

## Introduction

The SATAC Bulletin school edition is a newsletter for school staff and others who provide advice to future tertiary students.

Each edition of the Bulletin provides updates on SATAC services and admissions processes.

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## Application closing dates

Students should ensure they have submitted their undergraduate application by Wednesday 30 September 2020. Application fees increase after this date.

September 30 is also the final closing date for the following University of Adelaide programs:

- Medicine/Surgery (including Bonded Medical Program)
- Dental Surgery
- Oral Health
- Veterinary Bioscience

Late applications are not accepted for these programs.

Other courses with final closing dates coming up later this year:

- Creative Arts (Drama) at Flinders University on 2 November
- Clinical Sciences/Doctor of Medicine at Flinders University on 1 December
- Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech Pathology at the University of Adelaide on 1 December



## STAT sittings

Good news for students considering the STAT. Applications to sit the test are open now.

Sittings have been delayed this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. The current situation in South Australia means we are now able to offer sittings in a safe environment. We are of course continuing to monitor the situation and any announcements from SA Health and State Government.

Students can use results from the STAT to compete for a place in many undergraduate courses.

Students should consider the STAT as an alternative entry pathway. It is suitable for those who are not eligible to apply with any other qualification, or whose previous grades are not competitive enough for an offer.

Please remind students that age restrictions apply to use the STAT for entry to courses, and there are fees associated with sitting the test that are not refundable.

Note that higher STAT fees apply for anyone applying or paying for a test sitting after 31 October.

More information about STAT and eligibility to use it is available at [satac.edu.au/stat](https://satac.edu.au/stat) and [satac.edu.au/undergraduate-admission-pathways](https://satac.edu.au/undergraduate-admission-pathways), and in the SATAC Guide.

## Revised rules for school-based equity adjustment factors

Students who try to improve their ATAR at a school eligible under the Universities Equity Scheme after achieving an ATAR at a non-qualifying school will no longer be entitled to school-based equity adjustments.

SATAC's member universities have reviewed eligibility rules to take effect from 2021.

Students will still be able to apply for individual equity adjustments, if eligible.

For example:

- Alexa studies SACE Stage 2 at a non-qualifying school in 2020 and achieves an ATAR
- In 2021, Alexa tries to improve their ATAR and studies again at SACE Stage 2, this time at a school which is eligible for adjustments
- Alexa is not entitled to school-based equity adjustments because they achieved an ATAR from a non-qualifying school then tried to improve it at an eligible school
- Alexa can still apply for individual equity adjustments

## New resources for students

You might have noticed new infographics in the SATAC Guide this year.

The new graphics explain the SATAC timeline, how selection works, and how to change your preferences.

We've made each infographic available to download from our website so you can easily share them with your students.

The SATAC Guide and Tertiary Entrance booklets are also available to read online at [satac.edu.au/satac-publications](https://satac.edu.au/satac-publications).

We'd love your feedback too! You can email suggestions for future improvements to SATAC publications to [publications@satac.edu.au](mailto:publications@satac.edu.au)

## Application Status Service

Current Year 12 students may see one of the following messages next to their preferences on the 'Welcome' page of their SATAC application:

- Not currently eligible for consideration, or
- Awaiting assessment

These messages are normal where students' Year 12 results are not yet attached to their application.

Those with a status of 'awaiting assessment' will have extra criteria to meet. This might include passing subject prerequisites or results from an audition or interview.

When SATAC attaches Year 12 results to an application the messages against each preference will update.



## ARE YOU STARTING UNIVERSITY IN 2021?

Get your USI now.

A USI remains with you for life!



### Unique Student Identifier

The Unique Student Identifier (USI) is an individual education identifier that stays with you for life. It creates an online record of your training and education in Australia.

The Australian Government is extending the USI to higher education students in 2021.

All students commencing in a Commonwealth Supported Place in 2021 must have a USI by the census date.

By 2023, all higher education students will need a USI to receive their award in 2023 or later. This includes students who started before 2021 and all international onshore students.

If you're talking to students about higher education in 2021 and beyond, encourage them to apply for a USI as soon as possible.

For more information visit [usi.gov.au](https://usi.gov.au)

### Learn it, work it with TAFE SA

TAFE SA applications are open for courses starting in semester 1 2021. Students can apply now in time for the first offer round on 4 December. Course admission and selection criteria requirements need to be completed by 24 November to be ready for December 4 offers.

Check out the TAFE SA website for the latest news about cutting-edge partnerships with industry to provide workforce skills for the future – [tafesa.edu.au/tafe-sa-news](https://tafesa.edu.au/tafe-sa-news)

### SATAC Christmas close-down dates

SATAC will close from 25 to 28 December (inclusive) for the Christmas break. We open again on Tuesday 29 December and then close for the New Year public holiday on 1 January 2021.

Our website and online applications are always available.

### Survey - SATAC outreach events

SATAC is always looking for ways to improve the way we provide information to you, your students, and their families.

We are seeking feedback on whether your school would like to take part in outreach activities presented by SATAC. To help us gauge your interest, we would appreciate it if you could [complete a short survey](#). The survey should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete.

If we get enough interest from schools we see activities commencing from 2021. Please note that these outreach activities would run alongside, rather than replace, the existing Counsellor Information Sessions.

The survey will close on 12 October 2020.

### In case you missed it...

Earlier this year, SACE Board Chief Executive Professor Martin Westwell and SATAC CEO Stuart Mossman revisited student questions in You Can Ask That! Episode 2. The questions covered ATAR, end-of-year exams, special provisions and VET, and the impacts of COVID-19.

[Watch on YouTube](#)

