

Results Day and Clearing 2023

UCAS Clearing opens on 5th July and closes on 17th October 2023.

The UCAS website has all you need to know about:

- What to do when A level and BTEC Results day comes,
- Information about Clearing, and what you can do to ensure you have options available to you whatever your exam results.
- UCAS Extra is available to make changes prior to Results day and by 4th July. If you have received no offers or declined your offers from the five courses selected, you can add an additional course.
- You can also look through the clearing vacancies in advance of your results, although there are no guarantees these courses will still be available on Results Day.

New applicants applying for the first time to UCAS, for a course after 30th June in the 2023 cycle will go into clearing. It is advisable that students have an alternative plan prior to exam results for a 'What if?' situation. Talk to your Careers Adviser about alternative options and your choices.

What is Results Day?

Results day is the time of knowing your actual A level or BTEC results and if you have applied to university for an undergraduate course, you will know if you have satisfied the conditional offer based on your final exam results. The date this year is Thursday 17 August 2023.

A level Results will be available to you from 8.00 when you can access your UCAS account to find out which university and course has confirmed and offered you a place or not confirmed or offered you a place. UCAS Customer Service is available until 18.00 - 0371 468 0 468 and on social media.

Clearing: How it works

If you have not received an offer for a course at university or HE institution by 4th July, you will automatically receive a message on the Hub account to let you know you are in clearing, then you have the choice to go through UCAS Clearing service to see which courses still have vacancies and apply. Try not to panic, take time to make a sensible decision throughout the process. You can contact the same university to see if they can still consider you as well as search courses and other universities, adding one choice at a time from 13.00hrs on Results Day.

It might be possible to text via WhatsApp, for universities who provide this option to find out more about the course. However, when making contact, universities especially want to speak to you, the applicant. Have a note pad and pen with you as well as a ready answer to any questions the university might ask, e.g., why you want to study the course and what you want to achieve. Have your GCSE grades to hand. Visit the institution to get more information and to see if you are happy with the environment, accommodation, and more.

Courses including healthcare tend to be available in clearing but will often go quickly. Check out healthcare interview questions online - you should be or get familiar with these before interview.

If you do better than expected, had a conditional firm offer you met and exceeded, you might be curious about courses with higher entry requirements. However, you would have to decline your conditional firm place offer and go into clearing. So be clear and certain about this before acting. Speak to the university first. It is important to ask the university how long their offer lasts before you can confirm acceptance.

Visit UCAS Clearing information for more details:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/what-clearing> OR look at the main page (below link) and listen to podcast/ watch video and other options.

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Clearing Plus

Clearing Plus will match you to courses specifically for you, using the information about you on your UCAS application. Click on 'See matches' and you will be able to see a list of matches in UCAS hub. You can select those you are interested in with a tick and see which university accepts you. This could take a while so keep searching in addition.

Change of plan?

Options include- Foundation Year degree/ BTEC Higher National/ Degree Apprenticeship /school leaver programme. Discuss your next step with your Careers Adviser.

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A Level Results & Clearing Headline

