

Introduction

The SATAC Bulletin is published for the information of school staff and others who provide advice to prospective tertiary students.

It provides information and updates on SATAC services, courses available through SATAC, and the admissions process.

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Manager of Applicant Services appointed

Scott Adkin has joined the team at SATAC as Manager, Applicant Services. Scott takes up the position following the departure of Greg Coote earlier this year.

Scott has many years' experience in customer service management roles and looks forward to working with you in his new role.

Online resources for schools

The SATAC website contains all the information you and your students should need. The home page includes links to [SACE/NTCET for tertiary entry](#) and [Resources for schools](#). From these pages you can access:

- summaries of the entry requirements for university and TAFE SA courses
- information about the Universities Bonus Schemes, including a list of schools receiving equity bonuses
- a summary of the studies that can count as Recognised Studies and how they are scored for inclusion in the university aggregate

- a simple explanation of scaling and why it is necessary
- information on tertiary education and career events
- access to Applicants by School webpages
- previous editions of the SATAC Bulletin.

Username and passwords giving access to the Applicants by School webpages have recently been sent to School Principals for distribution to authorised staff within schools. Please note that your old login/ password combination will not work.

What's Uni Like?

The Australian Government has recently launched a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) called *What's Uni Like?*, focusing on encouraging participation in higher education among young people.

The course is designed to provide an awareness of pathways to university, introduce the skills needed to succeed in higher education study, and discover the opportunities university study offers.

To access the course visit the website www.whats-uni-like.edu.au.



Universities Bonus Schemes

Details of the new Universities Bonus Schemes can be found in the [SACE/NTCET for tertiary entry](#) section of the SATAC website. The new bonus schemes replace all existing equity and subject bonus schemes and apply for entry to courses commencing in 2016.

Information for international year 12 students

The bonus schemes are available to international students studying the SACE/NTCET, International Baccalaureate, or interstate senior secondary certificate in Australia (i.e. onshore).

International students studying an Australian year 12 program offshore can be considered under the Universities Language, Literacy and Mathematics Bonus Scheme, but not the Universities Equity Scheme.

School-based bonuses

Wendy Teasdale-Smith will write to schools in the coming weeks to advise of arrangements for notification of school-based bonuses for the 2016 student cohort (for 2017 university entry).

A PDF list of schools qualifying for equity bonuses for the 2015 student cohort (for 2016 university entry) can be found on the [Universities Bonus Schemes](#) page on the SATAC website.

Individual equity bonuses

Eligible students in other schools will be able to make an individual application for consideration under the Universities Equity Scheme. Instructions on how to apply are in the SATAC undergraduate application.

Students who are required to provide supporting documents to SATAC for an individual equity bonus must do so by Monday 30 November 2015 to guarantee they are assessed in time for the main January offer round.

Calculation of the university aggregate

The rules regarding the calculation of the university aggregate changed for students completing the SACE/NTCET Stage 2 in 2015. Students must now present 90 credits of Tertiary Admissions Subjects (TAS) or Recognised Studies.

The following information provides answers to some of the frequently asked questions regarding calculation of the aggregate/ATAR. It should be read in conjunction with the Tertiary Entrance booklet 2016, 2017, 2018, and the information published on the SATAC website.

Research Project

- The Research Project is a requirement of the SACE Board and students must complete a Research Project subject in order to be awarded the SACE.
- The rules for calculating the university aggregate do not require the scaled score of the Research Project be included in the calculation.
- Research Project B (2RPB10) is the version of the Research Project that is considered by the universities and TAFE SA for tertiary admission. As it counts for 10 credits its score can only be used in the final 30 credits (Flexible Option) of the aggregate calculation.
- NTCET students are not required to complete the Research Project.

Recognised Studies

- Under the new rules the Flexible Option now contributes 30 credits to the university aggregate, however a maximum of 20 credits can come from Recognised Studies.
- Scaled scores in lieu of VET or higher education study are now calculated from the average of the first 70 credits of TAS contributing to the aggregate.
- Recognised Studies intended to count towards the university aggregate calculation must be completed in the same, or prior, year that the aggregate is calculated for the first time.

Prior year SACE/NTCET students returning to study in 2015

All 2015 students obtaining an aggregate in 2015, whether it be for the first time or as a result of returning to study, will compete on the same basis for 2016 undergraduate entry.

Prior year students returning to complete the requirements of the SACE/NTCET, obtain an aggregate for the first time, or 'top-up' their ATAR, are subject to the new rules for calculating the university aggregate.

