

W01: unconditional offers

University of South Wales's perspective on unconditional offers:

For September 2016 to 2018 entry, the university made the decision to accept unconditionally applicants who were predicted ABB or equivalent for a large part of the portfolio. This was coupled with a High Achievers Scheme of £2,000 (for year 1) for each applicant who met or exceeded ABB and accepted USW firmly by the deadline, and then subsequently enrolled. Our offers in these years were aimed at rewarding the highest achieving applicants.

We did not feel that it was appropriate at the time to make 'conditional unconditional offers' to students, as we felt this was putting additional pressure on students. We are content that our approach was fair and transparent to students, teachers, and advisers.

As a university, we are very proud of our Support Services that are available for all students, and we have highlighted all support available to all students in regular communication to them. We will continue to monitor all students who have come to USW through the unconditional offer scheme, and this will further inform our discussions on unconditional offers going forward. We are also taking on board feedback received from schools and colleges, and looking carefully at what the sector is doing with regards to unconditional offers.

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

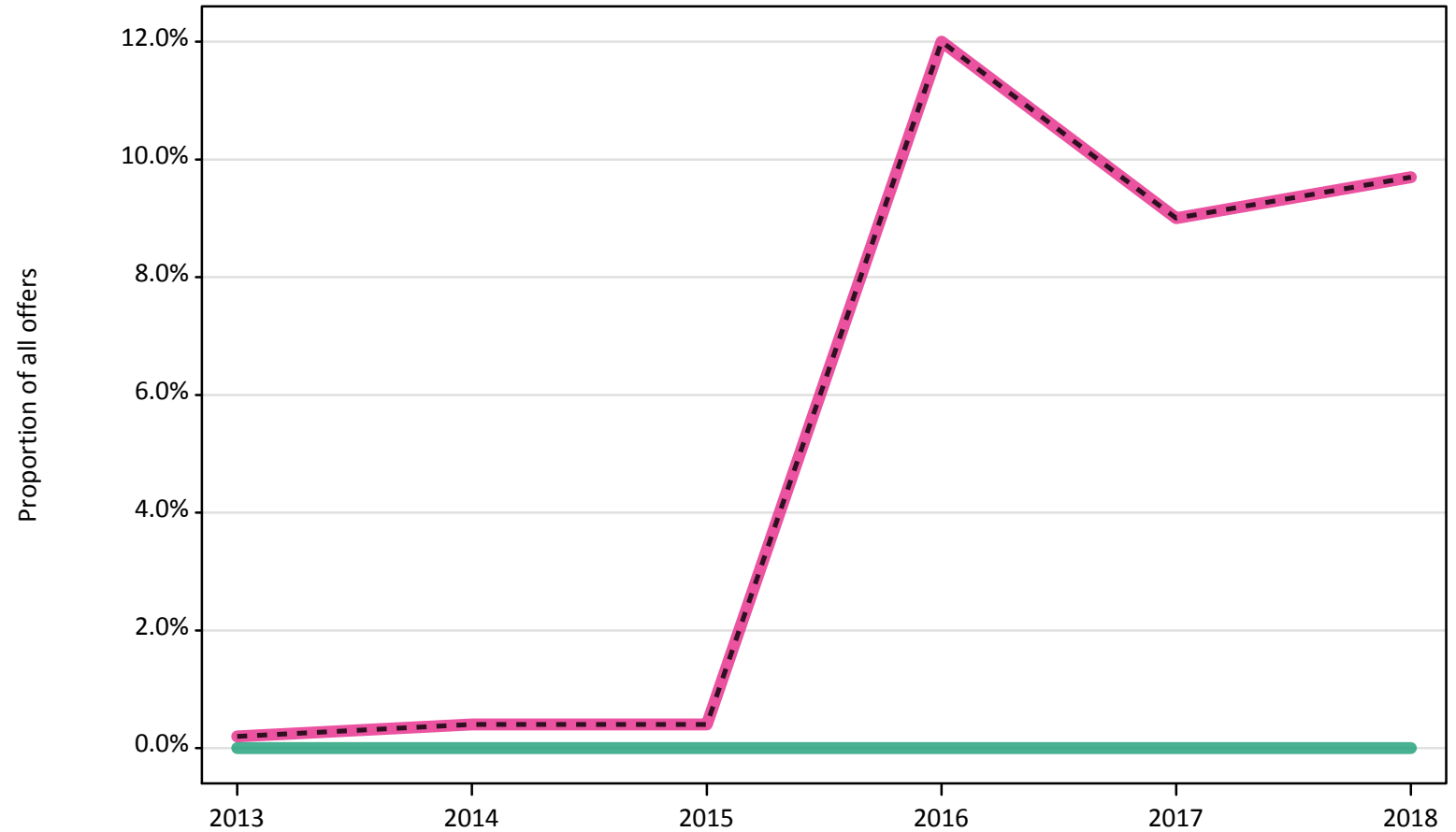
All offers made by the provider, subject to the coverage of this report. This includes conditional as well as unconditional offers to 18-year-old main scheme applicants domiciled in England, Northern Ireland, and Wales.

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

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Unconditional offers	10	20	20	605	470	445
Conditional unconditional offers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offers with unconditional component	10	20	20	605	470	445
All offers (conditional and unconditional)	6,155	5,150	5,150	5,060	5,255	4,605

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

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Unconditional offers	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	12.0%	9.0%	9.7%
Conditional unconditional offers	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Offers with unconditional component	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	12.0%	9.0%	9.7%

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