



Number of disadvantaged Scottish students getting a university place hits a record high

UCAS figures released on SQA results day (6 August 2024) show 1,950 of 17 and 18-year-olds from the 20% most deprived postcodes have got a place at university, up from 1,790 (+9%) last year and 1,340 (+46%) in 2019. These figures highlight the sustained effort across the education sector in Scotland to widen access to university.

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Free School Meals - review your payment method

To support students eligible for free school meals in receiving the fee waiver, please check your fee payment method in the Adviser Portal before 3 September. It needs to be set to a method that enables the invoicing option; this ensures UCAS can apply the fee waiver to eligible students and they do not need to pay when they submit their application. Your school will not be invoiced for eligible FSM students that you provide agreement for in the Adviser Portal.

[Find out more >](#)

Full guidance on how each fee payment option would work in practice can be found in the [2025 Adviser Guide](#).

| Current Application Fee Payment Method | Action required |
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| UCAS will send your centre an invoice | No action needs to be taken |
| All your applicants will pay online by credit or debit card | Application fee payment method will need to be changed before 3 September 2024 when pay and submit goes live |
| Some applicants will pay online by card, UCAS will provide an invoice for remaining applicants (the invoice is to be paid by your centre) | No action needs to be taken |



Top 3 resources to share with parents

1. [Parent podcast](#) – Our expert panel covers everything parents need to know about results day, from what happens on the day itself, to how to prepare for every eventuality.
2. [Parent Clearing Guide](#) – A step by step guide taking parents through the process, offering practical advice and guidance.
3. [Monthly newsletters](#) – Parents can get handy advice and tips straight to their inbox.



Ask Us Anything

Join Sam Sykes and other experts on a series of webinars and live Q&A sessions to help you prepare for the new academic year, starting on 19 August.

Sessions will include personal statements for 2026 entry and using the UCAS Hub for research and discovery.

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UCAS tour arrives in Scotland

Kickstarting in Forth Valley on 28 August 2024 and then travelling to 11 different locations, UCAS Discovery Scotland is the perfect opportunity for your students to explore their options and meet the experts. 9 out of 10 students say attending a UCAS event influences their decisions.

[Book your space >](#)



How students can try before they apply

Subject tasters delivered by lecturers and virtual work experience programmes from world-leading employers are changing the face of discovery for your students. In the UCAS Hub, they can experience courses they've never heard of before, and dip into a world of work from the comfort of their homes. They even get a certificate at the end.

[Find out more >](#)



Read our latest report

Read our latest report entitled, Next steps: What is the experience of young adult carers in education?

The report, backed by the Carers Trust, finds that thousands of young adult carers are choosing courses that will help them give back to society and look after others, highlighting how their experience of being a young adult carer influences the courses they want to study.

[Read a digital copy of the report, data files and press release >](#)

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