



Year 12 2025

# Post School Destinations



# VET & Careers Counsellors



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# Pathways after school

## Higher Education Sector

- University Courses
- Requires completion of Year 12 & required ATAR/Sel 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
- **No expiry date** (lasts 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 information - <https://www.satac.edu.au/pages/scaling>

# Calculating an ATAR

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

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

**University Aggregate = 62.4**

(Score from best 90 credits)

**ATAR** (based on 2024 conversion)  $\approx$  **73.40**

# Calculating an ATAR

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

	Biology	Creative Arts Film	General Maths	P.E.	Psychology	AIF
Scaled Score	17.5 (A-)	18.2 (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 = 81.70**  
 (Score from best 90 credits) (Bio, Film, Gen Maths, PE, ½ Psych)

**ATAR** (based on 2024 conversion) **≈ 95.70**

# Bonus Points

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

## What are they?

- Officially called “Adjustment Factors”
- Apply to South Australian public universities (SATAC participating institutions)
- Different systems of bonus points interstate
- In SA: maximum of 9, split into 2 categories
- Added to your Aggregate, then recalculated as a Selection Rank



# 1. SA Universities Equity Scheme

## 5 points added to the Aggregate for:

- All students in certain schools (geographical, level of uni representation, mean ATAR)
- Individuals in all schools (personal financial situation – Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY, School Card, etc)
- Apply for **ALL** SATAC university courses (including Medicine and Veterinary Bioscience)
- Proof of eligibility required (via document upload in SATAC application and/or CRN)
- Students signal their eligibility in their university application

<https://satac.edu.au/individual-adjustments-faqs>

## 2. Language, Literacy & Maths Bonus Scheme



- Max 4 points
- 2 points per subject (Specialist Mathematics, Maths Methods, English Studies, English, LOTE)
- Must get a C- or better
- Added automatically to results for SATAC applicants if applicable
- Does NOT apply for undergraduate Medicine or Veterinary Bioscience

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



# Bonus Points example

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**Revised SA University Aggregate = 66.4** (includes 4 “bonus points”)

**Revised Selection Rank/TER  $\approx$  78.25**

# Adjustment Factors- FAQ

- Do they show up on my SACE Certificate/Statement 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 application. A similar process also exists in interstate applications.
- How do I know what my revised Selection Rank/TER is?  
Log into your “My SATAC” account or ring each university you have applied for after you have received your ATAR and ask.



# ATAR / Selection Rank Cutoffs

## Do they change over time?

- Yes, but usually only slightly

## What about “Guaranteed Entry”?

- Indicates likelihood of being offered a place in that course (ATAR/Selection Rank or other)
- Not available for highly competitive courses

## What about interstate Adjustment Factors?

- Some schemes in place for equity criteria (managed through VTAC, UAC, TISC, etc application)
- Some schemes in place for performance in specified subjects (managed by individual institutions when ranking applicants for offer consideration)

# Special Consideration



## For South Australia:

- Student learning needs & individual circumstances managed throughout Yr 12 with SACE accommodations **before** the ATAR
- Additional university entrance pathways available for Yr 12 applicants

## Interstate:

- Universities may create a Selection Rank for a range of specific student circumstances with special application & required documentation
- Details & deadlines are on Tertiary Admissions Centre & uni websites



# What do I need to know?

- Cutoff ATAR / Selection Rank
- Grades Based Pathway?
- Application process (SATAC + ?)
- Direct application?
- Prerequisite subjects?
- Assumed knowledge?
- Content?
- Double degrees or Combined degrees?
- Other pathways to same area? (aka Plan B)

# ATAR / Selection Rank Data

## 2024 Admissions Data for school leavers

ATAR (raw ATAR, excluding any applicable adjustment factors)	Lowest ATAR to receive an offer	84.65
	Median ATAR to receive an offer	94.45
	Highest ATAR to receive an offer	98.05
Selection Rank (ATAR plus any adjustment factors)	Lowest Selection Rank to receive an offer	90.85
	Median Selection Rank to receive an offer	96.6
	Highest Selection Rank to receive an offer	99.95
Minimum eligibility score		80
Additional criteria considered		Selection rank only



# ATAR/Sel Rank & Grades Based entry



## ENTRY SCORES



### 2025 GUARANTEED ENTRY

Year 12 (ATAR-based): 72.00

Year 12 (Grades-based):

B,B,B

TAFE/RTO: DIP

[View Guaranteed Entry  
Info](#) >

### 2024 CUT-OFFS

Year 12 (ATAR-based):

- Internal: 72.00



## Entry scores



### 2025 CUT-OFFS

Guaranteed entry score (ATAR-based):70

Guaranteed entry score (Grades-based):B,B,B



# ATAR/Sel Rank & Grades Based entry

## Fast facts

Course facts at a glance.

