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UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

A guide for learners,
parents and carers
For entry in 2024

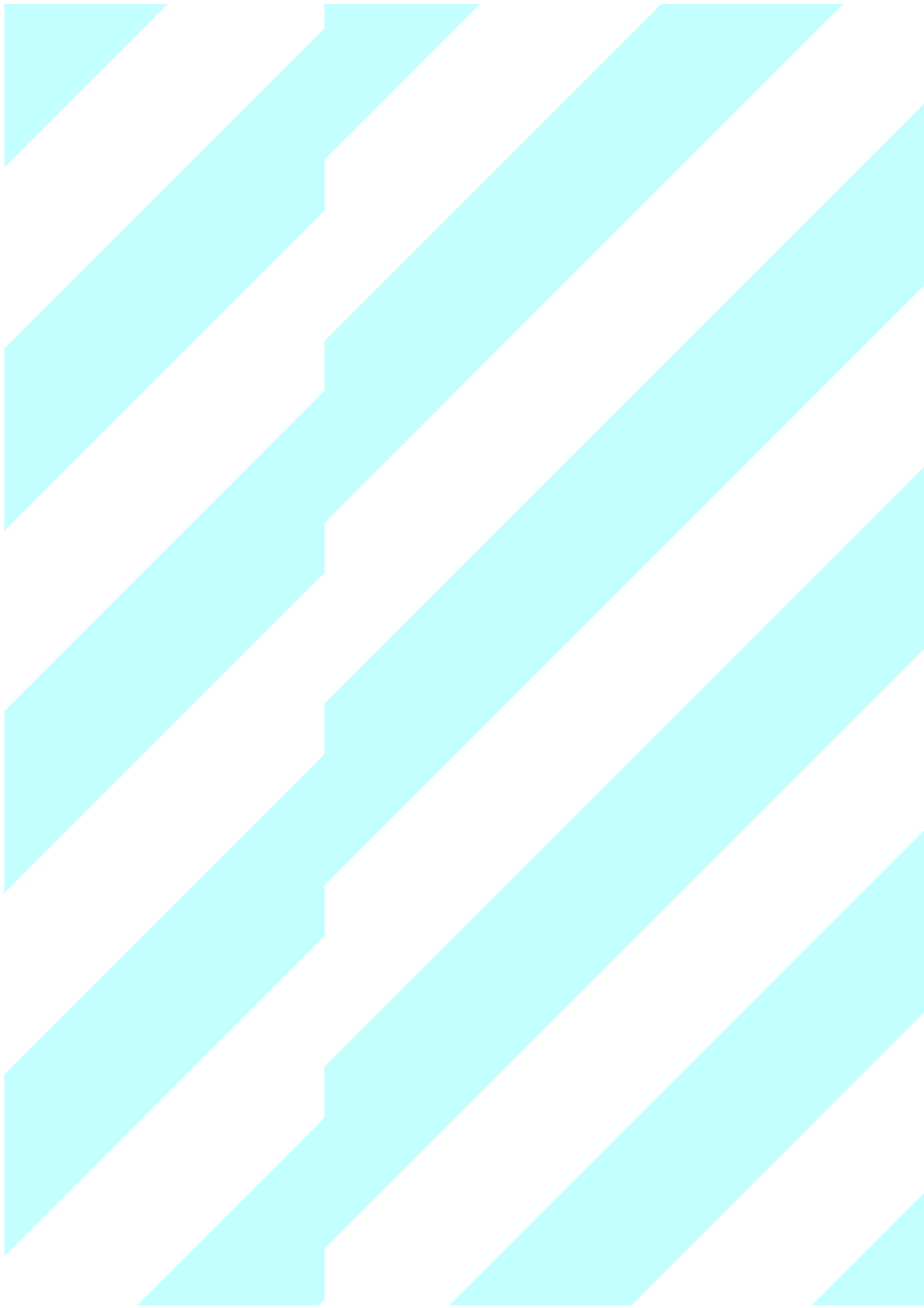


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Applying for Higher Education

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 Apprenticeship 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.



