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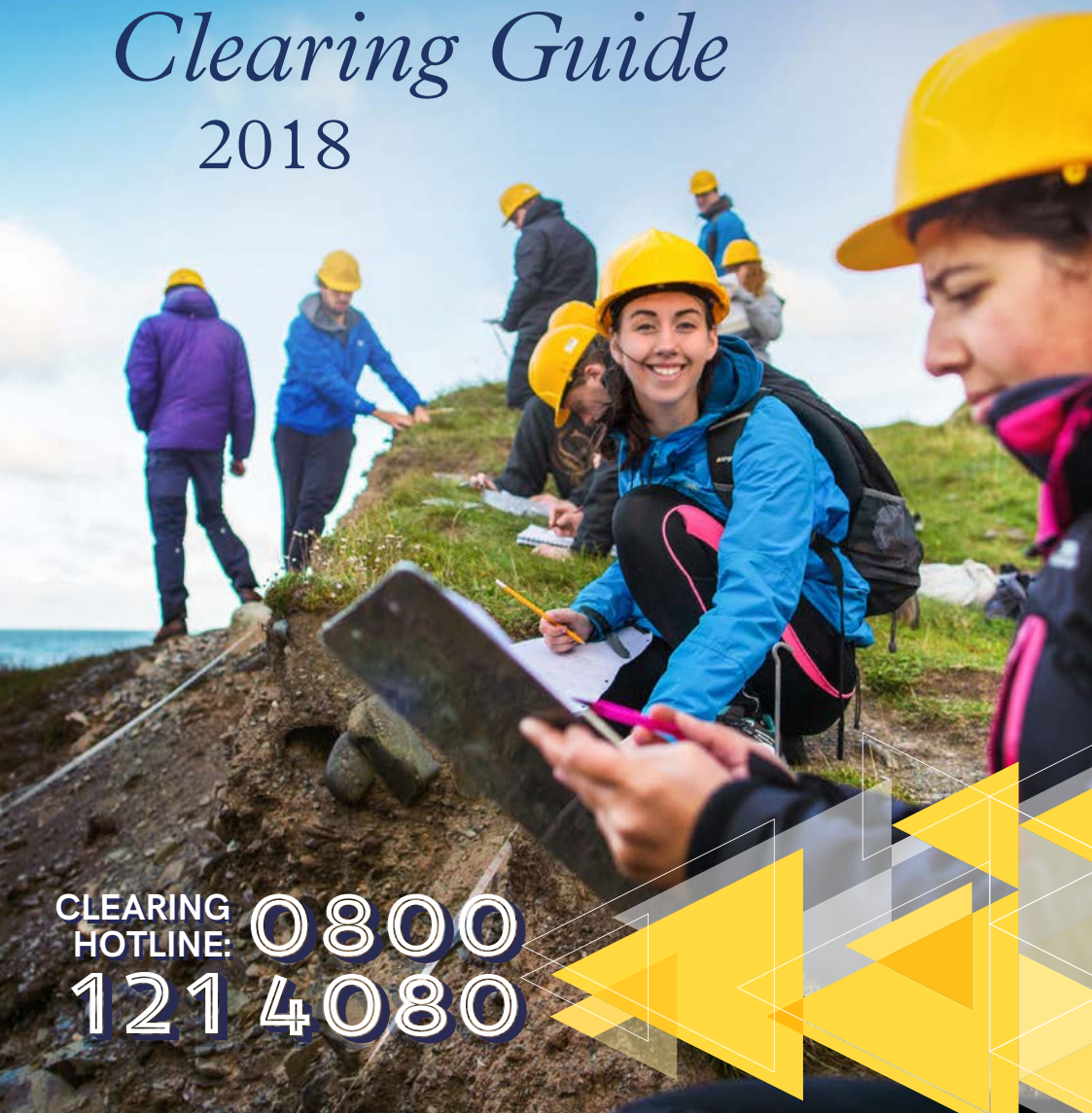


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# *Clearing Guide*

## 2018



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# Clearing explained

**Clearing lets you explore your options if you haven't yet secured a place at university starting in September.** Use our guide to navigate your way through the Clearing process and let's find the right course for you.

