

ap·pli·ca·tion

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noun

1 **written request** [uncountable and countable]

ASK FOR SOMETHING/ASK SOMEBODY TO DO SOMETHING a formal, usually written, request for something such as a job, place at university, or permission to do something:

application for

an application for a grant

application from

The university welcomes applications from overseas students.

*We receive hundreds of **job applications** each year.*

*I **filled in** the **application form** and sent it off.*

*You have to **submit** your **application** before the end of the month.*

*I've **put in an application** for a transfer.*

*He received a letter saying that his **application** had been **rejected**.*

*It can take a long time for your visa **application** to be **processed**.*

*The Council is currently reviewing the way it deals with **planning applications**.*

*Thank you for your **letter of application**, which we received yesterday.*

2 **practical use** [uncountable and countable] USE SOMETHING the practical purpose for which a machine, idea etc can be used, or a situation when this is used:

application of/to/in

the applications of genetic engineering in agriculture

*The research has many **practical applications**.*

- 3 | computers** [countable] a piece of computer software which does a particular job:

We received training on a number of spreadsheet and database applications.

- 4 | paint/liquid** [uncountable and countable] PUT when you put something such as paint, liquid, medicine etc onto a surface:

application of

The application of fertilizer increased the size of the plants.

- 5 | effort** [uncountable] TRY TO DO OR GET SOMETHING attention or effort over a long period of time:

Making your new business successful requires luck, patience, and application.

COLLOCATIONSense 1

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + application

a job application *He's made twenty-three job applications and had five interviews.*

a planning application (= an official request for permission to build something) *We have lodged a planning application for a housing development on the site.*

a formal application (= made officially) *Turkey has made a formal application to join the European Union.*

application + NOUN

an application form *Simply fill in the application form and return it to your bank.*

a letter of application *The purpose of your letter of application is to get an interview.*

verbs

make an application *Candidates are advised to make an early application to the university.*

fill out/ fill in an application (= write all the necessary information on it) *I would like to fill out an application for the position.* |

You can fill in the application form online.

put in/ submit an application *The company has submitted a planning application.*

consider an application (= think carefully about it before making a decision) *All applications will be considered on their own merits.*

grant/ approve an application (= give permission to do or have something) *What are the reasons for not granting this application?*

refuse/ reject/ turn down an application (= say no to an application) *Their planning application was rejected because of a lack of parking facilities.*

process an application (= officially deal with it) *Your application for British citizenship will be processed by the Immigration Service.*

accept an application *The college refused to accept my application.*

withdraw your application *The company withdrew its application to build the bridge.*

Word origin

Date: 1400–1500

Language: Latin

Origin: *applicatio*, from *applicare*; → [APPLY](#)