
Understanding Clearing

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2021 Cycle - Key Dates



What is Clearing?

- A service that runs from 5 July – 19 October [Find out more](#) about the key dates in the UCAS cycle
- To be eligible to use Clearing, applicants must have a live UCAS application and be in one of the following statuses:
 - applied before 30 June and has no offers
 - applied before 30 June and declined any offers received
 - did not meet the conditions of Firm or Insurance choice (and were unsuccessful at confirmation)
 - applied after 30 June (new application)

Confirmation of places

- When exam results are published, and (some are) sent to universities and colleges by UCAS.
- There are four possible outcomes:

Met the
conditions of
firm offer?

Time to
celebrate!

Missed out firm,
but met
insurance
conditions?

Also time to
celebrate!

Not met the
conditions of
either?

Could still get a
place through
Clearing.

Done better than
expected?

Could use
Adjustment to try to
change to a more
aspirational choice.

10 August - Results Day



Publication of majority of UK based qualification results.



08:30 - Adviser portal available.



08:30 -Track available.

Key times



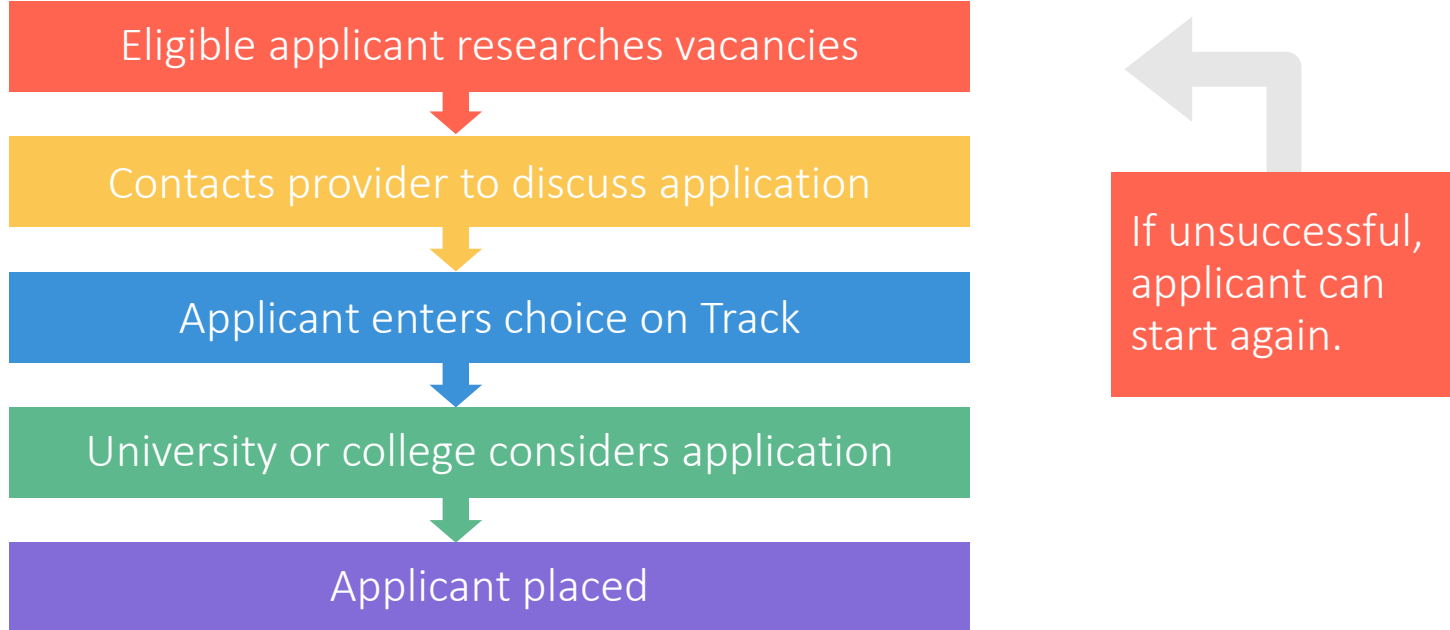
- 07:30: 'Not placed' applicant status email.
- 08:00: UCAS Schools Team available.
- **08:30: Adviser portal available.**
- 08:30: UCAS social media support available.
- 08:30: UCAS Customer Experience Centre opens
- **08:30: UCAS Undergraduate Track available.**
- 08:30: Adjustment opens (runs until 18 August).
- 14:00: Eligible applicants can add Clearing choice.
- 18:00: UCAS Customer Experience Centre, social media support, and Schools Team close.

