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A guide to early entry to university programs offered in Australia for students commencing study in 2027. Created by Study Work Grow Pty Ltd in 2026.

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What is early entry?

If you're in Year 11 or 12, you've probably already started thinking about university. But you don't need to wait until the end of high school to apply - in fact, you might even be able to secure your place at university before you sit your end of year exams.

YOU APPLY EARLIER IN THE YEAR

It really is just what it sounds like - some universities and Tertiary Admissions Centres (TACs) have programs that allow you to apply earlier than normal. You could receive an offer before the main offer rounds, giving you peace of mind as you head into your final year of school.

YOU CAN STILL APPLY THE 'NORMAL' WAY

You can apply for early entry and also apply through the normal application process. Why? Basically, it gives you more options to choose from. Rather than applying through one process and hoping you get an offer, you can instead double your chances.

NOT ALL PROGRAMS THAT OPEN EARLY GIVE YOU AN EARLY OFFER

Sometimes certain courses or universities have early application dates (think things like medicine or teaching), but this doesn't always mean you'll be getting your offer early. This is usually because these courses are competitive and receive lots of applications, so the universities need extra time to process them all.

In this guide, we only cover programs that will allow you to receive an offer before the main offer rounds that usually happen in December and January.

Is early entry right for me?

If you:

- Achieve good marks
- Are recommended by your school
- Are active in your community
- Have leadership experience
- Have sporting achievements
- Are an artist or musician
- Are a rural applicant
- Have been disadvantaged

Then early entry could be for you.

The selection board will look at a combination of factors, including your results, awards or achievements, letters of recommendation, auditions, portfolios, and more to decide if they want to make you an offer.

You may still have time to improve your application and increase your chances of securing a place, so it's a good idea to keep nurturing your extracurricular and community activities as well as your school work throughout the year.

Every program is different with its own criteria, so check that you meet the eligibility requirements before you start your application. If you're not eligible, either find another program or apply through the traditional pathway.



Early entry vs alternative entry

Early entry can technically be considered a form of alternative entry, but they don't always mean the same thing. Here are some of the key differences:

EARLY ENTRY

This is when you submit an application and receive an offer for a course before the main offer rounds at the end of the year. Early entry is often (but not always) merit-based, for students who stand out above the crowd with things like:

- Principal or school's recommendation
- Outstanding academic results
- Leadership or community engagement
- Other achievements, such as sporting or musical performance

ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

These programs help you get into university even if you didn't get the ATAR you wanted, didn't receive an offer for your chosen course, or didn't complete Year 12. Rather than applying while still at school, you'll often be following one of these pathways after results have been released, or even a couple of years down the track.

Alternative entry programs include things like:

- Bridging and foundation courses
- Adjustment factors
- Equity and access schemes
- Internal transfers (transferring from one degree to another within the same uni)
- External transfers (transferring from one university to a different one)
- Specialised testing, e.g. the [Skills for Tertiary Admissions Test \(STAT\)](#)
- Portfolio applications
- Work or life experience pathways

Not sure if you want to go to university?

That's totally OK!

At the end of the day, university isn't for everyone, and it's wise to keep your options open as you approach the end of school.

APPLYING DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE LOCKED IN

If you're not sure about university, you can still apply for early entry programs. Even if you receive an offer, you can always turn it down - simply applying won't ever lock you into a single pathway or choice.

And if you decide to start an apprenticeship or traineeship or to go straight into work instead, then at least you'll have had the power to choose.

WHAT IF YOU NEED MORE HELP?

There are loads of other great pathways that don't involve university, and you should always carefully consider if university is the right path for you.

If you're not sure where to start, make a time to speak with your Careers Advisor or Year Level Coordinator. They should be able to help you clarify your options.



Preparing to apply

If you want to apply for an early entry program, then you need to learn about the application process. It's not quick, especially if you're going to apply for more than one, so be prepared to fill in a fair bit of paperwork.

The good news is that this is good practice for once you leave school and start applying for lots of different things, like jobs, financial assistance, or accommodation.

Before you even start an application, here are some things you might need to prepare:

GATHER YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS

If you don't already have a portfolio of your achievements, now is a good time to put one together. Start by collecting all your certificates and awards (everything counts at this stage), then make a list of all your achievements in order from newest to oldest.

GRAB COPIES OF IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

You may need to obtain an official copy of your Year 11 and/or Year 12 reports and any recent assessment results. Even though you don't have an ATAR right now, universities may use your current results to make an offer or even calculate a predicted ATAR.

