



Year 12 2026

Post School Destinations



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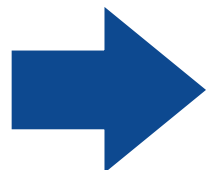


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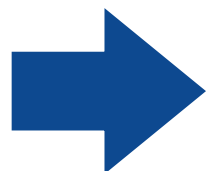
Pathways after school

Workforce



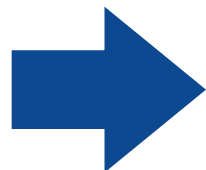
- Requires getting a job (application, interview, etc)
- Straight into earning money
- May require on the job training

VET/TAFE



- Vocational Skills and TAFE courses (Cert II, Cert III, Cert IV, Diploma, etc)
- Can lead into uni courses (eg Bachelor degree)
- Usually SACE completion + Core Skills testing as entrance requirements

University



- University Courses (Diploma/Bachelor/Double Degree)
- Completion of Year 12 & required selection rank/ATAR
- May have additional entrance requirements (UCAT, Casper, portfolio of work, audition, interview, prerequisites, assumed knowledge, etc)
- Alternate entry pathways & Plan B options



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
- Lasts indefinitely, 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://satac.edu.au/scaling>

ATAR information - <https://satac.edu.au/atar>

SA/NT Aggregate to ATAR conversion	
Aggregate	ATAR
90.00	99.95
89.95	99.95
89.90	99.95
89.85	99.95
89.80	99.95
89.75	99.95
89.70	99.95
89.65	99.95
89.60	99.95
89.55	99.95
89.50	99.95
89.45	99.95
89.40	99.95
89.35	99.95
89.30	99.95
89.25	99.90
89.20	99.90
89.15	99.90

SA/NT Aggregate to ATAR conversion	
Aggregate	ATAR
88.50	99.65
88.45	99.60
88.40	99.60
88.35	99.60
88.30	99.60
88.25	99.55
88.20	99.55
88.15	99.50
88.10	99.50
88.05	99.50
88.00	99.45
87.95	99.45
87.90	99.40
87.85	99.35
87.80	99.35
87.75	99.30
87.70	99.25
87.65	99.25

SA/NT Aggregate to ATAR conversion	
Aggregate	ATAR
87.00	98.90
86.95	98.85
86.90	98.80
86.85	98.75
86.80	98.75
86.75	98.70
86.70	98.70
86.65	98.65
86.60	98.65
86.55	98.65
86.50	98.60
86.45	98.55
86.40	98.55
86.35	98.50
86.30	98.50
86.25	98.45
86.20	98.45
86.15	98.40

2025 Aggregate to ATAR conversion

[2025 SACE/NTCET university aggregate to ATAR conversion table \(PDF 622KB\)](#)



Example 1: Calculating an ATAR



STAGE 2 SUBJECTS	Physics	English Literary Studies	Maths Methods	Biology	AIF
Scaled Score	16.7 (A-)	14.8 (B)	13.2 (C+)	12.1 (C)	8.8 (A)
Used in Agg?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Aggregate	ATAR
65.70	76.70
65.65	76.65
65.60	76.55
65.55	76.50

University Aggregate = 65.6 (out of 90)

ATAR (based on 2025 conversion) = 76.55



Example 2: Calculating an ATAR

	VAS Design	Chemistry	General Maths	P.E.	Psychology	AIF
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) 8.4	No

University Aggregate = 82.8 (/ 90) Design, Chem, Gen Maths, PE, ½ Psych)

82.85	96.15
82.80	96.10
82.75	96.05

ATAR (based on 2025 conversion) = **96.10**

Bonus Points

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



- Officially called “Adjustment Factors”
- Apply to South Australian & NT **public** universities
- Different systems of bonus points interstate
- In SA - maximum of 9 points available, split into 2 categories

SA Universities Equity Scheme	SA Language, Literacy & Maths Bonus Scheme
5 points (all or nothing) • Requires Centrelink documentation or attend a school that is under-represented at university or have an approved NDIS plan • Applies to ALL courses • Indicate in uni application (August)	Max 4 points (Either 0, 2 or 4) • 2 points for English, English Lit, English, Maths Methods, Specialist Maths, LOTE. • Does NOT apply for Medicine (any) & Vet Bioscience • Added automatically on your behalf



How Bonus Points work

1. If applicable, added to the aggregate (/ 90)
2. New, enhanced 'Selection Rank' or 'Tertiary Entrance Rank' is created

Example 1:

