You may be considering Clearing because:
- you are applying after 30 June;
- you haven’t received any offers;
- you declined all of your offers;
- you didn’t meet the conditions of your offer.

You can also use Clearing to search for a new course if you want to decline your existing firm offer.

To apply for a course through Clearing you must not be holding any offers and you must have your exam results.

If you are waiting for your results, you might be considering Clearing because your exams didn’t go as expected. Perhaps your circumstances have changed and you want to use Clearing to find an alternative to your existing offer.

This guide will help. We’ll explain how Clearing works and will help you to prepare for results day so that you feel ready and confident about the process.
Make a plan

If you’re considering Clearing, try to talk things through with someone who can help you clarify your options and begin to form a plan – perhaps a school tutor, a careers adviser, a friend or a parent.

Most universities have a Clearing call centre or enquiries team who can answer questions about their Clearing courses before results day, so take the opportunity to speak to them in advance.

Talk it through

Make a list

Clearing opens on 5 July, so even if you don’t yet have your results, start researching courses and universities that interest you. Note course details and Clearing contact numbers on the printable notes page in this guide. If you can’t find your desired course, investigate similar subjects or joint honours degrees and look into options to change or specialise once you’ve started the course.

The right fit?

It’s important to consider whether the university feels right for you too. Look at the accommodation and consider the location and transport. Are there opportunities to pursue your interests or discover new ones?

Does the setting feel familiar and reassuring or is it offering the change of environment you seek?

Many universities provide opportunities to visit during Clearing, so try to go and look around.

Hear about Harry

During his gap year, a chat with his Mum convinced Harry to change direction and apply to Bristol through Clearing. Hear his story at our live stream events.

What is Clearing?

Monday 12 and Wednesday 14 August 2019

bristol.ac.uk/clearing/what-is-clearing

Campus tours

You can book a tour of our main Clifton campus during July and August. If you can’t visit in person, take a virtual tour online and look out for our special Clearing live stream events:

bristol.ac.uk/clearing/visit

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Countdown to results

Clearing opens on 5 July

Universities will publish their Clearing vacancies on UCAS and their own websites from 5 July.

If you already have your results and are holding no offers, you can apply for a Clearing place straight away.

Before A-level results day

Universities will publish updated Clearing vacancy lists shortly before A-level results.

At Bristol, we will update our Clearing vacancies list frequently before and during the A-level results period, so please check our website regularly for updates. bristol.ac.uk/clearing

A-level results day

Universities will receive and process exam results in the week before results day. Due to UCAS regulations we won’t be able to discuss applications from 9 to 14 August and our Clearing hotline will be closed during this period.

Get your results.
Check UCAS Track.

Your university may still confirm your place even if you don’t meet the conditions of your offer. If your UCAS Track status is not updated, you can call the university for more information.

If you are in Clearing your UCAS Track status will say ‘You are in Clearing’ and will display your Clearing number.

Advice from UCAS

Find video guides to results, Clearing and Adjustment, as well as Clearing vacancy listings on the UCAS website: ucas.com/results-clearing

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Make your choice

Make the call

Contact the universities on your shortlist. You can contact most universities by phone or email but bear in mind that some courses may fill up quickly on results day and calling may be quickest. Many Clearing call centres will open early on results day, so get in touch as soon as possible.

Speak to several universities. You can’t add your Clearing choice until 3 pm on A-level results day, so use this time to explore your options.

At Bristol our call centre opens at 7.30 am on results day.

Have you got an offer?

The university will advise whether they can make you an offer. They may also recommend alternative courses if your initial choice isn’t available. You must have an offer for your chosen course before you can apply.

Some universities will make you a verbal offer and others will send you an email.

The University of Bristol makes Clearing offers via email.

Add your Clearing choice on UCAS Track

You can receive Clearing offers from several universities but you can only accept one.

When you have decided which to accept, add this as your Clearing Choice in UCAS Track. This confirms that you want to formally accept the offer.

What you’ll need

When you call you will need your:

- UCAS Personal ID
- Full exam results

If you are emailing the University of Bristol, please include your full name and date of birth.

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What happens next?

Check UCAS Track for confirmation

The university will review your application and confirm via UCAS Track whether they can confirm your place.

Next steps

Once you have your place, take some time to relax and celebrate before beginning to sort out practicalities. You will need to find out how to apply for accommodation at your university and be aware of application deadlines.

You can find out about accommodation at Bristol at bristol.ac.uk/clearing/what-next

Got a place at Bristol?

Join our panel of staff and students for a live stream event on the day after A-level results. Get information and advice about preparing to start at Bristol in September and put your questions to the panel – live.

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Join us live

Ask our panel of experts your questions about starting at Bristol.

What happens next?
Friday 16 August, 3 pm,
bristol.ac.uk/clearing/what-next
# My notes

## University

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## What are my questions?

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## What did they say? (Who did I speak to?)

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## Did they make me an offer?

You might receive a verbal offer or you may need to wait for an email. Make a note of the offer and your agreed next steps.

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## My UCAS Personal ID number

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## My exam results

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Print copies of this page and fill in the contact and course details for each university ahead of results day.