

Congratulations!

If your UCAS Hub says “..... (uni name) has confirmed your place to study... (course name)”. Your firm choice is secure. If your firm choice is unsuccessful and your insurance is unconditional, it will say “you’ve been placed at your insurance choice”. Check the steps on UCAS and make sure you check your emails (including junk mailbox) for info from the unis.

Want to Change Uni?

If you are sure you want to apply to other unis, self-release into Clearing by using the “Decline my place” button (NB this cannot be undone, so you should **be sure that another uni will offer you a place first**). You can do this from July 2nd. NB – if accepted on your firm choice, your insurance choice is automatically declined, so you have to contact them to see if they have space and then use Clearing, if you wish to go there.

Place Confirmed

Unis may award the place, anyway, check your Hub to see if your Firm/Insurance choice has confirmed your place.

Offer for a different course

Your Firm/Insurance uni may make you an alternative offer (e.g. for a different course or start date), which you can accept or turn down. You will have 5 days to decide.

Awaiting Decision

Your Firm/Insurance Choice may still be deciding – your application will show “Waiting for confirmation” or “... is still deciding on your place”. Check emails carefully to find out if there is anything they need from you. Contact the uni if unsure. You can “Decline my place” to enter Clearing.

Grades Appeal

The grounds for appealing grades are limited. *Inform your choices* if this is happening.

Appeal to University

You may be considered for an *alternative* course (e.g. foundation) at your preferred uni. Contact them if you’d like to see if this is possible.

Retake Exams

You can re-take exams in the next academic year and re-apply through the next UCAS cycle.

Clearing

If you still want to go to university, then you can use the Clearing process to find an alternative university place. See guide on Clearing and Clearing Plus.

Unconditional Offer Holder

You are holding an unconditional place as your firm (or insurance) choice.

Conditional Offer Holder Grades Met

You are holding a conditional firm or insurance place, and your place has been marked as confirmed – i.e. it becomes “unconditional”.

Exceeded Predicted Grades

Your summer grades are higher than those originally predicted on your UCAS application

No Longer Want to Go to University

You have decided that you do not wish to go to university in this cycle.

Withdraw

Use the “Decline your place” option to withdraw from your place. You can do this online until 2 September, after which, contact the uni directly. NB this cannot be undone, so think carefully before acting.

Change Course or Defer?

If you want to go to the same uni but a different course or change start year, contact the uni to discuss this. There is no guarantee it will be possible, but you can ask and the sooner this is done the more likely it is to be possible.

Congratulations

If either your firm choice (or your insurance - if you missed your firm offer) is now confirmed, your place is secure. Your status will say “..... [uni name] has confirmed your place to study... [course name]”. OR, if your firm choice is unsuccessful and your insurance has accepted you, it will say “you’ve been placed at your insurance choice...[uni name] to study [course name]”. Make sure you check your emails, including junk mail, for info from the unis.

Clearing

You *can* contact universities with higher entry requirements than your original predictions, to see if they have space (search for clearing vacancies on UCAS). If they do and they say they would offer you a place, you will then apply through Clearing. Do NOT enter Clearing until you are sure you want to do this/have an offer from another university. Entering Clearing will lose your current offers.

If you decline your place, you can also use Clearing Plus, which will automatically show you potential options – click on “View Clearing matches” to see these.

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