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## **Record 47,518 tertiary offers made to year 12 students in December VTAC round**

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) today releases 47,518 offers for domestic year 12 students to commence courses next year at Victorian universities, TAFE institutes and independent tertiary colleges. 4,589 more offers have been made today than in last year's December round, a 10.7% increase, with further offers to follow in January and February 2025.

VTAC Chief Executive Officer Teresa Tjia congratulated those receiving offers today: "I congratulate year 12 students receiving an offer today for their achievement. Knowing the next step on your learning journey is a wonderful way to end the year."

### **Offers for all Australian year 12 students including IB released today**

For the first time this year, International Baccalaureate (IB) students in Australia have been included in the December offer round. VTAC and other tertiary admissions centres have worked with the IB to enable an earlier release of IB Admissions Scores this year, allowing IB students to receive December offers.

All interstate year 12 students, including those who have studied the HSC, QCE, WACE, SACE, and TCE, are included in the December offer round for the first time as well.

Ms Tjia said: "With the inclusion of IB and interstate students in VTAC's December round, year 12 students right around the country are today receiving the good news of a Victorian university offer."

December offers for international students studying an Australian year 12 curriculum were also released today, with 1,624 offers made to this cohort, an increase from the 1,264 offers made in the December round last year. Further international offers will be released in January 2025.

### **More than half of all offers made for Society and Culture, Health, Management and Commerce studies; growth in Education courses continues**

1,366 Victorian courses across the higher education (HE) and vocational education and training (VET) sectors made offers today. The three largest areas of study making December offers are Society and Culture (21.1% of today's offers), Health (16.8%), and Management and Commerce (16.5%). The Management and Commerce area of study saw the largest proportional increase in share of offers, comprising 16.5% of today's offers, up from 15.8% in 2023. The largest proportional decline was in the Information Technology area of study, down from 5.3% of offers last year to 4.5% this year.

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Growth in Victorian teacher education courses has continued, with 1,512 teaching offers made today, an increase of 3.3% from this time last year. Offers for courses in the Education area of study comprise 4.3% of all offers made today, up from 4.0% of offers in last year's December round.

### **Student access to offers and next steps**

Students receiving an offer will be notified by email before 10am on Monday 23 December, with offer emails coming out progressively from the early hours. Offer advice is also available online by logging in at [vtac.edu.au](https://vtac.edu.au) from 10am.

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 by logging into their VTAC account until 4pm, Tuesday 24 December 2024. Support is available from schools, tertiary institutions and VTAC.

VTAC will release the next round of offers on Friday 10 January 2024 and further offers throughout January and February 2024. Offers in the new year will be made to both year 12 and non-school leaver applicants, for all courses including those not participating in today's release, such as some Biomedical Science and Medicine courses. Offers will also be made to students whose results were not available in time for today's offer round, such as those completing the NCEA in New Zealand.

For further details about offers and change of preference support, as well as all future offer round dates, visit [vtac.edu.au](https://vtac.edu.au).

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

*"Celebrate the offer you have received today with your family, friends and teachers. Share this exciting achievement with those who have supported you throughout your educational journey."*

*"This is your first step on your path to tertiary study. It is an exciting time to think about the impact you'll have in your future study and career and where this next step will take you."*

*"If you haven't received an offer today or have changed your mind about what you wish to study, you can change preferences in your VTAC account until 4pm tomorrow, Tuesday 24 December. VTAC will make further offers throughout January and February."*

### **Attached:**

- 2024 December offers snapshot
- Next steps and support guide for students

## 2024 December Offers Snapshot

### Total students receiving an offer on Monday 23 December:

- 47,518 domestic students received a December offer (42,929 December offers made in 2023)
- 86% of the 47,518 offers were for VCE students and 10% for interstate Year 12 applicants
- For the first time this year, IB students completing in November 2024 received December offers, comprising 3% of offers made (previously these have occurred in January)
- Other students who received December offers include May IB completers and some A-Levels students who received their results earlier in the year
- 1,624 offers were made to international students studying an Australian year 12 curriculum (1,264 last year)
- The offers made today are in addition to 4,351 offers made to domestic non-school leavers in November 2024

### Top areas of study

- 21.1% of offers are for Society and Culture courses, including Arts
- 16.8% of offers are for Health courses, including Nursing and Biomedical Science
- 16.5% of offers are for Management and Commerce courses, including Commerce and Business
- 14.4% of offers are for Natural and Physical Sciences courses, including Science
- 9.3% of offers are for Engineering and Related Technologies courses, including Engineering

### Offers by sector

- Higher education (HE): increase of 4,441 offers in 2024 compared to 2023 (88.9% of offers in 2024 compared to 88.1% in 2023)
- HE-Graduate courses: increase of 225 offers in 2024 compared to 2023 (3.4% of offers in 2024 compared to 3.3% in 2023)
- Vocational education and training (VET): 2,930 offers made to date for VET courses commencing in 2025
- HE-VET courses: increase of 45 offers in 2024 compared to 2023 (1.5% of offers in both 2024 and 2023)

## Next steps and support for students

### If you received an offer:

- Accept the offer you have received before the deadline 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, Tuesday 24 December.
- If you are hoping for a higher preference offer, check your VTAC account from 2pm on Friday 10 January 2024 for January round offer advice.

### If you did not receive an offer:

- Check your preferences and ensure you've met all requirements.
- A limited number of courses do not make December round offers. If you are unsure, reach out to the institution offering the course to confirm. If your course did not participate in the December round, don't remove it from your list of preferences.
- Consider adding additional courses to your preferences list to increase your chance of receiving an offer in the next round.
- Contact institutions offering 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 whether 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, Tuesday 24 December for consideration in the January round of offers which will be released on Friday 10 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.
- For advice, call VTAC Connect on (03) 9926 1020. [VTAC Connect](#) is open 9am-5pm Monday-Friday, excluding public holidays, and with the following special hours at the end of the year:
  - 23 December (offers released): 9am - 5pm
  - 24 December (change of preference closes): 9am - 5pm
  - 27 December: 10am - 12 noon
  - 30 December: 10am - 12 noon
  - 31 December: 10am - 12 noon
  - 2 January 2025 onward: 9am – 5pm, Monday-Friday