



How to plan for 2022



Pathways after school

Higher Education Sector

- University Courses
- Requires completion of Year 12 & required ATAR/selection rank
- May have additional entrance requirements (UCAT, portfolio of work, audition, interview, prerequisites, etc)

VET/TAFE Sector

- Vocational Skills and TAFE courses (Cert II, Cert III, Cert IV, Diploma, Advanced Diploma)
- Can lead into uni courses (eg Bachelor degree)
- Range of entrance requirements

The Workforce

- Requires getting a job (application, interview, etc)
- Straight into earning money
- May require on the job training



Australian Tertiary Admission Rank

- Measure of a student's overall achievement compared to others in Australia
- Used by universities in the selection of school leavers for a place in university courses in Australia and overseas
- Ranges from 0 – 99.95
- Queensland uses slightly different system (your ATAR is automatically converted when you apply)
- Lasts for a number of years (until you have completed 2 full years of university study)



How is the ATAR calculated?

1. Your top 4½ scaled subjects become an aggregate out of 90
2. Your maximum result is automatically generated
3. Your Aggregate is converted into an ATAR

<https://www.satac.edu.au/pages/scaling>



Bonus Points <https://www.satac.edu.au/pages/adjustment-factors>

What are they?

- Also called “Adjustment Factors”
- Apply to South Australian & NT public universities
- Different systems of bonus points also apply interstate
- In SA, maximum of 9, split into 2 categories
- Added to your Aggregate, then recalculated in TER

2 categories

1. SA Universities Equity Scheme (max 5 points)
2. SA Language, Literacy & Mathematics Bonus Scheme (max 4 points)



Adjustment Factors- FAQ

- **Do they show up on my SACE Certificate/Notification of results?**

No

- **Do I have to do anything for the “subject” bonus points to be added?**

No

- **Do I need to do anything for the “equity” bonus points to be added?**

Yes, through your SATAC (also VTAC, UAC etc) application. Check each website carefully.

- **How do I know what my revised Tertiary Entrance Rank is?**

Ring each university you have applied for after you have received your ATAR and ask.



Selection Rank Cutoffs

- **What they are?**

Lowest TER from previous year that receive an offer into that course (they therefore include adjustment factors). Domestic students and International students have slightly different TER cutoffs

- **Do they change over time?**

Supply and demand... but generally very similar from year to year unless courses change

- **What about “fixed selection ranks” for courses?**

All 3 public universities in SA have “Guaranteed Entry” – not for all courses and sometimes requires that course to be the applicant’s top preference on their SATAC application

- **How do I find them?**

University course information under “Entry Requirements” and on SATAC website course descriptions

- **Rural and remote subquota?**

Applies in some high demand courses to help increase the participation of rural students. Doesn’t add bonus points, it effectively employs a slightly lower cutoff rank for eligible students. **All information is on university course websites.**



Where do I research courses?

South Australia/NT -

www.satac.edu.au

Interstate:

Victoria (VTAC)

www.vtac.edu.au

NSW & ACT (UAC)

www.uac.edu.au

Western Australia (TISC)

www.tisc.edu.au

Queensland (QAC)

www.qtac.edu.au

Tasmania – University of Tasmania website

(ATAR has been converted to a different scoring system for Queensland)



Courses - What do I need to know?

- Required TER/selection rank
- Application process (SATAC + ?)
- Direct application?
- Prerequisite subjects?
- Assumed knowledge?
- Any other pathways to same area? (ie Plan B)
- Scholarships?
- Content? <https://apply.satac.edu.au/info/coursesearch/?cycleCode=unis2020>
<https://www.flinders.edu.au/study>



How do uni applications work?

Online through each state's university admissions body.

SA & NT	SATAC	www.satac.edu.au	(6 preferences)
Victoria	VTAC	www.vtac.edu.au	(8 preferences)
NSW & ACT	UAC	www.uac.edu.au	(9 preferences)
Queensland	QTAC	www.qtac.edu.au	(6 preferences)
WA	TISC	www.tisc.edu.au	(6 preferences)
Tasmania	University of Tasmania website		(2 preferences)



Entry Pathways to university

Vast majority of places go to **school leavers using their selection rank**

Other SA university entrance options include:

Yr 11 Results Pathway

- Currently ANU and University of Adelaide and Flinders Uni (others may follow)
- Early application date and conditional offers
- Normal application also required (except ANU)
- Not available for all courses <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/study/undergraduate/year11-entry-pathway/#>

STEM Academy (University of Adelaide)

<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/stem/academy/year-12-students>

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

- Not all universities accept STAT for school leavers, age requirements apply
- Not all courses offer STAT places <https://www.satac.edu.au/stat>



STAT

What is it? A nationally recognised 2 hour multiple choice aptitude test

Typically....

