

# Year 12 Guide 2026

## Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)

VTAC facilitates access to tertiary education and further study opportunities for learners in Victoria. We support all learners to connect to their study goals and dream careers.

### Where can I find out more?

-  Go to our website at [vtac.edu.au](https://vtac.edu.au)
-  Subscribe to our newsletter [vtac.edu.au/subscribe](https://vtac.edu.au/subscribe)
-  Follow us on social media @vtacguide
-  Subscribe to our YouTube @vtacmedia
-  Find us at future events [vtac.edu.au/events](https://vtac.edu.au/events)



## Dates

**2026**

### JULY

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

### AUGUST

#### 3 August

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

### SEPTEMBER

#### 28 September

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

### OCTOBER

#### 9 October

- Equity schemes and scholarships application closes

### NOVEMBER

Make sure you've registered to access your VCE results and ATAR at [resultsandatar.vic.edu.au](https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au)

### DECEMBER

#### 10 December

- VCE results and ATAR released

#### 12 December

- Change of preference closes for Dec. round

#### 23 December

- December course offers released

#### 24 December

- Change of preference closes for Jan. round

**2027**

### JANUARY & FEBRUARY

#### 12 January

- January course offers released

Further change of preference and offer rounds in January & February

**For the most up to date information, please visit our website at [vtac.edu.au](https://vtac.edu.au)**

# The VTAC Process

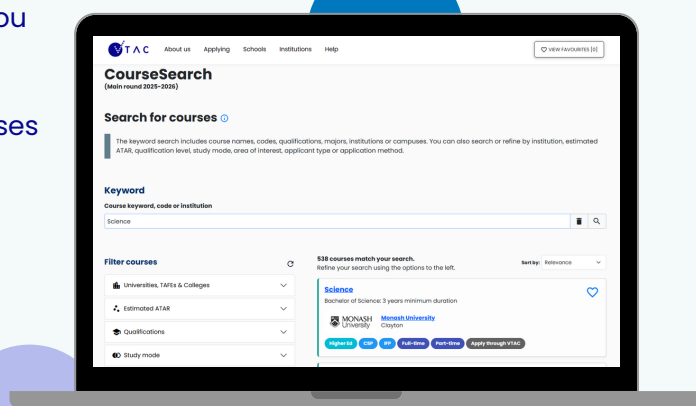
Research your course options and set yourself up for success with our application steps.

## Explore courses with VTAC CourseSearch

CourseSearch, available on the VTAC website, helps you to discover the right courses for your application.

You can discover the requirements for over 1,800 courses and filter results by features such as:

- Universities, TAFEs and Colleges
- Estimated ATAR
- Qualifications
- Study mode
- Area of interest
- Applicant type
- Application method
- VCE prerequisites



You are now ready to apply! Head to our website and follow these steps.

## 1 Create a VTAC account

You can create your VTAC account now to start preparing to apply for tertiary courses at Victorian institutions.

You will need these details to create your account:

- ☒ Full legal name as it appears on your birth certificate
- ☒ Email address
- ☒ Mobile number
- ☒ Date of birth
- ☒ Current education status

## 2 Complete your profile

To complete your profile you will need to provide your:

- ☒ Personal details
- ☒ School and VCAA number
- ☒ Citizenship and residency status
- ☒ **Unique Student Identifier (USI)**. If you don't have one, you can create your USI at [usi.gov.au](https://usi.gov.au).

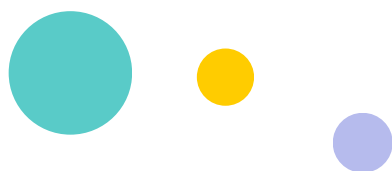
You can also choose to add a parent or supporter as an authorised nominee on your account, which will give them access to information to support you with your application.

## 3 Submit an application

Ready to apply? **Applications open 3 August 2026**. From this date, you can submit an application through your VTAC account.

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, even after you submit and pay your application fee.

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.



## 4 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 **apply for equity schemes (SEAS) and 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 your application more competitive for course offers.

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 if you need help at any stage contact VTAC for advice.

All applicants will automatically be considered for the personal information and location category based on their account profile, for example recognition for living in a rural area or for being an Indigenous Australian. This category does not require any additional evidence.

### Types of equity schemes (SEAS):



Personal information and location



Financial hardship



Difficult family or life circumstances



Living with a disability or medical condition

## 5 Getting your results and ATAR

Your Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) and VCE results will be released on **10 December 2026**. To access your results, make sure you've registered with the VCE results and ATAR service at [resultsandatar.vic.edu.au](https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au)

The ATAR is a percentile rank of your year 12 results compared to everyone else in your age group. VTAC scales VCE study scores 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.

For courses that use the ATAR as part of their selection process, VTAC publishes the ATAR profile in CourseSearch. You can use this information as a guide for the ATAR range accepted by the course in the previous year.

## 6 Getting your offer

Offers are an exciting stage of the application process! You can receive more than one offer throughout the cycle, however you can only receive one offer per round.

Offers are released on offer round dates, 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.

Offers are released through your VTAC account and via email. If you receive an offer, the institution will send you an email with enrolment details. We recommend that you accept any offer that you receive, as you are not guaranteed an offer in each offer round. If you receive an offer for a preferred course in a subsequent round, accept the new offer and withdraw from the original one.

## Course Preferences

Always list courses in order of your preference! The course you want the most should be listed as your number one preference, then list your second most wanted, third most wanted and so on.

Don't make the mistake of listing your course preferences in the order you think you will get into them. Institutions may make multiple offers to the same applicant, but you will only receive an offer for the highest offered course on your preferences. If you don't list courses in the order you most want to study them, you may end up missing out on the course you most want to do.

If you are applying for early offers, these applications are submitted directly through the institution. Even if you receive early offer confirmation from the institution, you will still need to include the course(s) on your VTAC preference list in order to be eligible.

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. A pathway could be a certificate or diploma course that you use as a step toward a bachelor degree in the future. Pathways can increase your chances of being accepted or progressing into your desired course, while also allowing you to explore your interest in a study area. Every institution offers different pathway opportunities, so make sure to research your options on CourseSearch or the institution website.

**Your preference list is unique to you. Make sure you list the courses that align with your interests, passions or career goals!**

|   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Dream course!                   |
| 2 | Alternative dream course        |
| 3 | Alternative dream course        |
| 4 | Course in your area of interest |
| 5 | Course in your area of interest |
| 6 | Course in your area of interest |
| 7 | Pathways course                 |
| 8 | Pathways course                 |

## Change of Preference

Your course preference list isn't locked when you submit your application. If you change your mind about your listed courses, you can reorder, add, or remove course preferences during the change of preference windows. Visit the VTAC website for a list of change of preference dates throughout the application cycle.

For a full list of dates, please scan here



### 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**.



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