Understanding your Tertiary Entrance Statement

What is a Tertiary Entrance Statement?

The Tertiary Entrance Statement shows information relevant to university and TAFE SA entrance.

Your Tertiary Entrance Statement

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Your university aggregate/ATAR and your TAFE SA Selection Score are calculated using scaled scores.

Scaling is the mathematical process which provides a basis for comparing performance across Stage 2 SACE subjects which have different objectives, content and assessment practices. Scaled scores are expressed numerically but are derived from the same individual assessment results the SACE Board uses to derive your final subject grades.

Scaled scores enable the results from different subjects to be directly compared and aggregated. This means that the university aggregate/ATAR and TAFE SA Selection Score calculated for students who have completed different SACE study patterns can be directly compared in the selection process for entry to university and TAFE SA courses.

This part of your statement lists the scaled scores for all Stage 2 SACE subjects that could contribute to the calculation of a university aggregate/ATAR or TAFE SA Selection Score. Any approved Recognised Studies will also appear in this section under a separate heading.

Information about the way in which scaled scores are calculated (including a short video about scaling) is available from the SATAC website at www.satac.edu.au/information-for-sace-nt CET-students

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The South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC) processes and assesses applications on behalf of TAFE SA and the four universities in South Australia and the Northern Territory.

SATAC calculates the tertiary entrance scores used in tertiary entrance selection, including the university aggregates, the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) and the TAFE SA Selection Score. For SATAC students, these scores and ranks are based on scaled scores.

SATAC creates scaled scores by converting SATAC subject results to a common numeric scale which allows for students completing different subject patterns, to be directly compared. For the purposes of your Tertiary Entrance Statement, SATAC uses the scaled scores that were used in the calculation of your university aggregate and TAFE SA Selection Score.

University Entrance

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is the primary selection criterion for school leavers entering into higher education at one of the universities. If you are an SACE student, your final scaled scores calculate your Australian Tertiary Admission Rank.

Your university aggregate is the basis for your ATAR. Your university aggregate is calculated from the scaled scores of your Stage 2 SACE subjects as well as any Recognised Studies. The calculation considers only the five best-possible combinations of your results to give the final university aggregate.

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Calculation of your university aggregate

Your university aggregate is calculated from 90 credits of study, which may include up to 20 credits of Recognised Studies. The first 60 credits are the scaled scores from three 20 credit Tertiary Admissions Subjects (TAS). Normally 10 credit subjects do not count towards the first 60 credits but some 10 credit subjects, when studied in pairs, can substitute for a 20 credit subject.

The Flexible Option, or final 30 credits, is the best 30 credits of scaled scores from:
- the scaled score of a 20 credit TAS
- half the scaled score of one or more 20 credit TAS
- the scaled score of one or more 10 credit TAS
- scaled score equivalents for Recognised Studies to the value of 10 or the maximum of 20 credits.

Your university aggregate is the best possible score calculated from the above options subject to the rules regarding precluded combinations and counting restrictions.

Important notice

If you were awaiting results for Recognised Studies at the time your Tertiary Entrance Statement was issued these results will not have been used in the calculation of the ATAR and TAFE SA Selection Score.

For some candidates this may mean that you are not yet eligible for an ATAR and/or TAFE SA Selection Score because the Recognised Studies results are not yet processed. For others, the calculations will not have taken the Recognised Studies into account. Once your Recognised Studies results have been processed by the SACE Board your tertiary entrance information will be recalculated and you will be issued with a new Tertiary Entrance Statement.

Information about the way in which the university aggregate/ATAR and the TAFE SA Selection Score are calculated is available from the SATAC website at www.satac.edu.au/information-for-sace-ntcet-students and in the Tertiary Entrance booklet published by SATAC and distributed to senior secondary school students in July 2016.

Calculation of your TAFE SA Selection Score

Your TAFE SA Selection Score is calculated from 60 credits of study, which may include up to 20 credits of Recognised Studies. There is no restriction on the number of 10 credit Tertiary Admissions Subjects (TAS) that can count towards the TAFE SA Selection Score.

Your TAFE SA Selection Score is the best possible score calculated from your available scaled scores subject to the rules regarding precluded combinations.

Need more information about your Statement?
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Course information and advice

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TAFE SA call 1800 882 661 (freecall)
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