

# — Choices available

Whether students are certain of what they want to do when they leave Sixth Form, or have no clue at all, it's a great idea to explore all of the options available.



Higher education



Apprenticeships/  
traineeships



Studying abroad



Gap year



Getting a job

Understand the options available by using UNIFROG and [ucas.com](https://ucas.com)

# What is UCAS?

**350+** universities and colleges:

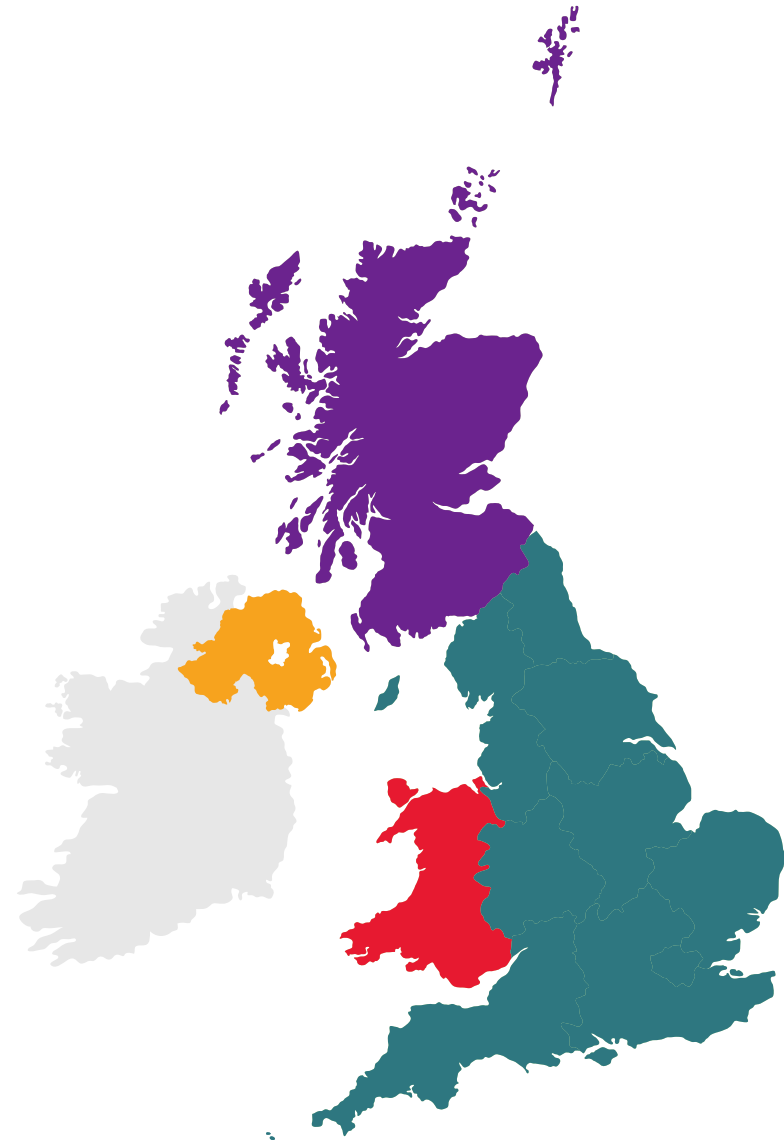
**4** in Northern Ireland

**15** in Wales

**19** in Scotland

**324** in England

**35,000+** courses available



# Apply key facts



- It's an online application



- Maximum of five choices.



- Choice restrictions:

- medicine, veterinary, medicine/science, dentistry (maximum of four)
- Oxford OR Cambridge



- Simple application cost:

- one choice – £22.50
- two to five choices – £27



'Invisibility'.

# Application Timeline 2022

- 17<sup>th</sup> May UCAS Undergraduate Apply 2023 opens for entry.
- 15 July 2022 UCAS Conservatoires 2023 application open.
- 6<sup>th</sup> September First day for receipt of completed applications to UCAS.
- **15<sup>th</sup> September** **School internal deadline for fast track applications** (medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry, and courses at Oxford or Cambridge).
- **17<sup>th</sup> October** **Internal deadline for ALL applications.**  
UCAS application deadline for Fast track courses.
- 15<sup>th</sup> January UCAS application deadline.
- 25<sup>th</sup> February Extra opens (for students who have no offers from all 5 choices).
- 30<sup>th</sup> June Last date for late/extra applications before Clearing.
- June/July Deadline to firm offers (first and second choice) - date dependent on when all offers are received.

# Completing the UCAS application

Register at:  
[ucas.com/apply](https://ucas.com/apply)

UCAS FORM:  
1.1. Personal details  
2.2. Additional information  
3.3. Student finance  
4.4. Choices  
5.5. Education  
6.6. Employment  
7.7. Personal statement  
8.8. Referee details

Form tutor will check and approve the application before the student presses PAY AND SEND: The application will not go directly to UCAS!

Application form and PS checked AGAIN. Reference is checked and added.

Applications are sent to admin to be checked AGAIN before approval by Mr Clarke

**PLEASE NOTE:** This process takes a long time given the number of checks and number of application being processed and is dependant on student response time.

