

# UCAS Terms explained

Keyword	Explanation
Adjustment	Applicants who have met and exceeded the conditions of their firm choice are given an opportunity to look for an alternative place while holding their original confirmed place.
Clearing	A system used towards the end of the academic cycle. If you have not secured a place, it enables you to apply for course vacancies.
Conditional offer	An offer made by a university or college, whereby you must fulfil certain criteria before you can be accepted on the relevant course.
Confirmation	When conditional offers that you have accepted become unconditional or are declined. Confirmation is dependent on your qualification/exam results
Deferral	Holding an offer until the following year
Entry Profiles	Information about individual courses and institutions, including statistics and entry requirements
Extra	The opportunity to apply for another course if you have used all five choices and not secured a place. Extra runs from the end of February until the end of June.
Firm offer	The offer that you have accepted as your first choice
Insurance offer	The offer that you have accepted as your second choice, in case you do not meet the requirements for your firm offer.
Personal ID	A 10-digit individual number assigned to you when you register to use. It is printed on every letter we send you and is displayed in the format 123-456-7890. You will be asked to provide this number if you contact our Customer Service Unit
Point of entry	Your year of entry to the course, for example, 2 refers to the second year of the course
Scheme Code	Used in conjunction with your Personal ID to uniquely identify your application.

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Unconditional offer	An offer given to you by a university or college if you have satisfied the criteria and can attend the course.
Unsuccessful	You have not been accepted by the university or college concerned
UKCAT	UK Clinical Aptitude Test for medicine, dentistry and veterinary science. Sat at test centre in Dubai in the summer of year 13.
LNAT	Law National Aptitude Test needed for applicants for most universities for law
BMAT	Biomedical Admissions Test required for applicants to medicine at Oxbridge and some other universities
TSA	Thinking Skills Assessment required for many courses at Oxbridge
Oxbridge	A combined term used for Oxford and Cambridge
Russell Group	A term used to describe the top 20 universities in the UK
UCAS	Universities and Colleges Admissions Service. A central organisation through which applications are processed for UK universities