

Results Day Guide



INTRODUCTION TO RESULTS DAY

This handbook will provide information on results day and the process of going through Clearing we hope you find it helpful. In the next few pages, you will find an overview of what to expect on results day and during the Clearing process should it be required.

Please also be aware that our live chat feature will be available on the day at aspire-higher.co.uk where a human advisor will be able to support you as needed.

UCAS will have all Clearing vacancies listed online at: ucas.com/search. The UCAS website also contains useful information about Clearing that we would recommend looking at, alongside this guide, ahead of results day. In addition, we advise following UCAS on social media so that you receive any key updates in the lead up to results day.

This is the first year since the pandemic that students have sat exams and so schools and universities are expecting students to need some guidance and support to navigate results day. Therefore, we are offering support through our website, a webinar and this guide. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us, we're here to help.

KEY DATES

5 July – 18 October 2022: Clearing Open

18 August 2022: A Level Results Day

18 August 2022: BTEC National Results Day

25 August 2022: BTEC Firsts, Technicals and Tech Results Day

25 August 2022: GCSE Results Day

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Your school/college will let you know what time you can collect your results on the day. We advise collecting them as early as you can so that you have plenty of time to make decisions or change plans if required.

UCAS Track will update at **08:00** on results day, no earlier! While you may be able to see the status of your application change on track after that time it will not show you your exam results, these are given to you by your school/college. In some cases, the status of your application will 'freeze' this is usually because the university you have applied for is still considering your application. It is important in these circumstances to be ready to call them and discuss your grades.

Whenever you call a university, be ready to give your **name, course details, offer details** and your **actual/achieved grades**. It may also be useful to have your **UCAS Number/Applicant Number** and personal statement ready.

MISSED OFFERS

If you miss the grades needed for your first choice but meet the grades needed for your insurance choice, then you should receive a confirmation of a place from your insurance choice.

If you have just missed out on the grades needed for your first-choice university (e.g. required BBC and achieved BCC), it is important that you call that university and **ask for the place**. If you have also missed the grades for your insurance choice, it is worth calling that university as well and talking through your options.

If both universities refuse, then you will be given a **clearing number** on UCAS Track and can begin the Clearing process.

INTRODUCTION TO CLEARING

Clearing is an important part of the UK university admissions process. It is nothing to be scared of and students enter Clearing for a number of different reasons. Clearing gives students an opportunity to secure a university place and universities an opportunity to fill empty spaces on their courses.

Students will enter Clearing if:

- They didn't meet the entry requirements for any university offers.
- They did better than their predicted grades and want to change universities.
- They declined the offers they received and are looking for another university place.
- They didn't receive any university offers.
- They applied after the 30 June.

Students can check their UCAS Track from **08:00** on results day to find out whether they have any offers. If not then UCAS will clearly tell you that you are now in Clearing. Your UCAS Track status will change to: **You are in Clearing. Your Clearing number is [number]** (or words to that effect).

If you are in clearing the most important thing to note down is your **clearing number** as you will need to give this to any university that you contact regarding a place.

SCENARIOS

Below is a checklist you can use to follow the Clearing process but first, here are some scenarios that you might encounter:

Scenario 1

Student A has missed the entry requirements to get into their firm and insurance choices.

Scenario 2*

Student B has exceeded the entry requirements for their firm and insurance choices and wants to look for a university course with higher tariff requirements.

Scenario 3*

Student C has changed their mind about their university choices and wants to find a place on a different course or at a different university.

*In scenarios 2 and 3 you would need to decline any existing offers to enter Clearing.

For the above scenarios as well as any other reason you may find yourself in clearing follow the below steps:

CLEARING CHECKLIST

- Ask for advice from your school/college or speak to us at aspire-higher.co.uk.
- Take time to think about what you want. Clearing can seem like a hectic time and sometimes you will need to make decisions quickly so take time to consider what you want out of a course and a university so that you can make the right decision for you when the time comes.
- Look on the UCAS website to see the courses available through Clearing. UCAS will have the only official vacancy list and it will change all the time so make sure you keep checking back while you make your decisions.
- Make a list of courses that meet your needs and have the right entry requirements for you as well as the Clearing contact details for each of the universities. All universities will have a dedicated Clearing hotline that you can call.
- Note down all the information you need to make your calls, including your **clearing number**, **UCAS ID**, **A Level/BTEC and GCSE results** and **supporting details** e.g., work experience, personal statement, and any portfolios. It is also worth having a list of questions that you want to ask about the course or university.

GOOD TO KNOW

- Universities cannot discuss your application with parents/carers unless you give them permission. You will need to be the person making the phone calls.
 - Tell the person on the phone that you are a widening participation student and have attended a school with typically lower progression to higher education.
 - Gather informal offers over the phone and take time to consider your options before asking for a formal offer.
 - Ask about accommodation options for Clearing applicants and whether there will be any special Clearing open days where you can look around the campus/facilities.
- Ring the universities you have found in order of preference and try to secure a place. The people on the phones will be friendly and will guide you through the conversation but be confident and remember the important details.
 - Make sure you get documentation/evidence from any university that offers you a place. This will most often be in the form of a confirmation email.
 - Add your Clearing choice to your application on UCAS Track. Only do this once you have permission from the university or college who are offering you the place. You can only add one choice at a time and this action counts as you accepting the offer so if they confirm it will show as an acceptance on your application.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Once you have a confirmed acceptance on your application you are no longer in Clearing and will need to start organising to attend your new course/university. This may include:

- Applying for accommodation – check with your new university how to do this.
- Changing your student finance details – you will need to update the course/university details on your application.
- Visiting a Clearing Open Day or organising a trip to the town/city where your new university is based to have a look around and get your bearings.
- Making sure you have everything ready for starting your studies.

USEFUL INFORMATION & CONTACT DETAILS

CONTACT UCAS

UCAS Helpline: **0371 468 0 468**

USEFUL LINKS

UCAS Clearing Vacancy List:

<https://www.ucas.com/clearing-launch>

Aspire Higher Support Chat:

<https://aspire-higher.co.uk/>

Declining an Offer/Place:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/what-clearing/declining-your-firm-place>

UCAS Tariff Point Calculator:

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/tariff-calculator>

UCAS TARIFF POINTS QUICK GUIDE

National Extended Diploma	National Diploma	Foundation Diploma	Extended Certificate	National Certificate
D*D*D* : 168 pts	D*D* : 112 pts	D* : 84 pts	D* : 56 pts	D* : 28 pts
D*D*D : 160 pts	D*D : 104 pts	D : 72 pts	D : 48 pts	D : 24 pts
D*DD : 152 pts	DD : 96 pts	M : 48 pts	M : 32 pts	M : 16 pts
DDD : 144 pts	DM : 80pts	P : 24 pts	P : 16 pts	P : 8 pts
DDM : 128 pts	MM : 64 pts			
DMM : 112 pts	MP : 48 pts			
MMM : 96 pts	PP : 32 pts			
MMP : 80 pts				
MPP : 64 pts				
PPP : 48 pts				

A-Level	AS Level
A* : 56 pts	A : 20 pts
A : 48 pts	B : 16 pts
B : 40 pts	C : 12 pts
C : 32 pts	D : 10 pts
D : 24 pts	E : 6 pts
E : 16 pts	