Universities/ colleges make their decisions

Once approved by Mr Clarke, Applications are sent to UCAS

# Decisions

Universities and colleges will review the:



**personal statement**



**qualifications**



**reference**

And make one of three decisions:

**Unconditional offer**

**Conditional offer**

**Unsuccessful**

They may also ask for:



**Admissions test**



**Interview**

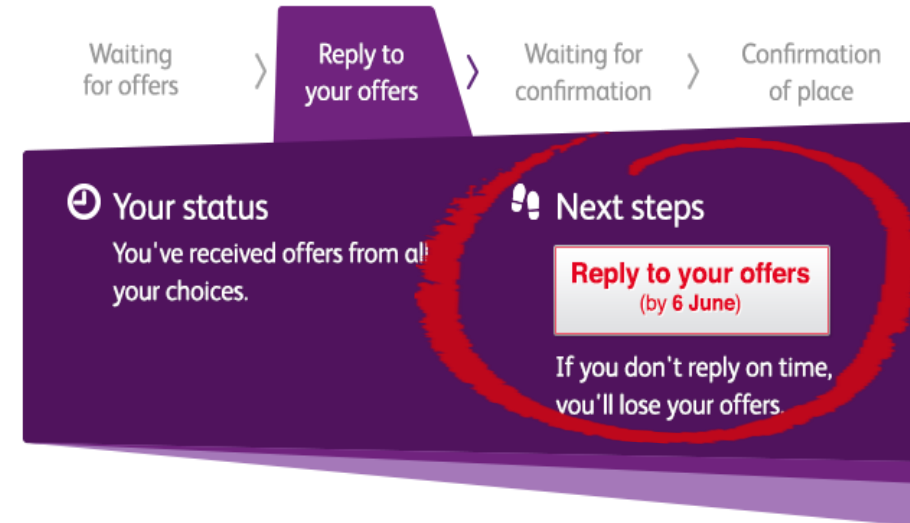


**Portfolio/audition**

# Tracking applications

Track allows applicants to:

- follow the progress of their application 24/7
- see their choices and personal information
- view their offers
- reply to offers online



In Track, a student can hold up to two offers:

- **firm** – if they meet the conditions of the offer they will be placed here
- **insurance** –if they are not placed with their firm choice, they may be placed with their insurance choice.

# Other options

## Extra (Feb – Jul)

- Used all five choices and had no offers.
- Add Extra choices for consideration one at a time in Track.

## Clearing (Jul – Oct)

- Apply after 30 June, receive no offers, decline all offers, not met conditions.
- Find vacancies from July, and add one choice in Track.

## Adjustment (up to five days in Aug)

- Placed with firm choice, and did better than expected.
- Register in Track, then find another university or college. The new university or college adjusts the record.



# What should Students be doing now? UCAS

- Researching - universities and courses and where this will lead
- Preparation for writing personal statement:
  - Wider reading - go beyond the syllabus
  - Complete a mooc/s (massive open online course)
  - Work experience (virtual if necessary)
  - Attending online information sessions for courses/subject areas/universities
- Looking out for/attend open days
- **Focusing on A-level studies**

# The Unifrog Tools

## Exploring pathways

Careers library

Subjects library

Know-how library

MOOC

## Searching for opportunities

UK universities

US universities

European universities

Oxbridge

Apprenticeships

College/ Sixth Form

Canadian universities

Asian universities

Special Opportunities

## Recording what you've done

Activities

Competencies

Interactions

## Drafting application materials

Personal Statement

CV / Resumé

Teacher References

Common App Essay

## Making applications

Post 16/18 Intentions

Locker

Applications list

# — Predicted Grades

- Based on all evidence from Y12
- Already Aspirational
- Change can be requested via parental consent and completion of form
- Reasons for change need to be provided
- Not recommended to change by more than 2 grades overall
- Students **MUST** have a back up option in line with original grades

# How can you support them?

Research

Use the parents/guardians' section of the UCAS website at [www.ucas.com/parents](http://www.ucas.com/parents) and unifrog.

Sign up

Sign up for updates from UCAS, and get everything you need to know about the application process direct to your inbox.

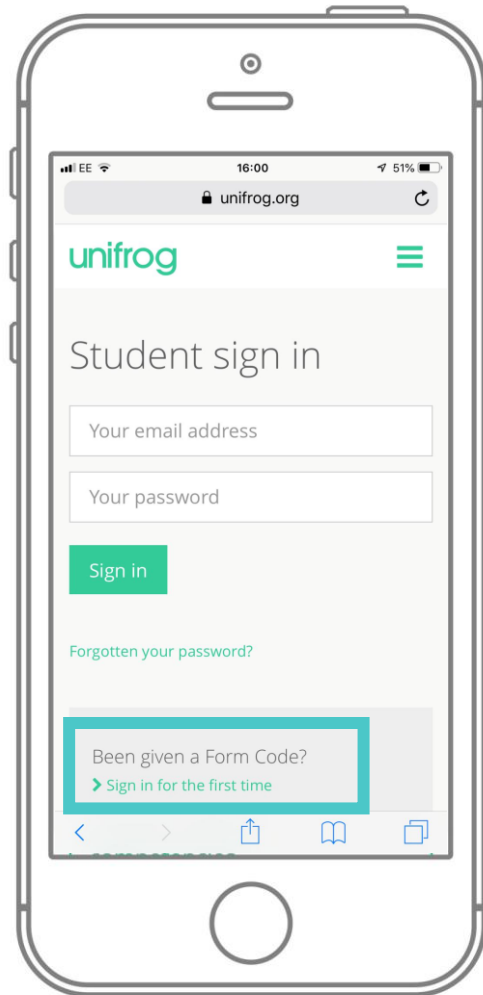
Open days

Attend virtual events and open days – you may have a different perspective.

Be proactive

Make sure they read everything carefully that is sent to them and don't book family holidays at key times!

# Parents & guardians, get signed up!



Go to [www.unifrog.org/student](http://www.unifrog.org/student) and click 'Sign in for the first time'  
You'll be asked for some details and a form code. This is what you need:

## WKGSparents

After signing up, log into Unifrog using your email address and password via the student sign-in page.

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# Any Questions?