You need to reply to offers by this date, if you received all decisions by 18 May.



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



Last date to submit applications before Clearing.



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



Last date to apply through Extra.



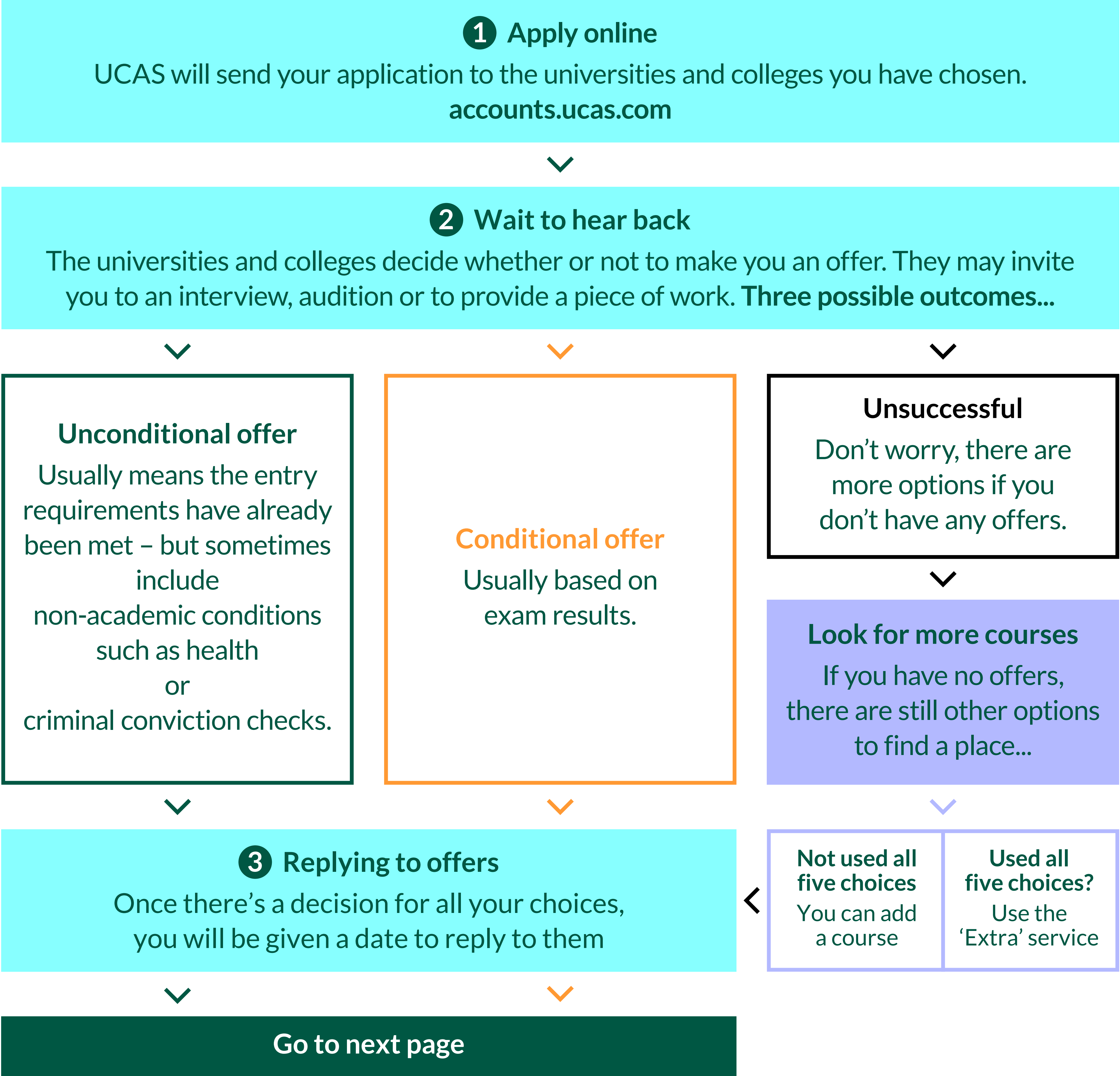
Extra starts: if you've used all five choices and do not hold any options, you can add another choice.



