

### Does the course you're interested in consider special entry applicants?

Most undergraduate courses have a special entry subquota. The exceptions are:

#### Charles Darwin University

- Medicine (Clinical Sciences)

#### Flinders University

- Creative Arts (Costume Design) (VET pathway)
- Creative Arts (Fashion) (VET pathway)
- Digital Media/Screen and Media (Specialising in CGI and Visual Effects)
- Digital Media/Screen and Media (Specialising in Game Art) TAFE SA/Flinders
- General Studies
- Information Technology/Screen and Media (Specialising in Game Art) TAFE SA/Flinders
- International Tourism TAFE SA/Flinders
- Laws and Legal Practice (Hons) (including combined degrees)
- Medicine
- Nursing TAFE SA/Flinders
- Optometry
- Physiotherapy
- Public Administration (VET pathway)

#### The University of Adelaide

- Diploma in Arts
- Diploma in Languages

#### University of South Australia

- UniSA Foundation Studies

### What is special entry?

Most courses have a special entry subquota. Special entry subquotas provide applicants who do not meet the normal entry requirements, or whose qualifications are not competitive enough, an opportunity to gain entry to their chosen course. Special entry applicants are normally required to sit the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT), although for some courses other selection criteria may apply.

Note that for entry to most courses, Flinders University considers foundation studies qualifications within the special entry subquota but that other institutions have a separate foundation studies subquota

If you are thinking of being a special entry applicant it is very important that you find out:

- if you are eligible to be a special entry applicant
- if the course(s) you are interested in considers special entry applicants
- what the course(s) you are interested in uses to select its special entry applicants - STAT and/or personal competencies statement and/or employment experience.

### Who is eligible for special entry?

Each institution has different rules regarding who is eligible to compete in a special entry subquota — these rules are about your age, how much post school study you have done and when you last studied. The rules for each of the institutions follow.

'One year' in relation to length of higher education level study means the equivalent of one full-time year, e.g. 80 credit points at Charles Darwin University; 36 units at Flinders University or at the University of South Australia; 24 points at the University of Adelaide; 48 points at CQUniversity Australia and Tabor College of Higher Education; 32 points at Torrens University Australia; or the interstate equivalent.

*\* The term 'higher education level' in this context means study at diploma level or above at a university or equivalent e.g. a college of advanced education, institute of technology, institute of higher education. It also includes bachelor degree courses undertaken at TAFE or other registered training organisations provided that the degree course is listed on the AQF higher education register of qualifications for the relevant period of accreditation.*

*The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a national system of classification of tertiary awards offered by tertiary institutions such as universities, TAFEs and other registered training organisations*

# Special entry subquota 2018

## Charles Darwin University

To be eligible to compete in a special entry subquota:

- you must be 19 years or over before 1 January 2018 (1 July for mid year entry), and
- you must not hold a completed higher education level award, and
- if you were last enrolled in a course leading to a higher education level award in 2015, 2016 or 2017, you must not have completed more than the equivalent of one full-time year of study in that course.

## Flinders University

To be eligible to compete in a special entry subquota using the STAT:

- you must be 18 years or over before 1 February 2018 (1 July for mid year entry), and
- if you have studied at higher education level in the last two years (for 2018 entry this means you were enrolled in either 2016 or 2017) you must not have accumulated more than the equivalent of a total of two full-time years of higher education study (i.e. including any study prior to 2016).

To be eligible to compete in a special entry subquota based on the completion of a recognised foundation studies course:

- you must not hold a completed higher education level award, and
- if you have studied at higher education level in the last two years (for 2018 entry this means you were enrolled in either 2016 or 2017) you must not have accumulated more than the equivalent of a total of two full-time years of higher education study (i.e. including any study prior to 2016).

## The University of Adelaide

To be eligible to compete in a special entry subquota for all programs except Medicine/Surgery and Dental Surgery:

- you must be 18 years or over before 1 February 2018 (1 July for mid year entry), and
- if you have studied at higher education level in the last two years (for 2018 entry this means you were enrolled in either 2016 or 2017) you must not have accumulated more than the equivalent of a total of two full-time years of higher education study (i.e. including any study prior to 2016).

## For Medicine/Surgery and Dental Surgery

- you must be 18 years or over before 1 February 2018, and
- you must never have been enrolled in a course leading to a higher education award.

