

New December offer round means no waiting for 36,004 VCE students headed to tertiary study

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) has today released 36,004 offers for tertiary courses to domestic students who have recently completed the VCE or QCE. These offers were made in a new December offer round, which was introduced by VTAC and member institutions to provide students with answers regarding their future studies before Christmas and New Year.

Thirty two Victorian based tertiary institutions have made offers in this new offer round, with 1,116 of 1,709 total courses participating. Of the offers made today, 33,243 were for higher education courses and 2,765 for vocational education and training.

Some courses admitting students on a range of criteria beyond simply an ATAR, for example undergraduate Medicine which admits applicants based on ATAR, UCAT and interview, did not issue offers today. Some Music programs also rely on a range of criteria for admission so their offers will commence from the January round. All courses, including those which have made offers today, will participate in the traditional January round with further offers released on Wednesday 15 January 2020.

The new offer round means that many VCE graduates are receiving an offer today, less than a week after receiving their ATAR and VCE results on Thursday 12 December. VTAC applicants have had the opportunity to change their course preferences since receiving their ATAR, and those who wish to change preferences prior to the January round can do so again from 4pm today until 4pm, Friday 20 December. A second opportunity to change preferences prior to the release of January offers is available from 10am-4pm on Thursday 2 January.

“VTAC is proud to partner with our member institutions to provide earlier offers to secondary school graduates headed to Victorian universities, TAFE institutes, and independent colleges,” said VTAC Director Catherine Wills. “The December offer round provides certainty for more students and allows many regional students extra time to make arrangements for accommodation and transport prior to starting tertiary study.”

Year 12 results in each state are released on different dates, so only year 12 students from Victoria and Queensland are included in the December round for 2019. Year 12 students from other states, those studying the International Baccalaureate (IB), NZ Year 13 graduates and mature age applicants will receive their offers in January as in previous years.

VTAC applicants who have received an offer today are encouraged to accept their offer, even if still hoping for a higher preference offer in January. All courses listed as a higher preference than the offered course will be considered again for the January round. Course offers can be accepted by following the instructions sent by the course making the offers.

Information about which courses participated in today's offer round is available on the VTAC website. Applicants are reminded that the 'lowest selection rank' information published today is unlikely to reflect the overall selection standard for courses because further offers will be made in January and February.

As in previous years, December offers for international students studying an Australian year 12 curriculum were also released today, with 2,005 offers made to this cohort. Further international offers will be released in January 2020.

Quotes attributable to VTAC Director Catherine Wills

“Congratulations to all Victorian students who have received a course offer today. This offer is an important first step in your journey after leaving high school. If you didn’t receive an offer today, all of your preferences will be considered in the January round. If you’re unsure about your next steps, plenty of support is available from schools and tertiary institutions. I encourage you to access the quality careers services available at all Victorian secondary schools or through VTAC Careers Hub.”

“The new December round is an exciting collaboration between VTAC and Victorian universities, TAFE institutes, and independent tertiary colleges which has been made possible by enhancements to the powerful and flexible VTAC application system.”

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