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# WHAT COMES NEXT – UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

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## What happens over the next few months?

The following will guide you through the coming stages and actions with your UCAS application.



## Offers / Rejections

Now that you have submitted your choices to the universities, they will either make you an offer to attend, or they will reject your application. You can track their decisions using “UCAS Track” in your personal Hub for all five of your applications. Any updates to your UCAS status will be explained in detail on Track – you should monitor this daily.

(A link to UCAS Track will have been given to you in the receipt email sent from UCAS following your application)

## Types of Offers

- **Conditional Offer** – your offer is subject to specific conditions. These will either be specific grades or a total tariff point score required by the university.
- **Unconditional Offer** – unusual to receive, so please check the conditions. Often you can attend this university, regardless of your grades, but only if you choose them as your first choice. Please do read the small print. It can also be possible to have an unconditional as your second choice, therefore guaranteeing yourself a place at university (again, depending on conditions so read the small print).

A Level	
Grade	Tariff Points
A*	56
A	48
B	40
C	32
D	24
E	16

AS Level	
Grade	Tariff Points
A	20
B	16
C	12
D	10
E	4

**Don't worry if you don't get any offers though – you might be able to add extra choices now, or look for course availability later on.**

## Replying to Offers

**Firm acceptance** – this is your first choice.

- If it's an **unconditional** offer, the place is yours! So that course provider will expect you as their student.
- Or if it's **conditional**, the place is yours if you meet the offer conditions. So just in case you don't, you can pick a second offer as a backup – your insurance acceptance.

**Insurance acceptance** – the back-up choice to a conditional firm acceptance.

- If you're choosing an insurance, go for something with lower offer conditions – make sure it's somewhere you'd still be happy to go to though.
- That way, if your results are lower than expected, you might still meet the conditions at your insurance choice; then you'd have your place confirmed there.
- Remember, you'll only attend your insurance choice course if you don't meet the conditions of your firm choice, but you do meet the conditions of your insurance. You can't choose between your firm and insurance when you get your results, so make sure you're happy with which is your firm and which is your insurance before you reply.

**Decline** – you'll need to decline any other offers you get.

However, if you decide you don't want to accept any of the offers, you can decline them all and add more courses in our [Extra](#) service.

Alternatively, you can see what courses still have vacancies later on in our [Clearing](#) service.

You can only accept one firm choice and one insurance choice (if you choose to have one). You must decline all other offers.



## Offer and reply combinations

- **Unconditional firm (UF)** – You're in!
- **Conditional firm (CF)** – You're in if you meet the conditions.
- **Conditional firm (CF) and conditional insurance (CI)** – You've made a first and second choice – you'll be in at the first if you meet the conditions. If not, you might have met the conditions of the second – if so you'll be on that course instead.
- **Conditional firm (CF) and unconditional insurance (UI)** – You've made a first and second choice – if you meet the conditions of the first you'll be on that course. If not, you'll definitely be on the second.

## Reply dates

These are based on when UCAS get the last decision in from your unis or colleges. **Check your application to see your personal deadline.**

If you receive your last decision on or before **18 May 2023**, your reply date is **8 June 2023** (except if you're using Extra to find a place).

If you receive your last decision on or before **12 July 2023**, your reply date is **17 July 2023** (including Extra choices).

It is likely that universities may send out accommodation information prior to your decision deadline. This should not pressure you into making your firm and insurance choices any quicker.

Once you have confirmed your choice, accommodation information will be sent out sooner than you think. **Always** make sure you check your junk emails as information is often sent by an individual member of staff at a university, and may not be accepted into your inbox.



## Student Finance

It is up to you and your family to apply to student finance. The main window for applications is expected to open around April, so you should be able to start the process immediately. Please do not worry if you are asked to provide the name of the university you plan to attend. If you have not as yet made your choices, this will not affect your application. You can use any university name here, but if you do know which one is likely to be your firm choice, then use it!

Please consider the link below, as this proves as an interesting read.

[Student finance in England - Everything you need to know \(ucas.com\)](#)

The main website for student financial advice, details and application information is via this link:

[Student finance: getting it right first time – Find all our latest guidance for students, parents and partners on student finance. \(campaign.gov.uk\)](#)

## Email

You should now be using your **personal email** and regularly checking this, including your **spam** folders for any correspondence from universities, student finance, accommodation etc.