

UCAS - 2026

- **UCAS [Extra](#) is open:**
 - Use if you are holding NO offers
 - This happens if:
 - All universities rejected you, OR
 - You declined all offers (e.g. changed course choice)
- **Student Finance is [OPEN](#).** Here is a [guide](#).
 - You don't need to decide on a uni. You can apply for Student Finance while you're still:
 - Waiting for offers
 - Holding conditional offers
 - Not 100% sure where you're going
 - You can update your university later
 - We recommend you [get moving on student finance](#) without delay and ideally by the end of May.
 - The reason is that you might have a delayed first payment if you leave it too long.

UCAS - 2026: this information is for applications submitted by the Jan deadline

- **University decisions** - Universities must reply by the UCAS provider deadline of 13th May but most reply by the 'advisory deadline' of March 31st.
 - *If a university does not reply by 13 May then the student is 'RBD' (Rejected by Default)*
 - If you have all your replies from all 5 universities by 31 March then **you have until MAY 6th to reply with your firm / insurance choices.**
 - If you don't select firm / insurance by May 6th then offers are DBD → declined by default (all offers are cancelled).
 - That doesn't apply if you are in Extra.
- Finally... →
- July 1st - last day for Extra applications
- July 2nd - Clearing opens: vacancies will be on the UCAS search tool.
- Thursday August 13th - results day.