

Changes to 2012-13 access agreements – how it may affect you

What has happened?

Since the start of the UCAS application cycle, some English universities and colleges have made changes to their 2012-13 access agreement with us. If you have applied to one of these universities or colleges for courses starting in 2012-13, you may be affected.

It's important to note that no university or college has increased their fees as a result of these changes, and there has been no net reduction in the overall financial support that the university or college is providing to any individual student.

However, you may find that the support you were eligible for has changed, or in some cases that you are now eligible for support. You may find that:

- you are now being offered a fee waiver instead of some or all of the bursary support that you were expecting
- you will receive more fee waiver support
- your course will be charged a lower headline fee
- or some combination of the above.

[Find out more about bursaries and fee waivers](#)

These changes do not affect existing students.

Which universities and colleges have changed their fees and/or financial support in their access agreement?

- Anglia Ruskin University
- Aston University
- Bradford College
- Brunel University¹
- Canterbury Christ Church University
- University of Central Lancashire
- University of Chester
- University of Chichester
- University of Cumbria
- University of East Anglia
- University of Gloucestershire
- Harper Adams University College
- University of Hertfordshire
- Heythrop College
- University of Huddersfield
- Institute of Education

¹ The change refers to a reduced fee for the initial year of the BEng and BSc Programmes with an integrated foundation year

- Leeds Trinity University College
- Liverpool John Moores University
- London South Bank University
- University of Northampton
- Nottingham Trent University
- Plymouth College of Art
- Roehampton University
- Ruskin College
- Southampton Solent University
- Sparsholt College Hampshire
- University College St Mark and St John
- St Mary's University College
- University Campus Suffolk
- Teesside University
- University of the West of England
- University of West London
- University of Winchester
- University of Wolverhampton
- University of Worcester
- York St John University

If you have applied to one of the universities or colleges listed above, (unless they have already notified you of their changes) they will contact you in the next few days to explain how their fees and/or support package has changed. You should be able to find out more by looking at the website of the university/college concerned.

What do you need to do?

You don't need to do anything if you are happy with the choices you have made in your UCAS application.

- If you have applied to one of the universities or colleges listed above and are not happy with the changes, you can change your UCAS choices. UCAS has emailed you explaining how to do this
- If you have NOT applied to any of the universities and colleges listed above, you may change your UCAS choices but **only** to universities and colleges in the above list. Again, UCAS has emailed you explaining how to do this.
- You can only change your choices if you applied between the beginning of September and 7 December 2011.
- For more information about how to change your choices, please go to www.ucas.com/changechoices

Remember: you don't need to do anything if you are happy with your choices as they stand.

Who should I contact if I am unsure of the financial package available?

You should consult the student finance pages for applicants on the website for the university or college in question. If you have applied to one of the universities or colleges listed, you will also receive information directly from them within the next few days. If you are still unsure you should contact them.

Please do not contact OFFA, as we are not able to answer questions about the financial support on offer at individual universities or colleges.

Why have you allowed universities and colleges to change their access agreement with you?

Some universities and colleges asked to revise their 2012-13 access agreement in order to lower their average fee, in response to in-year changes to Government policy. Others have made changes to improve their fee or support arrangements which would have been allowable under our normal rules. If you want to find out more about the reasons for the changes please see our press release '[OFFA announces decisions on revised 2012-13 access agreements](#)'.