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Applying for Higher Education

Thinking about studying for a degree?

You may now be starting to think for the first time about developing yourself as more than a footballer. This process in itself is quite daunting but if you are thinking of or considering going to university and making the step into Higher Education, it is important to explore how your studies may fit into your long term personal development and career aims.

Before deciding what degree you are going to study you will also need to check university admissions requirements for the subject or subjects of your choice.

It may be that you need to undertake additional qualifications following your Study Programme to secure a place on the course of your choice.

There are a number of reasons why people decide to study for a degree. For some people it is an essential part of professional training for a career in fields such as medicine, engineering and law. Others may have no clearly defined career destination in mind but are motivated by their interest in a particular subject and a desire to improve themselves as people alongside their future career prospects.

Student life offers you the chance to gain:

- academic and vocational knowledge
- extra-curricular experiences
- paid and voluntary work experience
- life management
- greater employability skills
- increased self-awareness
- a broader sense of identity
- social awareness
- motivation and confidence
- resilience



Applying for Higher Education

Key Dates



Application deadline for UCAS Conservatoires music applications.

Check ucas.com/conservatoires for information.



Applications received by this deadline will be sent to universities and colleges (18:00 UK Time).



Application deadline for Oxford, Cambridge, and any course in medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine/science. (18:00 UK Time)



Last day for applicants to add an Extra choice in their application.



Application deadline for the majority of courses. (18:00 UK Time)



Clearing opens for eligible applicants, and vacancies are displayed in UCAS' search tool.



Extra starts: if you've used all five choices and do not hold any options, you can add another choice.



BTEC/GCSE resit results.

Applying for Higher Education

UCAS Application Flowchart

1. Apply online

UCAS will send your application to the universities and colleges you have chosen.
accounts.ucas.com



2. Wait to hear back

The universities and colleges decide whether or not to make you an offer.
They may invite you to an interview, audition or to provide a piece of work.
Possible outcomes...



Unconditional offer

Usually means the entry requirements have already been met – but sometimes include non-academic conditions such as health or criminal conviction checks.



Conditional offer

Usually based on exam or BTEC/GCSE resit results.



3. Replying to offers

Once there's a decision for all your choices, you will be given a date to reply to them

