

UCAS: Clearing and, Adjustment

Results Day

- A Level Results Day is **Thursday 13th August 2020**
- UCAS Track updates at **8am**. If you've been accepted by your firm or insurance choice, your offer will change to **unconditional**. *(Don't worry if this hasn't changed immediately, some universities take longer than others. Keep checking Track).*
- **UCAS Track won't give you your results**, it will only tell you the decisions made by your university firm/insurance choices.

What if I don't get the grades...?

- Firstly – **don't panic!** Hopefully you'll get the exam grades you need, but if you just miss out, the university or college might accept you anyway.
- You might be offered an alternative course by the university/college – a 'changed course offer.'
- You might not get a place, but **don't worry**, you can search through [UCAS Clearing](#) from July to see which courses have vacancies.

What is Clearing?

Clearing is how universities and colleges fill any places that they have on their courses starting that year.

Clearing isn't just for students who haven't got the grades they wanted.

You can also use Clearing if:

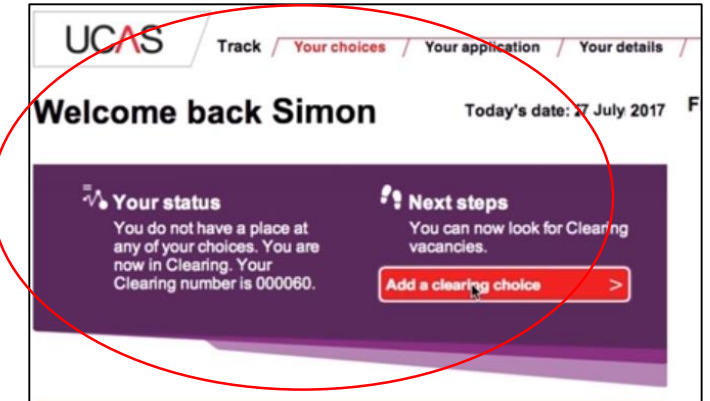
- You wish to apply to university for the first time.
- You don't currently hold any offers from universities.
- You have declined all your offers.
- You have changed your mind.

Clearing...

- Clearing is not just for students with low exam results.
- **THERE ARE GOOD COURSES IN CLEARING.** Any course can enter Clearing if the university has places they want to fill.
- The good places get snapped up quickly (often before 12pm on Result Day). Do your research now – if you don't get the grades, where else could you apply? What is your Plan B?
- If you're not sure of your firm/insurance choice or think you have missed your grades, you can register your interest with universities ahead of Results Day – take a look on the university's website.

On the day - the Clearing process...

- If you are in Clearing, your UCAS Track status will say, 'You are now in Clearing' or 'Clearing has started.'
- Your Clearing number will appear in UCAS Track.
- If you've changed your mind about your university choice, you can 'self-release' into Clearing by clicking the 'decline my place' button on your home page.
- Contact the university that you are interested in. If they make you an offer, you can **add a Clearing choice in Track from 15:00 on Results Day.**



New for 2020...Clearing Plus

- Clearing Plus is a **new, personalised service** that will match students with relevant courses that have vacancies.
- Students who don't have a university place can sign into UCAS Track and see a list of courses they have been 'matched to,' with easy links to send an expression of interest.
- **Anyone with a confirmed place who changes their mind can release themselves into Clearing** to see their matches.
- If students' calculated grades **exceed** their predicted ones, Clearing Plus can suggest alternative courses with higher entry requirements
- Read more about Clearing Plus [here](#)

Clearing Tips

- **Prepare in advance-** research alternative courses and universities now
- **On Results Day:** If you speak to a university about a course vacancy, they may ask you for: your **UCAS ID, Clearing Number, Exam Results, Personal Statement.**
- **Prepare a list of questions for you to ask them:** i.e. ‘do you have guaranteed accommodation for students applying through Clearing?’
- **Get informal offers from universities over the phone then decide which one you want to accept.**
- **Ask the university to confirm any verbal offers by email.**

UCAS Adjustment (if you've done better than expected)

- If you meet and exceed the conditions for your firm choice, you might be thinking about looking for an alternative course.
- UCAS Plus will provide you with a list of alternative courses with higher entry requirements. Your original Firm choice will be safe while you're looking for another.
- **Only verbally agree an offer with a university or college if you're absolutely sure you want it.**



Covid-19: Impact on Clearing 2020

- UCAS Clearing will still be available to students, in the same way that it helps thousands of students each year to secure a university place.
- We don't yet know how A Level results will be issued to students. We hope school will be open for students on Results Day, however this information will be shared when it becomes available.
- Most universities hold specific open days and interviews for students who have applied through Clearing. These events might take place virtually this year.
- As soon as any new information about Clearing 2020, we will share this with you.



Good luck!

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