Domestic



### Prerequisites

None

### Assumed knowledge

None

### 2024 selection rank

79 (Mount Gambier) 85 (Port Pirie) 80 (Renmark)

### Guaranteed selection rank

N/A

### Adjustment factors available

Yes

### SATAC code

245081 (Port Pirie)  
245091 (Renmark)  
245001 (Mt  
Gambier)

### Delivery mode

In person:  
– Port Pirie  
– Renmark  
– Mount Gambier  
  
Online: No

### Annual indicative fee

2025: \$9,314

[How are these fees  
calculated?](#)

### Start dates

– March

### Duration

4 years full-time  
Deferrable: Yes

Student and ATAR profile



Save course



# Prerequisite subjects/Assumed Knowledge



## Fast facts

Course facts at a glance.

### Prerequisites

SACE stage two specialist mathematics or mathematical methods or equivalent.

### Assumed knowledge

Knowledge of SACE stage two physics or equivalent is assumed.

### 2024 selection rank ⓘ

75.00

**Prerequisite** – must pass at Yr 12

**Assumed** – recommended but not required



#### PREREQUISITES ⓘ

None



#### ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE ⓘ

SACE Stage 2 Physics  
SACE Stage 2 Biology

[More info](#) ↓



#### ENTRY SCORES ⓘ

##### 2025 GUARANTEED ENTRY

Year 12 (Grades-based): NA

[View Guaranteed Entry Info](#) ➤

##### 2024 CUT-OFFS






Year 12 (ATAR-based):

- Internal: 88.00















# Content of University Degrees

## FIRST YEAR

  	 <b>Undergraduate (2)</b>	<b>First Semester (Study Period 1, 2 or 3)</b>	 <b>Research (2)</b>
		Chemistry 100	

## Course content

Core concepts of health; common measures of health (morbidity, birth/death rates, burden of disease etc.); risk factors, social, cultural and environmental determinants affecting health across state, national, international populations with special reference to marginalised or disadvantaged groups such as Aboriginal Australians; current and new challenges to health and health care systems; health promotion: principles and interventions.

 Law  Medical Radiation Science  Pharmacy  Psychology	 HRM  Nursing and Midwifery  Physiotherapy  Science	 Marketing  Nutrition and Sciences  Podiatry  Social Work	<b>Second Semester (Study Period 4, 5 or 6)</b>	
			Chemistry 101	
			Biology B	
			Quantitative Methods in Health	



# Adelaide Uni: Rural Background Subquota



## Applies to:

- Bachelor of Medical Studies (Bonded & Unbonded)
- Bachelor of Dental Surgery

To qualify, applicants must have lived in a Modified Monash Model **(MMM 2019)**

**MM 2–7 area** at any time in their life for at least **5 consecutive years**, or a total of **10 years cumulatively** (based on their primary residence).

Map: [Department of Health and Aged Care website](#)

Must complete a [Rural Entry Pathway Statutory Declaration](#) and upload it to their SATAC application within **5 days of lodgement**

A screenshot of the Health Workforce Locator map interface. At the top, there is a search bar labeled "Street Address" with a dropdown arrow and a placeholder "Enter a numerical street address". Below this, there are two tabs: "Summary" and "Classifications", with "Classifications" being the active tab. A "Health Workforce Locator map" button is visible. Under "Classifications", there are several expandable sections: "District of Workforce Shortage for Specialists", "Distribution Priority Area for GPs", "Modified Monash Model" (which is highlighted with a red border), and "ASGS Remoteness Areas". The "Modified Monash Model" section is expanded, showing a list of years: 2015, 2019, and 2023, each with a toggle switch. The 2019 toggle is currently turned on. Below the "Modified Monash Model" section is a "Legend" section with a row of seven colored squares labeled 1 through 7. Below the legend, there are four more expandable sections: "ASGS Remoteness Areas", "ASGC Remoteness Areas", "Inner & Outer Metro Areas", and "Rural, Remote, and Metropolitan Areas".

