

# Preparing your personal statement

## Preparation

- Check the LCIBS website to see what skills and qualities we would like you to have to study the course
- Make a list of the things that you would like to include
- Make a draft of your personal statement. The earlier you do this, the better the final draft will be.

## What to include

- Why you are interested in the subject. Be enthusiastic!
- How your previous studies/work experience relates to this
- What hobbies or activities do you do that relate to the subject?
- Your personal statement is a demonstration that you are a great candidate and that you have the skills and qualities we are looking for

## How to write your statement

- Introduction – Write something that encourages the reader to read on
- Structure – Put what you want to include in the order that is most relevant to what we are looking for
- Conclusion – Reinforce your commitment to study with LCIBS
- Check your grammar, spelling and punctuation

## Technical details

Ensure that your personal statement does not exceed 500 words. Also, make sure that your work is your own and do not copy from others. Our plagiarism software detects any similarities, which could jeopardise your application to the college.

## Questions

1. Why are you applying for this course?
2. Why does this subject interest you? What skills do you have that will help you succeed on this course?
3. What are your goals after studying this course?