



# Post School Destinations 2024



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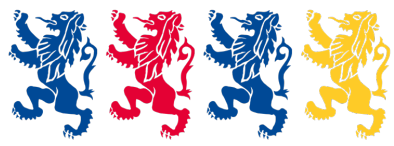
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# Pathways after school

## Higher Education Sector

- University Courses
- Requires completion of Year 12 & required TER
- 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

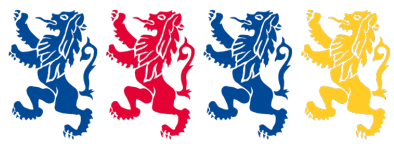
## The Workforce

- 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)

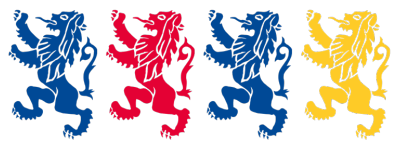


# How is the ATAR calculated?

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

Scaling website

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



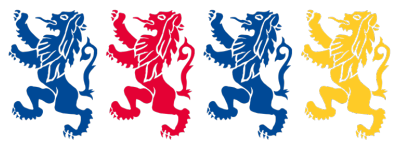
# Calculating an ATAR

**EXAMPLE #1:** A student receives the following scaled scores.

	Biology	Chemistry	General Maths	P.E.	Psychology	Research Project B
Scaled Score	18.2 (A-)	18.6 (A)	19.8 (A+)	17.8 (A-)	16.8 (A-)	6.2 (B)
Used in Uni Agg	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (1/2)	No

**University Aggregate = 82.80**  
(Score from best 90 credits) (Bio, Chem, Gen Maths, PE, ½ Psych)

**ATAR** (based on 2023 conversion) **≈ 96.45**



# Calculating an ATAR

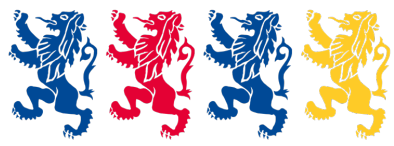
**EXAMPLE #2:** A student receives the following scaled scores.

	Physics	English Literary Studies	Maths Methods	Biology	Research Project B
Scaled Score	16.2 (A-)	14.8 (B)	12.4 (C)	10.2 (C)	8.8 (A)
Used in Uni Agg Score	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**University Aggregate = 62.4**

(Score from best 90 credits)

**ATAR** (based on 2023 conversion)  $\approx$  **72.60**



# 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 as a Selection Rank

## 2 categories

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





# SA Adjustment Factors (Bonus points)

## 1. SA Universities Equity Scheme

- 5 points added to Aggregate, then recalculated Selection Rank
- All students in certain schools (geographical, level of uni representation, mean ATAR)
- Individuals in all schools (personal financial situation – AUSTUDY, ABSTUDY, School Card, Health Care Card, etc)
- Apply for **ALL** university courses (including Medicine and Veterinary Bioscience)
- Proof of eligibility required (via document upload in SATAC application)

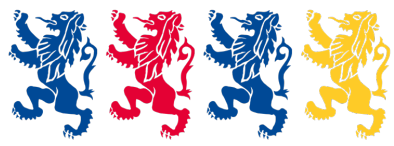


# Adjustment Factors (Bonus points)

## 2. SA Language, Literacy & Mathematics Bonus Scheme

- Max 4 points added to Aggregate, then recalculated Selection Rank
- 2 per subject (Specialist Mathematics, Maths Methods, English Studies, English, LOTE)
- Must get a C- or better
- Does NOT apply for undergraduate Medicine or Veterinary Bioscience

<https://satac.edu.au/adjustment-factors>



# Bonus Points – ATAR example revisited

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Used in Uni Agg Score	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**University Aggregate = 62.4**

(Score from best 90 credits)

**ATAR (based on 2023)  $\approx$  72.6**

**Revised SA Uni Aggregate = 66.4** (includes 4 bonus points)

**Revised Selection Rank  $\approx$  77.80**



# SA 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?**

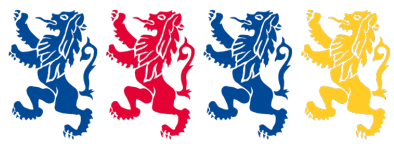
No

- **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 Selection Rank is?**

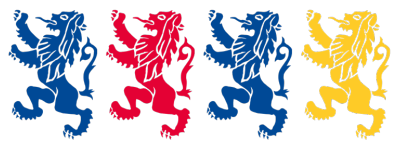
Ring each university you have applied for after you have received your ATAR and ask.



