

Change of Preference

For students applying for university in 2024



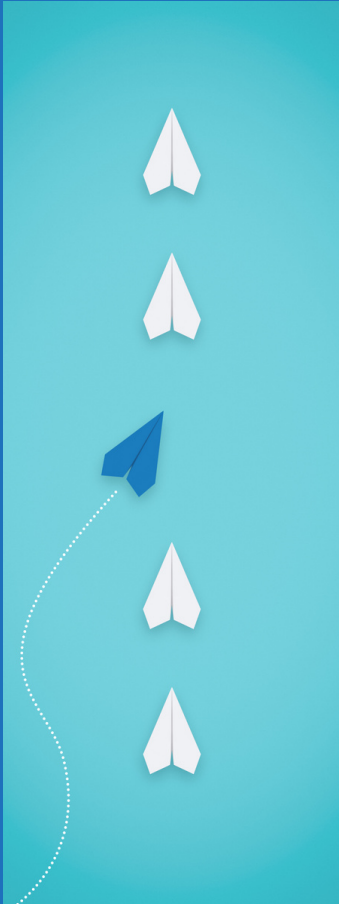
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A guide to changing preferences and info days for students looking to study at university in 2024. Created by Study Work Grow Pty Ltd in 2023.

VERSION 2

From time to time dates and application procedures can change, so we recommend you double check all information directly with the organisation before you begin the application process. We have verified the information in this guide, but in some cases the information may differ from that provided on third party websites or printed material.

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Changing your preferences

If you've had a change of heart about what you want to study or where you'd like to go after you submitted your university application, it's not too late – you can still change your preferences.

Preferences are a term for the courses you want to apply for, listed in the order you'd like to study them.

At Study Work Grow we recommend that you list your dream course(s) first, some more realistic options next, and one safe option last. That way, you'll increase the odds of receiving at least one offer in the main round.

Listing the maximum number of possible preferences on your applications is also a good strategy. This will give you the best opportunity to receive at least one offer – or maybe more.

WHY CHANGE YOUR PREFERENCES?

There are lots of reasons you might like to change your preferences – here are just a few:

- Your ATAR was better than you expected
- Your ATAR wasn't as good as you had hoped for and you'd like to ensure you get offers
- You have had a change of heart about the ideal course or the best university for you
- You've discovered a course you didn't know about when you applied
- You've been advised that the prerequisites for a course you had on your list have changed
- The course you applied for has been dropped by the university
- You're reviewing your application and you realise that you didn't put your preferences in the right order

WHEN CAN YOU CHANGE YOUR PREFERENCES?

Most universities and TACs provide plenty of opportunities to change your preferences. After submitting your application and before you receive your final results, you can usually log into your application and adjust your preferences.

Take a look at the next page for exact dates.

Tip: If you've received an early conditional offer for one or more of the courses on your preferences, and you still want more offers during the main rounds, it's best to call the admission centre or institution directly if you're unsure about what to do next.

Important dates

TAC	Main offers released	CoP main offer round cut-off	CoP next offer round cut-off
UAC	21 Dec	15 Dec	4 Jan 2024
VTAC	21 Dec	13 Dec	22 Dec
QTAC	21 Dec	18 Dec	3 Jan 2024
SATAC	11 Jan 2024	3 Jan 2024	--
TISC	22 Dec	18 Dec	14 Jan 2024
UTAS	Mid Dec	--	--

This information is correct at the time of publication (Oct 2023), but sometimes dates change for various reasons - so we recommend double-checking the cut offs for your chosen universities or courses directly with the TAC or institution.

Note: UTAS send out their main round of offers to Tasmanian students mid-December and to students in all other states/territories in January, so you may need to call and check with them when the last chance to change your preferences will be.

Don't stress if you don't get around to it, or if changing your preferences only becomes an issue after you've received your results. There will still be a period of time where you can make the change and ensure you receive the best offer for you.

More information

MISSED THE CUT-OFF DATE?

If you miss the change of preference cut-offs for the first round, you'll usually still have the chance to change them again before the next offer round.

