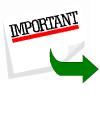
**CAREER NEWS** **Friday 13 November**



*As this is the final edition of the Career News for 2020, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students every success in their final exams and wish them and their families a wonderful summer holiday - filled with special times shared with friends and loved ones.   
Stay safe and here’s to a fabulous 2021* 😊

 **Dates to Diarise in Term 4**

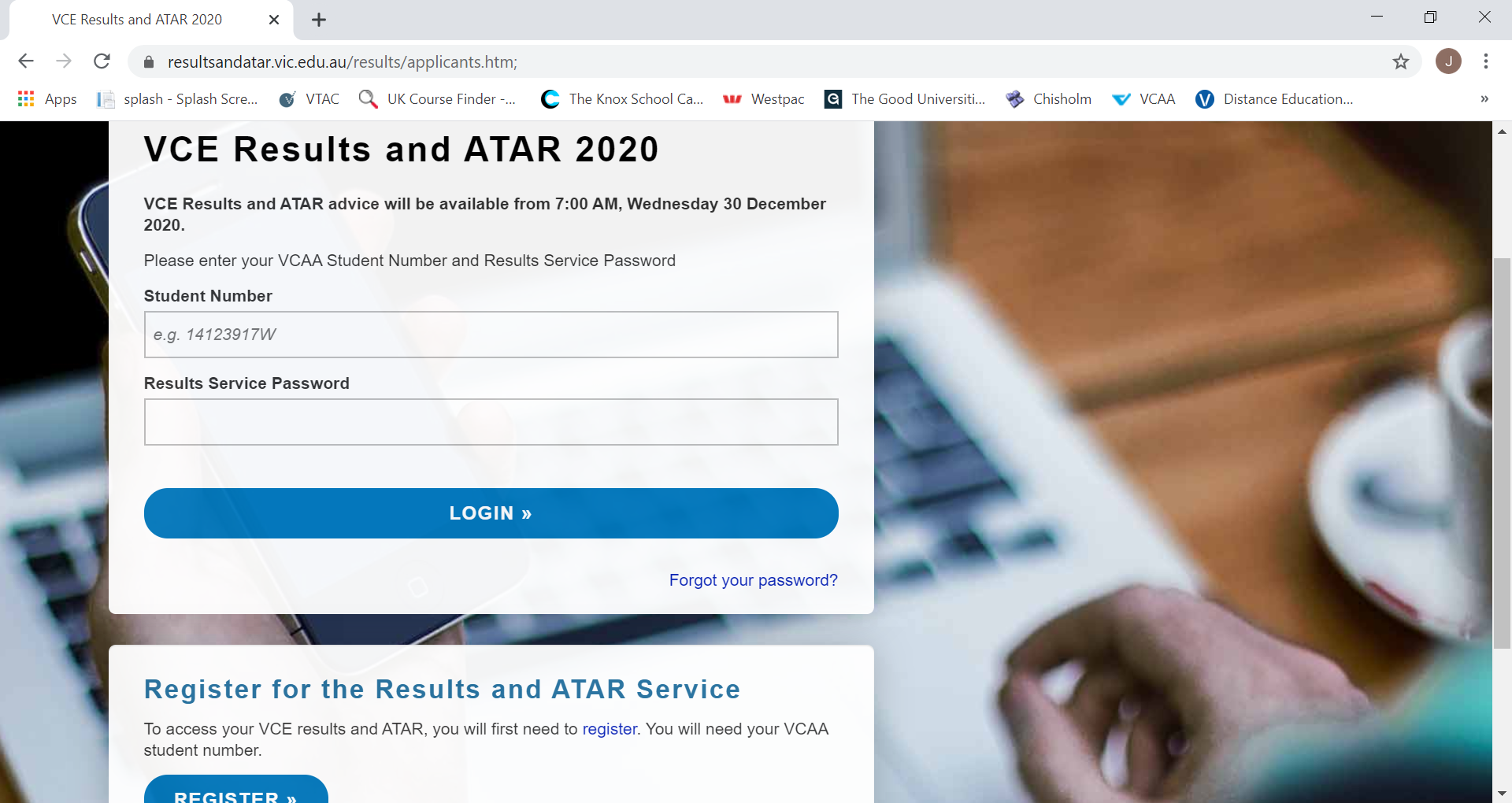
* **Year 12 VTAC very late applications** – 6 November to 4 December