# Flinders Uni: Rural and Remote Subquota



**Applies to:** <https://www.flinders.edu.au/study/health/rural-remote-sub-quotas>

- Applicants must have lived in Remoteness Classifications **RA2 to RA5** for at least **5 consecutive years**, or **10 years cumulatively**, from birth
- Use the search tool at the [Remoteness Area \(RA\) Locator website](#).
- Enter the address you wish to search for using the '**ASGS Remoteness Area' '2021' AND 'ASGS Remoteness Area' '2016'**

Statutory Declaration form can be downloaded from the [SATAC website](#).

A screenshot of the 'Remoteness Area (RA) Locator' website. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'Street Address' and a dropdown arrow, followed by 'No address found' and a close button (X). Below the search bar, there is a section titled 'As at 01 August 2025' with a checkmark. Underneath, there are two tabs: 'Summary' and 'Classifications'. The 'Classifications' tab is selected. It lists several categories: 'District of Workforce Shortage for Specialists', 'Distribution Priority Area for GPs', 'Modified Monash Model', and 'ASGS Remoteness Areas'. The 'ASGS Remoteness Areas' category is highlighted with a red box and has a dropdown arrow. Below it, there are three sub-categories: '2011', '2016', and '2021', each with a toggle switch. The '2021' toggle is currently turned on. Below the sub-categories, there is a 'Legend' section with five colored squares: 1 (green), 2 (light green), 3 (grey), 4 (purple), and 5 (dark purple). At the bottom, there are three more categories: 'ASGC Remoteness Areas', 'Inner & Outer Metro Areas', and 'Rural, Remote, and Metropolitan Areas', each with a dropdown arrow.

# Combined or Double degree?

Bachelor of Engineering (Biomedical) (Honours)

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Bachelor of Engineering (Biomedical) (Honours) / Master of Engineering (Biomedical)

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Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) (Honours)

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Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) (Honours) / Master of Engineering Management

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Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical and Electronic) (Honours)

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Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical and Electronic) (Honours) / Master of Engineering (Mechanical)

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# Creating a Combined Degree

**Check the SATAC guide for recommended combinations, then:**

- Apply to first degree (select one with highest ATAR/Selection Rank)
- When enrolled in first degree, do a direct application as a uni student for 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Must have met any prerequisites & Grades Based Entry or ATAR/Sel Rank

**If not promoted as a Combined Degree in SATAC guide - Contact university**



# Where do I find uni 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)

# Uni Entry Pathways in SA

## Grades Based Entry

- Best 3 TAS subjects can get you entry into a range of degrees (not all)

Eg "A,A,B" OR "B, B,C"

- Adelaide Uni – shown for each course on website
- Flinders Uni – list of courses and requirements here:

<https://www.flinders.edu.au/content/dam/documents/study/domestic/pathways/year12-grade-entry.pdf>

## Foundation Studies/University Preparatory Program

- Various options at both Adelaide Uni & Flinders Uni (see websites for info)

# STAT - Skills for Tertiary Admissions Test



## What is it?

- A nationally recognized, 2 hour, multiple choice online aptitude test
- Not all courses have a STAT subquota: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/432490755/40/>
- FAQ and bookings: <https://stat.acer.org/au> and <https://www.satac.edu.au/stat>

## Adelaide & Flinders Uni Age requirements - must be at least 18 years of age before:

- 1 February in year of course commencement for Semester 1 entry
- 1 July in year of course commencement for Semester 2 entry

**Cost** – approx. \$240 (MUST be booked & sat before required date for results to be included)



# Flinders Uni Pathways

## UniTEST

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

- 2 ½ hour test administered by ACER. Not applicable for all Flinders University degrees.
- 60% ATAR and 40% uniTest OR 100% UniTEST
- Sitings at Flinders University

