

S82: unconditional offers

University of Suffolk's perspective on unconditional offers:

The University of Suffolk makes unconditional offers to a range of applicants based on predicted grades, as well as personal statement reviews.

For many of our courses, including those within the arts and health programme areas, unconditional offers are only made on the condition of a successful interview or portfolio review. As part of the offer, applicants are actively encouraged to complete their current studies.

As an institution, we review the Tariff points achieved by our applicants on an annual basis. Data for September 2018 starters demonstrated that our average tariffs remained consistent with previous years, and the majority of applicants accepted (after having been made an unconditional offer) achieved the minimum tariffs required for entry.

The decision to make unconditional offers to a range of applicants reflects the institution's focus on widening participation and increasing access to higher education, acknowledging an individual's potential to succeed based on a number of criteria, not just predicted grades.

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

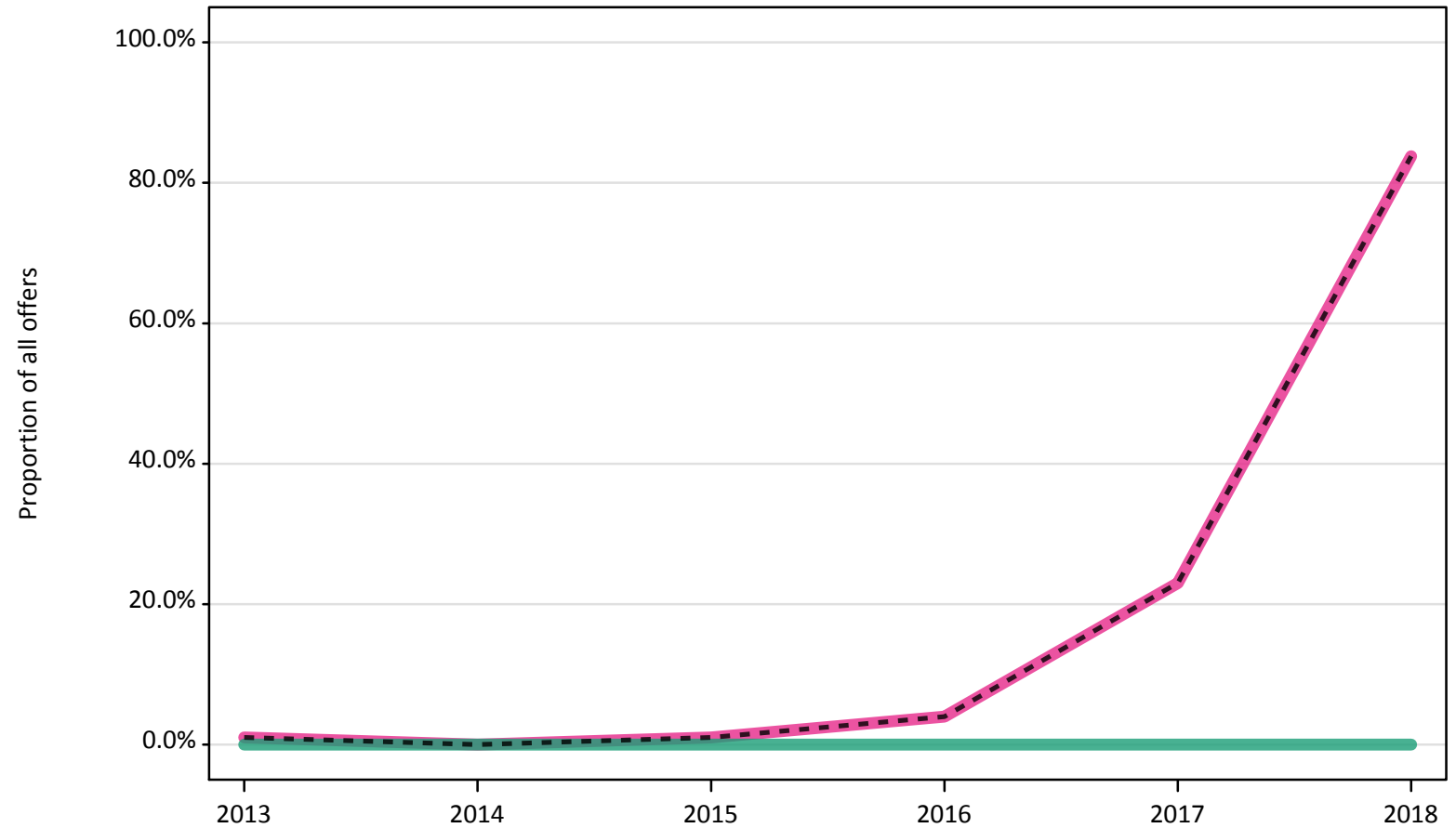
All offers made by the provider, subject to the coverage of this report. This includes conditional as well as unconditional offers to 18-year-old main scheme applicants domiciled in England, Northern Ireland, and Wales.

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	5	0	5	35	230	1,110
Conditional unconditional offers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offers with unconditional component	5	0	5	35	230	1,110
All offers (conditional and unconditional)	790	900	925	795	990	1,325

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

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Unconditional offers	1.0%	0.0%	1.0%	4.0%	23.0%	83.8%
Conditional unconditional offers	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Offers with unconditional component	1.0%	0.0%	1.0%	4.0%	23.0%	83.8%

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