



Did you know that you can still apply for a university place that starts in autumn 2016?

This advice is for people who haven't already applied for a university place through UCAS.

How do I find out about course vacancies?

In 2015, more than 60,000 people found their university place through Clearing, which is when universities advertise their vacancies before the start of the new academic year. Not all universities offer places through Clearing, and very popular courses – such as Medicine and Dentistry – will already have waiting lists so won't appear.

To find out where the vacancies are, look at the Clearing section of the UCAS website:

<https://www.ucas.com/>

How do I apply to university for the first time?

Option 1: complete a UCAS online application form:

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/register>

This will cost £23 and you need to find someone to give you a reference. Once it has been submitted, you will receive an email with your UCAS ID and Clearing Number (there may be a delay of a few hours) and can start applying to universities.

Option 2: ring the university you want to go to and ask if they allow 'direct entry' (which means that you don't have to apply via UCAS). Not all universities offer 'direct entry' – those who do will ask you some questions about your grades, your work experience/ other activities, and may request a personal statement from you. If they offer you a place, they will send you a Record of Prior Acceptance form which you need to complete and return within a set period of time (usually 24 or 48 hours).

If you are really not sure what to do get some advice! Ask at your school or college or contact the National Careers Service on 0800 100 900