

Create your own path

Clearing guide 2021

You can use Clearing to find a university place if:

- » You are applying after 30 June.
- » You applied and didn't accept the offers, or receive any offers.
- » You didn't meet the conditions of your offers.

You are not alone. Over 70,000 students found their place through Clearing in 2020.

Clearing opens 5 July and universities can accept Clearing applicants up until 19 October. SQA and A level results day is 10 August 2021. If you haven't already signed up to UCAS you will need to register and make an application.

Please note that Clearing is for students planning on starting in 2021. If you receive an offer through Clearing you can not defer the offer to 2022.



- 1 Check that your UCAS Track says 'You are in Clearing' or 'Clearing has started'. You will not receive offers through Clearing until you have your results.
- 2 If you're waiting for A level or SQA results, UCAS Track will update your status from 8.30am on results day (10 August). It won't tell you your grades, but it will let you know if your university place is confirmed or whether you can look for a place in Clearing.
- 3 Use the UCAS search tool or go directly to the universities/colleges you're interested in to see what courses are available through Clearing.

- 4 Contact your chosen universities/colleges and see if they will give you an offer based on your grades. You can contact as many as you like to see if the course is a good fit for you.
- 5 If possible, go and visit the universities/colleges you're interested in to have a look around: many including the Royal Agricultural University (RAU) will be holding open days after results day using current Government guidance regarding Covid-19.

However it is also possible to attend a virtual event if you are unable to visit in person. The RAU will be running online events from results day (10 August) which will include virtual tours of the campus as well as live Q&A sessions.

- 6 Once you have made your decision, add the institution and course details to your UCAS Track from 2pm on results day. You can only pick ONE at a time.
- 7 If the university/college confirms your place it will show up as an acceptance on your UCAS Track.
- 8 If for any reason the university/college doesn't confirm your place, you can then add another.

**You could join us
this September**

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Practical tips

- » **Always check UCAS Track first.**
If you're holding an offer but don't quite get the grades they may still accept you.
- » **Still waiting to receive your grades?**
Do your research now. It's worth knowing what courses and institutions you're interested in so you're ready when you get your results.
- » **It's useful to have your UCAS ID and Clearing number** to hand when you call universities/ colleges. It will be on the 'Your Choices' section of UCAS Track.
- » **Know ALL your grades.** You might need a 4 (or C) or above in Maths and English Language GCSE to study the course. Also, make sure you give the university / college all your qualifications that are recognised in the UCAS tariff (A levels, BTECs, Extended Projects...). It might make the difference between receiving an offer and not.
- » **Ask questions.** As well as seeing if you're eligible for an offer it's good to find out more about the course and the institution.
- » **Know where you're going to live.**
If you receive an offer it's good to chat to the university / college accommodation team to see what is available. The Royal Agricultural University still has accommodation options.
- » **Cool off.** You can only add one choice at a time to your UCAS Track, so make sure you're sure. On results day (10 August) UCAS actually shuts Track for a few hours as part of a "cooling off period". UCAS Track will also be unavailable from 4 August (12pm) until 10 August (8.30am).
- » **Don't panic.** Once you've added your choice it may take a day or so for your place to be confirmed by the university.
- » **Sort your finances.** Not applied for funding? Go to the Student Finance website and fill in the application form. Changed your course / university? Make sure you inform Student Finance England of the change.

We have courses available in:

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