ASK FOR A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Some universities might be keen to see if you're ready for the extra challenge of university study, so you may need a letter of recommendation or even sit for an interview.

If you need a [letter of recommendation](#), make sure you ask your referee (who will typically be someone from your school, such as a principal) with plenty of time left before the application deadline, as they're probably busy and it may take them a little while to draft the letter.

The application process

Just as every program has different dates, benefits, and eligibility criteria, each program also has a different application process. The good news is that there are some similarities across programs, so you can follow these steps to prepare:

STEP 1 - FIND PROGRAMS

Do you know the university you want to go to and the course you want to study? Check if they have an early offer program, if your chosen course is eligible, and if applications are open.

STEP 2 - CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

Do you have evidence of your achievements or proof you meet the eligibility criteria? If you're unsure, reach out to the university to check before you apply.

STEP 3 - KNOW WHERE TO APPLY

Do you need to apply directly to the university, through a TAC, or do both? Make sure you haven't missed any deadlines and are aware of any applicable fees.

STEP 4 - SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

You'll need to fill in a form and (if required) supply any supporting documents. Make sure you follow any instructions carefully and proofread everything before you submit.

STEP 5 - WAIT FOR THE OUTCOME

It's a good idea to keep track of the offer release date(s), so you'll know when you can expect to hear the result of your application. Remember to check your emails regularly, including your junk or spam folder - you should use a personal email address for your application as you may lose access to your school email after you graduate.

The early entry flowchart

When there are so many programs and schemes to apply for, it can be confusing to know whether it's worth your time to apply. Each university and program has different eligibility requirements and assessment processes, but here's how to get a general idea of whether or not you can expect to receive an offer.



Offer timelines

You might be wondering how long it will take for you to receive an offer after you submit your early entry application. Unfortunately, the answer is - it's complicated.

OFFERS ARE MADE AT DIFFERENT TIMES

Most early entry programs usually start releasing offers around September, but in some cases you might need to wait until November or even early December.

THERE MIGHT BE A BIT OF A WAIT

With some programs opening as early as April, this means you might be waiting for a while until you find out the outcome of your application. Don't be discouraged if this is the case - make sure you double check the dates set by the university and keep an eye on your inbox in the meantime.

WHAT IF YOU DON'T HEAR BACK AT ALL?

If the offer dates have come and gone and you still haven't heard anything, it's probably time to get in touch with the university to see what's going on. They should always contact you to let you know the outcome of your application, even if it's not successful.



Australian Catholic University

ACU Guarantee

The ACU Guarantee program offers a place at ACU based on your Year 11 results. It is specially designed to reflect achievements in your whole life, not only your academic results.

How to apply

- Apply directly to ACU. You will need to:
 - Upload a copy of your Year 11 results (unless in NSW or the ACT)
 - Supply personal statements (optional)
- Victorian students must also apply for their chosen course through VTAC if they receive an early offer

Preferences

- You can only apply for 1 course at a time
- You can change your preference at any time before the application deadline

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Achieving an ATAR or the IB
 - Meeting any other course requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

20 July

Close date

14 September

Offers from

3 September

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic
ATAR eligible

Locations

Brisbane
Canberra
Melbourne
Sydney

Cost

Free

[Find out more here](#)

Australian National University

ANU Early Offers

ANU can use your Year 11 results to calculate a selection rank that is used to assess your eligibility for an early offer. You can also apply for guaranteed accommodation and a variety of scholarships.

How to apply

- Apply directly to ANU
- If applying for adjustment factors, you will need to upload supporting documentation

Preferences

- You can preference up to 5 courses
- You can change your course preferences at any time before the application deadline

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Achieving an ATAR or the IB
 - Meeting any other course requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

11 March

Close date

8 May

Offers from

3 September

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic
ATAR eligible

Locations

Canberra

Cost

Free

[Find out more here](#)

Avondale University

Early Entry

Avondale's Early Entry program can earn Year 12 students an offer into their chosen undergraduate degree before final exams. New students may also be eligible for up to 12 months of sponsored accommodation.

How to apply

- Apply directly to Avondale. You will need:
 - An official copy of your Year 11 results
 - An average percentage mark of no less than 65% (or two Bs and three Cs) across assessable subjects

Preferences

- You can only apply for 1 course at a time
- You will need to contact Avondale if you want to change your course preference

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Achieving an ATAR or the IB
 - Meeting any other course requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

2 March

Close date

10 November

Offers from

1 September

Eligibility

Year 12

Domestic

ATAR eligible

Locations

Lake Macquarie

Sydney

Cost

Free

[Find out more here](#)

Bond University

Entry for Australian Year 12 Students

If you are completing Year 12 in Australia this year, you can apply to Bond directly with your Year 11 and Year 12 Semester 1 results and receive a conditional early offer.

