



## UCAS Clearing System - A Summary of Key Points

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1. Insurance Offers - if you accept an insurance offer and do not get the grades for your first choice offer, you are committed to going to the insurance offer university, so make sure it is somewhere you are willing to go to and that the course is suitable. If not, you may have to withdraw from UCAS altogether for this year and re-apply next year.
2. Make sure that your insurance offer points are lower than your first choice unless the university has indicated that they would be more flexible.
3. On results morning, you can get results from 9.00am.
4. If your results match your first choice university offer, then you have a place - no need to check with the university.
5. If your grades do not meet your first choice offer, ring the university - they may have decided to accept you anyway. But be aware that they might not decide straight away - you may have a very nervous wait for a few days before you know.
6. If you have been rejected, don't panic. Ring your insurance offer university and see if they will accept you.
7. If you have no insurance offer, or if your insurance offer reject you, consider the clearing system.
8. If you have a deferred entry and don't get the grades you need, ring to check to see if you have a place for next year.
9. Look for vacancies in the newspapers (we have them for you), university websites, UCAS website, teletext.
10. Do not just grab the first clearing system place that you find - there will be thousands to choose from so take your time and take care to find somewhere you would be happy to go to with a course that suits your needs.
11. When you get an offer, you receive a CEF form to return to accept the place.
12. Don't be hasty to accept it. Try to arrange a visit before committing yourself - take your CEF form with you.
13. The highest university drop-out rates are for students who found a place through clearing.
14. For some courses, clearing places will only be offered following an interview.

### Action points:

- On results day, do not leave College without letting us know of your situation.
- Leave your mobile phone number with the Year Office now so we can contact you on results day (and in the following days).
- Arrange to be off work for results day and perhaps for some days afterwards.
- Do not be on holiday on results day.
- We can probably help you find you a place (HND) even if you have only 1 A Level.

