

# A40: unconditional offers

## Aberystwyth University's perspective on unconditional offers:

*Aberystwyth University has a long tradition of academic excellence, and is committed to offering opportunities to students from a broad range of backgrounds who have the determination, the skills, and the potential to succeed in higher education.*

*Following sector-wide discussions about the use of unconditional offers to 18 year olds with pending qualifications, the university carried out a review of its admissions policy in June 2018. Under its revised policy, unconditional offers are made to applicants who already fulfil the university's entry requirements – for example, mature learners who already have their exam results or relevant experiential learning. Applicants awarded a scholarship or merit award after successfully taking an invigilated entrance scholarship exam, may benefit from a reduced but not an unconditional offer.*

*The university continues to use a range of recognised contextual data to support its commitment to widening access to higher education, to applicants from a disadvantaged background who have the potential to do well at university.*

## 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

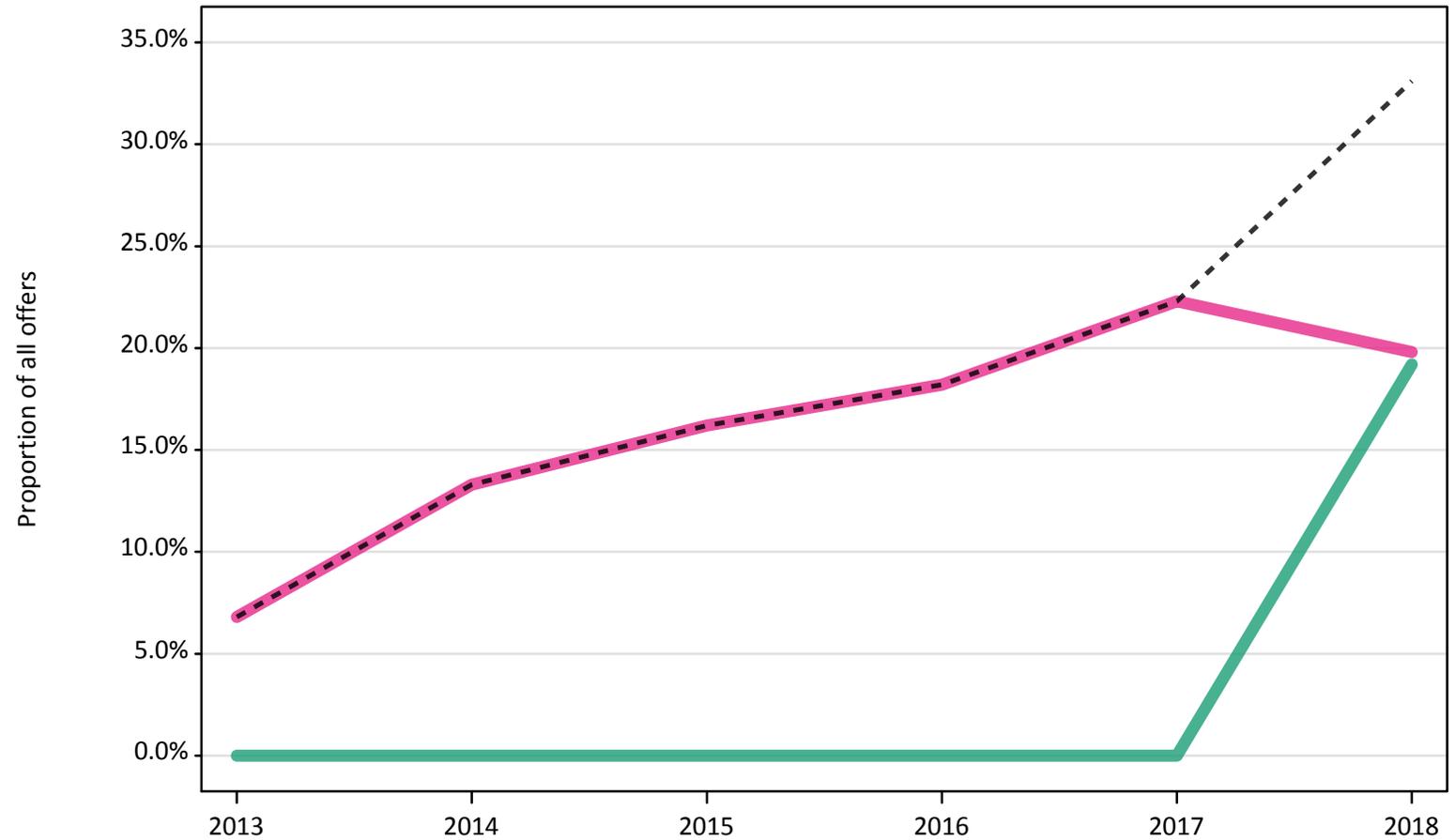
All offers made by the provider, subject to the coverage of this report. This includes conditional as well as unconditional offers to 18-year-old main scheme applicants domiciled in England, Northern Ireland, and Wales.

### 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	365	610	710	780	935	800
Conditional unconditional offers	0	0	0	0	0	775
Offers with unconditional component	365	610	710	780	935	1,340
All offers (conditional and unconditional)	5,385	4,575	4,375	4,285	4,195	4,045

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

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Unconditional offers	6.8%	13.3%	16.2%	18.2%	22.3%	19.8%
Conditional unconditional offers	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	19.2%
Offers with unconditional component	6.8%	13.3%	16.2%	18.2%	22.3%	33.1%

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