How to apply

- Apply directly to Bond. You will need:
 - Copies of your Year 11 reports from both semesters
 - A copy of your Year 12 Semester 1 report
- Note that Bond's Medical Program does not qualify for direct entry

Preferences

- You can only apply for 1 course at a time
- You will need to contact Bond if you want to change your course preference

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Achieving an ATAR or the IB
 - Meeting any other course requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

N/A

Close date

N/A

Offers from

September

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic
ATAR eligible

Locations

Gold Coast

Cost

Free

[Find out more here](#)

Campion College

Early Offer Scheme

Campion's Early Offer Scheme allows Year 12 students on track to receive an ATAR or IB to fast track their Letter of Offer for 2027.

How to apply

- Apply directly to Campion. You will need:
 - Your two most recent reports
 - A 1000-word written statement outlining your reasons for seeking a place at Campion
 - A 300-word written statement outlining your community involvement and leadership potential
 - Details for two character referees
- Attend an interview if invited

Preferences

- You can only apply for 1 course at a time

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on receiving a minimum ATAR of 70 or equivalent
- There are no specific subject pre-requisites for entry
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

1 May

Close date

30 September

Offers from

2 weeks from interview

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic
ATAR eligible

Locations

Sydney

Cost

Free

[Find out more here](#)

Charles Sturt University

Charles Sturt Advantage

With the Charles Sturt Advantage you can get a guaranteed spot in your course before you sit your final exams. Successful applicants will also receive exclusive support to help them step into uni life with confidence.

How to apply

- Apply directly to Charles Sturt. You will need:
 - A copy of your Year 11 results
 - Answers to the 3 application questions
 - Details for a referee

Preferences

- You can preference up to 3 courses

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Meeting any other course requirements
- Offers for competitive courses may also be conditional on receiving a certain ATAR
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

[Find out more here](#)

Open date

2 February

Close date

31 August

Offers from

1 September

Eligibility

Year 12

Domestic

Locations

Albury-Wodonga

Bathurst

Dubbo

Orange

Melbourne

Port Macquarie

Sydney

Wagga Wagga

Cost

Free

The Principal's Recommendation Scheme (PRS) provides a way for Year 12 students to receive an early offer to a range of courses based on their principal's recommendation rather than ATAR.

How to apply

- Apply directly to CQU. You will need:
 - A written recommendation from your school's principal
 - Any other relevant supporting documentation

Preferences

- You can only apply for 1 course at a time

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on successful completion of Year 12
- Offers for certain courses may be conditional on meeting other requirements
- PRS offers **cannot be deferred** - you must enrol in Term 1 of the year following your application

[Find out more here](#)

Open date

TBC

Close date

TBC

Offers from

TBC

Eligibility

Year 12

Domestic

Locations

Adelaide

Brisbane

Bundaberg

Cairns

Emerald

Gladstone

Mackay

Melbourne

Rockhampton

Sydney

Townsville

Cost

Free

Curtin University

Early Offers

TISC uses your Year 11 results to estimate a predicted final ATAR, which you can use for early entry into Curtin.

How to apply

- Apply through TISC and list an eligible Curtin course as your highest preference before the early entry deadline

Preferences

- You can preference up to 6 courses
- You can change your course preferences at any time before the relevant deadline
- If you receive an offer, the course must remain as your first preference for the offer to remain valid

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Meeting any other course requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

2 June

Close date

TBC

Offers from

TBC

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic

Locations

Perth

Cost

TISC fees apply

[Find out more here](#)

Edith Cowan University

Early Offer Program

If you're in Year 12 on an ATAR pathway, or you're completing a Certificate IV or enabling program, you may be eligible for an early offer to an ECU course.

How to apply

- Apply through TISC and list an eligible ECU course as your highest preference before the early entry deadline
- If your chosen course isn't available on TISC, submit an application directly to ECU

Preferences

- You can preference up to 6 courses
- You can change your course preferences at any time before the relevant deadline
- If you receive an offer, the course must remain as your first preference for the offer to remain valid

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Meeting any other course requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

[Find out more here](#)

Open date

2 June

Close date

TBC

Offers from

TBC

Eligibility

Year 12

Domestic

Locations

Bunbury

Perth

Cost

TISC fees apply

Federation University

Early Offer Program

Federation's Early Offer Program can give you peace of mind with guaranteed entry, as well as access to extra support and exclusive scholarships.