Page 7 of the Tertiary Entrance booklet 2016, 2017, 2018 provides information for such students.

Undergraduate applications for 2016

Undergraduate applications for courses starting in 2016 are open now. The early closing date is Wednesday 30 September 2015, after which a late fee applies. Students are advised to check the [undergraduate key dates](#) page for details of courses with final closing dates.

It's important for current year 12 students to provide their SACE registration number in their SATAC application. This ensures that SATAC can obtain their year 12 results once they are released by the SACE Board in December, and that they pay the reduced processing fee. SATAC may also be able to identify if a student is likely to be entitled to school-based equity bonuses under the Universities Equity Scheme. Such students will be advised in their application.

Students attending non-equity schools will be able to make an application under the Scheme to demonstrate their individual disadvantage. Details can be found in the Universities Equity page of the online application.

Tabor Adelaide

From semester 1 2016 students will be able to apply for selected Tabor Adelaide undergraduate courses through SATAC.

Tabor is a Government-accredited private higher education provider. Students can apply for courses in arts, education, theology and youth work through SATAC.

Please note that since the SATAC Guide went to print Tabor Adelaide have amended the rule for competing in a special entry subquota.

To be eligible to compete in a special entry subquota for all courses:

- you must be 18 years or over before 1 February 2016.

TAFE SA applications for semester 1 2016

Applications for TAFE SA courses starting in semester 1 2016 will open on Monday 14 September.

There have been no significant changes to the application process or selection rules for TAFE SA courses.

Some changes to the funding of State government funded courses were introduced in 2015. More information is available from the [TAFE SA website](#).

Key dates for courses starting in semester 1 2016

For a full list of SATAC key dates and offer round dates visit the SATAC website.

Undergraduate applications

Monday 3 August 2015

Applications open for courses starting in 2016.

Wednesday 30 September 2015

Early closing date for most undergraduate courses. Apply by this date to save paying a late fee.

Final closing date for Creative Arts (Creative Writing), Creative Arts (Dance), Creative Arts (Drama) and Creative Arts (Screen) at Flinders University. Late applications not accepted.

Final closing date for Medicine/Surgery, Dental Surgery, Oral Health and Veterinary Bioscience at the University of Adelaide. Late applications not accepted.

Saturday 31 October 2015

Deadline for applicants to pay their STAT fees and be guaranteed that their results will be available for the main offer round. Apply and pay for the STAT by this date to save paying an extra fee.

Monday 30 November 2015

Equal consideration closing date for most undergraduate courses. New applications after this date are not guaranteed equal consideration for selection. Check with SATAC before applying after this date.

Document deadline for individual equity bonus applications.

Final closing date for Medicine at Flinders University. Late applications not accepted.

Monday 4 January 2016

Deadline for existing applicants to change their preferences to most courses and still be guaranteed equal consideration.

Deadline for applicants who have applied by 30 November to pay their application fee and still be guaranteed equal consideration.

Tuesday 19 January 2016

Main January offer round for semester 1 2016.

Thursday 28 January 2016

Further offer round for semester 1 2016.

Tuesday 2 February 2016

Further offer round for semester 1 2016.

Thursday 4 February 2016

Further offer round for semester 1 2016.

February to March 2016

Offers will continue to be made in February and March for courses where there are still places available for semester 1 2016.

TAFE SA applications

Monday 14 September 2015

Applications open for courses starting in semester 1 2016.

Monday 30 November 2015

Equal consideration closing date for competitive course preferences. Submit your application by this date to be guaranteed equal consideration.

Friday 11 December 2015

December offer round. Early offers for first preference, non-competitive courses only.

Friday 18 December 2015

Last date to undertake the TAFE SA Assessment of Basic Skills (TABS) for consideration in the main January offer round.

Thursday 31 December 2015

Change of preference deadline. Course preferences cannot be added, removed or re-ordered in a submitted application from midnight until Monday 11 January 2016.

Monday 4 January to Monday 11 January 2016

Main offer round processing. SATAC conducts processing for the main offer round. Some services will be unavailable for short periods.

Monday 11 January 2016

Main January offer round. Offers available online.

Wednesday 20 January 2016

Change of preference deadline. Course preferences cannot be added, removed or re-ordered in a submitted application from midnight until Monday 25 January.

Thursday 21 January to Monday 25 January 2016

Late offer round processing. SATAC conducts processing for the late offer round. Some services will be unavailable for short periods.

Monday 25 January 2016

Late January offer round. Offers available online.

Friday 5 February 2016

Further offers made each Friday from 5 February.

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