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80% of eligible year 12 students headed for dream courses as VTAC releases 40,595 offers ahead of the new year

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) today releases 40,595 offers for graduating year 12 students to commence courses at universities, TAFE institutes, and independent tertiary colleges in 2023. Of those receiving an offer, the majority have secured their most-wanted courses, with 80% offered their first or second preference in this December round.

December offers are distributed by email throughout the morning of Wednesday 21 December, with offer advice also available online by logging in at vtac.edu.au from 2pm.

VTAC CEO Teresa Tjia congratulated all students receiving an offer today: “This is an exciting milestone for year 12 graduates, with VTAC’s December offer round providing welcome news for students who can now start planning for 2023 ahead of the new year.”

The December offer round has proved immensely popular with tertiary institutions and applicants alike, with 23% more courses making offers this year than in the inaugural December round in 2019. This is the first year since 2019 where a December offer round has been possible, with VCE results delayed due to Covid-19 in 2020 and 2021.

“Victorian universities, TAFEs, and independent colleges have embraced the December round wholeheartedly, with 82% of Victorian courses making offers in this round,” said Ms Tjia.

Despite the end of lockdowns putting other options like a gap year back on the table, demand for tertiary study remains high. Ms Tjia advised that “students planning to head off on a gap year should accept their offer and apply for a deferment to lock in their place for 2024.”

VTAC will issue further offers throughout January and February 2023, including offers for some courses which did not make any offers today such as Medicine. Offers will also be made to students whose results were not available in time for today’s offer round, including those studying the International Baccalaureate (IB) and some interstate students.

Students who didn’t receive an offer today or who have changed their mind about study options can change their preferences prior to the January round until 4pm, Thursday 22 December.

VTAC will release the next round of offers on Friday 13 January, 2023.

Quotes attributable to Teresa Tjia, CEO, VTAC

“Be proud of the December offer you receive today, which is a fantastic achievement following years of perseverance through pandemic disruptions. I wish you every success on your chosen study pathway in 2023.”

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"If you haven't received an offer today, there are other opportunities. Further offers will be made in January and February. There is still time to seek out support from your school, tertiary institutions, and VTAC, and adjust your preferences before Thursday's change of preference deadline."

Quotes attributable to VCE students:

Billy Sidwell from Padua College hopes to one day be a business owner, working for himself. "Building the consistency of good study habits is by far the hardest thing you will undertake as a year 12 student, so if you are able to accomplish that then the sky's the limit when it comes to achieving your academic goals."

Emma from Wantirna College: "I'm planning to study engineering in 2023 and hoping to pursue a career in space technology one day."



2022 December Offer Snapshot

Total students receiving an offer on Wednesday 21 December

- 40,595 students received a December offer (36,004 December offers in 2019)
- 93% of the 40,595 offers were for Victorian Year 12s (99% in 2019) and 6% for interstate Year 12 applicants (1% in 2019)
- Other students who received December offers include IB and some A-Level students who received their results earlier in the year. IB students who completed in late 2022 will receive their results and offers in January 2023
- This is in addition to 4,126 offers made to domestic non-school leavers in November 2022

Total offers by gender

- 55% Female (56% in 2019)
- 44% Male (44% in 2019)

Top courses

- Science, Arts, Business, Commerce, Biomedical Science and Engineering account for 20% of December course offers

VET and Higher Education offers

- HE: Increase of 3729 offers in 2022 compared to 2019 (88% of offers in 2022 compared to 89% in 2019)
- VET: increase of 633 offers in 2022 compared to 2019 (8.4% of offers compared to 7.7% in 2019)
- HE-VET offers: increase of 440 offers in 2022 compared to 2019 (1% of offers compared to negligible in 2019)
- HE-Graduate offers: decrease of 211 offers in 2022 compared to 2019 (2.5% of offers in 2022 compared to 3.4% in 2019)

International offers

As in previous years, December offers for international students studying an Australian year 12 curriculum were also released today, with 1,440 offers made to this cohort. Further international offers will be released in January 2023.



Next steps for students

WHAT DO TO NEXT and CONTACTS FOR ADVICE

If you received an offer:

- Accept the offer you have received before the expiry date listed in the enrolment instructions.
- Ensure your preferences still reflect your most-wanted courses. If needed, make adjustments to your preferences by 4pm, Thursday 22 December.
- If you are hoping for a higher preference offer, check your VTAC account on Friday 13 January 2023 for January round offer advice.

If you did not receive an offer:

- Check the VTAC website for a list of courses which participated in the December offer round. Not all courses made offers in the December round, and all courses will make further offers in January. If your course did not participate in the December round, don't change your preference at this time.
- Consider adding additional courses to your preferences list to increase your chance of receiving an offer in the next round.
- Contact the courses you are interested in to see if they can recommend any pathway courses which can assist you in reaching your course and career goals.

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, Thursday 22 December for consideration in the January round of offers which will be released on Friday 13 January, 2023.
- 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.

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