

Adjustment Advice 2020

What is adjustment?

If you have met and exceeded conditions for your firm choice, you might be thinking about looking for an alternative course

Adjustment is a chance for you to reconsider where and what to study. If you have had a conditional firm choice accepted – and therefore made into an unconditional firm choice – you could potentially swap your place for one on another course you prefer.

Adjustment is available from A Level results day (13 August 2020), until 1 September. It is entirely optional, and a lot of competitive courses will be full – but other applicants might have missed their conditions or swapped a course too, so it could be worth seeing what is available.

If you try Adjustment but you do not find anything, you will still keep the course you gained on results day. You will see the option to register in Track. Your original UF choice will be safe while you are looking for another – you will only lose it if you confirm you would like to go elsewhere and the new university/college adds themselves to your application

How do I register?

You register for Adjustment in Track - remember you need to have met and exceeded the conditions of your firm offer. You only have five 24 hour periods (including weekends) within this time to use it, starting from when your conditional firm (CF) offer changes to unconditional firm (UF), or on A Level publication day – whichever is the later. If your offer goes UF less than five days before 1 September, you will only have whatever time is left between then and 1 September

If you register for Adjustment in error, do not worry – as long as you do not contact any other universities about applying through Adjustment, you will stay with your firm choice. After the five-day period has finished, the Adjustment information will disappear.

How do I apply?

There is no vacancy list for Adjustment – you will need to check course details using the Clearing search tool and contact admissions offices at universities and colleges to talk about any possible vacancies.

Tell them you are applying through Adjustment and give them your Personal ID. (They will not be able to see your application unless you have registered.) They will check you have met and exceeded your conditions. (Remember if you contact them on results day there could be a short delay while your application is updated.) Talk to them about course vacancies, but be careful to confirm that you are just gathering information at this stage – only verbally agree an offer with a university or college if you are absolutely sure you want it

What should I do when I have my offer?

If a university or college offers you a place over the phone, you just need to let them know if you would like to accept it. Remember you can only have one Adjustment offer, and it is the university or college that will add themselves to your application. Only verbally accept one offer, and make sure it is the right one!

If they are happy to accept you, your Track screen will be updated with the new choice and UCAS will send you a confirmation letter. If not, you can keep on looking, or once your Adjustment time limit is up, you will just keep your original place.