** Reminder: VTAC 2021 Upcoming Key Dates **

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| **VTAC Personal Statement** | Friday 4 December 2020 |
| **ATARs Released** | Wednesday 30 December 2020 |
| **Change of Preference (COP) closes** | Monday 4 January 2021 |
| **January Round International Offers** | Thursday 7 January 2021 |
| **January Round Domestic Offers** | Thursday 14 January 2021 |
| **February Offer Rounds** | Monday 1 February 2021 onwards |

**For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit** [**VTAC Course Updates**](http://www.vtac.edu.au/courses-inst/courseupdates.html)

**The VTAC website is** [**www.vtac.edu.au**](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

 **Accessing 2020 VCE Results**

VCE study scores, ATAR and VTAC Scaled Study Scores will be available to students via the Results and ATAR website and the Results and ATAR app on Wednesday 30 December 2020 at 7.00am.  Students will receive a statement of VCE study scores from the VCAA, and those who applied for courses through VTAC this year and have paid their VTAC processing fees, will be sent an ATAR statement in the mail.

**Students who wish to receive their results online, will need to register at** [**https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au/results/applicants.htm**](https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au/results/applicants.htm) **BEFORE results are released. You will need to register again this year as any login details used to access results last year are removed after results were released.**

**Registrations are already open, and students are encouraged to register soon.**

**Note: To register, students need their VCAA student number and will be requested to choose a secure password on registering.**

**Australian Government Study Assist**

Students are encouraged to browse the below link as the Study Assist website provides information to students about Australian Government assistance for financing of tertiary study. There is very useful information on study loans, how one pays back those loans, scholarship opportunities, etc. A useful PDF titled *Beyond School Study Guide* published in February this year can also be found at - [Beyond School Study Guide](https://www.studyassist.gov.au/BSSG).   
 **Visit** [**Study Assist**](https://www.studyassist.gov.au/) **to find out more.**

**ATOlogo Tax File Number**

Year 12 students are reminded again that they cannot enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Supported Place) university course next year without a Tax File Number (TFN). Students who do not have one are reminded to apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office by end of the year.

**To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices, visit** [**TFN Application**](http://auspost.com.au/travel-id/tax-file-number-applications.html)



A USI - Unique Student Identifier is a reference number that creates an online record of your training and qualifications attained in Australia. Current Year 12 students are reminded that you will need a USI number when applying for Commonwealth financial assistance when you enrol at university next year.

Some students may already have one and it is recommended students find or create their USI via [**https://www.usi.gov.au/**](https://www.usi.gov.au/)by end of the year.

## School Leavers Information Kit

Visit the [YourCareer.gov.au School Leavers Support website](https://www.yourcareer.gov.au/school-leavers-support/) to know what opportunities are open to you in 2021. A School Leavers Info Service provides tailored support and the School Leavers Information Kit has a range of resources and information to help you understand all your education, training and work options plus assist you in choosing the right option for you.

**Access a PDF version of the School Leavers Information kit** [**here**](https://www.yourcareer.gov.au/media/enapwm5x/school_leaver_information_kit.pdf)**.**

** Websites/Links**

* ***Skills Spiderweb*** – different jobs need different skills. The Skills Spiderweb shows 12 skills common across many different jobs. View the Skills Spiderweb [here](https://public.tableau.com/profile/occupation.and.industry.analysis#!/vizhome/OccupationSkillsSpiderweb/OccupationSkillsSpiderChart).
* ***Myfuture –*** a career information & exploration service providing current career information, articles and links to many resources [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au)
* ***Careers Online –*** career research, resume help, job hunting tips, job links, etc. [www.careersonline.com.au](http://www.careersonline.com.au)
* ***Job Search Australia –*** free online jobsite, searches can be made by region and state, occupational category, type of employment – casual, part-time, or full-time, and covers a range of occupations. [www.jobsearch.gov.au](http://www.jobsearch.gov.au)
* ***Victorian Government Vacancies –*** find out about government jobs and careers available at the Victorian Government of Australia. [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)

***Tips for prospective Uni students:***

Download the following useful *free* apps from iTunes and Google Play -

** **LOST ON CAMPUS:** find every tutorial room, lab, lecture theatre, coffee shop,   
 carpark, bus stop, even your nearest vending machines and free microwaves on   
 campus - [lost on campus](http://lostoncampus.com.au/)

[](http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=FAIR+app&FORM=HDRSC2#view=detail&id=03AE9B518C8D66F7D7A13381F4F9F26D220008BC&selectedIndex=14) **FAIR:** an app designed by the University of Melbourne to walk you through a series   
 of common scenarios that can lead to breaches of academic integrity, like  
 plagiarism, with advice on what to do and why it matters - [UoM Fair](http://uomfair.info/)

*****University Terms***Here are a few of the more commonly used terms to help prospective University students.

***Associated Degree –*** an associate degree is generally a two-year qualification that is made up of two-thirds of a bachelor’s degree and may be offered by both TAFEs and universities. Students often use this as a steppingstone to the full bachelor’s degree.