# ATAR / Selection Rank Cutoffs

## 2023 Admissions Data for school leavers

ATAR (raw ATAR, excluding any applicable adjustment factors)	Lowest ATAR to receive an offer	75.4
	Median ATAR to receive an offer	91.5
	Highest ATAR to receive an offer	99.05
Selection Rank (ATAR plus any adjustment factors)	Lowest Selection Rank to receive an offer	80.75
	Median Selection Rank to receive an offer	95.3
	Highest Selection Rank to receive an offer	99.95
Minimum eligibility score		80
Additional criteria considered		Selection rank only



# ATAR/Selection Rank Cutoffs

- **Do they change over time?**
- **What about “Guaranteed Entry”?**
- **“Rural and remote” subquota?**

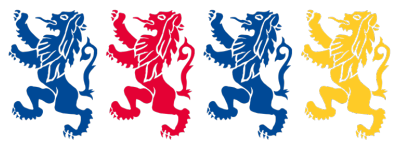
Applies in some high demand courses to help increase the participation of rural students. Doesn't add bonus points, it effectively employs a slightly lower cutoff rank for eligible students. All information is on university course websites.

Courses include Medicine, Dentistry, Physiotherapy, high demand health courses

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/app>

Applicants must also, within 10 working days after submitting the SATAC application, submit a Statutory Declaration to SATAC which confirms that they have lived in non-metropolitan areas of Australia (Remoteness Classifications RA2 to RA5) for at least 5 consecutive years, or 10 years cumulatively, from birth (i.e. during any period of their life). A Statutory Declaration form can be [downloaded here](#).

Applicants can check their eligibility in accordance with the definition above using [the search tool](#) at the Remoteness Area (RA) Locator site. Filter your search using the ASGS Remoteness Areas (2016) layer.

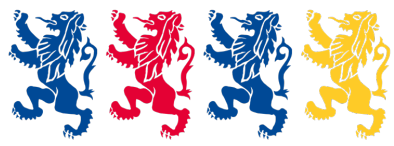


# How do uni applications work?

Online through each state's university admissions body.

<b>SA &amp; NT</b>	<b>SATAC</b>	<a href="http://www.satac.edu.au">www.satac.edu.au</a>	(6 preferences)
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>VTAC</b>	<a href="http://www.vtac.edu.au">www.vtac.edu.au</a>	(8 preferences)
<b>NSW &amp; ACT</b>	<b>UAC</b>	<a href="http://www.uac.edu.au">www.uac.edu.au</a>	(5 preferences)
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>QTAC</b>	<a href="http://www.qtac.edu.au">www.qtac.edu.au</a>	(6 preferences)
<b>WA</b>	<b>TISC</b>	<a href="http://www.tisc.edu.au">www.tisc.edu.au</a>	(6 preferences)
<b>Tasmania</b>		<a href="http://www.utas.edu.au">www.utas.edu.au</a>	(5 preferences, no cost)

Application fee per state ranges from approx \$60 - \$95



# Uni application timelines?

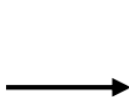
- Applications opened all around Australia this week
- Can apply in all states simultaneously
- “Submit” by the “end” of September – edit until early January
- Check dates in all states carefully – similar but some differences





# Uni application timeline

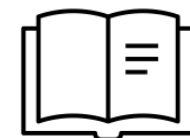
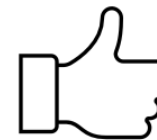
Apply online



Finish Year 12 and  
get your ATAR



Offers are made  
January - March



Submit documents  
and pay fees

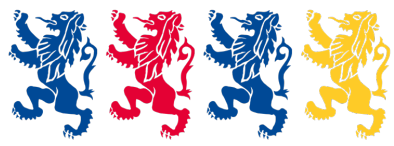
Check or change  
preferences

Respond to your  
offer and enrol!



# Course Preferences

- Rank them in desired order, in each application
- You can rearrange this order, delete courses and add new courses **until listed closing dates**
- Some courses have earlier closing dates (eg Med, Dentistry, Performing Arts, etc)
- TAFE SA courses are a separate application through the same SATAC website (so they don't count in these preference limits)



# Courses - What do I need to know?

- Required ATAR / Selection Rank
- Application process (SATAC + ?)
- Direct application?
- Prerequisite subjects?
- Assumed knowledge?
- Any other pathways to same area? (ie Plan B)
- Scholarships?
- Content?



