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Dear Colleague,

Further to my latest update, additional information is now available regarding [the awarding of qualifications in 2020](#). The admissions timetable will run similarly to previous years, and we expect all students will be awarded a calculated grade for any exam they were entered for, with some variations across the UK, subject to confirmation from awarding bodies.

As we are aware this will start to trigger a lot of questions from students, we have published updates on [ucas.com](#) and will be emailing affected applicants to explain what this means for them. Ahead of this, we will share these emails with you. In the meantime, please continue to advise your students not to rush into making any decisions, and to carefully consider any unconditional offers.

Once further information about the process of providing and calculating grades is announced, specific guidance for each qualification will be shared. Again, I want to reassure you that UCAS will endeavour to do everything possible to support you and your students as best as we can.

Take care



Clare Marchant  
UCAS Chief Executive



Dear Colleague,

Following the [Government's announcement](#), asking universities and colleges in England to hold back from making unconditional offers or amending existing offers to students for up to two weeks, we are extending May's decision and reply deadlines for UCAS Undergraduate applications by two weeks.

We will email affected applicants to let them know, and share new dates once they've been confirmed. For your reference, [here's a copy of what we're sending](#).

This extension will give your students and their chosen universities and colleges the extra time they need to fully consider any decisions and offers, and ensure fairness in admissions is maintained. It also gives more time for further information to be shared on the awarding of grades for examinations and assessments which have been cancelled.

When results are confirmed, we expect to run a Clearing process, giving applicants the flexibility to make choices throughout the remainder of the cycle.

I want to reassure you that we remain focused on making sure no applicant is disadvantaged during this time of uncertainty, and we will continue to be on hand to support you and your students each step of the way.

As the coronavirus situation develops, please keep a close eye on our regular updates through email, [ucas.com](https://ucas.com), and across our social media channels. Don't forget, if you are restricted by remote working and would like us to send updates to your personal email address in addition to your work account, please let us know by [completing this online form](#).

While the Government's request applies to universities and colleges in England, it is welcoming other nations to follow the same approach.

Stay safe and take care



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Following the cancellation of examinations and assessments, the [Government](#) have asked all universities and colleges in England to stop making unconditional offers or amending existing offers to students for two weeks.

The Government wants to reassure students that you will get grades. It says “no student should feel pressured into making a quick decision which may end up not being in your best interest”.

It is important that you have all the information available to you when making decisions on your offers and understand how awarding of qualifications will work this summer.

To give you more time to make your decisions, we have decided to extend the May decision deadline (the date by when you need to make your firm and insurance choice) by two weeks. We will confirm your new decision deadline this week.

When you receive your results and universities and colleges make decisions, our Clearing service will still be available to you, as it is for tens of thousands of applicants each year.

Our team, although now working remotely, continue to be on hand to support you. You can find the latest information regarding coronavirus (COVID-19) on [ucas.com](https://ucas.com).

Stay safe and take care.



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