The Results Embargo 2021

The results embargo period for 2021 is 4 August at 12:00 until 10 August at 08:30



How Clearing works



Not just a plan B

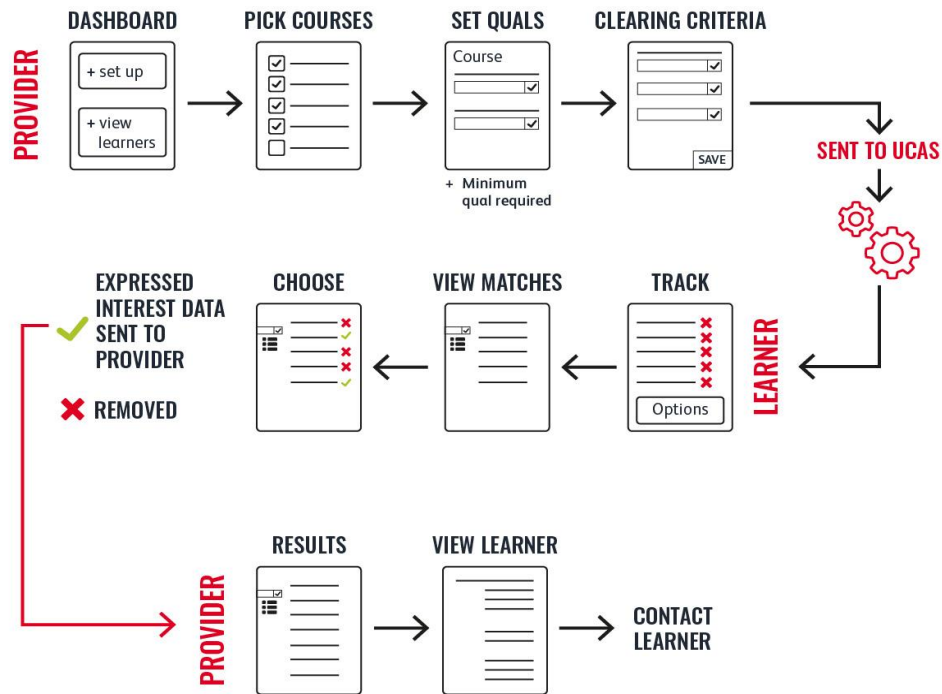
CLEARING OR CLEARING PLUS?

CLEARING

Browse over 30,000 courses with Clearing vacancies using the UCAS search tool.

CLEARING PLUS

View courses matched to your application in UCAS Track.









Clearing Plus: Your match

Below are courses which have been matched to you.

These matches are personal to you. Click the 'Interested' button to send your details to the provider. If they still have spaces, they'll contact you to discuss if you meet their entry requirements and if there's anything else you need to do.

University or college:

Provider	Course title	Course description	Start date	Location	Duration	Mode	Action
 University of Cheltenham	Applied Animal Behaviour, Welfare and Conservation	Foundation Degree in Science - FdSc	21/09/2020	Cheltenham	2 Years	Full-time	I'm interested
 University of UCAS Come and study with us!	Medicine	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery - BMBCh	01/10/2020	Cheltenham	6 Years	Full-time	I'm interested
 University of Stroud	Criminology and Sociology	Bachelor of Arts (with Honours) - BA (Hons)	21/09/2020	Stroud	3 Years	Full-time	I'm interested
 University of UCAS Come and study with us!	History and French	Bachelor of Arts (with Honours) - BA (Hons)	01/10/2020	London	4 Years	Full-time with time abroad	I'm interested
 University of Cleeve	Sports Engineering	Master of Engineering - MEng	01/09/2020	Cleeve	4 Years	Full-time	I'm interested
 College of UCAS	Computing	Higher National Diploma - HND	01/09/2020	Cheltenham	2 Years	Full-time	I'm interested

You're Interested

I agree that this course provider can contact me if they still have spaces available for this course, or a similar course, and I meet their entry requirements.

Universities and colleges will review your information and contact you if they'd like to discuss your interest further. You may not be contacted in all cases.

You can have X active expressions of interests at once. If you change your mind you can withdraw your expression of interest and make another. You should only withdraw your interest if you are sure that you do not want to study this course.