***Assumed knowledge –*** refers to subjects the university recommends or prefers a student to have studied at school before starting the course

***ATAR –*** Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank – the figure used by UAC and VTAC to calculate the entrance ranking for a university course

***Bachelor’s degree –*** the award/qualification a student gains when they have completed studies in an undergraduate course, which takes between 3 or 4 years of full-time study. This is the traditional starting point of a university qualification.

***Bridging Course –*** an introductory course to help students achieve the preferred entry level to a degree, e.g. a bridging maths course for students who do not have the preferred maths but need it to access a course

***Census Date –*** last day a student can withdraw from their university course and not owe fees

***Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) –*** a student’s enrolment in a university degree for which the Commonwealth government makes a contribution towards the cost of that student’s education (formerly known as a HECS place)

***Credit –*** if a student has previously studied – perhaps at TAFE – and has Recognised Prior Learning (RPL), the student may be able to receive credit for a subject or subjects in their course. Also often referred to as *Advanced Standing*.

***Double degree –*** a student can choose to complete a double degree – this integrates studies in two degrees resulting in an award of two degrees, usually after a minimum of 4 years of study. Often also referred to as *Combined Degrees*.

***Defer –*** a student may choose to delay starting their course. Deferring an offer of a place might mean delaying for 6, 12, 18 or 24 months. Deferment ensures the student is guaranteed their place in their selected course

***Elective –*** a subject that is not core to the degree and is often from another faculty, e.g. a commerce student might choose psychology (from the Arts Faculty) as an elective

***Faculty –*** a department within a university devoted to a particular area of study – so, Faculty of Arts or Faculty of Science

***FEE-HELP –*** a loan scheme for domestic students used to pay all or part of an eligible student’s tuition fees for university courses but cannot be used for additional study costs such as laptops, accommodation, or textbooks. A 25% loan fee may apply.

***HECS-HELP –*** a loan scheme that assists domestic students with a CSP place to pay their contribution. Students may choose to pay their fees upfront, or choose to defer payment via the HECS-HELP loan scheme

***Honours –*** many bachelor’s degrees offer a fourth year – called an Honours year. The Honours year allows students to further focus on a particular an area of interest. The Honours year can either be integrated into a 4-year bachelor’s degree or be offered as a separate year after completion of a 3-year bachelor’s degree

***Lecture –*** a period of teaching given by a lecturer to a large group of students in a lecture theatre; can often be as many as 300 students in a lecture

***Major study –*** an area within a course that allows in-depth study in a particular field. More than one major may be allowed in some courses

***Minor study –*** a grouping of subjects allowing a broader understanding of a few subjects, with less emphasis on in-depth study

***Prerequisite –*** a set of conditions – usually a completion of a subject – that must be met before enrollment in a subject or course is allowed.

***SA-HELP –*** SA‑HELP is a loan scheme that assists eligible students to pay for all or part of their student services and amenities fees – so, non-academic fees.

***Transcript –*** this is the university academic record each student receives, like a school report

***Tutorial –*** a period of teaching given to a small group of students – involving discussion and participation

***Undergraduate –*** a student studying at university for a first level degree, e.g. a bachelor’s degree

***VET Student Loans –*** a loan scheme for domestic students used to pay all or part of an eligible student’s tuition fees for TAFE courses, but cannot be used for additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. A 20% loan fee usually applies.

***Workplace learning –*** practical training in a workplace, such as internships or practical work experience. This is a hands-on experience – some universities call it *Industry Based Learning* or *Work Integrated Learning.*



**A labour market characterized by the prevalence of short-term contracts or freelance work as opposed to permanent jobs.**

**Freelancer  
Work from home**

**Part-time employment**

**Remember, employers are looking for:**

* ***Skills broader than your discipline***
* ***Skills more than content***
* ***Transferability of skills***
* ***Longevity of skills***
* ***Analytical skills***
* ***So, while at university, set yourself up to be the kind of graduate employers are looking for***
* ***Don’t assume that a certain qualification only leads to employment with certain companies***
* ***Don’t second-guess where the jobs are***

***HOW? VALUE-ADD by doing Work Experience, Industry-based Learning, Overseas Exchange, taking ‘breadth’ subjects & joining clubs/societies.***