How to apply

- Check you are on track to meet the entry requirements for the degree you're interested in studying
- Apply directly to Federation
- Apply through VTAC and list the course from your direct application as your highest preference

Preferences

- You can only apply for 1 course at a time
- To apply for multiple courses, submit a new direct application

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Achieving the course's **guaranteed ATAR**
 - Meeting any other course requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

1 April

Close date

1 December

Offers from

September

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic
ATAR eligible

Locations

Ballarat
Gippsland
Melbourne
Wimmera

Cost

VTAC fees apply

[Find out more here](#)

Griffith University

Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee

To give Year 12 students certainty about their future, Griffith has developed a way to receive an offer to study before students receive their ATAR or IB results.

How to apply

- Apply for an [eligible course](#) through QTAC
- Wait for an invitation to apply for the Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee
- Upload any required documentation to your QTAC application

Preferences

- You can preference up to 6 courses
- You can change your course preferences at any time before the relevant deadline

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on successful completion of Year 12
- Offers for certain courses may be conditional on meeting minimum academic requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

TBC

Close date

TBC

Offers from

TBC

Eligibility

Year 12

Domestic

Locations

Brisbane

Gold Coast

Cost

QTAC fees apply

[Find out more here](#)

James Cook University

Early Offer Program

If you're in Year 12 and graduating this year, you may be able to receive an early offer to most courses at JCU.

How to apply

- Speak to your school about your interest in the program
- Apply through QTAC and list your chosen degree as your first eligible preference
- Complete an Early Offer Program Nomination form and submit it to your school
- Your school will then submit their recommendation directly to JCU

Preferences

- The course nominated in your Early Offer Program Nomination form must match your first preference on your QTAC application

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on successful completion of Year 12
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

TBC

Close date

TBC

Offers from

TBC

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic

Locations

Brisbane
Cairns
Emerald
Mackay
Mount Isa
Townsville

Cost

QTAC fees apply

[Find out more here](#)

La Trobe University

Aspire Early Offer Program

La Trobe's Aspire Early Offer Program gives secondary students the option to secure an early conditional offer to study before finishing Year 12.

How to apply

- Apply directly to La Trobe for 1 or more of the 3 Aspire streams
- Depending on which stream you choose, you may need to submit:
 - Involvement and Impact statements
 - Year 11 results
 - A School Endorsement Form
- Apply through VTAC/UAC and list the course(s) from your direct application as your highest preference(s)

Preferences

- You can preference up to 3 courses per stream
- You can change your preferences at any time before the application deadline

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Meeting any course requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

1 April

Close date

4 September

Offers from

6 October

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic

Locations

Albury-Wodonga
Bendigo
Melbourne
Mildura
Shepparton
Sydney

Cost

VTAC/UAC fees apply

[Find out more here](#)

Macquarie University

Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme

You could receive an early entry offer to study at Macquarie if you have performed well academically in Year 11 and demonstrate leadership skills, personal development, and dedication through your extracurricular activities.

How to apply

- Apply directly to Macquarie. You will need:
 - Evidence of relevant leadership activities
 - A school referee plus referees for each of your activities
 - A written reflection (max. 1000 words)
 - A copy of your Year 11 results
 - If applying for a teaching course, to complete an additional questionnaire

Preferences

- You can preference up to 5 courses
- Your preferences **cannot be changed** once your application has been submitted

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on successful completion of Year 12
- Offers for certain courses may be conditional on meeting minimum academic requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

1 June

Close date

3 September

Offers from

1 September

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic
Leadership

Locations

Sydney

Cost

Free

[Find out more here](#)

Macquarie University

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Entry Pathway

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Entry Pathway (ATSIEP) provides advice and opportunities for Indigenous students who want to study at Macquarie.

How to apply

- Apply for your chosen course through UAC
- Apply directly to Macquarie. You will need:
 - Evidence of Aboriginality
 - Documentation of educational history
 - Details of any work experience
- Attend an on campus day if invited, involving:
 - Campus tours
 - Connecting with Walanga Muru staff
 - Completing a personal statement
 - Participating in experiences with other applicants

Preferences

- You can preference up to 2 courses

Offer details

- If you do not receive an offer, you will still be provided with advice on other entry pathways
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

8 April

Close date

26 November

Offers from

May - December

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic
Indigenous

Locations

Sydney

Cost

UAC fees apply

[Find out more here](#)

Macquarie University

Critical Thinking Unit Entry Pathway

Walanga Muru's Critical Thinking Unit Entry Pathway provides Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students in Year 11 the opportunity to enrol into a first-year unit while still at high school and potentially receive an early offer to a Macquarie degree.