Subjects: English, Gen Maths, PE, Business, AIF

Aggregate: 79.60

Bonus points +2

Selection Rank: 95.15

81.65	95.20
81.60	95.15
81.55	95.10



ATAR: 93.30

79.65	93.30
79.60	93.30
79.55	93.25



Another example

Example 2:

Subjects: French, Bio, Maths Methods, English, AIF

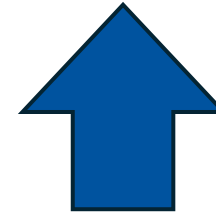
Aggregate: 68.95

Bonus points +4

Selection Rank: 86.00

ATAR: 80.90

73.05	86.10
73.00	86.05
72.95	86.00



69.00	81.00
68.95	80.90
68.90	80.85

Bonus Points FAQ



Do they show up on my SACE certificate/Notification of results?

No

Do I 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... In your university application (similar in each state). Available from August.

How do I know what my revised Selection Rank/Tertiary Entrance Rank is?

For SA, use the most recent SATAC Aggregate to ATAR conversion table (or contact the universities and ask)

Compassionate reasons for traumatic or health situation?

Not in SA (covered in SACE). Interstate, SEAS/SRS programs exist but require extensive documentation.



Special Consideration

For South Australia:

- Student learning needs & individual circumstances are 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

Rural and Remote subquota (SA)

Allows students who live in certain geographical areas to be allowed into specific courses with a **lower** ATAR.

- A single block of 5 years in your life
- Cumulative total of 10 years in your life

All information is on university websites, including eligibility maps and processes.

For 2026 entry

Adelaide Uni:

- Bachelor of Medical Studies (bonded and unbonded)
- Bachelor of Dental Surgery

Flinders Uni: <https://www.flinders.edu.au/study/health/rural-remote-sub-quotas>

ATAR/Selection Rank cutoffs

What are they?

- Lowest **ATAR** from previous year to receive an offer into that course
- Lowest **Selection Rank** (incl. Bonus Points) from previous year to receive an offer into that course
- Domestic students and International students have slightly different cutoffs

Do they change over time?

- Yes, slightly. They reflect supply and demand... NOT course difficulty

Grades Based Entry Pathway

Available at Adelaide Uni and Flinders Uni

- Best 3 TAS subject results get you entry into a range of degrees
- Not available for degrees with non-ATAR entry requirements (eg UCAT, audition, etc)
- Not available for highly competitive degrees (eg Medicine, Dentistry, Vet Bioscience, etc)

Adelaide Uni – shown on degree information page

Flinders Uni – listed at this link <https://www.flinders.edu.au/study/pathways/year-12-entry>

Terminology

Prerequisite subjects

- Must pass this subject at Stage 2 for course entry

Assumed knowledge

- Recommended but not compulsory

Guaranteed entry

- Not for all courses (excludes highly competitive courses)
- Often lists higher ATAR/Selection rank instead of the actual cutoff from previous year
- Sometimes require that course to be the applicant's top preference on their SATAC application
- Different in other states

Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours) @ Flinders Uni



Entry requirements

Key information

VIEWING DOMESTIC



Guaranteed Entry
ATAR?

80.00

STAT?

170.0

GPA?

5.0

No ATAR?

**Speak to us about
alternative entry
options**

TAFE/VET?

Diploma or above



SATAC?

224791 Tonsley

284281 City



Duration?

4 years full-time
(or part-time
equivalent)

Deferrable: Yes



Practical
experience?

Available

Study abroad

Available



Start Dates?

March

July



Prerequisites?

SACE stage two
specialist
mathematics or
mathematical
methods or
equivalent



Annual
Indicative Fees?

2026 : \$9,537
(CSP)



Assumed
knowledge?

Knowledge of
SACE stage two
physics or
equivalent is
assumed.

↗ Pathway options

Engineering (Honours) - Flexible Entry |
Engineering (Honours) - General Entry |
Engineering Science | Science | Diploma
in Arts



Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) (Honours) @ Adelaide Uni



Degree information for:

Australian students



Mode ⓘ

On campus



Program code

HENCI



SATAC code ⓘ

[ABP151](#)



Entry scores ⓘ

2025 CUT-OFFS

Guaranteed entry score (ATAR-based):80

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



Start date ⓘ

February, July



Study as

Full time or part time



Prerequisite ⓘ

SACE Stage 2 Mathematical Methods (or equivalent)



Campus ⓘ

[Adelaide City Campus, Mawson Lakes](#)



