be declared. Failure to do so may result in your application being disqualified or, if discovered after appointment, may be regarded as grounds for dismissal.

#### **Declaration**

Please ensure that you read this statement and indicate to confirm your agreement.