Once all the offer rounds are over and you have an offer but it's not for the course you really wanted, call up the university and find out what your options are. You might be able transfer internally if there are spaces left, or when places open up later in the year.

Most importantly, if you don't receive any offers at all, remember that you still have lots of options. Consider taking an alternative pathway instead. There are a number of choices available that could help get you into the course you'd like to study.

DO I HAVE TO CHANGE MY PREFERENCES?

If you get a higher ATAR than you expected, don't immediately rush off and change your preferences just because you can apply for a course with a higher Selection Rank now. If you're happy with your preferences, then stick with them – there's no such thing as 'wasting' a good ATAR.

You might feel pressured into thinking you should change your list, particularly if your friends are talking about changing theirs and cut-off dates are coming up. But just take a minute and spend some time researching any changes you're thinking of making, and be sure you're making the changes for all the right reasons.

OUR TOP CHANGE OF PREFERENCE TIPS

1. Spend some time considering why you want to change your preferences before you go ahead and do it
2. Check if any fees or cut-off dates (and times) apply
3. If you're unsure about what to do, pick up the phone and call someone at the TAC or university for advice

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE INFORMATION SESSIONS

If you want to know more, lots of unis hold information days and expos around change of preference time. It's a great chance to get in touch and ask any questions you might have about your application. If they're not holding any events, you can still contact them by phone, email, or online.

New South Wales

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Change of Preference Tours: 14-16 Dec
Call 9am to 5pm (AEDT) Mon-Fri
1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228)
Or [chat online at AskACU](#)

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

Call 9am to 5pm (AEDT) Mon-Fri
1800 275 278
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

Call 9am to 5pm (AEDT) Mon-Fri
02 9850 7111
Or [book a personal consultation online](#)

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

Call 8.30am to 5.00pm (AEDT) Mon-Fri
1800 818 865
Or [ask a question online with AskUNE](#)

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

ATAR Info Day: 14 Dec
Call on 1300 ASKUON (1300 275 866)
Or [enquire online at AskUON](#)

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Options Day: 15 Dec
Call 8.30am to 5pm (AEDT) Mon-Fri
02 8204 4404

SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY

Options Day: TBC
Call 9am to 5pm (AEDT) Mon-Fri
1800 626 481
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Info Day: 15 Dec
Call 9am to 5pm (AEDT) Mon-Fri
1800 SYD UNI (1800 793 864)
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)

UNSW

Info Week: 13-15 Dec
Call 10am to 4pm (AEDT) Mon-Fri
1300 UNI NSW (1300 864 679)
Or [chat with UNSW online](#)

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG

Options Day: 15 Dec
Call 9am to 5pm (AEDT) Mon-Fri
1300 367 869
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)

UTS

Info Day: 15 Dec
Call 9am to 7pm (AEDT) Mon-Fri
1300 ASK UTS (1300 275 887)
Or [chat live online](#)

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

Call 9am to 4.30pm (AEDT) Mon-Fri
1300 897 669
Or [chat live online](#)

UAC

Call 8.30am to 4.30pm (AEDT) Mon-Fri
02 9752 0200
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)

Victoria

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Change of Preference Tours: 11-13 Dec
Call 9am to 5pm (AEDT) Mon-Fri
1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228)
Or [chat online at AskACU](#)

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Change of Preference Events: 12 Dec
Call 9am to 5pm (AEDT) Mon-Fri
1800 693 888
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)

FEDERATION UNIVERSITY

Info Days: 12 Dec
Call 9am to 5pm (AEDT) Mon-Fri
1800 FED UNI (1800 333 864)
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Change of Preference Support: 13-15 Dec
Call 1300 135 045
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)
Or [chat live online](#)

MONASH UNIVERSITY

Change Day: 12 Dec
Call 9am to 5pm (AEDT) Mon-Fri
1800 MONASH (1800 666 274)
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)

RMIT UNIVERSITY

Change of Preference: 12 Dec
Call 9am to 5pm (AEST) Mon-Fri
03 9925 2000
Or [contact Study@RMIT](#)

SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY

Change of Preference Expo: TBC
Call 9am to 5pm (AEDT) Mon-Fri
1300 794 628
Or [book a one-on-one appointment](#)
Or [chat live online](#)

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Change of Preference Expo: 12 Dec
Call 13 MELB (13 6352)
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)
Or [browse the support centre](#)

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

Build Your Future with VU: 12 Dec
Call 8.30am to 5pm (AEDT) Mon-Fri
1300 VIC UNI (1300 842 864)
Or [chat live online](#)
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)

VTAC

Results and Offers Webinars: 5-20 Dec
Call 9.30am to 5pm (AEDT) Mon-Fri
03 9926 1020
Or [read FAQs](#)

Queensland

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Change of Preference Tours: 14-16 Dec
Call 9am to 5pm (AEST) Mon-Fri
1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228)
Or [chat online at AskACU](#)

BOND UNIVERSITY

Call 8.30am to 5pm (AEST) Mon-Fri
1800 074 074
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)

CQUNIVERSITY

Change of Preference Online Chat: 15 Dec
Call 8.30am to 4.30pm (AEST) Mon-Fri
13 27 86
Or [ask a question online](#)

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

Explore Your Options: 14-22 Dec
Call 1800 677 728
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)
Or [chat live online](#)

JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY

Call 9am to 5pm (AEST) Mon-Fri
1800 246 446
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)

QUT

Real Decisions: 15 Dec
Call 07 3138 2000
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)
Or [chat live online](#)

SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY

Options Day: TBC
Call 9am to 5pm (AEST) Mon-Fri
1800 626 481
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

ATAR Advice Online Event: 17 Dec
Call 8.30am to 4.30pm (AEST) Mon-Fri
07 3346 9872
Or [send an enquiry online](#)

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND

2024 Study Options: 16 Dec
Call 8am to 8pm (AEST) Mon-Thu
8am to 5pm Fri
12pm to 5pm Sat
1800 269 500
Or [chat online](#)

UNIVERSITY OF THE SUNSHINE COAST

Call on 07 5430 2890
Or [submit a question online](#)

QTAC

Call 8.45am to 4.30pm (AEST) Mon-Fri
1300 467 822
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)

South Australia

FLINDERS UNIVERSITY

Call 9am to 5pm (ACDT) Mon-Fri
1300 354 633
Or [book a one-on-one appointment](#)

UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

Call 9am to 5pm (ACDT) Mon-Fri
08 8313 7335
Or [submit an online enquiry](#).
Or [chat online](#)

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Call 9am to 5pm (ACDT) Mon-Fri
08 8302 2376
Or [submit an online enquiry](#)

SATAC

Call 9am - 5pm (ACDT) Mon-Fri
1300 138 440
Or [enquire online](#)

Western Australia

CURTIN UNIVERSITY

Call 8.30am to 4.30pm (AWST) Mon-Fri
1300 222 888
Or [book an appointment](#)
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)

EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY

Call 8.30am to 5pm (AWST) Mon-Fri
134 328
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)

MURDOCH UNIVERSITY

Call 8am to 6pm (AWST) Mon-Fri
1300 687 3624
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)
Or [book an appointment](#)

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

[Options Day](#); 18 Dec
Call 8.30am to 5pm (AWST) Mon-Fri
08 9433 0533
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

[UWA Application Help Days](#): 17-18 Dec
Call 8.30am to 5pm (AWST) Mon-Fri
131 UWA (131 892)
Or [book a virtual appointment](#)
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)

TISC

Call 9am to 4.30pm (AWST) Mon-Fri
08 9318 8000
Or [read FAQs](#)

Australian Capital Territory

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Call 9am to 6pm (AEDT) Mon-Fri
1800 620 032
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)

UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA

Call 10am to 4pm (AEDT) Mon-Fri
1800 864 226
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)

Northern Territory

CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY

Call 1800 061 963
Or [book a one-on-one appointment](#)
Or [enquire online with Ask CDU](#)

Tasmania

UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA

Know Your Options: 15-18 Dec
Call 9am to 5pm (AEST) Mon-Fri
13 UTAS (13 8827)
Or [submit an enquiry online](#)

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