



## How to Check Your Postcode Eligibility

1. Visit the Office for Students website and click '3. Search by Postcode'  
**Link:** <https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/young-participation-by-area/search-by-postcode/>



2. Enter your postcode into the search bar.

To proceed to the look-up please confirm you have read the above text and understand what this tool can and cannot be used for.

Search postcode

**View results**

3. Press enter to search.



4. The search will produce something that looks like the below summary, but for your own postcode. This search works for all UK postcodes, but if you are a living in a very new development, there might be a problem – if the search doesn't work, get in touch with Ellie at [access@christs.cam.ac.uk](mailto:access@christs.cam.ac.uk) with your postcode, who will be able to assess for you.

### Area-based measure postcode look-up

You searched: **CB2 3BU**
Want to search another postcode? [Click here](#)

This postcode is in an area called: Central and West Cambridge (MSOA E02003725)

This postcode is found in areas that have been assigned the following quintiles (hover over for more info):

<b>POLAR4</b>	Quintile 5	<b>POLAR3</b>	Quintile 5
<b>TUNDRA MSOA</b>	Quintile 5	<b>Gaps GCSE</b>	Quintile 4
<b>TUNDRA LSOA</b>	Removed	<b>Gaps GCSE Ethnicity</b>	Quintile 4
<b>Adult HE 2011</b>	Quintile 5	<b>Is this postcode in a Uni Connect target area? No</b>	

[Quintile showing as "Removed" or "NA"? Click here to find out why](#)

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**See the area on a map**

Below you can select a measure to see the area used to calculate the quintile for your postcode. Measures that use the same geographic areas are grouped.

**Select measure:**

POLAR4/TUNDRA MSOA/Adult HE 2011

TUNDRA LSOA

POLAR3/Gaps

**Type of area used: MSOAs/IZs/SOAs**  
(hover over for more info)

The map shows the postcode with a pin (not available in Northern Ireland) and the area in which it lies. The area outlined is the one used to calculate the measure selected above.

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5. If the result for POLAR4 reads **Quintile 1 or Quintile 2**, then you are **eligible** for the LPN Summer School event. Quintiles 3-5 are **not** eligible.

### What is POLAR?

POLAR measures what proportion of young people in a given area participate in higher education. POLAR4 is the most recent version of this data – if you see POLAR3, it measures the same thing, but the data is older and so not used anymore.

The classifications are split into Quintiles (blocks of 20%). Quintile 1 is the bottom 20% of postcodes – areas where the lowest proportion of young people participate in higher education. Quintile 5 is the top 20% of postcodes, areas where the highest proportion of young people participate in higher education.



**Why is this part of the eligibility criteria for this event?**

In line with the University of Cambridge's commitment to widening participation, we want to increase the number of students coming from less advantaged and underrepresented backgrounds. This includes students from the bottom two quintiles of the POLAR4 classification, which is why the LPN Summer School is targeted in this way.