

Applications are open

Applications for study in semester 2, 2023 and semester 1, 2024 are now open. Courses will be added in the coming months and all semester 1, 2024 courses will be available from early August.

Register for our upcoming webinar <u>Applying to Uni through UAC</u> at **6pm on 3 May.** We'll be giving you step-by-step instructions on <u>how to apply</u> plus key insights into how the ATAR is calculated.

Educational Access Scheme

Institutions acknowledge that difficult circumstances can prevent students from reaching their true academic potential, particularly if their educational performance has been affected. You can have your educational disadvantages taken into consideration via the Educational Access Scheme (EAS).

Schools Recommendation Scheme

The <u>Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS)</u> is one way institutions make early offers of undergraduate admission to Year 12 students. They do this by using criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR. You must apply through UAC for undergraduate admission in 2023–24 before you can apply for SRS.

Equity Scholarships

<u>Equity Scholarships</u> help financially disadvantaged students with the costs associated with tertiary study. You apply for these scholarships through UAC. Institutions also offer a wide variety of merit scholarships: check each institution's website for details.

Special entry requirements

Entry into certain undergraduate degrees such as medicine, dentistry, health science and law is highly competitive and the selection process is rigorous. Certain courses have special entry requirements; for example, requiring applicants to sit an admissions test for entry. To find out if the course you're interested in has any special entry requirements, find the course in UAC's <u>undergraduate course search</u> and follow the link to the course description.

Medicine and medical sciences

You may be required to sit the <u>University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT)</u> in July. Register for our online webinar <u>Let's Chat – Medicine Students</u> at **6pm on 10 May** to hear current medicine students share their reasons for choosing their course and their experiences of student life.

Law

For students interested in studying law at UNSW in 2024, you will need to sit the <u>Law</u> <u>Admission Test (LAT)</u> in September. It assesses your critical thinking and analytical skills, problem-solving and ability to organise and express ideas. Registrations open 1 May.

UAC online events

UAC Digital presents a range of free webinars for students, careers advisers, parents and anyone navigating their path to higher education.

These include live briefings and Q&A sessions on the application process, introductions to universities in NSW and the ACT and the Let's Chat short video series. There are also sessions focused on popular fields of study like medicine, teaching and engineering. All our videos can be found on our <u>UAC Digital YouTube channel</u>.

Upcoming UAC Digital events

Webinars for students, parents and careers advisers

Open days

Uni open days are a great way for aspiring students to get an up-close experience of university life. Get a feel for the campus, explore the facilities and talk to current students and staff.

Open days 2023

ATAR eligibility changes in 2025

ATAR eligibility rules are changing in 2025 and will affect this year's Year 10 cohort. Board Developed courses will no longer be classified as Category A or Category B. This means that 2023 Year 10 students will be able to study more VET framework courses and have them included in the calculation of their ATAR.

HSC courses and ATAR eligibility

Schools Recommendation Scheme improvements

UAC is improving the way schools rate students who have applied for the <u>Schools</u> Recommendation Scheme.

This year, schools will only need to rate their students on five aptitudes. Ratings on areas of study will no longer be required. In addition, to improve efficiency, schools will be able to add a second rater to the scheme.

To allow us to make these changes, the school rating portal will not open until August. We'll keep you updated on progress. In the meantime, if you have any questions, email srs@uac.edu.au.

Early offers to Year 12 students

While the ATAR is still the main selection tool used by most unis, there are other ways for students to show that they're ready to succeed at tertiary study. This means they may be able to receive an offer to university before ATARs are released.

Early offers made through UAC

The first UAC offers to Year 12 students will be made to <u>Schools Recommendation Scheme</u> (<u>SRS</u>) applicants on 10 November 2023. Offers made then are not based on HSC results and ATARs. Instead, they are based on other criteria like Year 11 results and the school's rating of the student.

Offers directly from the institutions

In addition to submitting an SRS application, Year 12 students can apply directly to individual institutions for an early offer. Each institution has different application and offer dates. All the details are on our website.

Early offer schemes for Year 12 students