

# Timeline for appeals

The School Admissions Code states:

“Admission authorities **must publish their appeals timetable on their website by 28 February** each year.

2.3 Admission authorities must ensure that appeals lodged by the appropriate deadlines are heard within the following timescales:

- a) for applications made in the normal admissions round<sup>7</sup>, appeals must be heard within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging appeals;
- b) for late applications<sup>8</sup>, appeals should be heard within 40 school days from the deadline for lodging appeals where possible, or within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged;
- c) for applications to sixth forms:
  - i) where the offer of a place would have been conditional upon exam results, appeals must be heard within 30 school days of confirmation of those results;
  - ii) where the offer of a place would not have been conditional upon exam results, appeals must be heard within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging appeals;
- d) for applications for in-year admissions<sup>9</sup>, appeals must be heard within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged.

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<sup>7</sup> Under the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements ) (England) Regulations 2012 an application is made in the ‘normal admissions round’ if it is not a ‘late application’ or an ‘in-year application’:  
see footnotes <sup>8</sup> and <sup>9</sup>.

<sup>8</sup> An application is a ‘late’ application if it is for the admission of a child to a relevant age group; it is submitted before the first day of the school term of the admission year; and a determination relating to the application is not made by an authority on or before the offer date. The ‘relevant age group’ is the age group at which pupils are or will normally be admitted to the school e.g. reception or year 7 ( Section 142 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998).

<sup>9</sup> An application is an ‘in-year’ application if it is for the admission of a child to a relevant age group and it is submitted on or after the first day of the first school term of the admission year, or it is for the admission of a child to an age group other than a relevant age group.