How to apply

- Apply for the Critical Thinking Unit Entry Pathway. You will need:
 - Evidence of Aboriginality
 - A support letter from your school
 - An official copy of your most recent school report
- Complete the PHIL1037: Critical Thinking unit by distance education (online) with an overall mark of a credit (65) or above

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on attending an interview in Year 12

Open date

30 March

Close date

6 July

Offers from

In Year 12

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic
Indigenous

Locations

Sydney

Cost

Free

[Find out more here](#)

Murdoch University

Early Offer Program

If you're graduating from Year 12 or on a recognised non-ATAR pathway and are planning to study at university, you can secure your place at Murdoch by applying for an early offer.

How to apply

- Apply through TISC and list an eligible Murdoch course as your highest preference before the early entry deadline

Preferences

- You can preference up to 6 courses
- You can change your course preferences at any time before the relevant deadline
- If you receive an offer, the course must remain as your first preference for the offer to remain valid

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Meeting any course requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 6 months

Open date

2 June

Close date

TBC

Offers from

TBC

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic

Locations

Perth

Cost

TISC fees apply

[Find out more here](#)

Queensland University of Technology

Year 12 Early Offer Scheme

The Year 12 Early Offer Scheme can provide certainty about your future options, with an offer to study at QUT before receiving your ATAR, IB Diploma, or VET Diploma.

How to apply

- Apply through QTAC and list at least 1 of the eligible courses in your top 3 preferences
- Wait for an invitation to apply for the Year 12 Early Offer Scheme
- Upload any required documentation to your QTAC application

Preferences

- If your application is approved, you must list one of the eligible courses as your first preference before the relevant deadline

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on successful completion of Year 12
- Offers for certain courses may be conditional on achieving higher subject results
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

4 August

Close date

21 October

Offers from

13 November

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic

Locations

Brisbane

Cost

QTAC fees apply

[Find out more here](#)

Southern Cross University

Early Offer Program

The Early Offer program allows Year 12 students to secure entry into a degree before results are released. Early Offer students also have access to priority scholarship consideration and personalised guidance.

How to apply

- Apply directly to SCU
- SCU will contact your school to receive a recommendation based on your predicted ATAR

Preferences

- You can only apply for 1 course at a time
- You can change your preference at any time before the application deadline

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Meeting any course requirements
- Offers for certain courses may also be conditional on final ATAR results or meeting other non-academic requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

13 April

Close date

30 September

Offers from

9 November

Eligibility

Year 12

Domestic

Locations

Coffs Harbour

Gold Coast

Lismore

Cost

Free

[Find out more here](#)

Swinburne University of Technology

Early Entry Program

By applying through Swinburne's Early Entry Program, you'll be assessed for entry using a recommendation from your school instead of your ATAR.

How to apply

- Speak to your school about your interest in the program and request a recommendation from a school representative
- Apply directly to Swinburne and complete the required questionnaire
- Apply through VTAC and list the Early Entry Program version of the course from your direct application in your preferences

Preferences

- You can only apply for 1 course at a time
- You can change your course preference in VTAC at any time before the application deadline

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on successful completion of Year 12 including IB
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

TBC

Close date

TBC

Offers from

TBC

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic

Locations

Melbourne

Cost

VTAC fees apply

[Find out more here](#)

Torrens University Australia

Early Entry Program

With an Early Entry application, you can secure a spot in your preferred course at Torrens now, and go into your exams with peace of mind.

How to apply

- Apply directly to Torrens
- Availability notes:
 - Victorian students are not eligible for Early Entry and must apply through VTAC
 - **Certain courses** on campus in Adelaide are not available through Early Entry and you must apply through SATAC

Preferences

- You can only apply for 1 course at a time
- You can change your preference at any time before the application deadline

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Meeting any course requirements
- Offers for certain courses may also be conditional on final ATAR results
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

1 April

Close date

31 August

Offers from

September

Eligibility

Year 12

Domestic

International

Locations

Adelaide

Brisbane

Melbourne

Sydney

Cost

Free

[Find out more here](#)

Universities Admissions Centre

Schools Recommendation Scheme

The Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) allows institutions make early offers to Year 12 students using criteria other than ATAR.

