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VTAC releases ATAR to 44,173 students with December course offers on the horizon

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) today releases the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) to 44,173 students who have been awarded the VCE.

VTAC CEO Teresa Tjia congratulated all students who have completed Year 12 and received their VCE and VCAL results today. Ms Tjia advised students to “be proud of the results you receive today, which are a great achievement representing the culmination of years of hard work”.

VCE and VCAL students can now look forward to their next steps, whether studying at university or TAFE, entering the workforce, or taking a gap year.

44,173 eligible VCE students have received an ATAR today, with 39 students receiving the highest possible rank of 99.95. The average ATAR for this year’s cohort is 70.33.

VTAC calculates the ATAR using the highest permissible combination of VCE results achieved by each student. There were 21,936 unique combinations of VCE subjects used in ATAR calculations this year, with the most common subject combination, used by 316 students, comprising: English, Biology, Health and Human Development, Further Mathematics, and Psychology.

Students can access their ATAR advice and VCE results online using the Results and ATAR website (resultsandatar.vic.edu.au) or app from 7:00am today.

With their ATAR in hand, students applying for tertiary study can review their options and course preferences. Students are encouraged to seek advice from their school’s careers service and tertiary institutions in considering their options. A [list of change of preference events and hotlines](#) run by universities, TAFE institutes, and independent tertiary colleges is available on the VTAC website.

Many students won’t have long to wait, with VTAC releasing course offers in December for the first time since 2019. Most Victorian courses will make offers to students on 21 December 2022, ahead of further offers being made in January 2023.

“The December offer round will provide many year 12 students with certainty about their future study journey in time for Christmas”, said Ms Tjia, adding “I encourage all students receiving their results today to finalise their VTAC preferences by 4pm, 14 December to make the most of this exciting opportunity.”



Quote attributable to Teresa Tjia, CEO, VTAC

"With their year 12 studies successfully completed, students can feel proud of their achievements and look forward to an exciting future of opportunities and pathways to realise their aspirations and ambitions. VTAC wishes all students the best and every success for their next step and beyond."

Quote attributable to Georgina Richards, Mentone Girls' Grammar School student

Georgina of Mentone Girls Grammar can't wait for Monday's ATAR release: *"I am eager to see my results and confident that I can get into the course I want and am grateful for the wonderful support"*

Quote attributable to Jasper Sherman, Mount Scopus Memorial College student

Jasper of Mount Scopus Memorial College is excited for the next step in his life, post VCE, and grateful for all the values and life skills that he has learned at school: *"It's been great being back at school this year after Covid. I've enjoyed and taken advantage of as many extra-curricular opportunities as possible. These kinds of opportunities offered by my school provided a stable balance between studying and maintaining other interests, which really helped motivate me through my VCE. Having studied almost non-stop this year, I'm feeling optimistic about the ATAR release as I know that I couldn't have done more to prepare."*

Quote attributable to Billy Sidwell, Padua College Mornington student

Padua College's Billy's dream career is to be a business owner and work for himself: *"Whatever happens Monday, I know I have done my best, and excited about what's next."*



2022 ATAR snapshot

Total students receiving an ATAR on Monday 12 December

- 44,173 students received an ATAR (45,326 last year)

Highest achieving students

- 39 students received an ATAR of 99.95 (same as last year)
 - 31 Male (28 last year)
 - 8 Female (11 last year)

Average ATAR

- Overall: 70.33 (69.26 last year)
- Female: 71.23 (70.60 last year)
- Male: 69.30 (67.62 last year)

VCE studies used in the ATAR

- 21,936 unique combinations of VCE studies used (22,982 last year)
- Most common subject combination for 2022 (used by 316 students):
 - English
 - Biology
 - Health and Human Development
 - Maths: Further Mathematics
 - Psychology

VET and higher education studies used in the ATAR

- 5,738 ATAR calculations included at least one VET study
- 427 ATAR calculations included a higher education study

Why is the average ATAR not 50.00?

The ATAR reflects a student's performance relative to the **year 12 age population**, not just those who actually receive an ATAR. If everyone aged 16-20 years completed year 12 and was eligible for an ATAR, the average rank would be 50.00. The ATAR calculation is based on a **participation rate** to account for those in this age group who do not complete year 12 or qualify for an ATAR.

How is the participation rate calculated?

The latest ABS data is used to calculate the proportion of 16–20-year-olds who complete the VCE and qualify for an ATAR, and statistical modelling is applied to reflect this in the ATAR calculation process. The same process is undertaken in all states to ensure the ATAR is comparable across Australia, even if the year 12 participation rate is different between states.

Why has the average ATAR increased to 70.33 in 2022?

The combination of a higher 16–20-year-old population (2% increase) and a lower ATAR-eligible VCE cohort (2% decrease) has reduced the participation rate, resulting in a slight increase in average ATAR.



Next steps for students

VCE RESULTS AND ATAR ADVICE

- Student with questions about their VCE results or ATAR can contact the pop-up Post Results and ATAR Service (PRAS), Phone: (03) 9637 3877 or email: pras@education.vic.gov.au
- The service is open during the following hours:
 - Monday 12 December: 7.00am–5.00pm
 - Tuesday 13 December: 9.00am–5.00pm
 - Wednesday 14 December: 9.00am–5.00pm
 - Thursday 15 December: 9.00am–5.00pm
 - Friday 16 December: 9.00am–5.00pm
- For further information and frequently asked questions go to: pras.resultsandatar.vic.edu.au

COURSE ADVICE AND CHANGE OF PREFERENCE

The lowest selection rank required for course entry changes each year due to shifts in course demand, so we encourage students to aim for their dream course – even if they are unsure that their ATAR is high enough.

- The VTAC preference system allows students to remain in consideration for their dream course without reducing their chance of an offer for any lower preferences or pathway courses
- Students can visit vtac.edu.au to access their VTAC application and add or change courses as they like, reviewing their course preferences with their ATAR and study scores in hand.
- Any changes must be finalised before 4pm, Wednesday 14 December for consideration in the first round of offers which will be released on Wednesday 21 December, 2022.
- Students are encouraged to check the essential requirements and admission criteria for each course using VTAC CourseSearch as they will only be eligible for an offer if they meet these requirements.
- Students wishing to find out more about specific courses are encouraged to use the links provided in VTAC CourseSearch and contact the institution offering the course.

HOW THE ATAR IS CALCULATED

For further information about the calculation of the ATAR and the scaling process, refer to [VTAC's video explainer](#) or the [VTAC ATAR and Scaling Guide](#) available at vtac.edu.au

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