## School Recommendation Program

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

## Elite Athlete Pathway

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

<https://www.flinders.edu.au/>

<https://adelaideuni.edu.au/study/>

<https://unisa.edu.au/>

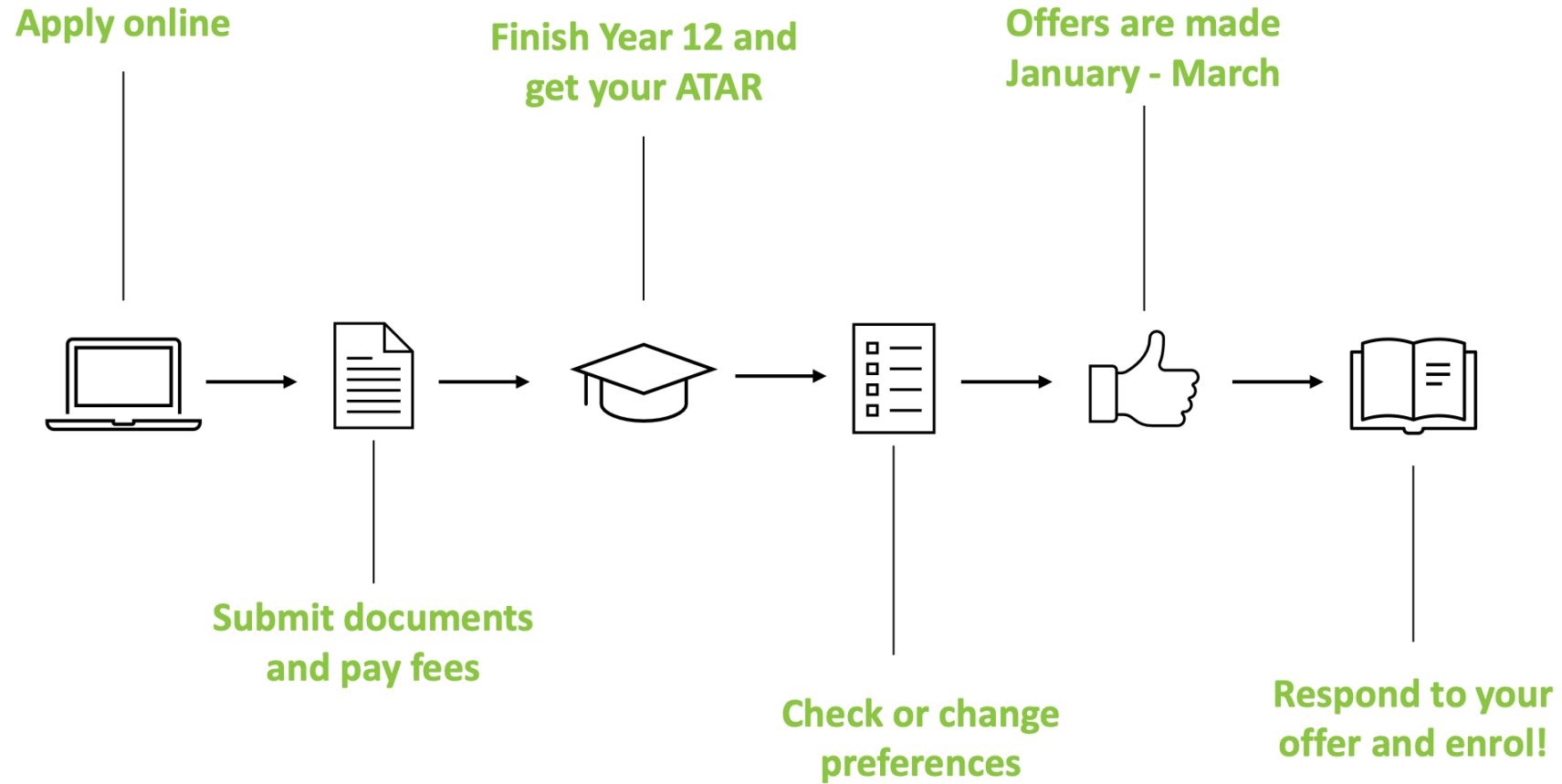


# How uni applications work

SA & NT	SATAC	<a href="http://www.satac.edu.au">www.satac.edu.au</a>	(6 preferences)	\$60
Victoria	VTAC	<a href="http://www.vtac.edu.au">www.vtac.edu.au</a>	(8 preferences)	\$80
NSW & ACT	UAC	<a href="http://www.uac.edu.au">www.uac.edu.au</a>	(5 preferences)	\$82
Queensland	QTAC	<a href="http://www.qtac.edu.au">www.qtac.edu.au</a>	(6 preferences)	\$70
WA	TISC	<a href="http://www.tisc.edu.au">www.tisc.edu.au</a>	(6 preferences)	\$95
Tasmania		<a href="http://www.utas.edu.au">www.utas.edu.au</a>	(5 preferences)	No cost