# Researching Uni Courses

## Bachelor of Laboratory Medicine (Honours)

DEGREE LEVEL Undergraduate

YEAR 2023



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### START DATE *i*

February



### CAMPUS

City East ↓



### DURATION *i*

4 year(s) full-time



### MODE

On-campus *i*



### PROGRAM CODE

IHBL



### SATAC CODE *i*

414491 (Internal)



### STUDY AS

Full-time or part-time



### FEES *i*

Commonwealth  
Supported



### PREREQUISITES *i*

#### One of the following:

SACE Stage 2 Biology  
SACE Stage 2 Chemistry  
SACE Stage 2 Physics

[More info](#) ↓



### ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE *i*

None



### ADMISSIONS *i*

[Student Profile](#) >



### ENTRY SCORES *i*

#### 2023 GUARANTEED ENTRY

Year 12 (ATAR-based): 72.00  
Year 12 (Grades-based): B,B,B  
TAFE/RTO: DIP

[View Guaranteed Entry Info](#) >

#### 2022 CUT-OFFS

Year 12 (ATAR-based):  
- Internal: 74.30  
TAFE/RTO: Dip  
[View full entry requirements](#) ↓



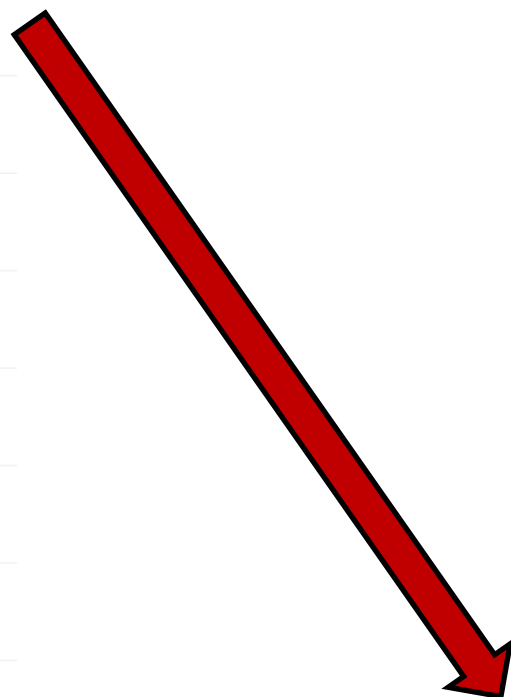
# Researching Uni Courses

## First Semester (Study Period 1, 2 or 3)

Chemistry 100	CHEM 1006
Biology A	BIOL 1007
Mathematics for Laboratory Sciences	MATH 1039
Health and Society	HLTH 1025

## Second Semester (Study Period 4, 5 or 6)

Chemistry 101	CHEM 1007
Biology B	BIOL 1012
Quantitative Methods in Health	MATH 1065
Professional Issues in Laboratory Medicine	MEDI 1009



## Course aim

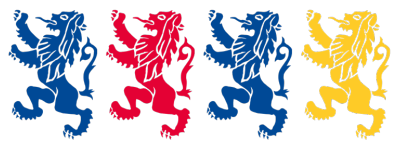
To introduce students to the basic theoretical and practical concepts of physical, and general chemistry.

## Course content

Stoichiometric calculations; quantities of reactants and products; classes of chemical reactions Thermochemistry. Atomic structure and periodicity, chemical bonding and molecular structure. Intermolecular forces, properties of solid, liquid and gaseous states; properties of solutions. Reaction kinetics, and equilibria. Introductory acid-base theory; colligative properties. Transition Elements.

## Textbook(s)

Brown & Lemay 2013, *Chemistry: The Central Science + Mastering Chemistry with etext*, 3rd edition



# Where do I research courses?

**South Australia/NT -**

[www.satac.edu.au](http://www.satac.edu.au)

**Interstate:**

Victoria (VTAC)

[www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

NSW & ACT (UAC)

[www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

Western Australia (TISC)

[www.tisc.edu.au](http://www.tisc.edu.au)

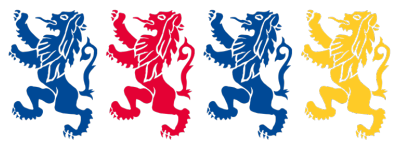
Queensland (QTAC)

[www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au)

Tasmania

[www.utas.edu.au](http://www.utas.edu.au)

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



# Entry Pathways to University

## Uni SA and Flinders Uni – Grades Based Entry Pathway

- Best 3 TAS subjects can get you entry into a range of degrees (not all)
- Eg "A,A,B"

## Foundation Studies/University Preparatory Program

- All 3 public universities – various options

## 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>

More info on next slide....