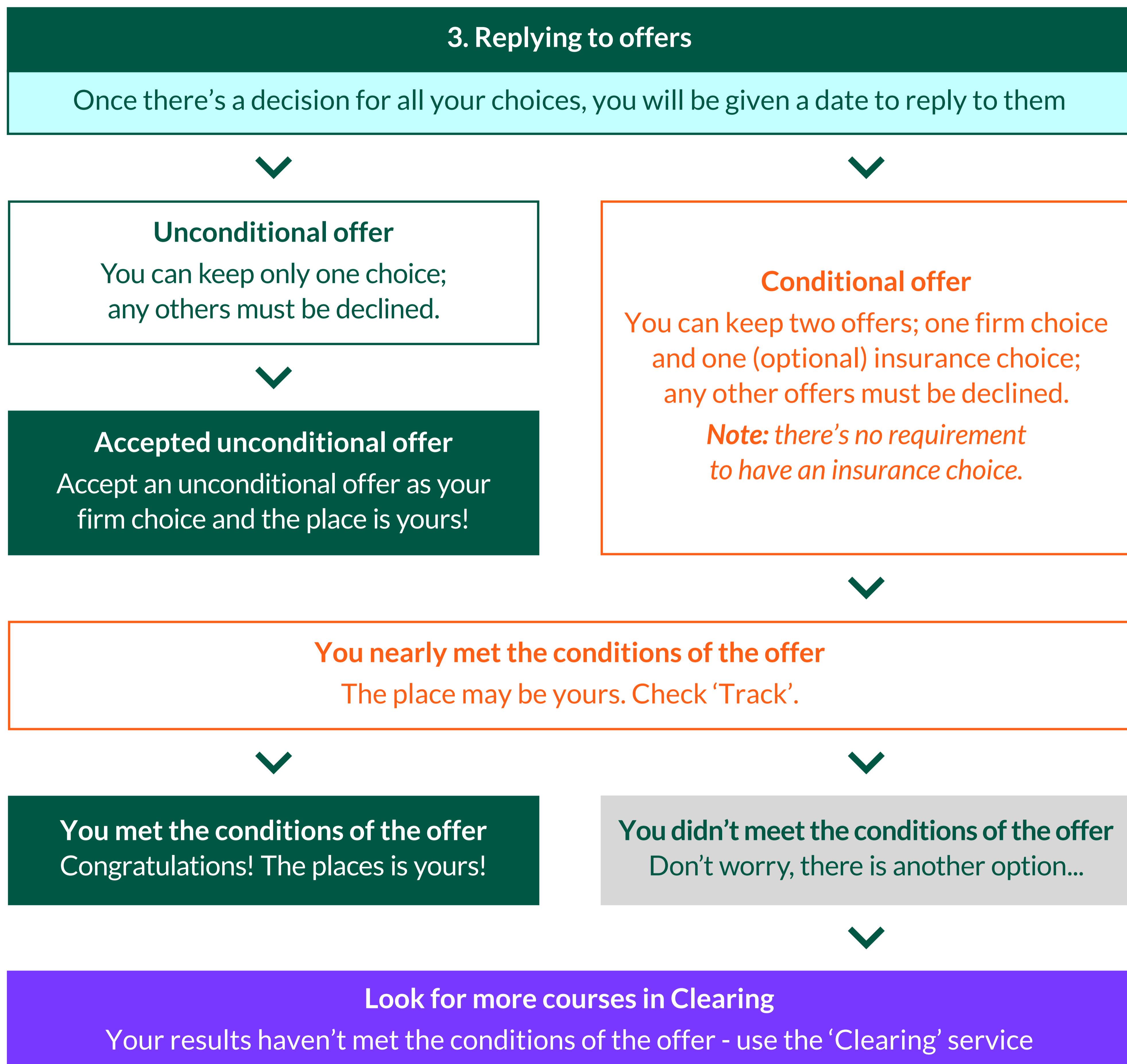


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UCAS Application Flowchart (continued)



Applying for Higher Education

Applying Online

Register

Register for UCAS at www.ucas.com/apply and complete the online application form. Provide the required personal details to receive a username and password.

You should manually type 'League Football Education' as your place of education because it will not be listed and you can tick the box to confirm this.

You will not require a buzzword because you will apply to UCAS with an independent application, please note this will not affect your application.

Log in

Log in to complete filling in information about yourself such as funding options, residential status, any disabilities or special needs and your email address.

Additional information

You can now provide details of your ethnic origin, national identity, any summer schools/taster courses you attended, care and parental education and occupational background.

Student finance

This is not your student finance application but it is an opportunity to speed up the process by sharing your information with the student loans or awards organisation you may apply to.

Course choices

Now you can choose up to five degree courses, there is no preference order and your universities will not see where else you have applied until after you reply to any offers you receive.

Educational history

You should enter all of the qualifications you have a result for (this includes any which were ungraded) as well as any exams you are waiting to take and any qualifications for which you are waiting results.

If you are undertaking an additional A Level, you must add this on to your application as a part time course.

You may need to send results onto universities directly once you have received them so be sure to check this once you have made your course choices. You should manually type 'League Football Education' as your place of education and click 'Add' because it will not prepopulate.

You will then be asked for League Football Education's centre number, which is **45539**. Finally, when asked whether you are in full time or part time education, select the 'full time education' option.

Employment history

Enter the details of up to five paid full-time or part-time jobs you have had. Include company names, addresses, job descriptions and start/finish dates. Any voluntary work should be mentioned in your personal statement.

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Applying Online (continued)

Personal statement

This is your chance to show universities why you want to study the course and why you'd make a great student.