For Semester 1 entry:

- In South Australia you must be at least 18 years of age before 1 February in the year of entry to the course.
- For Charles Darwin University the minimum age for special entry applicants is 19 years before 1 January in the year of uni entry.

For Semester 2 entry:

- In South Australia you must be at least 18 years of age before 1 July in the year of entry to the course.
- For Charles Darwin University the minimum age for special entry applicants is 19 years before 1 July in the year of entry.

Cost – approx \$150 + processing fee (approx \$35 for Yr 12 students)

Book through SATAC application, ideally before end of September



SA Entry Pathways to University (cont)

Uni TEST (Flinders University)

- 2 ½ hour test administered by ACER. Not applicable to all Flinders University degrees.
- <https://www.flinders.edu.au/study/pathways/year-12-entry/unitest>

School Recommendation Program (Flinders University)

<https://www.flinders.edu.au/study/pathways/year-12-entry/school-recommendation-program>

Research Project B Pathway (Flinders University)

60% ATAR, 40% Research Project B result – automatically calculated by Flinders Uni

<https://www.flinders.edu.au/study/pathways/year-12-entry/research-project>

Elite Athlete Pathway

<https://www.flinders.edu.au/study/sport/elite-athletes>

<https://www.flinders.edu.au/content/dam/documents/study/domestic/pathways/elite-athletes-admission-scheme.pdf>

Watch this space...more changes will happen



University Open Days

- Currently online due to COVID-19 (webinars, virtual tours, etc)
- Subject/course specific presentations online (see uni websites)
- Can still ask questions – email and phone calls direct to universities
- Watch emails for more details
- Keep an eye on university websites



Scholarships and Allowances

Allowances include:

- Youth Allowance
- AUSTUDY
- ABSTUDY
- Rent Assistance
- Government assistance for trade students

Scholarships:

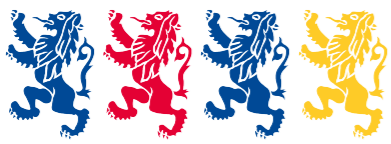
<http://www.satac.edu.au/pages/scholarships>

<http://www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/scholarship/search#.UZ64Go4ijww>

<https://www.studyassist.gov.au/you-study/scholarships>

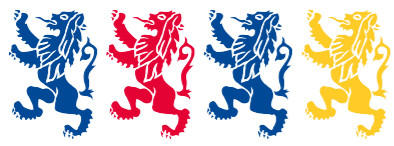
<http://www.satac.edu.au/subsidies-and-scholarships>

Each university website also has links to their scholarships



Accommodation

- Listed on each university website
- Range of options and prices
- Aimed at different clientele (eg single sex, religious, academic, etc)
- Scholarships may be available
- Typically tours at the university open days (August/Sept – check each uni website for details)
- Applications – processing fee
- Timeline – usually open for Sem 1 applications after Open Day weekend (mid August)
- Advice – research and prepare application early, then you are set to go after a tour just before applications open
- Ring the universities directly with specific queries



Timeline

Term 1 & 2

- Research courses for 2022
- Research available scholarships
- Make a list of important dates (UCAT registration and test dates, scholarships, etc)
- Ask for a predicted ATAR and identify target ATAR

Term 3

- University applications open (usually 1st Monday in August, TBC)
- Distribution of SATAC guides and lunchtime application help sessions (SA & interstate)
- University open days (virtual?) Typically 16th – 18th August in SA
- Checkout interstate open days and deadlines (usually very similar dates to SA)

Term 4

- Finalise university applications (typically also able to occur after ATARs released)
- Typically, approx. 18th December ATARs released
- Typically, approx. 18th – 20th December 1st university offer round occurs (not all courses)

Mid-January 2022 – Main rounds of university offers around Australia



Where to from here?

- **Research courses** (Content, ATAR, prerequisites, entry requirements & processes)
- **Research scholarships**
- **Create a list of important dates** (SATAC guide available in August)
- **Monitor your current academic progress**
- **Prepare any folio/audition/interview materials**
- **Research accommodation** (if moving away from home)
- **Speak with your Careers Counsellor**
 - Cameron, Campbell, Stewart – Belinda Sorensen
 - Douglas, Gordon, McGregor – Mark Kelly
- **Ring the universities directly with specific queries**