A-Level results.

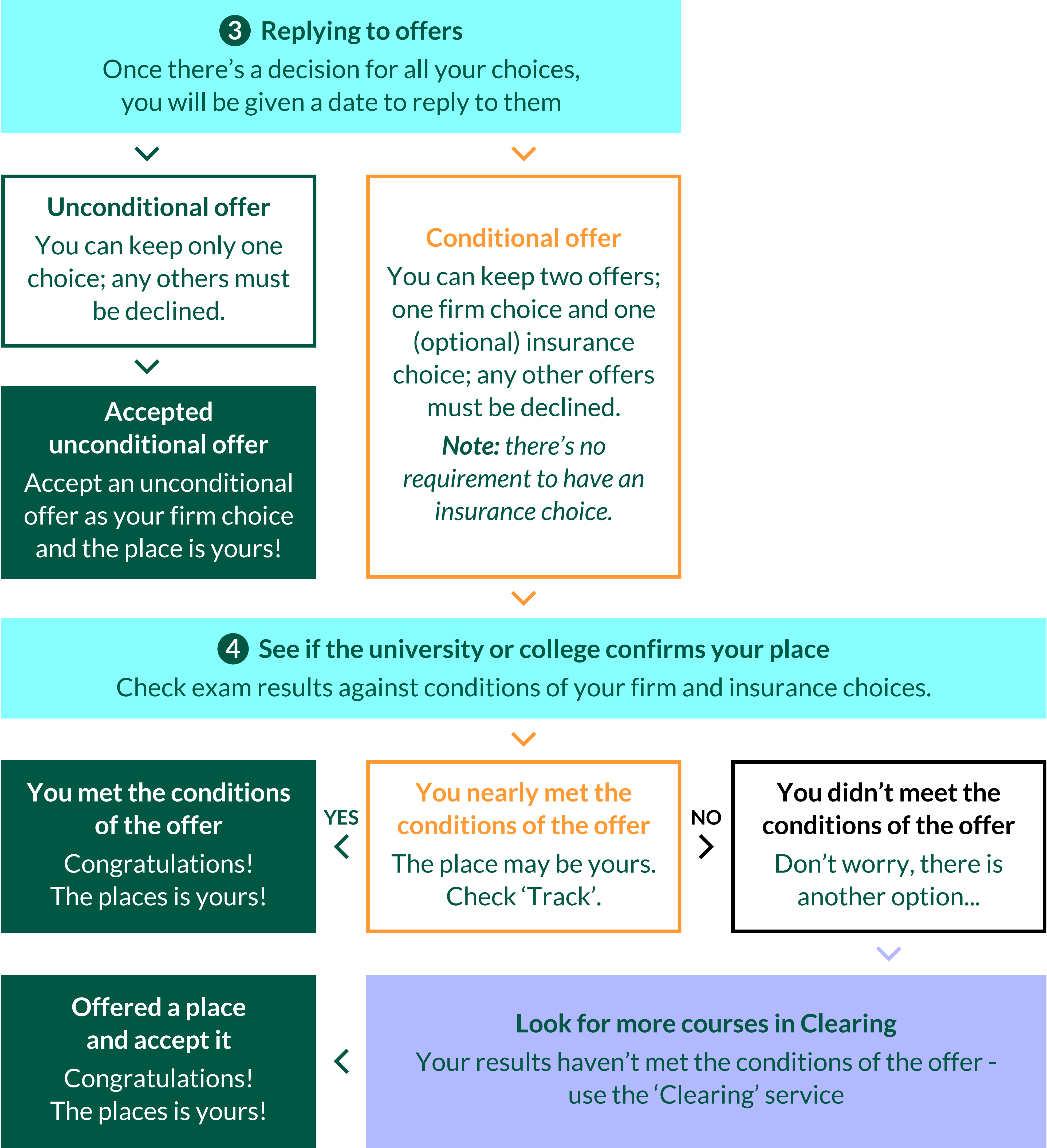
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UCAS Application Flowchart



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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.

