

U10: unconditional offers

UCFB's perspective on unconditional offers:

Through engagement with our applicants and their families and supporters, we have been aware for some time of the considerable amount of pressure being placed on our applicants when applying to progress to a higher education programme.

After careful deliberation and analysis, the decision was made to offer an unconditional offer to students who were predicted to achieve grades in suitable entry qualifications which were considerably higher than our published entry requirements, with these predictions being supported by similarly high achieved grades in their GCSEs or school leaving qualifications, and with a particular emphasis on achievements in English and maths.

To assist with reducing pressure and stress for our applicants, we elected not to offer 'conditional unconditional' offers, such as those in which an applicant must accept their conditional offer prior to receiving an unconditional acceptance to study.

Any unconditional offer made has been followed up with detailed information, advice, and guidance direct to an applicant selected for our unconditional offer scheme, advising them on the importance of remaining on track for their studies and the fact that many graduate-level recruiters will review their prior grades in addition to degree classifications, when recruiting graduate employees.

We have continued to monitor our students' progress and attainment since their enrolment, to ensure that they are offered sufficient guidance and support during their studies.

Definitions of offer types:

Unconditional offer

This is an offer made by a provider where they are satisfied that an individual has demonstrated sufficient attainment and potential to succeed on their chosen programme. Based on the offer status at the 30 June application deadline.

Conditional unconditional offer

An offer made by a provider which was originally conditional, but becomes unconditional if the applicant selects that offer as their firm (first) choice. By definition, conditional unconditional offers that are selected as a firm choice by the applicant become unconditional and are also included in the unconditional offers group (see above).

Offer with an unconditional component

All offers showing as having an element of unconditional offer-making, that is, unconditional offers plus conditional unconditional offers that have not been selected as firm (and hence remain conditional unconditional).

All offers

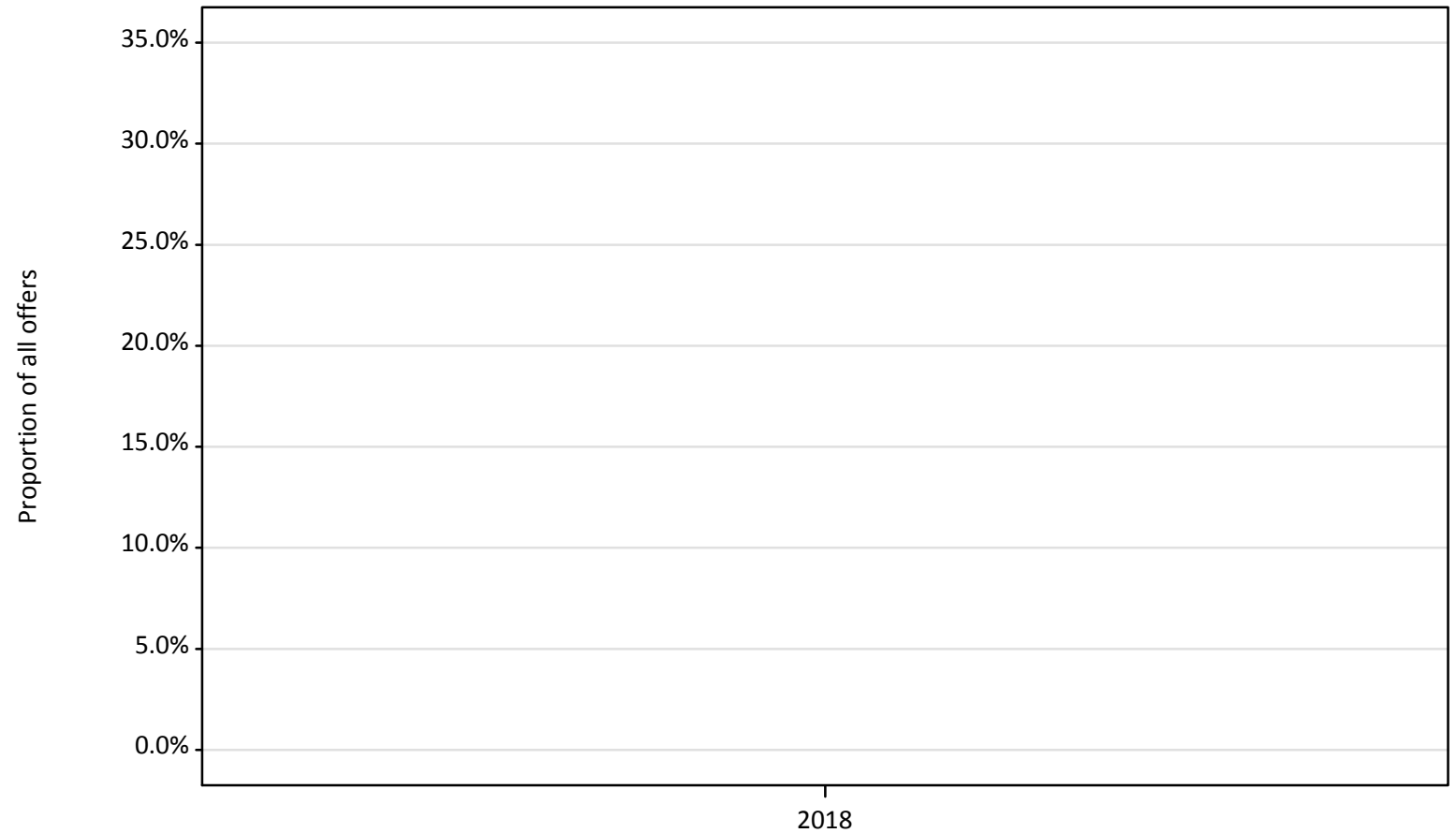
All offers made by the provider, subject to the coverage of this report. This includes conditional as well as unconditional offers to 18-year-old main scheme applicants domiciled in England, Northern Ireland, and Wales.

Technical note:

The coverage of this report is limited to offers made by 30 June, to 18-year-old main scheme applicants domiciled in England, Northern Ireland, and Wales. This is because these applicants are least likely to apply already having achieved a full set of qualifications typically required for undergraduate higher education.

A.1 Proportion of all offers that are unconditional, by cycle year

- Unconditional offers
- Conditional unconditional offers
- Offers with unconditional component



A.2 Unconditional offers by cycle year

	2018
Unconditional offers	680
Conditional unconditional offers	0
Offers with unconditional component	680
All offers (conditional and unconditional)	1,975

A.3 Proportion of all offers that are unconditional, by cycle year

	2018
Unconditional offers	34.4%
Conditional unconditional offers	0.0%
Offers with unconditional component	34.4%

Note: Percentage values are not printed in the above table if the total rounded number of offers for that year is below 100.