How to apply

- Apply for your chosen course(s) through UAC
- From your UAC application, apply for SRS
 - Non-NSW/ACT students must upload a copy of their final Year 11 report
 - Institutions may also have other application requirements
- UAC will contact your school to ask for a recommendation

Preferences

- You can preference up to 5 courses
- You can change your preferences at any time before the relevant deadline

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on successful completion of Year 12
- Offers for certain courses may also be conditional on final ATAR results or meeting other requirements
- Deferral availability varies by university

Open date

8 April

Close date

11 September

Offers from

12 November

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic

Locations

Any

Cost

UAC fees apply

[Find out more here](#)

University of Canberra

Early Offer Scheme

If you're a current Year 12 student applying to UC, you could receive an early admission offer under the Early Offer Scheme using criteria other than your ATAR.

How to apply

- Apply directly to UC. You will need:
 - An official copy of your Year 11 report
 - A 300-word statement explaining why you're interested in studying your chosen course at UC

Preferences

- You can only apply for 1 course at a time
- You can change your preference by contacting UC

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on successful completion of Year 12
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

27 March

Close date

9 August

Offers from

7 September

Eligibility

Year 12

Domestic

ATAR eligible

Locations

Canberra

Cost

Free

[Find out more here](#)

University of Canberra

Portfolio Entry

Portfolio Entry is a great pathway to UC if you're in Year 12 and would like to secure early entry to university, or don't meet the admission requirements for your chosen course.

How to apply

- Apply for an eligible course through UAC or QTAC
- Apply direct to UC. You will need:
 - Your UAC or QTAC application number
 - A portfolio highlighting your best pieces of work - exact requirements will differ depending on your chosen course area
 - A 300-word statement explaining why you're interested in studying your chosen course at UC
- Attend an interview or audition if required

Preferences

- You can only apply for 1 course at a time

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on successful completion of Year 12
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

[Find out more here](#)

Open date

N/A

Close date

N/A

Offers from

September

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic

Locations

Brisbane
Canberra

Cost

UAC/QTAC fees apply

University of Newcastle

Early Entry Program

Newcastle's Early Entry Program is for NSW students completing Year 12 at one of their recognised Early Entry Program participating secondary schools in 2026.

How to apply

- Check if you are attending a recognised secondary school
- Apply directly to Newcastle

Preferences

- You can preference up to 3 courses
- You can change your preferences at any time before the application deadline

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Meeting any course requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

8 April

Close date

24 September

Offers from

10 September

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic

Locations

Central Coast
Newcastle
Sydney

Cost

Free

[Find out more here](#)

University of Newcastle

Law School Indigenous Early Entry Scheme

If you're an Indigenous student, you have the opportunity to gain early entry to Newcastle's Bachelor of Laws (Honours) Combined degree, as well as guaranteed accommodation and access to additional support and mentoring.

How to apply

- Apply for the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) Combined through UAC
- Submit additional documentation to Newcastle:
 - An expression of interest
 - Your 2 most recent school reports
 - A letter of recommendation from your school AND one from an Aboriginal Elder or Community member
 - Evidence to establish Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander Status
- Attend an interview if invited

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on successful completion of Year 12
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

8 April

Close date

TBC

Offers from

TBC

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic
Indigenous

Locations

Newcastle

Cost

Free

[Find out more here](#)

University of New England

Early Entry

UNE Early Entry is open to all Year 12 applicants, whether or not you're expecting to receive an ATAR. Early Entry relies on your school's assessment of your attributes and abilities: your ability to work and learn independently, and your overall potential for academic success.

How to apply

- Apply directly to UNE
- UNE will contact your school to ask for a recommendation

Preferences

- You can preference up to 3 courses
- You can change your preferences at any time before the application deadline

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on successful completion of Year 12
- If you are not eligible for any of your preferences, you will receive an offer for an alternative course
- Offers may be deferred for up to 2 years

Open date

2 February

Close date

14 September

Offers from

1 September

Eligibility

Year 12

Domestic

Locations

Armidale

Sydney

Tamworth

Taree

Cost

Free

[Find out more here](#)

University of New South Wales

Gateway Admission Pathway

Year 12 students could receive an early offer to UNSW through the Gateway Admission Pathway.

