



VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE

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A new chapter awaits for the class of 2020 as over 48,000 tertiary offers released !

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) is pleased to today release 48,676 offers for tertiary courses to VTAC applicants including students who have just completed their year 12. This is the first round of offers made in Victoria following the release of VCE students' ATARs late last year. These offers provide students with answers regarding their future studies and allow them to plan for 2021 and beyond.

Eligible students who applied through VTAC will find themselves being offered a place by one of 33 participating institutions. Of the offers made today, 45,081 were for higher education courses and 3,558 for vocational education and training. Course offers can be accepted by following the instructions sent by the course making the offer.

"VTAC is proud to support our member institutions to provide offers to students headed to Victorian universities, TAFE institutes, and independent colleges," said VTAC Director Catherine Wills.

Despite delays to the VCE assessment timetable caused by COVID-19, VTAC is releasing today's January offers at the same time of year as previous. VTAC staff and selection officers at Victorian tertiary institutions worked through the new year period to ensure that year 12 students were not delayed in taking their next study step.

VTAC processed a record number of special consideration applications via the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) prior to the release of today's offers. 42,091 applications for special consideration were received in 2020, an increase of 7.7% from previous years. Consideration under the Scheme does not change a student's ATAR but is used to apply special consideration at the time of selection for courses.

Max completed his year 12 studies at McKinnon Secondary College and received his ATAR like all his VCE cohort on December 30, 2020. "I was a bit nervous to see my ATAR at that point. I was very happy with it and glad to see the result which officially wrapped up my secondary schooling."

When asked what he planned to do on receiving his offer, Max thought he would be quite happy. "I'll be a bit relieved and then I'd like to check if all of my friends made their courses," said Max.

When developing his VTAC preference list, Max spent time "researching the courses and talking to University staff and students who could give me advice." Students are reminded that if they need any guidance at this time, they can contact their school, VTAC or any of the institutions they are interested in studying at in 2021.

VTAC applicants who have received an offer today are encouraged to accept their offer, even if still hoping for a higher preference offer in February. All courses listed as a higher preference than an offered course will be considered again in the next round. There are four further offer rounds in February, with the first on Monday 1 February. Applicants wishing to change their course preferences prior to this round must do so by 12pm, Thursday 21 January.

A full list of offer round dates and change of preference deadlines is available on the 'Dates and Fees' page of the VTAC website at www.vtac.edu.au.

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, you may still receive one in the February 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 the VTAC Careers Hub.”

“The class of 2020 has dealt admirably with a very challenging year, and VTAC has been proud to support year 12 students in achieving their study goals through our Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) which ensured the impact of COVID-19 was considered as part of the course selection process. Many year 12 students are taking the next step on a significant study journey after receiving today’s offers.”

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VTAC Statistics – as of 14 January 2021

Applications 2020/2021	2020/21	Change from 2019/20
Total applicants	65,332	+1.28%
Domestic applicants	61,658	+1.79%
Current Year 12 applicants	50,780	+2.40%
Non-Year 12 applicants	14,552	-3.52%
International Year 12 applicants	3,674	-6.63%

Offers 2021	2020/21	Change from 2019/20
Total undergraduate offers issued to date:	56,141	-12.88%
January domestic offers issued	48,676	+134.21% [no December round in 2020]
December domestic offers issued	0	-100.00% [no December round in 2020]
November domestic offers issued	4,505	+0.49%
International Year 12 offers issued	2,960	-6.68%
Individual domestic applicants with at least one offer to date	52,161	+0.05%

Domestic applications and offers by course type

Higher education courses Includes higher education courses at TAFE, University and Independent tertiary colleges	2020/21	Change from 2019/20
First preference applicants	62,265	+1.74%
Total offers issued to date:	49,612	-11.20%
January offers	45,081	+144.70% [no December round in 2020]
December offers	0	-100.00% [no December round in 2020]
November offers	4,528	+7.66%

Vocational Education and Training Courses Includes VET courses at TAFE, Dual sector Universities and independent tertiary colleges	2020/21	Change from 2019/20
First preference applicants	3,475	+0.12%
Total offers issued to date:	3,830	-29.90%
January offers	3,558	+52.16% [no December round in 2020]
December offers	0	-100.00% [no December round in 2020]
November offers	242	-18.24%

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Domestic applications and offers by sector

University course application and offer statistics (includes higher education courses and VET programs offered by dual sector institutions)	2020/21	Change from 2019/20
First preference applicants	63,469	+1.41%
Total offers issued to date:	50,838	-12.50%
January offers	46,208	+137.11%
December offers	0	-100%
November offers	4,630	+6.12%

TAFE course application and offer statistics (includes higher education courses and VET programs offered by TAFE institutions)	2020/21	Change from 2019/20
First preference applicants	663	-16.18%
Total offers issued to date:	1,002	-27.44%
January offers	950	+10.47%
December offers	0	-100.00%
November offers	52	-21.21%

Independent tertiary college application and offer statistics (includes higher education courses and VET programs offered by independent tertiary colleges)	2020/21	Change from 2019/20
First preference applicants	1,200	+1.27%
Total offers issued to date:	1,608	-11.31%
January offers	1,518	+245.79%
December offers	0	-100.00%
November offers	90	+18.42%

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Applications by university

Data includes:

- First preferences only
- Domestic applications only
- Applications for higher education courses as of 14 January 2021

University	2019/20	2020/21	Change from 2019/20
Australian Catholic University	3,566	3,987	+11.8%
Deakin University	7,946	8,311	+4.6%
Federation University Australia	820	917	+11.8%
La Trobe University	5,294	5,723	+8.1%
Monash University	14,713	14,728	+0.1%
RMIT University	8,375	8,122	-3.0%
Swinburne University of Technology	2,314	2,573	+11.2%
University of Melbourne (The)	10,873	10,856	-0.2%
Victoria University	1,997	2,079	+4.1%
TOTAL	55,898	57,296	+2.5%

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