



## Just got your A-Level/Level 3 results?

**If you have not done as well as you expected or have changed your mind about going to university these are your options.**

Check on UCAS TRACK as you may still have been offered a place. **DO NOT ASSUME YOU HAVE BEEN REJECTED.** If there are exceptional circumstances that affected your grades then your school, college or you can contact the university to ask if they will still accept you **BUT YOU MUST DO IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

If you do not have a place or have been refused a place you can go through clearing. All the information about what you need to do is at <https://www.ucas.com/>. If you do go through clearing, you must still research the course as you may not find a course identical to your original choice. Some courses sound like your first choice but the content can be very different.

### **Your alternatives if you still want to go to university.**

Take a gap year and reapply for next year. During this gap year you can do more qualifications either full or part time. You can consider studying at a sixth form, college or distance learning. You may have course fees to pay. See below for different types of degree including Degree & Higher-Level apprenticeships – you still get high level qualifications often from a university.

Local colleges may offer Access to HE, Foundation Degrees or Degree and it may be worth contacting the college direct. Look on <https://apply.startprofile.com/> and local college websites. Another option is to take a similar type of degree which requires lower entry qualifications and may allow the opportunity to transfer. Note this is adding extra years of study and cost. Speak to a Careers Adviser before you take this option.

### **If you decide not to go to university currently your options are:**

**Apprenticeships** – you may be able to apply for a higher-level apprenticeship, including degree apprenticeships and this will lead to level 4 or higher qualifications. Some employers will support you to do a university course while on your apprenticeship.

Other apprenticeships are also available, and you can look at both levels 2 and 3. You will need to check the entry qualification requirements for each apprenticeship as some employer requirements can vary. [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk) and for degree apprenticeships [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) [www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk) <https://advice.milkround.com/>

**Jobs** – you can apply for jobs on the <https://www.gov.uk/find-a-job> website and the other job websites including [www.indeed.co.uk](http://www.indeed.co.uk) and those run by your local newspaper or social media. You can also look at big name companies who have their own websites as they often advertise vacancies on line rather than in their stores. You can research your job ideas on the Job Profiles section on the National Careers Service website. The information in the job profiles can help you target your CV / application towards specific jobs and the section Careers advice has a section on getting a job <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice#getting-a-job>



### **Volunteering, what is it?**

Anyone can volunteer. It can be very rewarding and is a great way to:

- meet new people
- gain new or use existing skills
- get experience
- make a big difference to your community

[Do-it.org](http://do-it.org) is a database of UK volunteering opportunities. You can search more than a million volunteering opportunities by interest, activity or location and then apply online.

**The following list of websites includes information about different employment sectors and advice on where to find vacancies.**

**A level results day:**

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

**General Advice from the government**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/university-traineeship-first-job-what-s-your-post-exam-plan?>

**Finance**

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

<http://www.scholarship-search.org.uk/>

<http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/>

**Employment**

<https://www.wikijob.co.uk/content/features/useful-resources/10-best-uk-job-boards-2020>

Don't forget to use Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook <https://www.kent.ac.uk/careers/jobs/social-networking.htm>

<https://www.gov.uk/jobsearch> (used to be the Job Centre Website)

**Apprenticeships**

[www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)

**Leeds Young People's Site:** <https://www.startinleeds.com/>

**Employment Hub Leeds** - ring the Leeds Employment Hub helpline to arrange an appointment with an adviser. Tel: 0113 378 4576 <https://leedsemploymenthub.co.uk/>

**Employment Hub Bradford** - Bradford Employment Hub - ring the Bradford Employment Hub helpline (part funded through the European Social Fund) to arrange an appointment with an adviser. They will help you look and apply for vacancies.

Tel: 0330 111 0035 [www.theopportunitycentre.com](http://www.theopportunitycentre.com)



### **Recruitment agencies**

<http://www.leedsjobs.net/>

<http://www.headwayrecruitment.co.uk/>

<http://www.jobsite.co.uk/jobs/bradford>

<http://www.indeed.co.uk/>

<http://www.totaljobs.com/>

<http://www.fish4.co.uk/>

<http://jobs.thirdsector.co.uk/>

### **Other Useful Sites**

<http://icould.com> <http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>

<http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>

**Gap Year: You will need to check current travel advice.**

<https://ivs.gb.org/european-solidarity-corps> free gap year

<http://www.yearoutgroup.org/>

<http://www.raleighinternational.org/>

<http://www.campamerica.co.uk/>

<http://www.gapyear.com/>

<https://volunteermatters.org.uk/>