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## **VTAC releases 42,929 tertiary offers to year 12 students in biggest ever December round**

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) today releases 42,929 offers for graduating year 12 students to commence courses next year at Victorian universities, TAFE institutes and independent tertiary colleges. Almost all tertiary courses in Victoria have made offers today, with 2,334 more offers made today than in last year's December round. Further offers will follow in January and February 2024.

VTAC Chief Executive Officer Teresa Tjia congratulated those receiving offers today: "I congratulate all year 12 students receiving an offer today. These offers represent both the achievement of past years of study, and exciting future learning and career opportunities."

"There has never been better opportunity for tertiary education in Victoria", said Ms Tjia. "The majority of school leavers receiving an offer today have secured their most-wanted courses, with four out of five students offered their first or second VTAC preference in this December round."

1,301 Victorian courses across the higher education, vocational education and training sectors made offers in today's round. The three largest areas of study making December offers are Society and Culture (19.75% of today's offers), Health (17.62%), and Management and Commerce (15.72%). The Health area of study saw the largest proportional increase in share of offers, comprising 17.62% of today's offers, up from 16.9% in 2022. The largest proportional decline was in the Society and Culture area of study, down from 20.66% last year to 19.75% this year.

Growth in Victorian teacher education courses is strong, with 1,463 teaching offers made today, an increase of 8.05% from this time last year. Offers for courses in the Education area of study comprise 4.1% of all offers made today, up from 3.88% of offers in last year's December round.

Students receiving an offer will be notified by email throughout the morning of Thursday 21 December, with offer advice also available online by logging in at [vtac.edu.au](https://vtac.edu.au) from 2pm. Those 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, Friday 22 December. Support is available from schools, tertiary institutions and VTAC.

VTAC will release the next round of offers on Friday 12 January 2024 and further offers throughout January and February 2024. Offers in the new year will be made to year 12 students and mature age applicants, for all courses including those not participating in today's release, such as some

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Biomedical Science and Medicine courses. 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.

For details about offers and change of preference support, and offer round dates go to [vtac.edu.au](http://vtac.edu.au).

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

*“Celebrate the offer you have received today with your families, friends and teachers. Your offer is a fantastic achievement to enjoy these holidays and share with those who have supported you.”*

*“If you haven't received an offer today or have changed your mind, take this opportunity to consider your preferences by Friday's change of preference deadline. Further offers will be made in January and February. There is still time to seek out support from your school, tertiary institutions, and VTAC to maximise your opportunity to study next year.”*

## 2023 December Offer Snapshot

### Total students receiving an offer on Thursday 21 December:

- 42,929 students received a December offer (40,595 December offers in 2022)
- 91% of the 42,929 offers were for Victorian Year 12s (93% in 2022) and 8% for interstate Year 12 applicants (6% in 2022)
- 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 their diploma in late 2023 will receive their results and offers in January 2024
- This is in addition to 4,193 offers made to domestic non-school leavers in November 2023

### Top areas of study

- 19.75% of offers are for Society and Culture courses, including Arts
- 17.62% of offers are for Health courses, including Nursing and Biomedical Science
- 15.72% of offers are for Management and Commerce courses, including Commerce and Business
- 14.40% of offers are for Natural and Physical Sciences courses, including Science
- 9.08% of offers are for Engineering and Related Technologies courses, including Engineering

### Offers by sector

- Higher education (HE): increase of 2,161 offers in 2023 compared to 2022 (88% of offers in both years)
- HE-Graduate courses: increase of 403 offers in 2023 compared to 2022 (3.3% of offers in 2023 compared to 2.5% in 2022)
- Vocational education and training (VET): 3,183 offers made to date for VET courses commencing in 2024
- HE-VET courses: increase of 124 offers in 2023 compared to 2022 (1.5% of offers compared to 1.3% in 2022)

### International offers

As in previous years, December offers for international students studying an Australian year 12 curriculum were also released today, with 1,259 offers made to this cohort. Further international offers will be released in January 2024.

## 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.
- If you are planning to take a gap year, check with the institution offering the course to make sure you can defer your course offer and follow their instructions to do so.
- Ensure your preferences still reflect your most-wanted courses. If needed, make adjustments to your preferences by 4pm, Friday 22 December.
- If you are hoping for a higher preference offer, check your VTAC account on Friday 12 January 2024 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](https://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, Friday 22 December for consideration in the January round of offers which will be released on Friday 12 January 2024.
- 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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