



**MEDIA RELEASE - EMBARGOED UNTIL 12:01AM 13 JANUARY 2023**

## January offers bring 16,756 more study opportunities for Victorian students

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) has today released 16,756 offers for courses at universities, TAFE institutes, and independent tertiary colleges commencing in 2023. Combined with the 4,126 offers released in November and 40,595 in December, a total of 61,477 domestic offers for study have now been released for 2023 courses.

Course offers will be emailed to applicants from this morning, and applicants can also access offer advice by logging in at [vtac.edu.au](http://vtac.edu.au) from 2pm.

VTAC CEO Teresa Tjia congratulated all those receiving an offer: “Your new year is off to a great start with an offer to study at one of Victoria’s world-class universities, TAFE institutes, or independent tertiary colleges.”

### **Some courses making first offers in January, some students eligible for first offers in January**

VTAC’s December offer round, which ran last month for the first time since 2019 due to pandemic delays to assessment in 2020 and 2021, has proved popular with both applicants and institutions. 40,595 offers were issued to Victorian year 12 students on December 21, 2022, with today’s 16,756 offers made to a combination of year 12 graduates and mature age applicants.

In addition to further offers for courses which made offers in November and December, this offer round includes a small number of courses making their first offers today, including undergraduate medicine.

International Baccalaureate (IB) and some interstate students whose results were not available in time for December offers are also receiving offers for the first time today. Notional ATARs for IB diploma graduates were released on 4 January 2023.

There is an increase in total domestic higher education offers of 23% compared to last year. All Victorian universities have made more higher education offers to domestic students this year compared to previous year, with increases ranging from 10% (Federation University) to 37% (Monash University).

### **Health courses make up highest proportion of offers, with increases in Engineering and IT offers**

With 21.1% of offers made to date being for health courses, this remains the most popular sector, followed by 19.5% for society and culture courses and 14.7% for natural and physical sciences. The sectors with the biggest proportional change are engineering, IT, and health, each increasing their share of total offers by 0.6% compared to last year.

### **More opportunities to receive offers still to come**

Ms Tjia advised applicants who are yet to receive an offer to seek support from their school, tertiary institutions, and VTAC ahead of the next change of preference deadline on 19 January. “And if you haven’t applied at all, there is still time to apply for study in Victoria,” Ms Tjia added. “You can make a January

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application at [vtac.edu.au](http://vtac.edu.au) until 17 January, and be eligible for offers in the four February rounds.” February offers are subject to availability of places, and not all courses will participate.

VTAC will release the next round of offers on Wednesday 1 February, 2023.

### **Quotes attributable to Teresa Tjia, CEO, VTAC**

*“VTAC is proud to play a vital role in connecting learners with courses. We work closely with Victorian tertiary institutions to make the path to further study as smooth as possible for applicants from all backgrounds.”*

*“VTAC’s preference system allows prospective students to maximise their chance of finding the right course by applying for many study options in one place. 91.2% of our applicants have received at least one offer, with four offer rounds still to come — a great outcome for both applicants and tertiary institutions.”*



## 2023 offers to date statistics

### 1. Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED)

- For the second year in a row, Health remains the most popular field of education with applicants for offers and first preferences, followed once again by Society & Culture.

<b>Offers by ASCED</b>			
<b>ASCED Broad field</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>% change</b>
Natural and Physical Sciences	8,776	10,759	+22.6%
Information Technology	2,797	3,782	+35.2%
Engineering and Related Technologies	4,623	5,998	+29.7%
Architecture and Building	2,246	2,663	+18.6%
Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies	777	753	-3.1%
Health	12,429	15,415	+24.0%
Education	2,514	2,803	+11.5%
Management and Commerce	9,139	10,513	+15.0%
Society and Culture	11,857	14,204	+19.8%
Creative Arts	5,045	5,650	+12.0%
Food, Hospitality and Personal Services	207	154	-25.6%
Mixed Field Programs	123	288	+134.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60,533</b>	<b>72,982</b>	

Courses with multiple ASCED categories (such as double degrees) may be counted in two categories