For advice on how to write your personal statement visit: www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/writing-personal-statement/how-write-personal-statement

Check it

Double check all sections are accurate and correct then mark your application as complete. Save it and agree to the declaration.

Reference and payment

Single application fee is no longer an option. All applications for undergraduate courses will be £28.50.

If you are resitting any Maths or English, make sure you put 'pending' as the result, as you may not have sat this exam yet, and you do not want the grade to potentially go against you.

It would be advisable for tutors to check over students' applications before they submit.

Submitting your application

It is your responsibility to manage each section of your application, however you do have access to guidance from your tutor, club's education or player care officer and LFE. Once you are confident that you have completed your application and have no further information to provide, you will be able to submit your application.



What happens to your application?

What UCAS do with your Application

UCAS use the information you have provided on the online application system, and send your application details to each of the universities and colleges that you have selected.

Track

Track is the online system you need to use to monitor the progress of your application.

Log into the UCAS website with your Personal ID to understand what stage your application is at.

You may be asked to provide additional pieces of work or receive an interview invitation, you will need to respond accordingly and timely.

If you are offered a place...

You will receive an email when a university makes a decision, you will need to use UCAS 'Track' to view the full details.

The two types of offers are:

Conditional – a place is reserved for you providing you meet the conditions, these are normally academic grades.

Unconditional – you have already met all the required conditions so the place is offered pending criminal record and health checks.

If you get two or more offers, you can select a 'Firm Acceptance' (first) choice and an 'Insurance Acceptance' (second choice) and then 'Decline' any other offers.

Your deadline for making such decisions depends on when your last offer was received.

If you are not offered a place...

Do not worry if no offers are received, you could apply for more courses using the 'Extra' service. See page 15 for more details.

What happens to your application?

Extra

If you are unsuccessful in receiving an offer from all of your five choices or have declined all of your offers then you can use the 'Extra' service.

Extra allows you to apply to universities with place vacancies but you can only apply for one course at a time.

Extra operates from 23rd February to 4th July.

Search for courses with Extra vacancies on the UCAS search tool at digital.ucas.com/search

Clearing

Clearing is a UCAS service that helps you find course vacancies if you are unsuccessful after applying through UCAS and through Extra.

