
Preparing for Clearing & Adjustment

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Session Objectives

At the end of this session you will:

- understand the basic principles of the final stages of the admissions cycle, including Clearing
- know the key dates and deadlines
- understand what's new for clearing in 2021

Clearing Timeline



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?

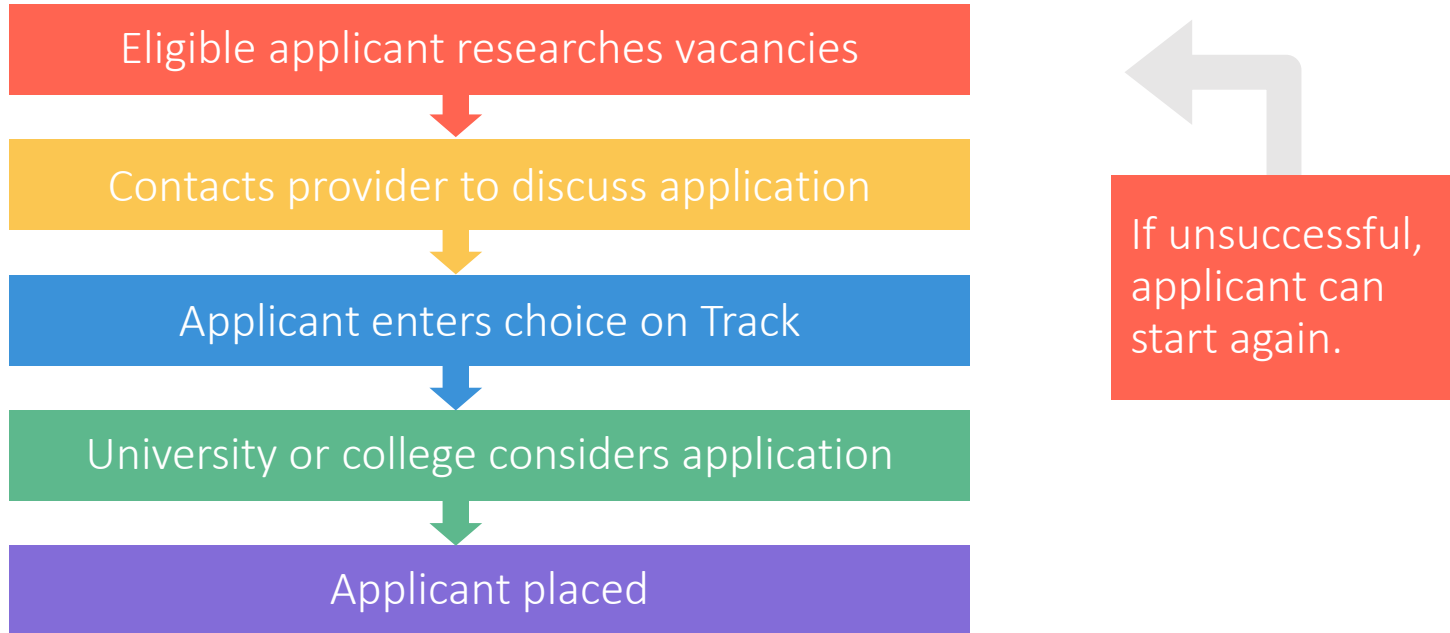
Could use **Adjustment** to try to change to a more aspirational choice.

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)

How Clearing works



How Clearing works

- Track confirms applicant eligibility and provides a Clearing number (six digits visible on the homepage).
- Applicants have a ten-digit Personal ID (PID) and should be able to quote both.
- Adviser portal displays in real time, updates are suspended in embargo periods.
- On A level results day, the 'Add Clearing choice' button appears from 14:00 (UK time) for eligible applicants.

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.