## University of South Australia

To be eligible to compete in a special entry subquota:

- you must be 18 years or over before 1 February 2018 (1 July for mid year entry), and
- if you have studied at higher education level in the last two years (for 2018 entry this means you were enrolled in either 2016 or 2017) you must not have accumulated more than the equivalent of a total of two full-time years of higher education study (i.e. including any study prior to 2016).

## CQUniversity Australia

To be eligible to compete in the special entry subquota:

- you must be 18 years or over before 1 February 2018 (1 July for mid year entry).

## Tabor College of Higher Education

To be eligible to compete in a special entry subquota:

- you must be 18 years or over before 1 February 2018 (1 July for mid year entry).

## Torrens University Australia

To be eligible to compete in a special entry subquota:

- you must be 18 years or over before 1 February 2018 (1 July for mid year entry), and
- if you have studied at higher education level in the last two years (for 2018 entry this means you were enrolled in either 2016 or 2017) you must not have accumulated more than the equivalent of a total of two full-time years of higher education study (i.e. including any study prior to 2016).

## Do I need to meet prerequisites?

You must meet any prerequisite subject requirements. See individual course entries in course search for details of prerequisites and information about assumed knowledge (if applicable).

*Please note that the STAT does not meet prerequisite subject requirements.*

## What selection criteria is used for special entry to courses?

Most courses require special entry applicants to sit the STAT. Many courses will also consider a personal competencies statement and/or employment experience. You can find lists of courses open to special entry in the undergraduate selection page of the SATAC website.

For courses where STAT is recommended but not compulsory, you may choose not to sit the STAT and only submit a personal competencies statement and/or information about your employment experience. The institutions however, recommend that you sit the STAT in order to maximise your chances of selection.

## Charles Darwin University

STAT is recommended for all courses with a special entry subquota, except Midwifery, Pharmacy and all Engineering Science/Master of Engineering courses where STAT is compulsory. All courses will consider a personal competencies statement and/or employment experience.

## Flinders University

STAT is compulsory for all courses with a special entry subquota. Some courses will also consider a personal competencies statement and/or employment experience.

The University will also consider foundation studies qualifications within a special entry subquota.

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## The University of Adelaide

STAT is compulsory for all courses with a special entry subquota. A personal competencies statement and/or employment experience will not be considered.

## University of South Australia

STAT is compulsory for all courses with a special entry subquota. Some courses will also consider a personal competencies statement and/or employment experience.

## CQUniversity Australia

STAT is compulsory for all courses. All courses will also consider employment experience.

## Tabor College of Higher Education and Torrens University Australia

STAT is recommended for all courses. All courses will consider a personal competencies statement and/or employment experience.

## Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

The Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) has been developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) to assess a range of competencies commonly considered important for success in tertiary study.

STAT Multiple Choice is the version accepted by SATAC's participating institutions. It is a two hour test under exam conditions containing 70 multiple-choice questions, half of which are 'verbal reasoning' and half 'quantitative reasoning'. The questions are designed to assess the ability to think critically and to make sense of a variety of material. For instance, applicants may be required to read and think about a prose passage, interpret a graph, use basic mathematical relationships or make inferences from a table of data.

The STAT is marked by ACER in Melbourne, the scores are reported to SATAC and then used according to the institutions' selection policies.

## Personal competencies

Check that the course you are interested in will consider a personal competencies statement. You can find a list of courses open to special entry on the SATAC website.

When you apply online you will be asked if you wish to submit a personal competencies statement. You must write the personal competencies statement according to the criteria published on the SATAC website. The statement will be assessed by SATAC following guidelines agreed to by its participating institutions.

## Employment experience

Check that the course you are interested in will consider employment experience as part of your special entry application. You can find a list of courses open to special entry on the SATAC website.

When you apply online you will be given the opportunity to present details of your employment experience. It is not necessary to enter details of every job you have held; include only those which you wish to have considered in the assessment of your application. Follow the instructions carefully and do not leave any information boxes empty.

## Ranking applicants in a special entry subquota

Your special entry rank may vary from one course to another, depending upon the combination of criteria used for ranking special entry applicants and the various weightings applied to those criteria.

If you choose to submit a personal competencies statement or your employment experience, they will only be used to enhance your STAT rank — a poor statement or a low employment experience rank will not reduce your STAT rank.

Your foundation studies rank (only for special entry into Flinders University courses) (in the score range 0-99) is based on the length of the completed course or, in the case of the Flinders Foundation course, on your level of achievement within the course as determined by Flinders University.

## Further information

Details of the criteria used for selecting special entry applicants for individual courses/programs are available from the SATAC website at [www.satac.edu.au](http://www.satac.edu.au).