

Waiting for University Decisions 2024

Be ready!

- Many decisions made by universities on Wednesday 14 August (the day before you get your results)
- UCAS Track should update decisions at 8.30am on Thursday 15 August. If you are successful, you will see the CF (conditional firm) change to UF (unconditional firm). You might get an email from the university too but not always! If it hasn't changed, the university has yet to make a decision. Don't worry – it can take time and this year will be no different. It is worth noting that if you have achieved what they had asked for, you are guaranteed a place.
- It's very strange, but very few universities ask you to confirm you are accepting their offer! They assume you are unless you tell them otherwise.
- On results day, it's useful to have to hand: UCAS ID number, email details given on UCAS form, Track details, course codes, offers, results, phone numbers (central admissions)
- **Don't assume you're not in if you missed the grades.**
- You are welcome to phone from school – we'll help.
- Act swiftly but not in haste!
- Please come and ask for help if you're not sure what to do.

Order of decisions:

- Your insurance choice can't confirm a place until firm choice says "no"; but if you have gained the grades the insurance place stipulated, you will be offered a place.
- It is ok to phone universities quite often – be politely persistent!
- If you have missed the grades for both your firm and your insurance, you can make calls to other places but you can't confirm anything formally until both have said no. You have to be rejected or withdraw from the conditional and firm choices to be eligible to go through clearing.
- Check ucas.com and university websites for places still available

If you want to reject an offer:

- Do NOT reject anything unless 'certain' of an offer from elsewhere
- Get the names of anyone you speak to on the phone
- Beware of making knee-jerk decisions – you will spend 3 years there

Eligibility for clearing:

- If you have not received any offers.
- If you have declined all your offers or not responded by the due date.
- If your offers have not been confirmed because you have not met the conditions (e.g. you have not achieved the required grades).
- If you have declined a changed course, a changed date of entry and/or changed point of entry offer.
- If you applied for one course which has been declined/unsuccessful and you have paid the full application fee.

How does clearing work?

- Talk to us and we will help you through the process
- You can phone around different universities to see if they have places available.
- Look at vacancies (UCAS website). Clearing vacancies appear on the website from July.
- You need a CLEARING NUMBER (via UCAS Track) which will show under 'application status' in your application once you are eligible
- Get confirmation (and name of who you've spoken to)
- You can only make ONE choice at a time
- Decide on your ONE choice and get permission from the university to add it to your application.
- Add your choice to UCAS track. The university will confirm the place (at the end of day)
- There are clear guides to the process here: www.ucas.com/undergraduate/clearing-and-results-day

Student finance

- The Student Loans Company isn't linked to UCAS, so if anything changes about the university, college or course you need to inform them through your account.