

Are these recommendations applicable UK-wide?

All UK universities and colleges should adopt the principles. The recommendations are also UK-wide, with the exception of changes to contextual admissions where several of the proposals are already in place for the Scottish sector. Also, in Scotland, many students have already attained SQA Highers and met the academic requirements to enter higher education before applying, so the context of unconditional offers is slightly different.

What are the next steps on these recommendations?

Universities UK will progress the implementation of the short-term changes. There will be further consultation with stakeholders and students on some of the key recommendations like a move to a post-qualifications admissions (PQA) system.

Why does the Fair Admissions Review support PQA (specifically: a Post-Qualifications Offers model)?

The Fair Admissions Review has recommended that a move to PQA will result in greater transparency and confidence in the admissions system, giving students more choice for longer and will be less distracting for them in the lead up to exams. It would also reduce reliance on predicted grades and be fairer for students. This recommendation is, however, subject to full consultation with stakeholders and students; the earliest it would be implemented would be in three years' time (academic year 2023/24).

What will be the implications of the PQA proposal on university timetabling?

The option favoured by the Fair Admissions Review is that universities would offer places to students after they have received their exam results, on the same day. We believe university term dates would not need to change although this would be part of the consultation on this proposal.

How do Universities UK's plans to consult on PQA relate to the UK Government and UCAS' commitments to review admissions?

Universities UK (UUK) will consult with its members and others to work through the details of PQA. UCAS has played a leading role in the Fair