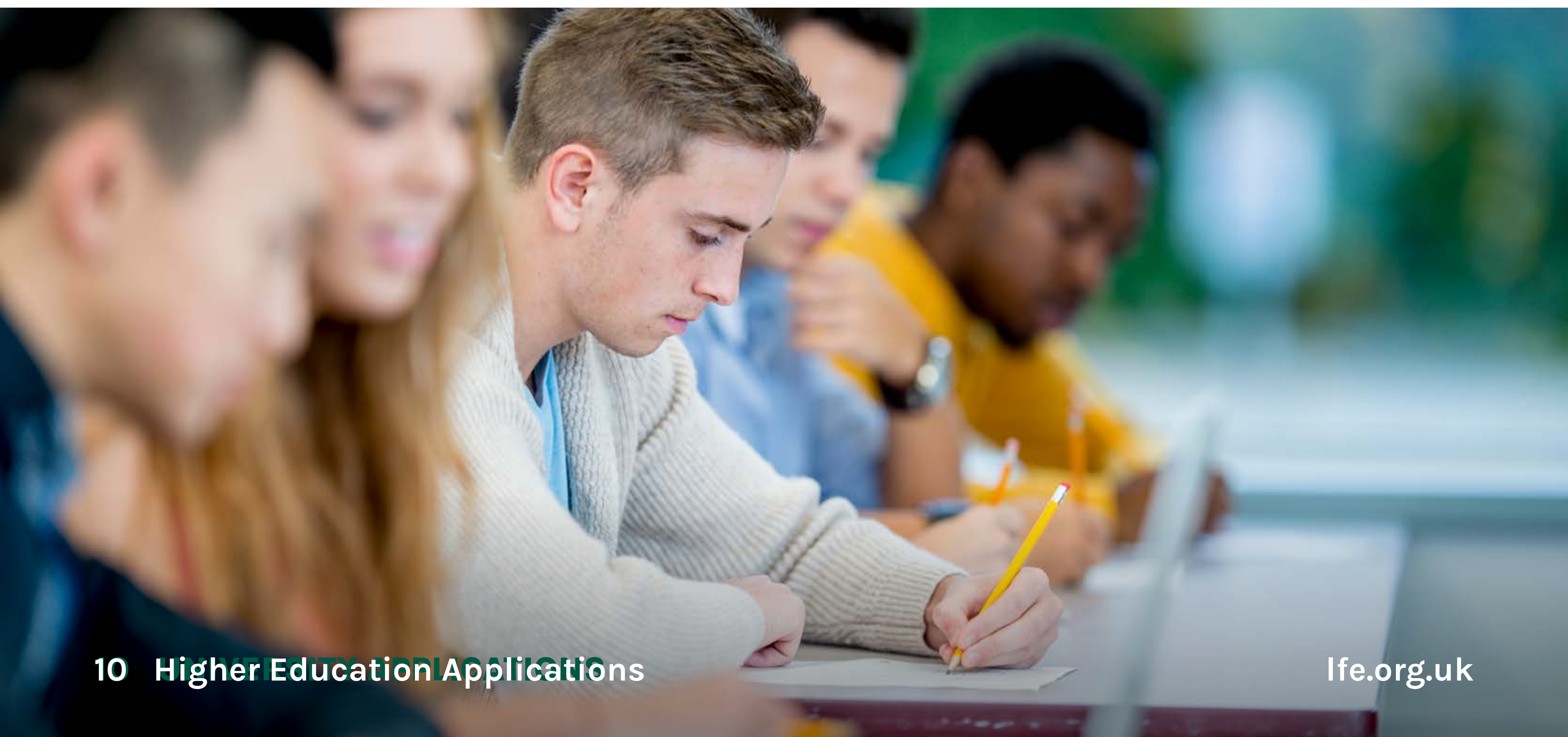
Clearing begins on 5th July but only starts placing students when exam results have been received.

You are eligible if you have received no offers or have not met the requirements for a conditional offer.

UCAS will automatically enter you into Clearing and you start looking for another choice by logging into Track.

If you accept a place through Clearing, UCAS will send you confirmation.

You can read more about Clearing by visiting www.ucas.com/undergraduate/clearing-and-results-day/what-clearing



Financing University Life

Going to university costs a lot of money but that shouldn't stop you - there are lots of different options available to make it affordable and realistic.

Tuition Fees

Tuition fees are the amount universities or colleges will charge you each year to study. Currently tuition fees can cost up to £9,250 per year depending on where and what you study.

Student Loans

To cover the costs of studying you can apply for:

A Tuition Fee Loan – a non-income assessed loan to meet the cost of tuition fees. It is payable to the university in three instalments. Payment is made when confirmation is received from university or college that the student is in attendance at the start of each term. The amount of tuition charged is dependent on:

- the country of study and the set maximum tuition fees rate
- the fee set by the university for the chosen degree course

The maximum Tuition Fee Loan available will be the lesser of the above two.

All Tuition Fee Loans are repayable and accrue interest.

Here is a guide to tuition fee loans:

Full-time student	Tuition Fee Loan
Full-time	Up to £9,250
Full-time at a private university or college	Up to £6,165

Part-time student	Tuition Fee Loan
Part-time	Up to £6,935
Part-time at a private university or college	Up to £4,625

Source: www.gov.uk/government/publications/studentloans-a-guide-to-terms-and-conditions/student-loans-aguide-to-terms-and-conditions-2024-to-2025

Correct at time of writing.

