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## **14,472 more students on the road to tertiary study as VTAC releases January offers**

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) today releases 14,472 offers for courses at universities, TAFE institutes, and independent tertiary colleges commencing next month. Including offers released in November and December, a total of 61,587 domestic offers for study have now been released for 2024 courses.

Course offers are emailed to applicants from the morning of January 12, 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: “An offer to study at one of Victoria’s world-class tertiary institutions is an exciting next step on your study and career journey.”

VTAC issued 42,924 offers to year 12 students in December 2023. Today’s 14,472 offers include the first offers for 2023 International Baccalaureate (IB) graduates and other students whose results were not available in December, offers for mature age applicants, and higher preference offers for some applicants who had already received a November or December offer.

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.

### **Education courses attract increased interest, offers up 11.2%**

An 8.1% increase in first preference applications for education courses has seen a rise in offers for education courses to 3,140, up 11.2% from the same time last year. In September 2023, the Victorian Government announced scholarships to cover the cost of teaching courses. Education courses comprise 4.3% of all offers made today, up from 3.8% of offers made by the same time last year.

The largest areas of study making offers are Health (20.9% of offers), Society and Culture (19.0% of offers), Management and Commerce (14.6% of offers), and Natural and Physical Sciences (14.5% of offers).

### **More offers to come later in January and February**

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 at 4pm on 18 January. “If you haven’t applied at all, there is still time to apply for tertiary study in Victoria in 2024,” Ms

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Tjia added. “You can make an application at [vtac.edu.au](https://vtac.edu.au) until 5pm, 16 January, and be eligible for an offer later in January and throughout February.”

Offers released following today’s round are subject to availability of places, and not all courses will make further offers. VTAC will release the next round of offers on Tuesday 30 January 2023, followed by additional offer rounds in February.

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

“VTAC is proud to play a key role in connecting learners with their future. We work closely with Victorian universities, TAFE institutes, and independent tertiary colleges to support applicants from all backgrounds to access further study opportunities.”

“VTAC connects students with study options across the state, all in a single application. 91% of our applicants this year have received at least one offer, with four offer rounds still to come. This is a fantastic outcome for both students and tertiary institutions.”

## 2024 offers to date statistics

### 1. Areas of study (Australian Standard Classification of Education — ASCED)

<b>First preference applications by ASCED</b>			
<b>ASCED Broad field</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>% change</b>
Natural and Physical Sciences	8,988	8,908	-0.9%
Information Technology	3,171	3,273	+3.2%
Engineering and Related Technologies	5,471	5,582	+2.0%
Architecture and Building	2,734	2,724	-0.4%
Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies	636	615	-3.3%
Health	18,786	18,420	-1.9%
Education	3,158	3,415	+8.1%
Management and Commerce	9,559	9,627	+0.7%
Society and Culture	13,152	13,021	-1.0%
Creative Arts	6,082	6,049	-0.5%
Food, Hospitality and Personal Services	97	105	+8.2%
Mixed Field Programs	155	168	+8.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71,989</b>	<b>71,906</b>	

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

<b>First preference applications by ASCED — proportion of all applications</b>			
<b>ASCED Broad field</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>%pt change</b>
Natural and Physical Sciences	12.5%	12.4%	-0.1%
Information Technology	4.4%	4.6%	+0.1%
Engineering and Related Technologies	7.6%	7.8%	+0.2%
Architecture and Building	3.8%	3.8%	0.0%
Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies	0.9%	0.9%	0.0%
Health	26.1%	25.6%	-0.5%
Education	4.4%	4.7%	+0.4%
Management and Commerce	13.3%	13.4%	+0.1%
Society and Culture	18.3%	18.1%	-0.2%
Creative Arts	8.4%	8.4%	0.0%
Food, Hospitality and Personal Services	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
Mixed Field Programs	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%