# STAT

## What is it?

A nationally recognised 2 hour, 70 question multiple choice online 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 \$200 (MUST be booked & sat before required date for results to be included)

Book at <https://stat.acer.org/au>





# SA Entry Pathways to University (cont)

## Uni TEST (Flinders University)

- 2 ½ hour test administered by ACER. Not applicable to all Flinders University degrees.
- 60% ATAR and 40% uniTest OR 100% uniTest (whichever is better for the student)
- <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/AIF 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>



# University Open Days

- Subject/course specific presentations (see uni websites)
- Q&A – talk with the lecturers and academic staff

## SA and NT:

Uni of Adelaide <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/openday/>

Flinders Uni <https://www.flinders.edu.au/study/events-key-dates/open-days>

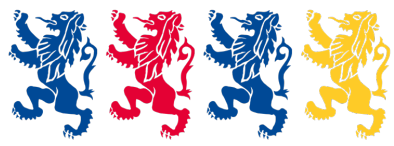
Uni SA <https://events.unisa.edu.au>

**Victoria:** <https://www.vtac.edu.au/opendays.html>

**Queensland:** <https://www.qtac.edu.au/open-days-expos/>

**NSW & ACT:** <https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/open-days>

**Tasmania:** <https://www.utas.edu.au/about/events/open-day>



# Accommodation

- Listed on each university website
- Range of options and prices
- Aimed at different clientele (eg single gender, religious affiliation, 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 (in 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



# Scholarships and Allowances

## Allowances include:

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

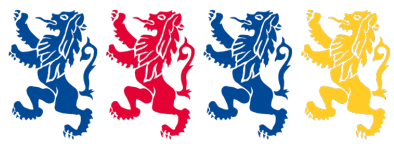
## Scholarships:

<https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/scholarships/search>

<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



# University of Adelaide/Uni SA merger

<https://unisa.edu.au/about-unisa/creating-a-university-for-the-future/#faq>

## When will it take effect?

January 1, 2026

## What will the ranking of the combined university be?

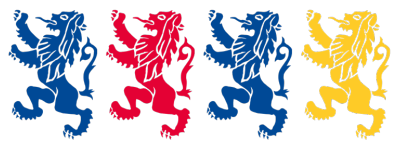
It is anticipated with a high degree of confidence that the new *Adelaide University* will be among the top 1% worldwide

## Are existing degrees going to be offered at the new university?

It is intended that all program areas offered by the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia will continue to be delivered, subject to student interest and viability. Current prerequisite subject requirements are expected to continue.

## What happens if you start studying before January 2026?

Your program of study will automatically move to the new university, with a graduation parchment showing both university names



# Timeline

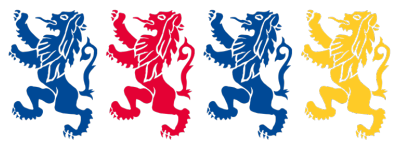
## Term 3

- University applications open (Monday 5th August)
- Lunchtime application help sessions (SA & interstate)
- University open days (check websites carefully)
- Checkout interstate open days and deadlines (usually very similar dates to SA)

## Term 4

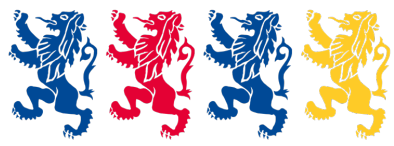
- Refine university applications (typically also able to occur after ATARs released)
- Typically, approx. mid-December ATARs released

**Mid-January 2025 – Main rounds of university offers around Australia**  
**SATAC Guide 2025 Link (page 29 for key dates)**



# SATAC Key Dates Summary

Date	Event
5 August 2024	Applications open for 2025 study
25 November 2024	Closing date for Performance (Acting), and Performance (Directing) at Flinders University. Late applications may not be accepted.
30 September 2024	<p>Fees increase for applications submitted after this date.</p> <p>Final closing date for Medicine (including Bonded Medical Program), Dental Surgery, Oral Health and Veterinary Bioscience at the University of Adelaide. Late applications not accepted.</p>
2 December 2024	<p>Equal consideration closing date for other remaining Semester 1 courses. Applications must be submitted and paid for by this date to be guaranteed equal consideration for selection.</p> <p>Closing date for Clinical Sciences/Doctor of Medicine at Flinders University. Late applications may not be accepted.</p> <p>Closing date for Clinical Sciences, Midwifery and Nursing at Charles Darwin University. These courses may close at short notice after this date. Late applications may not be accepted</p>
2 January 2025	Change of preference deadline for Semester 1 offers.
10 January 2025	Mid January offer round. Offers will be emailed by 5pm.



# Where to from here?

- Research courses (Content, ATAR, prerequisites, entry requirements & processes)
- Research scholarships
- Create a list of important dates (<https://www.satac.edu.au/satac-publications>)
- Monitor your current academic progress
- Prepare any folio/audition/interview materials
- Research accommodation options (if moving away from home)
- Speak with your Careers Counsellor if seeking guidance
- Can also ring the universities directly with specific queries





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