

Clearing Guide for Teachers and Careers Advisers



Clearing is a common way of applying to university and should be a positive experience. Students who missed or exceeded their predicted grades, or have changed their plans, can use UCAS Clearing to find a university place.

Students can choose to go through Clearing if they:

- Don't get into their firm (CF) or insurance (CI) university choices
- Change their mind about where they initially decided to go and wish to self-release
- Don't receive an offer after first applying
- Apply late (after 30 June)
- Get better grades than predicted and decide to try and change course

Clearing begins on 5 July and closes in October. Students can only go through Clearing after they've received their exam results (or if they're applying to university late before results are published).

Students can register their interest in Clearing at Brunel now.

Before results day - get prepared

Things can move rapidly on results day and emotions can run high. The more prepared students are, the more likely they are to make the best of Clearing;

- Students should have a look at courses available through Clearing, they are published at 6pm the night before results day and make a list of alternatives.
- Be available to support and advise the students who need it. A teacher or adviser's support, knowledge and experience is life changing at this critical time.
- Prepare students for calls with universities, they could be interviewed over the phone.
- Encourage students to be calm and proactive.

On results day - act swiftly

- Once students have their results, they should log into UCAS Hub to see the status of their offers. It's important that they don't just assume they've automatically lost their place if they haven't achieved all conditions of their firm or insurance offer.

- Students should contact the universities they're interested in as soon as possible. Universities will need to speak to the applicant directly and can't discuss a student's application with anyone else. It may be helpful for family to help students make calls and hold if necessary.

Before making the call, students will need their:

- UCAS ID
- Clearing number
- Grades, UCAS points or equivalent

Post results day - manage outcomes

Clearing might be successful for students or they might need to consider their options. Further study or apprenticeships may be alternatives. Either way, as a trusted adviser you will be able to reassure students that many roads are winding and great options remain available for them.

“ My Clearing experience with Brunel was very quick, I was able to decide in under an hour because of the support I got from Brunel's Clearing team. ”

- Nadia, Brunel Student

“ Brunel's Clearing team was very friendly and patient. They did not rush me at all and gave me as much time as I needed to ask my question and make my decision. ”

- Ira, Brunel Student