# Uni application process



# Course Preferences

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

# Uni application timelines

- Applications opened all around Australia this week
- Can apply in all states simultaneously
- “Submit” by late September – edit until 5 January (then between offer rounds)
- Check dates in all states carefully (similar but some differences)



# SATAC:

## Key Dates

Courses starting in 2026	
Date	Event
Monday 4 August 2025	Applications open for 2026 study.
Tuesday 30 September 2025	Fees increase for applications submitted after this date.
Tuesday 30 September 2025	Final closing date for Medical Studies/Doctor of Medicine (including Bonded Medical Program), Dental Surgery, Oral Health and Veterinary Bioscience at Adelaide University. Late applications not accepted.
Friday 10 October 2025	Closing date for Bachelor of Clinical Science Medicine/Doctor of Medicine at Charles Darwin University (including required documentation).
Monday 1 December 2025	Equal consideration deadline for Semester 1 courses. Applications must be submitted and paid for by this date to be guaranteed equal consideration for selection.
Monday 1 December 2025	Closing date for Performance (Acting), and Performance (Directing) at Flinders University. Late applications may not be accepted.
Monday 1 December 2025	Closing date for Clinical Sciences/Doctor of Medicine at Flinders University. Late applications may not be accepted.
Monday 1 December 2025	Closing date for Clinical Sciences, Midwifery and Nursing at Charles Darwin University. Late applications may not be accepted.
Monday 5 January 2026	Change of preference deadline for Semester 1.
Thursday 15 January 2026	Mid January offer round. Offers will be emailed by 9am.
Wednesday 28 January 2026	Second January offer round.
Thursday 5 February 2026	Further offer rounds emailed Tuesdays and Thursdays until 12 March

### 30 September

- submit SATAC applications to avoid late fee
- Final closing date for Med, Dent, Vet@ Adelaide

### 10 October

- Final closing date for Med@Charles Darwin

### 1 December

- Equal consideration closing date
- Final closing date for assorted courses (check guide)

**5 January** - change of preference deadline for Sem 1

Link to SATAC Key Dates: <https://satac.edu.au/undergraduate-key-dates>



# University Open Days

## Why attend?

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

## SA & NT:

Adelaide University <https://adelaideuni.edu.au/about/events/2025/open-day/?>

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

Charles Darwin university <https://www.cdu.edu.au/search?search=open%20day>

**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 & Allowances

## Allowances include:

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

## Scholarships: Each university website has links to their scholarships, as well as...

- <https://www.jasonl.com.au/pages/australian-scholarship-database?srsId=AfmBOoqxvIkqU04RXuh2GvxbDic6Pg99k98Onyv2sXy3gEgROkYd3tmu>
- <https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/scholarships/search>
- <https://www.studyassist.gov.au/you-study/scholarships>
- <http://www.satac.edu.au/subsidies-and-scholarships>

# New: Adelaide University



<https://adelaideuni.edu.au/>

## When will it take effect?

- January 1, 2026

## Outcomes for students?

- All programs offered by Adelaide University have been rewritten with a new focus on industry relevance and increasing student employability skills and understanding
- Some changes to subject prerequisites/assumed knowledge has occurred – in all cases to remove some requirements



# Timeline

[SATAC Guide 2026 Link](#) (page 29 for key dates)



## Term 3

- University applications open (and submit to avoid late fees)
- Lunchtime application help sessions (SA & interstate)
- University open days (check websites carefully)
- Checkout interstate open days and application deadlines (usually very similar dates to SA)

## Term 4

- Refine university applications (typically also able to occur after ATARs released)
- Approx. mid-December ATARs released
- Revise course preferences in university applications and plan for offer round responses

**Mid-January 2026** - Main rounds of university offers around Australia commence



# 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** (request a predicted ATAR?)
- **Prepare any folio/audition/interview materials** (check dates!!!!)
- **Research accommodation options** (if moving away from home)
- **Speak with your Careers Counsellor if seeking guidance**
- **Email/ring the universities directly with specific queries**

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