

## 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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## SATIC COVID-19 updates

The COVID-19 pandemic has created challenging and uncertain times for us all. Rest assured SATAC is here for you and your students.

Although SATAC's front counter at 104 Frome Street is temporarily closed, our Applicant Services team is ready and available to support you by telephone and email. Our website and online applications also remain available 24 hours a day. Assessment services for current applicants are continuing uninterrupted.

SATIC's counsellor information sessions will continue this year either remotely or as in-person sessions (see next page).

We are working together with the SACE Board to support an ATAR calculation in 2020. Given the

efforts of the SACE Board and their counterparts interstate, we don't expect changes to the ATAR calculation will be necessary.

We'll continue to work with the universities and TAFE SA, as well as education authorities nationally, to ensure the maintenance of a fair and transparent process for students transitioning to further study in 2021.

Martin Westwell, Chief Executive SACE Board, and SATAC's Chief Executive Officer Stuart Mossman have prepared a video to answer the questions from school students. You can [watch the video on YouTube](#).

We will continue to communicate with schools' principals as the situation changes, and endeavour to support you in this unprecedented time as best we can.



## Counsellor information sessions for 2020

### Important note for 2020 sessions

Counsellor information sessions will proceed as scheduled below either as physical or virtual (remote) meetings depending on state and federal requirements in place at the time.

### New counsellor information session

The new counsellor session is reserved for those who are new to the role of supporting secondary students into tertiary studies, and provides an opportunity to learn about the university aggregate and ATAR, year 12 selection ranks, undergraduate and TAFE SA entry requirements and more. There is a limited number of places in this session and bookings are essential.

The 2020 new counsellor information session will take place on Monday 18 May 2020 from 9.30am to 12.30pm via remote meeting. An email inviting bookings and confirming the meeting format will be sent to schools in the first week of term 2 at which time you will be able to contact SATAC to book your place.

## Adelaide counsellor information sessions

These sessions provide an opportunity to catch up on changes to tertiary admission through SATAC, and to receive updates from our partner institutions.

This year the Adelaide metropolitan counsellor information sessions will be held at either the Education Development Centre in Hindmarsh, or via remote meeting, on the following dates:

- Wednesday 22 July 2020, 9.00am to 12.00pm
- Wednesday 22 July 2020, 1.00pm to 4.00pm
- Thursday 23 July 2020, 9.00am to 12.00 noon

We will confirm the meeting format and invite you to book into a session closer to the time.

### Regional SA counsellor information sessions

Information sessions will be offered this year at Renmark, Mt Gambier, Port Lincoln and Port Augusta, with final dates yet to be confirmed. A booking invitation containing further information will be sent to your school closer to the date.

## Northern Territory counsellor information sessions

Information sessions for the Northern Territory this year will be in August with tentative dates being:

- Darwin – Friday 14 August 2020
- Alice Springs – Thursday 13 August 2020

Confirmation of whether these sessions will be delivered in-person or remotely will be advised closer to the date.

## SATAC Guide

Work has started on the SATAC Guide 2021. The Guide will be available again this year in printed form and online. At this stage we are expecting delivery of the Guide to proceed as normal.

Schools remain open in South Australia and we expect that many students will be attending by the start of term 3. We will be in touch with schools to reassess delivery if the situation in South Australia changes.

## TAFE SA updates

Applications for TAFE SA semester 2 2020 courses opened on Monday 27 April. Applications are free and [available online](#).