



UCAS – REPLIES, ACCOMMODATION & FINANCE

REPLIES

How to make your replies

When your last decision comes in, you will be sent an email to say there's an update (or a letter advising you about replying).

- Then you go to Track to make your replies.
- You'll have a deadline shown in Track to do this by – how much time you have depends on the time of year, varying from one to five weeks.

Types of reply

These are the types of reply you can make:

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 choice 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 the **EXTRA** service. Alternatively, you can see what courses still have vacancies later on in the **CLEARING** service.

Please note: 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 (For 2019)

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

- If you receive your last decision on or before 31 March 2019, your reply date is 1 May 2019
- If you receive your last decision on or before 2 May 2019, your reply date is 6 June 2019 (not applicants using Extra to find a place).
- If you receive your last decision on or before 6 June 2019, your reply date is 20 June 2019 (except if you're using Extra to find a place).
- If you receive your last decision on or before 11 July 2019, your reply date is 18 July 2019 (including Extra choices).

Changed your mind?

Here's what to do if you change your mind:

- If you accepted your offers in the last 14 days, contact one of our advisers to make any changes to your replies.
- If it's been more than 14 days since you replied to your offers, there is a more detailed process you need to follow. As you've agreed to a contract with your chosen unis, it may be possible, but UCAS is unable to guarantee you can change them. You'll need to speak to the university about changing your replies, and then call UCAS, to let them what you want to do.
- No reply swaps are possible after 23 July 2019.

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ACCOMMODATION

When can you apply for student accommodation?

It varies from uni to uni, but usually you can apply once you've accepted an offer. Some universities will allow you to apply for accommodation even if they're your insurance option, although many will only open applications to you if they're your firm choice.

Although you can't apply while you're still waiting for your offer, it is worth doing your research in advance so that you can make your application as soon as they open. Accommodation is usually allocated on a first-come, first-served basis – and some unis can't guarantee all first-year students a place in halls.

Also be aware that unis often have deadlines for applying well ahead of your course start date (around 1 August), so don't leave it till the last minute to make your application.

How do you apply for student accommodation?

Applications are typically made online. You usually put down a number of preferences – your preferred accommodation residence as well as your preferred type of room (standard, ensuite, catered etc).

Accommodation officers will do their best to match you to your preferences, but some residences will be very over-subscribed, so you're not guaranteed to get your first choice.

STUDENT FINANCE

Student loans can include a tuition fee loan and a maintenance loan to help with your living costs.

- Tuition fee loans, to cover the full cost of your course, are paid directly to the course provider, and you won't have to pay it back until after your course, when you're earning above a certain level.
- Maintenance loans can be applied for at the same time, lending you money at the start of each term (or monthly in Scotland). How much you get depends on your household income, where you study, where you live and how long for.