[Allow providers to contact you](#)
[Deny permission](#)

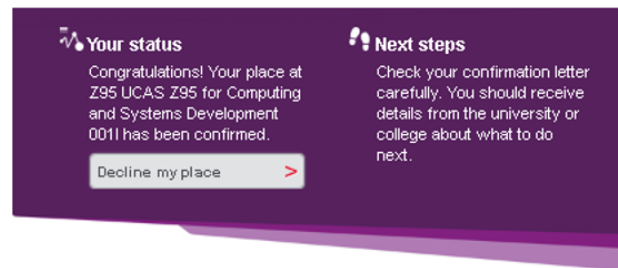
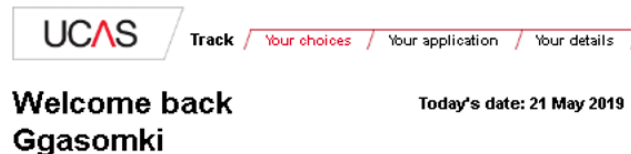

TRACK



When you are in Clearing. Clearing Plus menu appears on the right

UCAS

When you are placed



Latest update

21 May 2019, 14:56

Congratulations, your place at Z95 UCAS for Computing and Systems Development has been confirmed. The university or college should now send you more information.

[View all updates](#)

Clearing is more popular than ever

- Clearing has been changing – rather than be used purely as a plan B, it's now a credible way for students to get into higher education.
- In 2020, 88,370 students placed via clearing.
- In 2020 for the first time, unplaced students were matched to courses available in Clearing through Clearing Plus. Increasing the personalised options and support available to students.

Decline my place

- Available from **5 July**
- Placed applicants can select '**Decline my place**'.
- Applicants should only use this if they no longer wish to take up their place at their firm choice.



Resources for clearing

- Clearing section on ucas.com/advisers
- Results day emails for advisers and students
- Confirmation and clearing toolkit
- Adviser focussed webinar [7 July](#)
- UCAS customer success team
- UCAS social channels
- pdp.ucas.com
- Clearing FAQs
- The Big Results Day Show

How can students prepare?



Plan for different outcomes – research!



Create a checklist



Plan questions to ask



Have information to hand

Clearing Prep Sheet idea

Name of Uni	Course (inc. UCAS code)	Contact information (inc. opening hours)	Why you want to study there?	Accommodation	Questions for them	Notes
Uni 1			Reason 1 Reason 2 Reason 3	Option 1 Option 2		
Uni 2						
Uni 3						

What else is new for 2021



Students no longer get an AS12 letter in Track.



The embargo period for 2021 is
4 August at 12:00 until 10
August at 08:30.



Clearing choice can be added
from 14.00 on August 10.

Adjustment

- Opportunity to find an alternative course.
- Eligible if applicant has **met** and **exceeded** the conditions of their conditional firm choice.
- Available from **10 August - 18 August**.
- Register in Track to use it.
- 5 x 24 (inc. weekends) hour periods to adjust.
- Find out more on ucas.com

The screenshot shows a dark purple interface with two main sections: 'Your status' and 'Next steps'. The 'Your status' section includes a graduation cap icon, a congratulatory message, a redacted university name, and a confirmed course. The 'Next steps' section includes a graduation cap icon, instructions to check the confirmation letter, an explanation of the Adjustment process, and a button to register for adjustment.

Your status

Congratulations! Your place at [REDACTED] Fashion Marketing and Design WF30 has been confirmed.

Next steps

Check your confirmation letter carefully. You should receive details from the university or college about what to do next.

Adjustment is available for applicants who've met and exceeded the conditions of their offers, and may wish to look for places on an alternative course.

Find out about and register for adjustment >

Keeping you informed



Adviser webinars hosted in one place to book and catch up on



Updates published via the newsletter and on adviser section of UCAS.com



Digital training to support your staff including online modules

UCAS student support

Big results day shows

- the night before (9 August)
- morning of (10 August)

Facebook lives

- most Thursdays at 4pm (UK time)
- 8 July – How Clearing works

Coronavirus – 2021/22 applications

- keeping up with the changes as they happen
- <https://www.ucas.com/coronavirus>

Keep up-to-date with everything:



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Direct message on Facebook or Twitter.

Additional help

UCAS's Customer Success Team

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Digital Learning Team

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