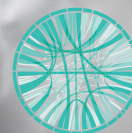


# No offer or place



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## Did you know?

Some medical schools use Clearing and some may contact 'near miss' students once their results are known with an offer of a place.

## Useful stuff

If you do not receive an offer of a place, or do not meet the examination grades required, it can be extremely disappointing. Take time to think through your options very carefully. This is not a moment for you to make a rushed choice.

If you had received no interviews, it may be that your application was not competitive in either your predicted or achieved academic grades, or your performance in the aptitude test was not high enough for competitive selection.

If you were unsuccessful at the interview stage, request feedback. Most medical schools will explain how to seek feedback on their website. The feedback may not be very detailed but can help to provide an indication as to why you did not receive an offer for interview.

You can enter UCAS Extra or Clearing, if you are not holding any other offers. The places available in UCAS Extra or Clearing will be extremely limited (if there are any at all). There are likely to be vacancies in other health courses.

If you still wish to study medicine you should consider what you would need for the best chance of a successful application next year. It will be important that your A level (or equivalent) grades meet the entry requirements.

## Top facts

- There are 2.5 applicants for every place at medical schools so many students do not get the news they want.

## Key dates

**UCAS Extra opens in February. Clearing ends in October.**

This information is endorsed by all undergraduate medical schools in the UK who are members of the Medical Schools Council. The information relates to UK medical schools only. It is correct and accurate at the time of publication (July 2019), and relates to the 2020 admissions process. It will be updated annually but we advise you to check individual medical school websites.

## What you should do...

If you have not received an interview or offer, you may want to reapply but you should focus on your achieving highly in your exams first. You can then focus on gaining additional work experience. Before applying next year you should practice the aptitude test and carefully consider the selection process of each medical school. If you are reapplying to the same medical school check whether reapplications are allowed.

You can also consider:

- **Resits**

Medical schools have different approaches to resits, some do not accept them, some require you to resit all your examinations together and some may require higher grades. Check individual websites before embarking on this option.

- **Graduate Entry Medicine**

Consider your undergraduate degree with care as some will require a science or life science degree.

- **Other healthcare courses**

These can provide direct patient contact, and diagnostic and treatment opportunities. Places on these courses may even be available through Clearing.

## Be aware

Not all medical schools will accept resits (and some will only accept them if there have been particular extenuating circumstances) or reapplications.

## What they say...

“Applying to medicine after A levels can offer huge benefits. Taking time off, studying another degree, volunteering and working can all offer the opportunity to learn more about yourself, strengthen your qualities and ensure that a medical career remains your first choice in life. If medicine remains your calling, those experiences will help you flourish throughout the rest of your career. A rich variety of students’ ages and backgrounds also contributes greatly to a thriving learning environment.”

**Neil Calderwood, fourth year medical student, Brighton and Sussex Medical School.**

## More help & advice

UCAS Clearing: [www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/what-clearing](http://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/what-clearing)

UCAS Extra: [www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-track/track-your-application/extra-choices](http://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-track/track-your-application/extra-choices)

UCAS Track: [www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/ucas-undergraduate-apply-and-track](http://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/ucas-undergraduate-apply-and-track)

## Test yourself

**Think about whether you still want to study medicine. Ask yourself:**

- Are you interested in any other courses?
- Why did you apply to medicine?

**If you still wish to consider medicine, think about your application and any feedback you have received:**

- What are the areas you need to improve on?
- How could you improve on your application, interview or test performance?