Indicative annual fees ⓘ

[Commonwealth Supported Non-tuition fees](#)



Assumed knowledge ⓘ

None



Duration ⓘ

4 year(s) full-time



Other Uni Entry pathways in SA

TAFE/VET pathway

Foundation Studies (various options, from 6 weeks to 1 year in length)

Skills for Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

- 2-hour multiple choice aptitude test (approx \$250)
- Not all universities accept STAT for school leavers, age requirements apply
- Not all courses offer STAT places <https://satac.edu.au/stat>

Also @ Flinders University <https://www.flinders.edu.au/study/pathways>

- Elite Athlete entry pathway
- School's Recommendation program
- Uni TEST

What do I need to know about uni?

- Required ATAR / selection rank
- Application process (SATAC + ?)
- Direct application?
- Prerequisite subjects/Assumed knowledge?
- Other entry requirements? (UCAT, interview, audition, written statement, portfolio, etc)
- Any other pathways to same area? (ie Plan B, Plan C)
- Scholarships?
- Content?

Researching uni course content

Step 1:

- Find the content that you enjoy by “digging deep”
- Find the qualification/degree that includes the most content that you enjoy <https://adelaideuni.edu.au/study/#undergraduate> <https://www.flinders.edu.au/study>

Step 2:

- Find the university you prefer to deliver that content to you (see next slide)

Where do I find 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 (QTAC)

www.qtac.edu.au

Tasmania – University of Tasmania website

Private and/or overseas universities – check each website (Bond, Torrens, Notre Dame, ACU, etc)



Combined or Double degree?

Bachelor of Engineering (Biomedical) (Honours)

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

Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) (Honours)

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

Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical and Electronic) (Honours)

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

Double degree — when 2 degrees are “packaged together” by the uni with a SATAC code

Combined degree — when a 2nd degree is added by a student after they have enrolled in a 1st degree



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 2nd
- Must have met any prerequisites & Grades Based Entry or ATAR/Sel Rank

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

SATAC guide: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/516297004/>

How do uni applications work?

Online through each state's tertiary admissions centre website.

SA & NT	SATAC	www.satac.edu.au	(6 preferences)
Victoria	VTAC	www.vtac.edu.au	(8 preferences)
NSW & ACT	UAC	www.uac.edu.au	(5 preferences)
Queensland	QTAC	www.qtac.edu.au	(6 preferences)
WA	TISC	www.tisc.edu.au	(6 preferences)
Tasmania	Uni of Tas	https://www.utas.edu.au	(2 preferences)

- Bond Uni is mostly a direct application, ANU and many NSW/Vic universities also have a direct application for early offers



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)

What is my application timeline?

Applications open all around Australia in the first week of August

- We run sessions that week for all of Yr 12 to set up and correctly submit your applications
- We also have follow up sessions and 1:1 help
- Do NOT need to know your final decisions at this point... You have until early January

