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(By Email)

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Dear Mr Graham

**Re: request for information under The Freedom of Information Act.**

Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to your request for information dated 17 May 2021. If you have any queries with regard to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please note our statement in respect of Copyright, which is also attached.

If you are dissatisfied with the manner in which your request has been dealt with, you may ask for an internal review. The University's Complaints and Appeals procedure is available at

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/university/governance/policies-regs/information/index.aspx>

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team  
University of Birmingham

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**Your request for information reads:**

*I would like to request the following data relating to all law courses (i.e. both the single honours LLB or BA and any joint honours law courses) offered by your university.*

*I am requesting the data for candidates who received offers for one of the aforementioned law courses in the 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021 admissions cycles (I refer to these candidates as 'the offerholders').*

*I request the following data for each admissions cycle:*

- 1) The number of applicants who were either planning to complete or had completed an Access to Higher Education diploma as their most recent qualification.*
- 2) The number of offerholders who were either planning to complete or had completed an Access to Higher Education diploma as their most recent qualification.*

**The University of Birmingham responds:**

The University of Birmingham is required to respond to a request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act") if it holds the information being requested, unless it is appropriate to apply one of the limited exemptions set out in the Act.

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic The University of Birmingham is adapting its usual approach to processing Freedom of Information requests in order to meet the unprecedented challenges we are all facing. Whilst some staff are able to work remotely, since March 2020 they have been concentrating on supporting teaching and learning for our students under challenging circumstances. We are mindful that information requests place some degree of demand on a public authority's resources in terms of costs and staff time and that for the foreseeable future the University must prioritise resources to other areas.

- 1) The number of applicants who were either planning to complete or had completed an Access to Higher Education diploma as their most recent qualification.**
- 2) The number of offerholders who were either planning to complete or had completed an Access to Higher Education diploma as their most recent qualification.**

The table below details the number of applications received from, and offers made to, individuals wishing to study Law who had either completed or were planning to complete an Access to Higher Education diploma, broken down by admissions cycle.

<b>Admissions cycle</b>	<b>Applications</b>	<b>Offers</b>
<b>2018/19</b>	82	62
<b>2019/20</b>	85	64
<b>2020/21</b>	79	51

Please note that our admissions requirements are reviewed annually and may change.

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