

# An update on the 2023 admissions cycle

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# Agenda

- What's happening in the world of admissions?
- 2023 Results Embargo update
- What can you expect for Confirmation and Clearing 2023?
- Your upcoming key dates

# What's happening in the world of admissions?

# The cycle so far

## January ECD

- Total number of applicants was down on 2022 (-2.3%)
- Continuation of growth of international applicants (+3.1%)
- Strong variations by subject:



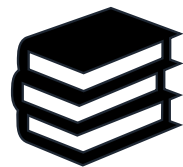
Computing  
(+9.6%)



Law  
(+2.1%)



Nursing  
(-18.6%)



Education  
(-15.6%)

- Initial surge in offer making has now slowed
- 'Conditional Unconditionals' uncommon
- Unconditional offers to pre-qualified applicants in some areas
- Incentivisation for making firm choice
- Incentivisation for accommodation
- UUK Fair Admissions code of practice
- UCAS's Admissions Principles

# RBD and DBD

RBD – 18 May 2023

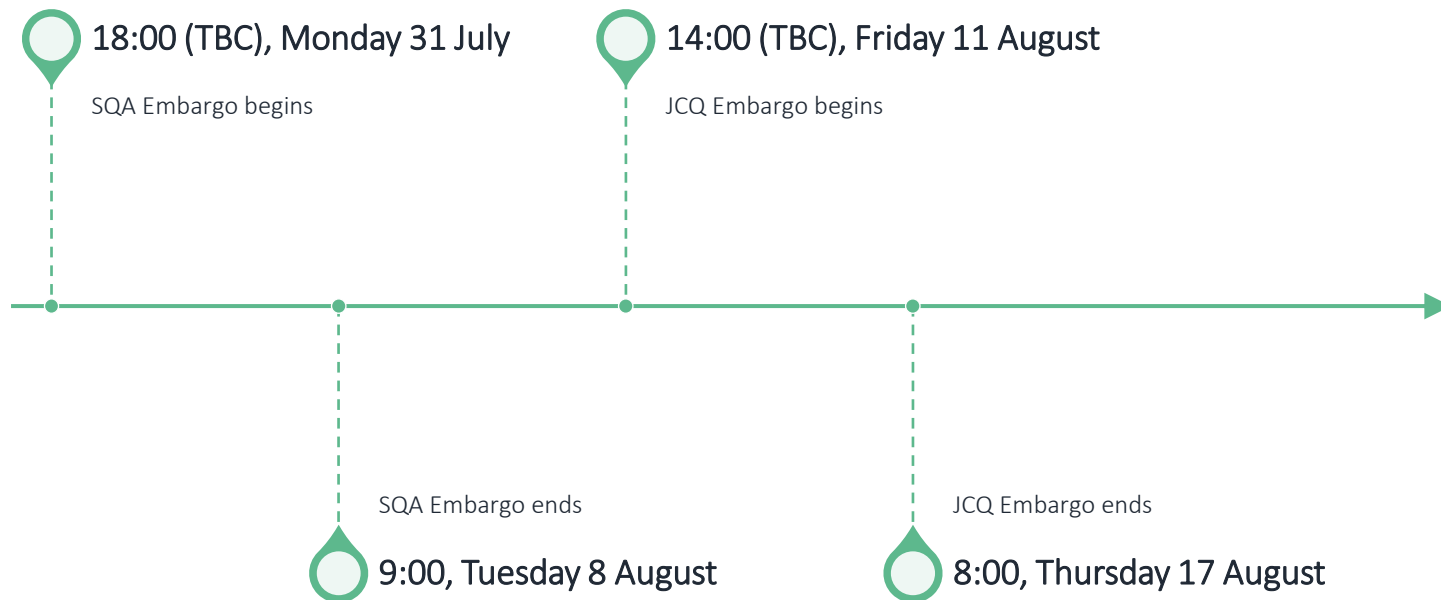
DBD – 8 June 2023

- RBD and DBD are ‘cleaning up’ processes only
- All applications must receive an active decision from providers where full information is available – RBD is not for standard reject decisions
- Applications which are rejected by default are displayed as such to the applicant
- Applicants may be preparing for or sitting examinations around the RBD

# Results update

# Confirmed 2023 Embargo Dates

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# Results Embargo

- Primary Correspondent (PC) training deadline 31<sup>st</sup> March.
- Pilot scheme for Providers to host the All Staff Training on their own LMS platform, available early April.
- Wider HE staff training available late April / early May
- Reach out to [embargobreach@ucas.ac.uk](mailto:embargobreach@ucas.ac.uk) for support

# Results service update

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- UCAS is part of the Ofqual VTQ Action Plan Group
- Working with Awarding Organisations to minimise issues around missing results
- Outcomes include improved data sharing, and earlier issue of BTEC results from Awarding Organisations to Centres

# **What can you expect for Confirmation and Clearing 2023?**

# Changes for C&C

## 2023 Cycle

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- Clearing will open for applicants to enter their choices at **13:00** on JCQ Results Day
- Reason for Delayed Confirmation decisions via xml-link and web-link products
- Applicants will view a unique static page on UCAS for both Results Days, displaying confirmation status and (if applicable) next steps

# Your upcoming key dates

# Upcoming key dates

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2 May – UG and UC Course Search 2024 goes live

18 May – Reject by Default (RBD)

23-24 May – UCAS Conference 2023: Access All Areas (Midland Hotel, Manchester)

8 June – Decline by Default (DBD)

# Latest developments

# Enhancements to UCAS.com

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We have recently made some changes to improve your experience on UCAS.com.

The new layout aims to:

- Be a customer-centric hub
- Create an easier navigation system
- Create a smoother experience for you

Please share your feedback using the feedback buttons on each page.

# ODBC-link Decommission

- By **December 2023**, the ODBC-link product will be decommissioned
- There will be no 2024 applications delivered to HE Providers via the ODBC-link product
- Providers will need to update their student records systems (SRS) to use XML-link for future cycles
- SRS vendors are up-to-date and should be actively developing and delivering updates

*Please contact the Service Delivery (Tech) team ([SDMTech@ucas.ac.uk](mailto:SDMTech@ucas.ac.uk)) if you have any questions*

# Thank you

*Any questions?*