## 2. VTAC applications and offers

Applications 22/23	2022/23	Change from 2021/22
Total applicants	62,221	+0.04%
Domestic applicants	59,442	+1.07%
Year 12 applicants	49,284	+0.36%
Non-Year 12 applicants	12,911	-1.53%
International (Year 12 applicants)	2,754	-19.24%

Offers 2023 Intake	2022-23	Change from 2021/22
<b>Total undergraduate offers issued to date</b>	<b>63,930</b>	<b>+20.55%</b>
January 2023 domestic offers issued	16,756	-63.58%
December 2022 domestic offers issued	40,595	NEW
November 2022 domestic offers issued	4,126	+3.72%
Total domestic offers issued to date	61,477	+22.98%
International Year 12 offers issued	2,453	-19.47%
Individual applicants with at least one offer	54,209	+6.03%

## 3. Domestic applications and offers by course type

### Higher education

Includes higher education courses at TAFE, University, and Independent tertiary colleges	2022/23	Change from 2021/22
First preference applicants	56,545	+0.93%
<b>Total offers</b>	<b>56,904</b>	<b>+22.25%</b>
January offers	15,965	-62.64%
December offers	37,197	NEW
November offers	3,950	+3.46%

### VET

Includes VET courses at TAFE, Dual sector Universities and independent tertiary colleges	2022/23	Change from 2021/22
First preference applicants	2,894	+4.25%
<b>Total offers</b>	<b>4,364</b>	<b>+27.05%</b>
January offers	790	-75.91%
December offers	3,398	NEW
November offers	173	+10.90%



#### 4. Domestic applications and offers by sector

University course applications and offers	2022/23	Change from 2021/22
First preference applicants	58,164	+1.76%
<b>Total offers to date</b>	<b>59,565</b>	<b>+23.82%</b>
January offers	16,386	-62.65%
December offers	39,031	NEW
November offers	4,030	+3.73%

TAFE course applications and offers	2022/23	Change from 2021/22
First preference applicants	327	-40.87%
<b>Total offers to date</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>-29.99%</b>
January offers	109	-83.90%
December offers	363	NEW
November offers	24	-20.00%

Private college course applications and offers	2022/23	Change from 2021/22
First preference applicants	951	-13.55%
<b>Total offers to date</b>	<b>1,535</b>	<b>+0.66%</b>
January offers	261	-82.15%
December offers	1,201	NEW
November offers	72	+14.29%



## 5. Applications by Victorian university

Data includes:

- First preferences only
- Domestic applications only
- Applications for higher education courses as of 2 December 2022

	2022/23	Change from 2021/22
Australian Catholic University	3,139	-10.2%
Deakin University	7,502	+1.5%
Federation University Australia	995	+0.6%
La Trobe University	6,185	+5.9%
Monash University	14,425	+0.1%
RMIT University	7,863	+1.9%
Swinburne University of Technology	2,244	-5.7%
University of Melbourne (The)	10,737	+5.4%
Victoria University	2,121	-2.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55,211</b>	<b>+1.1%</b>

## 6. Offers by Victorian university

Data includes:

- Domestic offers to date as of 13 January 2023
- Higher education courses only

	2022/23	Change from 2021/22
Australian Catholic University	2,924	+24.0%
Deakin University	7,922	+12.4%
Federation University Australia	1,248	+10.2%
La Trobe University	6,485	+17.7%
Monash University	13,408	+36.9%
RMIT University	8,739	+17.0%
Swinburne University of Technology	3,052	+25.0%
University of Melbourne (The)	8,646	+29.1%
Victoria University	2,951	+12.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55,375</b>	<b>+22.9%</b>

VTAC also makes offers for some other institutions, including non-Victorian universities, TAFE institutes, and independent tertiary colleges, which are not included in Table 5 and Table 6.



## 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 19 January.
- If you are hoping for a higher preference offer, check your VTAC account on Wednesday 1 February 2023 for February round 1 offer advice.

#### If you did not receive an offer:

- Seek advice from your school, tertiary institutions and VTAC about courses you can add 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](http://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 19 January for consideration in the first February round of offers which will be released on Wednesday 1 February, 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.

**Students can contact VTAC by logging in to their VTAC account or calling (03) 9926 1020 for support.**

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