## What is Clearing?

Clearing is the process where prospective students, who do not currently hold any offers, can find university courses with available places. Around 60,000 applicants found a place through Clearing last year. Aberystwyth University currently has Clearing vacancies available across the whole University.

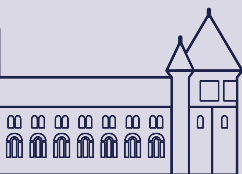
## Am I eligible for Clearing?

You can use Clearing if you:

- applied after 30th June 2018
- applied before 30th June 2018 and didn't receive any offers (or didn't receive any offers that you wanted to accept)
- didn't meet the conditions of your offer and your firm or insurance choice universities did not confirm your place

## I think I might have done better than expected

If you think you might have done better than expected you may be able to use the Adjustment process to select an alternative course. Further details are available on the UCAS website.



# Why Aberystwyth?



Top reasons for making  
Aberystwyth University your Clearing choice

UK University of the Year for

## ✓ **TEACHING QUALITY**

(Good University Guide, The Times & Sunday Times 2018)

## ✓ **GUARANTEED ACCOMMODATION**

We guarantee you a place in our accommodation and will include a FREE Sports Centre Platinum Membership worth £125 a year if you choose to live in University Accommodation this September.

## ✓ **GOLD AWARD**

in 2018 Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework (TEF 2018)

## ✓ **TOP 5**

University of the Year in the WhatUni Student Choice Awards 2018

✓ **91%** and Best in Wales for overall student satisfaction (NSS 2017)

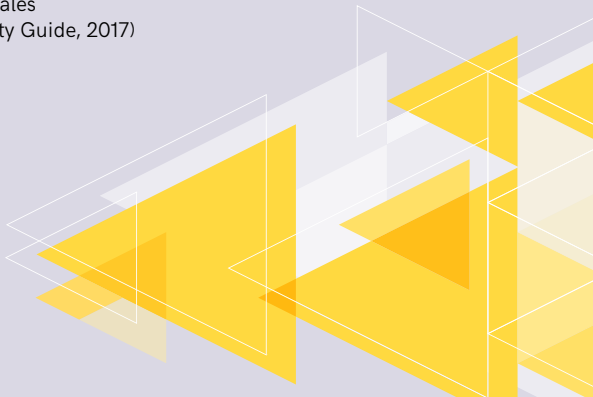
✓ **95%** of the University's research is of an internationally recognised standard (REF 2014)

✓ **95%** of graduates are in employment or further education 6 months after graduating (HESA 2017)

Aberystwyth is the

✓ **SAFEST** place to study in Wales (Complete University Guide, 2017)

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# The Clearing Process Explained

If you're worried about your results, start researching alternative courses now so you're ready for Clearing.

## 1. Results

- **As expected:** If your place has been confirmed by a university, you won't be in Clearing
- **Better than expected:** You could use the Adjustment process to choose a different course
- **Not as expected or holding no offers:** Time to enter Clearing and find the right course for you

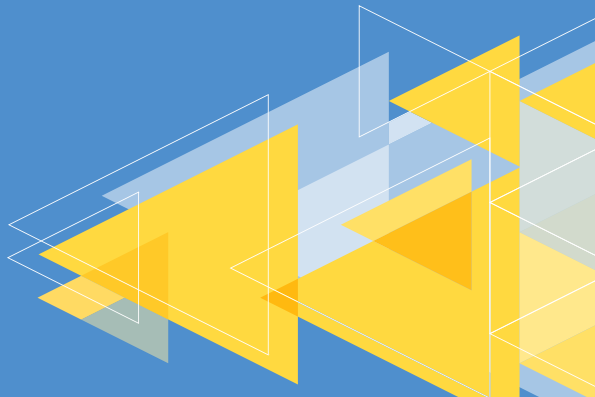
## 2. UCAS Website

- Go to **www.ucas.com** and check 'UCAS Track.' If you aren't holding any offers your clearing number will be displayed here
- UCAS will update the list of courses that still have places available. You don't have to stick with your original choice of subject. You can find more information about Aberystwyth courses at **www.aber.ac.uk/clearing**
- Prepare to talk to universities. Most universities set up a special Clearing hotline from the morning of results day. You'll need your results, UCAS Personal ID, the course you would like to study, your email address and a pen and paper to hand
- On the afternoon of A Level results day you can apply to your chosen university by selecting 'Add Clearing Choice' on UCAS track
- Keep checking UCAS until the University confirms your place

## 3. Next steps

- Think about visiting your chosen University
- Don't forget to organise Student Finance and Accommodation

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# Clearing FAQs





**Q** Where can I find Clearing vacancies?

**A** Vacancies will be updated on the UCAS website and on each individual university website. For the latest information, we recommend calling the university directly. Aberystwyth has a limited number of Clearing vacancies available across the whole University.