How to apply

- Check you meet one of the 4 equity criteria:
 - Live in a [low-socioeconomic area](#)
 - Identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
 - Attend a [UNSW Gateway partner school](#)
 - Hold an [eligible permanent protection, temporary protection or bridging visa](#)
- Apply directly to UNSW. You will need:
 - A personal statement
 - Copies of any supporting documentation

Preferences

- You can preference up to 2 courses
- You can change your course preferences between offer rounds
- Degrees offered by ADFA at UNSW Canberra are **not eligible** for Gateway Admission

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Achieving an ATAR or the IB
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

27 April

Close date

9 November

Offers from

3 September

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic
ATAR eligible
Indigenous
Low socio-economic
Refugee

Locations

Sydney

Cost

Free

[Find out more here](#)

University of Notre Dame

Young Achievers Early Offer Program

The Young Achievers Early Offer Program at Notre Dame is open to students undertaking Year 12 in Australia, providing an opportunity for you to secure a place at university.

How to apply

- Apply directly to Notre Dame. You will need:
 - Official copies of your Year 11 and Year 12 mid-year reports
 - Answers to additional application questions
 - Supporting documentation or recommendations (optional)

Preferences

- You can preference up to 3 courses
- You can change your preferences at any time before the application deadline

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Meeting any course requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

1 May

Close date

1 December

Offers from

1 September

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic

Locations

Perth
Sydney

Cost

Free

[Find out more here](#)

University of Southern Queensland

UniSQ Early Entry

UniSQ Early Entry allows eligible Year 12 students the opportunity to receive an offer to study at UniSQ before ATARs are released.

How to apply

- Apply through QTAC and list your chosen course as your highest preference
- Complete the Early Entry Application Form and either:
 - Complete a [UniSQ Head Start](#) course and submit the form and an official copy of your Year 11 report card directly to UniSQ
 - Obtain a recommendation from your school's Principal to submit alongside your Year 11 report card directly to UniSQ

Preferences

- The course nominated in your Early Entry Application Form must match your first preference on your QTAC application

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Meeting any course requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

TBC

Close date

TBC

Offers from

TBC

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic

Locations

Brisbane
Toowoomba

Cost

QTAC fees apply

[Find out more here](#)

University of the Sunshine Coast

Early Offer Guarantee

Early Offer Guarantee gives Year 12 students the chance to receive an offer to study at UniSC as early as September.

How to apply

- Check that your school has opted-in to the Early Offer Guarantee initiative
- Obtain a recommendation from your school's Principal
- Complete the Early Offer Guarantee application form
- Apply through QTAC and list your chosen course as your highest preference
- Your school will submit the completed form directly to UniSC

Preferences

- The course nominated in your Early Offer Guarantee application form must match your first preference on your QTAC application

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Meeting any course requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

4 August

Close date

5 October

Offers from

4 September

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic

Locations

Brisbane
Sunshine Coast

Cost

QTAC fees apply

[Find out more here](#)

University of Sydney

Creative Arts Special Admission Scheme (CASAS) - Arts

CASAS offers talented Year 12 students a chance to receive an early offer to the Bachelor of Visual Arts based on their portfolio and academic performance in Year 11 and 12.

How to apply

- Apply for the Bachelor of Visual Arts through UAC
- Submit a portfolio directly to Sydney
 - Interstate and IB students must also submit their Year 11 and 12 reports

Preferences

- You must list the Bachelor of Visual Arts as your highest eligible preference to be considered for CASAS
- You can change your preferences at any time before the relevant deadline

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on successful completion of Year 12
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

8 April

Close date

13 August

Offers from

3 September

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic

Locations

Sydney

Cost

UAC fees apply

[Find out more here](#)

University of Sydney

Creative Arts Special Admission Scheme (CASAS) - Music

CASAS offers talented Year 12 students a chance to receive an early offer to study music at Sydney based on their audition and academic performance in Year 11 and 12.

How to apply

- Apply for a music course through UAC
- Apply directly to Sydney for an audition or submit a portfolio for interview
 - Interstate and IB students must also submit their Year 11 and 12 reports
- Note that the Bachelor of Music (Music Education) is **not available** under CASAS

Preferences

- You must list your chosen music course as your highest eligible preference to be considered for CASAS
- You can change your preferences at any time before the application deadline

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on successful completion of Year 12
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

8 April

Close date

13 September

Offers from

October

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic

Locations

Sydney

Cost

UAC fees apply

[Find out more here](#)

University of Sydney

Gadigal Entry Program

Sydney's Gadigal Entry Program supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to gain early entry with reduced requirements and a range of academic and personal support.