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-your-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 £27.50.

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 digitalucas.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.

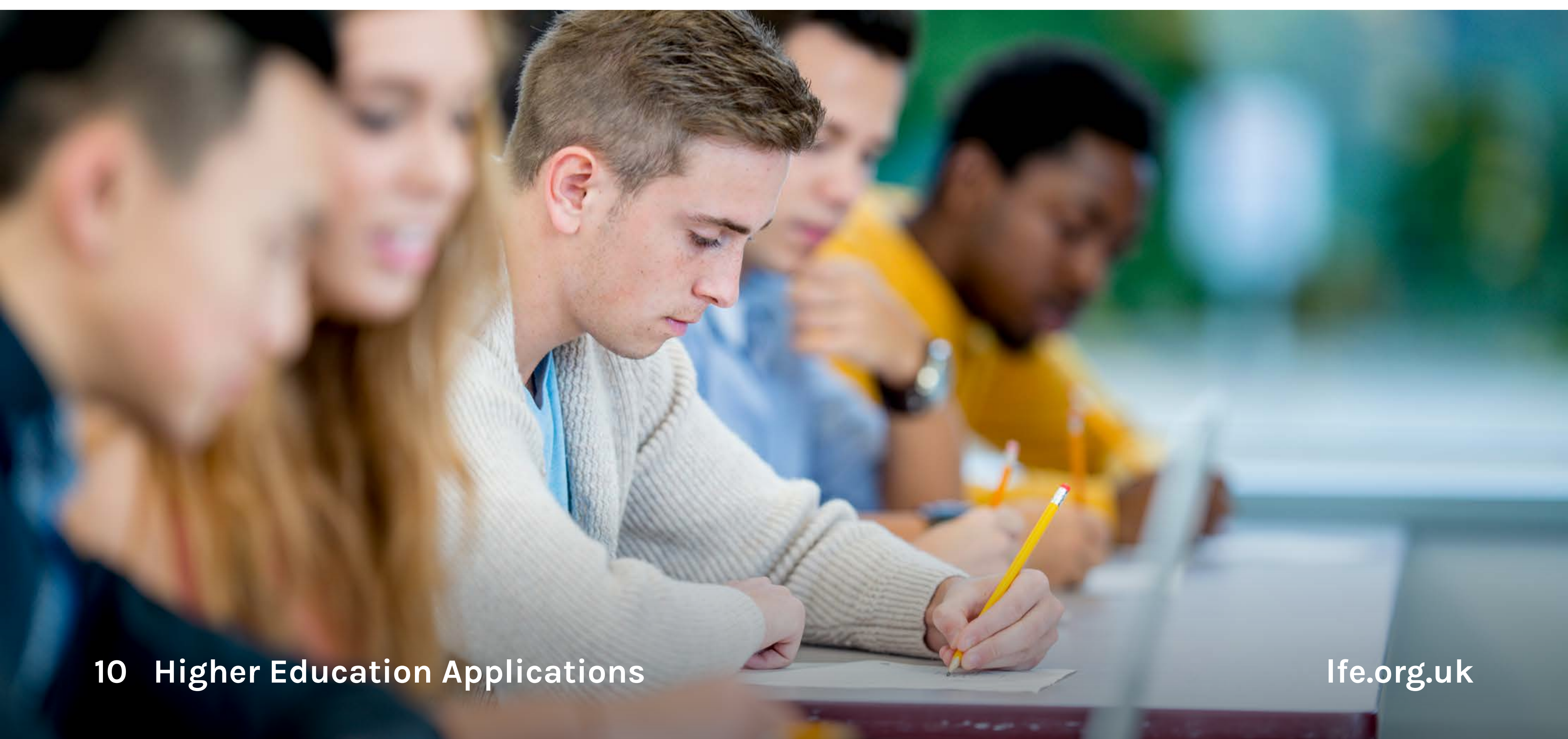
Clearing begins on 5th July but only starts placing students when exam results have been received.