Can apply in all states simultaneously

- The states do not talk to each other about student applications

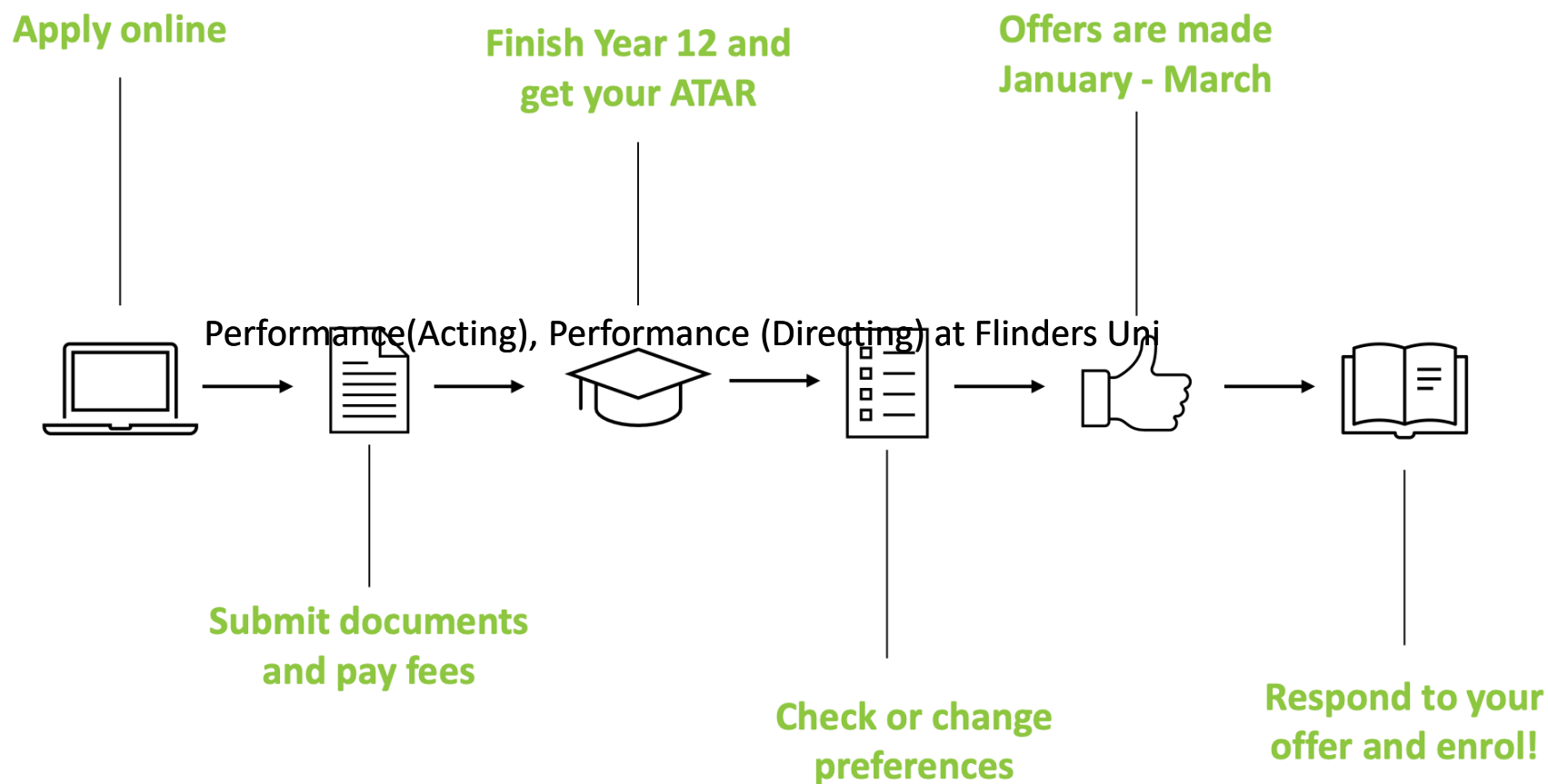
“Submit” by the end of September (check exact dates when released in August)

- Submitting is like saving a Word doc for the first time.... You can still edit it over and over again.

Edit until early January (can also edit in between offer rounds)

Offer rounds commence mid-January 2027 (and continue until March)

Uni application process



SA University Application Dates (p24 of SATAC guide). <https://satac.edu.au/undergraduate-key-dates>



3 August 2026	Applications open for 2027 university study
30 September 2026	Final closing date for: • Medicine (included Bonded Medical Program) @ Adelaide Uni • Dental Surgery & Oral Health @ Adelaide Uni • Veterinary Bioscience @ Adelaide Uni Fee increase for applications submitted after this date.
9 October 2026	Closing date for Clinical Science/Doctor of Medicine @ Charles Darwin University
1 December 2026	Final closing date for: • Clinical Sciences/Doctor of Medicine @ Flinders Uni • Clinical Sciences, Midwifery, Nursing, OT & Speech Pathology @ Charles Darwin Uni • Performance(Acting), Performance (Directing) at Flinders Uni
1 December 2026	New applications after this date are not guaranteed equal consideration for selection. Check with SATAC before applying after this date. Deadline to pay SATAC administration fee.
6 January 2027	Change of preference deadline for Semester 1 2027 offers
14 January 2027	Main January offer round begins. Offers emailed by 5pm.



SATAC: Key Dates for TAFE

Monday 3 August: Applications open (offers made based on date of application)

Friday 4 September: 1st round offers

Friday 25 September: 2nd round offers

Friday 16 October: 3rd round offers

Friday 6 November: 4th round offers

Friday 27 November: 5th round offers

Friday 8 January: further offers every Friday for courses with vacancies

Link to SATAC TAFE SA Key Dates: <https://www.satac.edu.au/tafe-sa-applications/key-dates>

University Open Days

<https://myfuture.edu.au/assist-others/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://adelaide.edu.au/about/events/2026/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: QTAC website and <https://myfuture.edu.au/assist-others/open-days>

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

Scholarships:

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



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 2027 - 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
- Contact the universities directly with specific queries



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