

11. Clearing

If you don't get the grades you need to obtain your conditional firm/insurance place at university, please check with the universities or online with your personal UCAS TRACK (password same as that used to apply). They may still be considering your application dependent on places still available.

Clearing starts the same day as A-level results are released to the schools/students.

If they have rejected you, you are now able to enter into clearing. Every year thousands of students use the clearing system to find another course which will accept their grades. ACT QUICKLY.

Where to look for courses:

- **The Internet:** the UCAS website (www.ucas.com) has the latest clearing vacancies. Many universities also have clearing websites and you can often sign up for email alerts so you can be sent courses being offered through clearing as they become available.
- **Telephone:** the BBC One Life student helpline offers free, independent and confidential advice. Call during clearing on 0808 100 8000.
- **Television:** BBC Ceefax (page 700 onwards) lists vacancies and is updated daily. You will still need to call the university, check the UCAS website or call the One Life student helpline.
- **Newspapers:** *The Independent* and *The Independent on Sunday* list all vacancies.

The next step is to contact the university of your choice to see if:

- they still have places available
- your grades meet their requirements.

Please ensure that you are available for interviews if required.

Clearing procedures change slightly every year, and vary between universities, so please visit www.ucas.co.uk/clearing for up to date information.