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Department for Education

GCSEs, AS and A levels and other qualifications in 2020

Guidance

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20 August.

Information for students about

### What about my BTEC or other Vocational and Technical Qualification (VTQ) results?

Your school or college will be able to inform you of your grades from Thursday

#### were rightly assessed differently to A levels. The statistical approach used for A levels was not generally used for VTQs as results generally took into account

as soon as possible. Read <u>Pearson's full statement</u>.

How do I find out my GCSE results?

other factors such as coursework already completed. Those awarding organisations have decided to take more time in order to make

absolutely certain no student is inadvertently worse off due to changes in how

Vocational and technical results, such as BTECs and Cambridge Technicals,

grades are assessed. Critically, no student will see their result downgraded as a result of this review, so any results already issued will either stay the same or improve. The relevant

My A/AS level centre assessment grade is lower than

the calculated grade I got last week. What does this

awarding organisations have assured us that students will receive their results

mean? Will I lose my university place? Anyone who received a calculated grade higher than their centre assessment grade will not see their grade reduced.

Can a centre assessment grade be appealed?

A centre assessment grade can be appealed where there has been an

otherwise appeal against the judgement of their school of college. Any

exams in the autumn.

grade?

have received.

discuss your options.

administrative error. Students who have evidence of bias or discrimination can

go through the normal complaints procedure at the centre or complain to the

exam board, which could investigate potential malpractice. Students cannot

students who are unhappy with their grades also have the opportunity to sit

# Can I still use my mock exam grade if that is higher

than my calculated grade or centre assessment

the basis of a valid mock result is no longer available. Centre assessment

were signed off by the Head of Centre as honestly and fairly representing the grades that students would have been most likely to achieve if they had sat their exams as planned. Appeals are only be allowed against centre assessment grades where there has been an administrative error.

Will there still be an examination series in the autumn

Yes. Students will have the opportunity to sit exams in the autumn if they were

not able to receive grades this summer or are not happy with the grades they

for students not happy with their results?

talk to my university about my place?

but I will now have higher grades?

with or a deferred place at the same university.

trying or email if you do not get through immediately.

No – the move to centre assessment grades means that the ability to appeal on

grades were put together by schools and colleges taking into account the full

range of evidence about students' performance, including mock results, and

Higher education: applications and clearing When will universities have my results? When can I

UCAS will let you know when universities have your grades. After that, we

encourage you to contact your preferred university, as early as possible, to

#### you should do is speak to your preferred university to see what options are available before taking any actions. The government and higher education sector have together committed to ensuring all students who achieved the required grades will be offered a place at their first choice university. At Wednesday's daily meeting, the government's Higher Education Taskforce

agreed to honour all offers across all courses to students who meet the

conditions of their offer this coming year wherever possible or, if maximum

capacity is reached, to offer a suitable alternative course that you are happy

If there are places available, UCAS will be able to help you release yourself

Universities will be receiving a number of calls at the moment, so please keep

from any existing offer and take the offer at your preferred university.

What if my university have already rejected my

application based on last week's calculated grades,

UCAS will let you know when universities have your final grades. The first thing

What if I have accepted my insurance offer, or another offer in clearing, but I now have the grades required for my first choice? UCAS will let you know when universities have your final grades. You should speak to your preferred university and see what options are available to you, based on your revised grades. If there are places available, UCAS will be able to help you release yourself from any existing offer and take the offer at your preferred university. Universities will be receiving a number of calls at the

### I got an offer during clearing – can the university withdraw it in order to give it to another student who has now met their offer because of centre assessment grades?

If you have accepted the offer, you can still take your place. If you now want to

accept another offer, UCAS will be able to help you release from your existing

offer and take up a place at your preferred university.

work through these issues in days ahead.'

the start of term?

universities?

experience and expertise in dealing efficiently with large numbers of applications at this stage of the applications cycle, and we do not expect providers to delay the start of term on account of it.

taskforce which is meeting daily. We are hugely grateful for the extra work and

# subjects and providing funding to support an increase in capacity.

so they aren't going to expand this provision without support. Is additional funding being made available to the university? This year, many more students than expected have met the grades to study vital subjects such as STEM and healthcare, where there are additional delivery

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# moment, so please keep trying or email if you do not get through immediately. What if there are no places left on the course I want?

The government and higher education sector have together committed to

ensuring all students who achieved the required grades will be offered a place

at their first choice university. The government is working with universities to explore ways to build more capacity in to the higher education system and at an institutional level. At Wednesday's daily meeting, the government's Higher Education Taskforce agreed to honour all offers across all courses to students who meet the conditions of their offer this coming year wherever possible or, if maximum capacity is reached, to offer a suitable alternative course that you are happy with or a deferred place at the same university.

### Can universities accept all students who meet their offer and also ensure campus remains socially distanced in September? We are pleased to see that Universities UK has indicated that its members will

arrangements, they have said that 'universities will do everything they can to

admissions offices? Will you consider pushing back

We have been working closely with sector bodies in a higher education

flexibility providers are undertaking to support all students. They have

Are you removing student number controls for

be as flexible as possible and that, in relation to social distancing

What support are you lending to university

number controls for academic year 2020/21 to help ensure that there are no additional barriers to students being able to progress. We are working closely with the sector to create additional capacity and ensure they are as flexible as possible. At Wednesday's daily meeting, the government's Higher Education Taskforce agreed to honour all offers across all courses to students who meet the conditions of their offer this coming year wherever possible or, if maximum capacity is reached, to offer a suitable alternative course that you are happy

Students who previously missed an offer and will now meet it on the basis of

Is there still a cap on medical and dentistry places?

This year many more students have been successful in meeting the required

enthusiasm and energy that these students have put into securing a high-

That is why we are lifting the domestic caps for this academic year on these

What will happen if my grades have improved but my

university doesn't have space to offer me a place for

Where students have met their offer to study at a medical school, they should

grades to study medicine and dentistry. We don't want to lose the vital passion,

their centre assessment grades should get in contact with the university. Those

who have accepted another offer will be able to release themselves if they have

with or a deferred place at the same university.

their preferred choice reinstated.

quality university place.

medicine this year?

costs for providers.

We recognise that the change to centre assessment grades has implications

for universities, and we therefore intend to remove the temporary student

#### be able to take up that place this year where there is capacity to do so, or they should be offered a deferred place at their chosen university and course, subject to confirmation from Health Education England that clinical placements are in place.

economy and public services.

To ensure that providers are able to offer increased capacity, government will

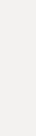
provide additional grant funding to support this provision which is vital to our

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