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Student Loans (continued)

A Maintenance Loan – a loan that you can use for living costs if you are a full-time undergraduate student and those on initial teacher training courses. It comprises a:

- non-financially assessed portion, which all students who are eligible for the loan can receive
- financially assessed portion, which depends on household income

Here is a guide to maintenance loans:

Full-time student	Loan*
Living at home	Up to £8,610
Living away from home, outside London	Up to £10,227
Living away from home, in London	Up to £13,348
You spend a year of a UK course studying abroad	Up to £11,713

Source: www.gov.uk/government/publications/student-finance-how-youre-assessed-and-paid/student-finance-how-youre-assessed-and-paid-2024-to-2025

** For courses from the 2024/2025 academic year*

Scholarships and Bursaries – Offered by the university where you plan to study.

Extra Financial Help – if you have financial hardship, a disability or children or adult dependants you need to support while you study.

Outside of England...

If you live in Wales – you can apply for finance through Student Finance Wales.

Find out at the website:

www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

If you live in Scotland – your application for student finance will be dealt with by the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS).

Find out at the SAAS website:

www.saas.gov.uk

If you live in Northern Ireland – your application for student finance will be dealt with by Student Finance NI. To find out more, visit the Student Finance ni website:

www.studentfinancenl.co.uk

If you live in the Republic of Ireland – you can apply for finance through Student Finance IE. Find out more at the website:

www.studentfinance.ie

For further information, visit:
www.gov.uk/studentfinance

You can also contact the Student Loans Company for advice: www.slco.uk

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Bursaries

Bursaries and scholarships offer extra funding that you don't have to pay back. This extra funding, which is available through universities includes:

- bursaries to help with your living cost if you get the maximum loan available through the Maintenance Grant or Special Support Grant
- scholarships if you meet conditions set by your university or college, based on your academic ability, home situation or subject of study. These scholarships differ from university to university. Many universities will offer scholarships or bursaries based purely on your sporting ability.

Bursaries and scholarships are paid in addition to your student loans and grants. They can be paid in cash or in another form - such as a discount on accommodation or books.

UCAS Tariff Table

Pearson BTEC Extended Diploma (RQF)

Extended Diploma	Diploma	Foundation Diploma	Extended Certificate	Certificate	AS-Level	A-Level	UCAS Tariff Points
D*D*D*							168
D*D*D							160
D*DD							152
DDD							144
DDM							128
DMM	D*D*						112
	D*D						104
MMM	DD						96
		D*D*					84
MMP	DM						80
		D*D					78
		DD					72
MPP	MM						64
		DM					60
			D*			A*	56
PPP	MP	MM	D			A	48
						B	40
		MP					36
	PP		M			C	32
				D*			28
		PP		D		D	24
					A		20
			P	M	B	E	16
					C		12
					D		10
				P			8
					E		6

Useful Websites

**Universities and Colleges
Admissions Service**

www.ucas.ac.uk

GOV.UK

www.gov.uk/browse/education

Student Finance Wales

www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

**The Student Awards
Agency for Scotland**

www.saas.gov.uk

Student Finance Northern Ireland

www.studentfinancenir.co.uk

National Union of Students

www.nus.org.uk

**Discover Uni - Compare UK
Universities and Colleges**

discoveruni.gov.uk

**British Universities
& Colleges Sport (BUCS)**

www.bucs.org.uk

Student Finance Ireland

www.studentfinance.ie

Student Loans Company

www.slc.co.uk



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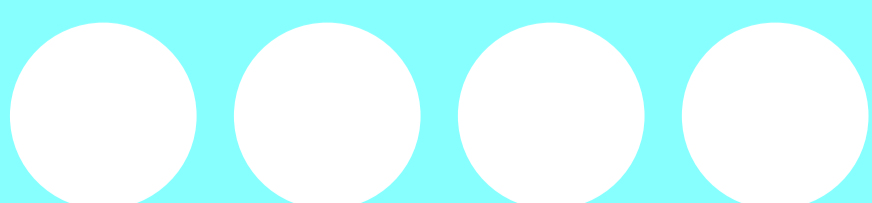
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