

# Supporting Candidates with Shorter Applications

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# Instructions on how to support candidates with shorter applications

### **Overview:**

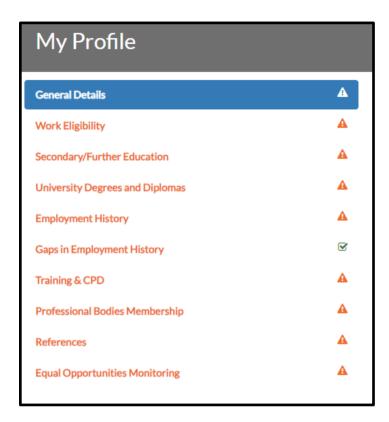
The following information can be used to support candidates who may not be required to complete the application in full. Examples where this may be needed are internal applications, volunteer positions and governor/trustee positions.

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## a) Support with Completing the Profile

Not all areas of the candidate profile will need to be completed in full, depending on what information is required for the application form. The following will explain which sections need to be completed in full and which sections can be left blank or have reduced information added.

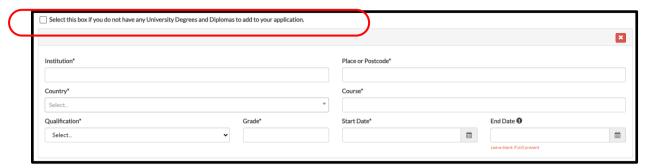


General Details and Work Eligibility - these will need to be completed in full

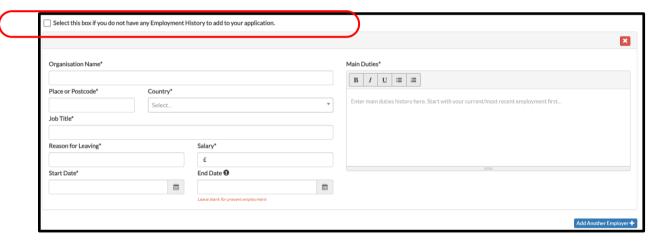
**Secondary/Further Education -** At least one entry for secondary education will be required but the candidate can leave the grades blank:



**University Degrees and Diplomas -** there is the option to tick to not add anything here (this will just leave the section blank on the application form):



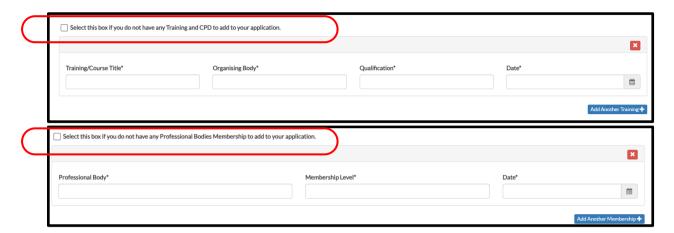
**Employment History -** candidates can enter as many employments as required for the application here. There is also the option to tick to not add anything (this will just leave the section blank on the application form):



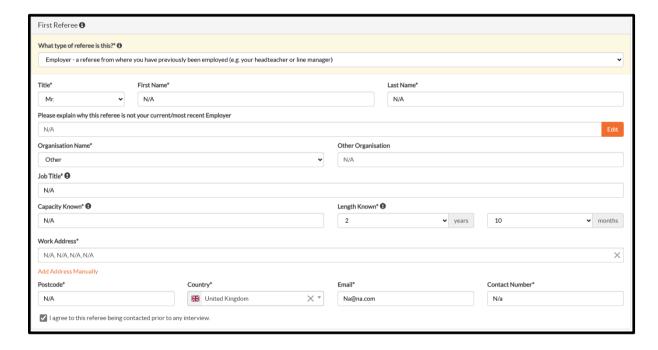
**Gaps in Employment History -** if there are any time periods between secondary education and the present day, this will flag up in the gaps section. The candidate can select the 'Other' option from the drop down list and add details explaining this information is not required



**Training & CPD and Professional Bodies Membership -** there is a tick box if there are none to add (this will just leave the sections blank on the application form)



**References -** candidates must fill out both referees but, if these are not required, N/A can be entered into all fields other than the email address. An incorrect email address can be entered provided it is in email format. Within the Organisation Name field, the candidate would need to select 'Other' and then put N/A.

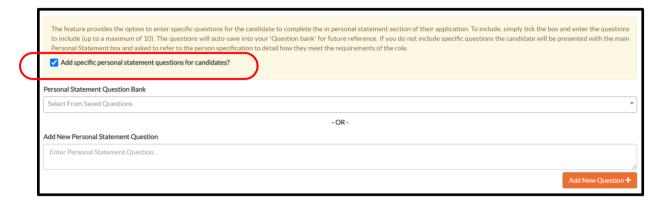


**Equal Opportunities Monitoring -** this section must be completed, although most sections have the option to choose not to say.

### b) Support with the Personal Statement Section

If a full personal statement is not required for the job role, we recommend adding personal statement questions to the job advert instead. This removes the minimum character count of 2000 for the candidate and will provide them questions that they can easily answer.

To add these, tick 'Add specific personal statement questions for candidates?' and add as many questions as are required:



### c) Support with completing the Declaration Section

This section will need to be completed in full to comply with GDPR and KCSiE (Keeping Children Safe in Education). The candidate will also digitally sign their application here.



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