**Q** How many offers can I get?

**A** You can talk to as many universities and get as many offers as you want. However, you can only submit **one** Clearing application on UCAS.

**Q** How is my Clearing offer confirmed?

**A** When you add your choice on the UCAS website, it is up to the university to confirm your place in Track. You do not need to reply to the offer.

**Q** Does it mean I automatically won't get in if I didn't meet the conditions of my offer?

**A** No, check UCAS track or call the university directly. Some universities may still confirm your offer even if your results were lower than expected.

**Q** Can EU/International students apply through Clearing?

**A** Yes - Clearing is open to everyone.

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# Accommodation

There is a lot of choice when it comes to university accommodation, but by Clearing your options may be more limited. Aberystwyth University offer a one-stop shop for all kinds of student accommodation at [www.aberstudentpad.co.uk](http://www.aberstudentpad.co.uk) and we guarantee university managed accommodation to all Clearing applicants.







# Where can I live?

## University Managed Accommodation

Halls of residence provide a great way to meet people straight away. At Aberystwyth, our Campus Life team will be on hand to welcome you. We have a range of options available to suit all budgets, with the majority of our residences being only a short walk from Campus. At Aberystwyth, there is no need to worry about fluctuating bills as our accommodation fees include utilities, internet connection and a high level of personal contents insurance.

## Private Accommodation

A great option to meet people from different courses and year groups. Many universities offer guidance around private sector accommodation. Our Accommodation Office runs a private sector advisory service if you are considering this option.

## Living at Home

If your chosen university is close to home you could consider commuting while you study. This is potentially a good way of saving money whilst at university.

Visit [www.aber.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.aber.ac.uk/accommodation) for information about the different types of accommodation on offer at Aberystwyth University.

We provide guaranteed university managed accommodation for all students applying through Clearing along with FREE Sports Centre Platinum Membership.





# Student Finance

Undergraduate fees are published on university websites. Government loans and grants for fees and living costs are available depending on your circumstances. For more information go to [www.aber.ac.uk/en/undergrad/fees-finance/loans](http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/undergrad/fees-finance/loans)

## **Applied for a loan but your information has changed due to Clearing?**

You will need to update your application details. If you live in Wales this can be done through [www.studentfinancewales.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk), or by logging into the relevant funding body if you live elsewhere.

## **Applied through Clearing but haven't applied for a loan yet?**

Although the official deadlines have passed, you can still apply. The funder may not be able to process your application in time for the beginning of your course, but don't worry, they will make sure you have some money as close to the start of your course as possible.

## **Scholarships and Bursaries**

Clearing students at Aberystwyth could also be eligible to receive our Aber Bursary – worth £500 a year!

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## Visit Us

It's a great idea to attend a Clearing Visiting Day if you are applying to a university that you haven't visited before. Although Clearing Visiting Days are usually much smaller than main university Open Days, most will still give you the chance to meet students, ask questions about your course and have a look around the campus, accommodation and town or city.

Aberystwyth University hosts a series of Clearing Visiting Days running between Friday 17th and Friday 24th August. You can book a place at [www.aber.ac.uk/clearing](http://www.aber.ac.uk/clearing). If you can't make it to a Visiting Day we also run Campus Tours and have virtual tours of the campus, including accommodation, available on our website.





# Useful Contacts

You can find out more about Aberystwyth University via

**[www.aber.ac.uk](http://www.aber.ac.uk)** or call our

**Clearing hotline: 0800 121 40 80**

Other useful websites:

**[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)**

**[www.thestudentroom.co.uk](http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk)**

You can register for Clearing updates at Aberystwyth via

**[www.aber.ac.uk/clearing](http://www.aber.ac.uk/clearing)**

Email: [clearing@aber.ac.uk](mailto:clearing@aber.ac.uk)



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