

Widening Participation Criteria

(Effective for those applying from September 2024 to programme codes: D100, D101, D105)

Widening Participation (WP) students, in the context of applications to any of the above subjects at the RVC, are defined as **scoring 2 or more points** from the below criteria:

Table 1.1

WP Criterion	Defined as	Further evidence needed	Points awarded
	this measure	-	1
POA Quintile score of 1	The postcode of your home address is in a POA Quintile 1 area, according to the OfS lookup tool	-	2
POA Quintile score of 2	The postcode of your home address		

Terms & Conditions of Contextual Offers:

- x Contextual offers will only apply to GCE A Levels, these in combination the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales, Scottish Highers/Advanced Highers and the International Baccalaureate for the time being (further details in Table 1.2). Those taking linear A Levels (e.g. in England or, in some cases, Northern Ireland) who qualify for a contextual offer will still be expected to achieve a 'Pass' in their science practical for all natural science subjects.

- x Where there is insufficient evidence to determine that one meets a criterion at the point of application, the applicant will be deemed not to have met it. Where one is in care or a care leaver, applicants will need to provide a letter of proof once they have submitted their application via UCAS, without this the applicant will be deemed not to meet this criterion.

- x Where an applicant states they were in receipt of free school meals, but the RVC cannot verify this,