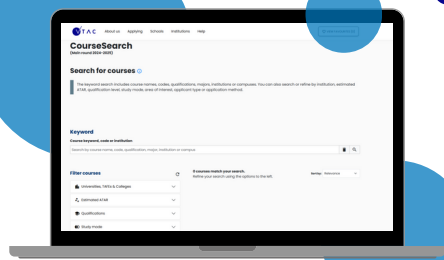


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Search for courses with VTAC CourseSearch

CourseSearch, available on the VTAC website, is a great tool to research courses that you're interested in studying in Victoria. You can discover any course requirements and prerequisites for each course.



Where can I find out more?

For more information about the VTAC process, you can:

-  Call us on (03) 9926 1020
-  Go to our website at vtac.edu.au
-  Subscribe to our newsletter vtac.edu.au/subscribe
-  Follow us on social media @vtacguide

Dates

2025

JULY

Get ready! Use VTAC CourseSearch to browse courses, visit the VTAC website and learn about the application process.

AUGUST

4 August

- Applications for courses open
- Equity schemes and scholarships application opens

SEPTEMBER

29 September 5pm

- Deadline to apply on time (you can still change your preferences)

OCTOBER

10 October 5pm

- Equity schemes and scholarships application closes

NOVEMBER

Make sure you've registered for the VCE Results and ATAR service at resultsandatar.vic.edu.au

DECEMBER

11 December 7am

- VCE results and ATAR released

13 December 12pm

- Change of preference closes for Dec. round

23 December 10am

- December course offers released

23 December 10am - 4pm

- Change of preference open for Jan. round

2026

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

13 January 2pm

- January course offers released

Further change of preference and offer rounds in January & February

For a full list of
dates, please
scan here



Applying with VTAC

Your steps from application to offer



Change of preference

If you change your mind about your listed courses, you can reorder, add, or remove course preferences from your list during the change of preference windows.

You can change your preferences before each offer round. Check the dates on the VTAC website.

Cost of application

To pay the lowest application processing fee, make sure you apply by the end of September.

If you don't apply on time, the fee will rise significantly and not all courses will be available to you.

Research courses & learn the process

Use **VTAC CourseSearch** to browse through over 1700 courses.

The courses you decide on will depend on your personal interests, subjects you enjoyed in school, the characteristics of each tertiary institution and whether you have certain career aspirations in mind.

You can go to **institution open days**, **attend expos** and speak to those you know about their experiences.

Visit the **VTAC website** and read through the **online guides** to understand the process.



Create a VTAC account

You will need to create a VTAC account to apply for tertiary courses at Victorian institutions.

Ensure you have an **email address** and **mobile number** handy when creating your account.

You will need to enter your **full legal name** as it appears on your birth certificate, **date of birth** and **current education status**.

Complete your profile

You will need to provide your **personal details**, **education background** and **citizenship and residency status** to complete your profile.

Ensure you have a **Unique Student Identifier (USI)**. If you don't have one, you can create your USI at usi.gov.au.

You can also choose to add a parent or supporter as an authorised nominee on your account, which will give them access to information to support you with your application.

What's a USI?

A Unique Student Identifier (USI) is your lifelong education number. It is mandatory for every new higher education student studying at a tertiary institution in Australia.

Submit an application

Ready to apply? **Applications open 4 August**. From this date, you can submit an application through your VTAC account.

Only once you've completed your profile will you be able to start your course application.

You can **apply for up to eight courses** by listing them in the order you most want to study them. You'll have the chance to change your preferences throughout the application period.

You must submit at least one course preference, but it is recommended to use all eight preferences to include your dream course, other options, and pathway courses.

Get your offer

Offers are released into **your VTAC account on offer round dates**. Always accept an offer you receive, even if you are hoping for a higher preference offer in the next round.

Course offers are made over a number of offer rounds, with most being made in December. It's important to list your preferences in the order you most want to study them, as you will only receive an offer for your highest eligible course preference.

If you receive an offer through VTAC, you will receive an email with enrolment details from the institution. Accept any offer that you receive. If you receive an offer for another course you prefer in a subsequent round, accept the new offer and withdraw from the original one.

Make sure to understand the pathway options available to you for your desired courses. Include pathways on your preferences list in the order you most wish to study the courses.

Check requirements & make final changes

Each course has its own **essential requirements** and **admission criteria**. You can check these requirements using VTAC CourseSearch. Make sure you meet these for each course you apply to and complete any tasks listed.

If you need to, you can log in to your VTAC account to change your preferences or update your personal information. Keep in mind the change of preference deadlines for each offer round, which you can find on the VTAC website.



Get your results and ATAR

VTAC will use your VCE results to calculate your Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), which will be **released on 11 December**.

The ATAR is a percentile rank of your year 12 results compared to everyone else in your age group. VTAC scales VCE study scores before they are used to calculate an ATAR to make sure that no one is advantaged or disadvantaged by their choice of VCE subjects. Scaling is based on the competitiveness of each subject, not how easy or hard a student finds a subject.*

*Note: Your original VCE subject scores, not scaled study scores, are used for subject prerequisite requirements.



Apply for equity schemes & scholarships

If your education has been affected by circumstances outside your control or you would like to apply for financial assistance, you can, you can **apply for equity schemes (SEAS) and scholarships**.

We encourage everyone to consider an equity schemes and scholarships application. You may be eligible for special consideration to help you get into a course or for financial assistance via a scholarship.

Make sure to submit any required documents as soon as possible so you don't miss out! Get started on your equity schemes and scholarships application early, and contact VTAC before the deadline for advice if you get stuck.

ATAR AND ADJUSTMENTS

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is a tool tertiary institutions use to make a fair comparison between students who have studied different combinations of subjects when considering them for course offers. ATAR information is published in VTAC CourseSearch for courses which use it so you can understand the selection standard for courses when listing your preferences.

Your selection rank = your ATAR + any adjustments

Selection rank adjustments are made by some institutions to improve your chance of selection into a course. Institutions recognise disadvantage through the equity schemes process, and high performance in certain subject scores to adjust selection ranks. Adjustments do not change your actual ATAR, however they work in addition to your ATAR to improve your chance of a course offer during the selection process.

EQUITY SCHEMES (SEAS) & SCHOLARSHIPS

There are many life circumstances that make it difficult to achieve your best at school. The equity schemes application is designed to recognise any hardship beyond your control that impacts your studies, and adjust your selection rank to acknowledge these difficulties. This could make you more competitive for the courses you apply for.

This application also covers scholarships, which can be awarded for both merit (academic achievement) and equity circumstances. Equity scholarships are awarded to provide support throughout tertiary study to students who have experienced disadvantage. Students will also be considered for merit-based scholarships through the combined equity schemes and scholarships application.

You must submit a course application before you can complete your equity schemes and scholarships application.

Examples of circumstances:



discrimination and bullying



financial hardship



difficult family circumstances



medical reasons



excessive home responsibilities



being a refugee or asylum seeker



illness or death of family member or friend

PATHWAYS

Pathways provide opportunities to continue learning after Year 12 and can be used as alternative ways into your dream course or field of study. A pathway can increase your chances of being accepted or progress into your desired course, while also allowing you to explore your interest in a study area.

VTAC recommends adding a range of pathway options to your preference list alongside your dream course to make sure that you have as many alternative ways as possible to achieve your study and career goals. Every institution is different and offers pathway opportunities. For more information on pathway options, visit your preferred institution's website to discover their pathway information.

We're here to help!

If you would like more information or have any questions about the application process, please visit our website, attend upcoming webinars, use our online resources or call us on 03 9926 1020.