Not just a plan B

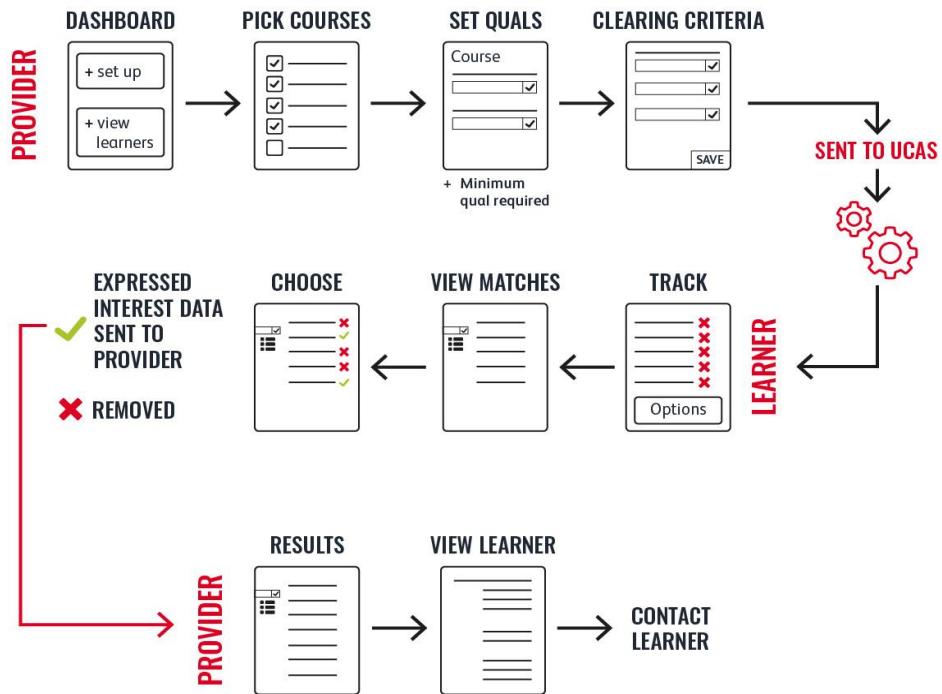
CLEARING OR CLEARING PLUS?

CLEARING

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

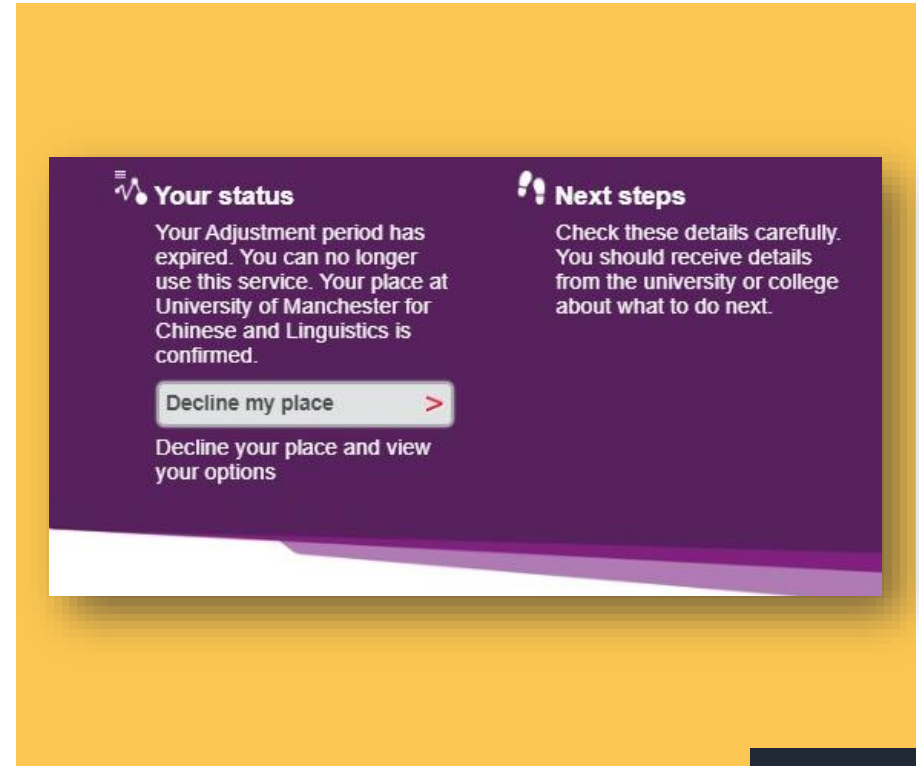
CLEARING PLUS

View courses matched to your application in UCAS Track.



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 webinars in spring/early summer
- UCAS customer success team
- UCAS social channels
- pdp.ucas.com
- Clearing FAQs
- The Big Results Day Show

Adjustment

- Adjustment is an opportunity to find an alternative course if an applicant has met **and** exceeded the conditions of their conditional firm choice.
- It is available from A level results (10 August) day to 18 August.
- Applicants need to register to use it via Track then have 5 x 24 (inc. weekends) hour periods to adjust.
- The gaining provider will adjust the UCAS application, the applicant doesn't do anything on Track once they have registered.
- It is only used by a small number of students – 270 in 2020
- Find out more on ucas.com

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.**

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