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 £6,935

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/student-loans-a-guide-to-terms-and-conditions/student-loans-a-guide-to-terms-and-conditions-2023-to-2024
Correct at time of writing.

Financing University Life

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 £8,400
Living away from home, outside London	Up to £9,978
Living away from home, in London	Up to £13,022
You spend a year of a UK course studying abroad	Up to £11,427

Source: www.gov.uk/student-finance/new-fulltime-students
*For courses from the 2023/2024 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.studentfinancenir.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

Financing University Life

Loan Repayments

How much you pay back

Any LFE learners starting university after August 1st 2023 will be on repayment plan 5. Repayment plan 5 is a new repayment plan, being introduced for students starting undergraduate and Advanced Learner Loan courses on or after 1 August 2023. You won't be expected to make repayments to your plan 5 student loan until April 2026 at the earliest, even if you leave your course early.

You'll only start making repayments if your income is over the repayment threshold. The repayment threshold for the 2026-27 tax year will be £25,000 a year, £2,083 a month or £480 a week in the UK. If your income falls below the repayment threshold, your repayments will stop and only restart when your income is over the threshold again.

You'll repay 9% of your income over the repayment threshold, which is currently £25,000 a year, £2,083 a month or £480 a week in the UK. If your income changes, either rising or falling, your repayment amount will automatically change to reflect this.

Your income per year	Monthly repayments
£25,000	£0
£28,000	£22
£29,500	£33
£31,000	£45
£33,000	£60

Interest on your Student Loan

You pay interest from the time your first payment is made until you pay your loan back in full.

While you're studying, interest is inflation plus 3%.

However, From 1 June 2023 to 31 August 2023, the maximum Plan 2 and the PGL interest rate will be 7.1%, to take into account the most recent increase in the prevailing market rates. From 1 August 2023 the cap will also apply to Plan 5 (undergraduate) loans, which are being introduced for Academic Year 2023/24.

From 1 September 2023 the maximum Plan 2 and the PGL interest rate is scheduled to revert to RPI+3%, and the Plan 5 interest rate to RPI. Further caps will be implemented, if required, to reduce student loan interest rates to align with the prevailing market, and will be confirmed closer to the time.

Source: www.gov.uk/government/publications/student-loans-a-guide-to-terms-and-conditions/student-loans-a-guide-to-terms-and-conditions-2023-to-2024

Financing University Life



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 (QCF)

Grade	Tariff points
PPP	108
MPP	124
MMP	140
MMM*	156
DMM	176
DDM	196
DDD	216
D*DD	234
D*D*D	252
D*D*D*	270

Size band: 4+4+4=12 | Grade bands: 4-14

Pearson BTEC Diploma (QCF)

Grade	Tariff points
PP	72
MP	88
MM	104
DM*	124
DD	144
D*D	162
D*D*	180

Size band: 4+4+4=8 | Grade bands: 4-14

Pearson 90 Credit Diploma (QCF)

Grade	Tariff points
PP	24
MP	36
MM	48
DM	60
DD	72
D*D	78
D*D*	84

Size band: 3+3=6 | Grade bands: 4-14

Pearson BTEC Extended Certificate

Grade	Tariff points
P	36
M	52
D	74
D*	90

Size band: 4 | Grade bands: 4-14

UCAS Tariff Table

A-Level and Advanced VCE

**Official title: Advanced GCE
and Advanced VCE**

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

AS and AS VCE

Official title: Advanced Subsidiary GCE and Advanced Subsidiary VCE

Grade	Tariff points
A	20
B	16
C	12
D	10
E	6

Size band: 2 | Grade bands: 3-10

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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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