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<b>Offers by ASCED</b>			
<b>ASCED Broad field</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>% change</b>
Natural and Physical Sciences	11,015	10,520	-4.5%
Information Technology	3,872	3,919	+1.2%
Engineering and Related Technologies	6,113	6,036	-1.3%
Architecture and Building	2,718	2,675	-1.6%
Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies	772	702	-9.1%
Health	15,557	15,197	-2.3%
Education	2,824	3,140	+11.2%
Management and Commerce	10,744	10,572	-1.6%
Society and Culture	14,591	13,773	-5.6%
Creative Arts	5,702	5,538	-2.9%
Food, Hospitality and Personal Services	156	176	+12.8%
Mixed Field Programs	291	302	+3.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74,355</b>	<b>72,550</b>	

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<b>Offers by ASCED — proportion of all offers</b>			
<b>ASCED Broad field</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>%pt change</b>
Natural and Physical Sciences	14.8%	14.5%	-0.3%
Information Technology	5.2%	5.4%	+0.2%
Engineering and Related Technologies	8.2%	8.3%	+0.1%
Architecture and Building	3.7%	3.7%	+0.0%
Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies	1.0%	1.0%	-0.1%
Health	20.9%	20.9%	0.0%
Education	3.8%	4.3%	+0.5%
Management and Commerce	14.4%	14.6%	+0.1%
Society and Culture	19.6%	19.0%	-0.6%
Creative Arts	7.7%	7.6%	-0.0%
Food, Hospitality and Personal Services	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%
Mixed Field Programs	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%

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## 2. VTAC applications and offers

<b>Applications 22/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>Change from 2022/23</b>
<b>Total applicants</b>	<b>62,913</b>	<b>+1.3%</b>
Domestic applicants	60,696	+0.4%
Year 12 applicants	50,314	+2.2%
Non-Year 12 applicants	12,634	-2.0%
International (Year 12 applicants)	2,250	-18.9%

<b>Offers 2024 Intake</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>Change from 2022/23</b>
<b>Total undergraduate offers issued to date</b>	<b>63,614</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
January 2024 domestic offers issued	14,472	-13.5%
December 2023 domestic offers issued	42,924	+5.7%
November 2023 domestic offers issued	4,191	+1.7%
Total domestic offers issued to date	61,587	+0.2%
International Year 12 offers issued	2,072	-17.2%
Individual applicants with at least one offer	55,262	+0.7%

Offer round totals are updated from previous media statements to account for offers rescinded since publication.

## 3. Domestic applications and offers by course type

### Higher education

	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>Change from 2022/23</b>
Includes higher education courses at TAFE institutes, universities, and independent tertiary colleges		
First preference applicants	58,130	+1.2%
<b>Total offers</b>	<b>57,809</b>	<b>+1.2%</b>
January offers	13,781	-13.1%
December offers	39,885	+7.2%
November offers	4,053	+2.6%

### VET

	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>Change from 2022/23</b>
Includes VET courses at TAFE institutes, dual-sector universities and independent tertiary colleges		
First preference applicants	2,561	-14.2%
<b>Total offers</b>	<b>3,787</b>	<b>-13.2%</b>
January offers	602	-23.8%
December offers	3,044	-10.4%
November offers	139	-19.6%

Direct entry VET applications are not included in this data.

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

<b>University course applications and offers</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Change from 2022-23</b>
First preference applicants	59,352	+0.3%
<b>Total offers to date</b>	<b>59,125</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
January offers	14,077	-14.1%
December offers	41,156	+5.4%
November offers	4,076	+1.1%

<b>TAFE course applications and offers</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Change from 2022-23</b>
First preference applicants	309	-4.9%
<b>Total offers to date</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>
January offers	111	+1.8%
December offers	346	-4.7%
November offers	33	+37.5%

<b>Independent tertiary college course applications and offers</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>Change from 2022-23</b>
First preference applicants	1,035	+4.9%
<b>Total offers to date</b>	<b>1,789</b>	<b>+16.6%</b>
January offers	288	+10.3%
December offers	1,427	+18.8
November offers	84	+16.7%

## 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 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, Thursday 18 January.
- If you are hoping for a higher preference offer, check your VTAC account on Tuesday 30 January 2024 for offer advice.

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

- 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 results on hand.
- Any changes must be finalised before 4pm, Thursday 18 January for consideration in the next round of offers which will be released on Tuesday 30 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.

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