How to apply

- Apply for an [eligible course](#) through UAC, ensuring you self-identify as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student
- Complete the additional Gadigal Entry Program application in UAC

Preferences

- You can preference up to 5 courses
- You can change your preferences at any time before the relevant deadline

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Meeting any course requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

8 April

Close date

August

Offers from

September

Eligibility

Year 12

Domestic

Indigenous

Locations

Sydney

Cost

UAC fees apply

[Find out more here](#)

University of Tasmania

Schools Recommendation Program

The Schools Recommendation Program offers Year 12 students the chance to receive an early offer based on Year 11 results and a recommendation from their school.

How to apply

- Apply directly to UTAS
- Your school will need to submit their recommendation to UTAS

Preferences

- You can preference up to 5 courses
- You can change your course preferences by contacting UTAS

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Meeting other course requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

25 June

Close date

5 October

Offers from

3 September

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic

Locations

Burnie
Hobart
Launceston

Cost

Free

[Find out more here](#)

University of Western Australia

UWA Early Offers

Year 12 students completing the WACE or IB Diploma may be eligible for an early offer to UWA using their predicted ATAR, calculated by TISC.

How to apply

- Apply through TISC and list an eligible UWA course as your highest preference before the early entry deadline

Preferences

- You can preference up to 6 courses
- You can change your course preferences at any time before the relevant deadline
- If you receive an offer, the course must remain as your first preference for the offer to remain valid

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Achieving a final minimum ATAR of 75-80
 - Meeting any course requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

2 June

Close date

TBC

Offers from

TBC

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic
ATAR eligible

Locations

Perth

Cost

TISC fees apply

[Find out more here](#)

University of Wollongong

Early Admission

UOW Early Admission is open to students completing Year 12 in 2026. UOW considers your unique skills, experiences, and Year 11 results, so you can earn an offer before you sit your first exam.

How to apply

- Apply directly to UOW. You will need:
 - Answers to the 4 “Indicator of Success” questions
 - Interstate and IB students must upload an official copy of their Year 11 results
 - If applying for a teaching course, to complete an additional questionnaire

Preferences

- You can preference up to 2 courses
- You can change your preferences at any time before the application deadline

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Meeting any course requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

15 June

Close date

7 August

Offers from

31 August

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic

Locations

Bega Valley
Eurobodalla
Shoalhaven
Sydney
Wollongong

Cost

Free

[Find out more here](#)

Victoria University

VU Early Entry

VU's Early Entry program offers Year 12 students early conditional entry to most VU courses, as well as access to extra resources and support.

How to apply

- Apply directly to VU. You will need:
 - Answers to 4 questions about who you are and why you want to study at VU
- Apply through VTAC and list the course from your direct application as your highest preference

Preferences

- You can only apply for 1 course at a time
- You can change your course preference in VTAC at any time before the application deadline

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Meeting any course requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

21 April

Close date

11 October

Offers from

October

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic
ATAR eligible

Locations

Melbourne

Cost

VTAC fees apply

[Find out more here](#)

Western Sydney University

HSC True Reward Early Offer Program

Western's HSC True Reward gives school leavers much needed peace of mind, providing students with an early offer into most university degrees based on their Year 11 or Year 12 results.

How to apply

- Check you will meet the [Year 11 and 12 subject requirements](#) for the degree you're interested in studying
- Apply directly to Western

Preferences

- You can preference up to 6 courses
- You can change your preferences at any time before the application deadline

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Achieving a minimum result in specified Year 11 or 12 subjects (depending on the degree)
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

8 April

Close date

31 December

Offers from

10 September

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic

Locations

Sydney

Cost

Free

[Find out more here](#)

Western Sydney University

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Entry Program

Western's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Entry Program is an alternative entry program for high school students looking for an early offer.

How to apply

- Apply directly to Western
- In the Entry Pathways section of your application, select **yes** to “Would you like to be invited to attend the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Entry Program testing and assessment days?”
- Register for and attend an assessment day
- You must provide documentation confirming your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity

Preferences

- You can preference up to 6 courses
- You can change your preferences at any time before the application deadline

Offer details

- All offers are conditional on:
 - Successful completion of Year 12
 - Meeting any course requirements
- Offers may be deferred for up to 1 year

Open date

8 April

Close date

N/A

Offers from

3 weeks from assessment

Eligibility

Year 12
Domestic
Indigenous

Locations

Sydney

Cost

Free

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