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47,170 year 12 students on the road to further study with VTAC offers in hand

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) today releases 47,170 offers to domestic year 12 students for courses commencing next year at Victorian universities, TAFE institutes and independent tertiary colleges. Further offers to study in 2026 will be made throughout January and February.

VTAC Chief Executive Officer Teresa Tjia congratulated those receiving offers today: “Your hard work and future ambitions are reflected in the offer you have received today. Celebrate this achievement with family and friends over the new year and share your excitement about the course you’ve chosen.”

Offers for IB, interstate, and international students also made today

International Baccalaureate (IB) students in Australia, as well as students who studied the HSC, SACE, NTCET, and TCE are also included in the December offer round. Students studying year 12 in Queensland and Western Australia, as well as students completing the NCEA in New Zealand, will be eligible for offers from January onwards due to the later release date for their results.

December offers for international students studying an Australian year 12 curriculum were also released today, with 1,770 offers made to this cohort, a 10.3% increase from the 1,604 offers made in the December round last year. Further international offers will be released in January 2026.

Society and Culture the largest field of study; increase in Health offers for 2026

Health courses saw the biggest proportional increase in domestic offers for December round this year, increasing its share of offers by 0.5% from last year to make up 17.6% of offers this year. The three largest areas of study making December offers are Society and Culture (20.1% of today’s offers), Health (17.6%), and Management and Commerce (16.5%). The largest proportional decline was in the Information Technology area of study, down 0.9% from 4.8% of offers last year to 3.9% this year.

Education courses continue to grow, comprising 4.5% of offers made in December this year, a 0.2% greater share than last year. Architecture and Building, Management and Commerce, Mixed Field Programs, Society and Culture also increased their share of offers by 0.2%.

Student access to offers and next steps

Students receiving an offer will be notified by email before 2pm on Tuesday 23 December, with offer emails coming out progressively prior to this time. Offer advice is also available online by logging in at vtac.edu.au from 2pm.

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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 8pm, Tuesday 23 December 2025. Support for students is available from schools, tertiary institutions and VTAC, with VTAC Connect phone lines open until 8:15pm on Tuesday 23 December.

VTAC will release the next round of offers on Tuesday 13 January 2026 and further offers throughout January and February 2026. Offers in the new year will be made to both year 12 and post-school applicants, for all courses including those not participating in today's release.

For further details about offers and change of preference support, as well as all future offer round dates, visit vtac.edu.au.

Quotes attributable to Teresa Tjia, CEO, VTAC and National Convenor, ACTAC:

"Start 2026 with certainty about your future study. Accept your course offer now to guarantee your place for next year. VTAC's preference system means you will still be considered for any higher preference courses in January."

"Don't worry if you haven't received an offer today. VTAC will make further offers throughout January and February. You can change your preferences to add more course options until 8pm, Tuesday 23 December. VTAC and tertiary institutions are here to support you."

"Australia's tertiary admissions centres work together to make it easy to apply for study across the country. Year 12 results from any state or territory, including IB results, can be used to apply for Victorian courses through VTAC."

Attached:

- 2025 December offers snapshot
- Next steps and support guide for students

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2025 December Offers Snapshot

Total students receiving an offer on Tuesday 23 December:

- 47,170 domestic students received a December offer (47,518 December offers made in 2024)
- 89% of the 47,170 offers were for VCE students and 7% for interstate Year 12 applicants
- IB students received 3% of offers made
- Other students who received December offers today include May IB completers and some A-Levels students who received their results earlier in the year
- 1,770 offers were made to international students studying an Australian year 12 curriculum (1,604 last year)
- The offers made today are in addition to 4,158 offers made to domestic non-school leavers in November 2025

Top areas of study for domestic offers

- 20.1% of offers are for Society and Culture courses, including Arts
- 17.6% 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
- 15.2% of offers are for Natural and Physical Sciences courses, including Science
- 9.7% of offers are for Engineering and Related Technologies courses, including Engineering

Offers by sector

- Higher education (HE): decrease of 367 offers in 2025 compared to 2024 (88.8% of offers in 2025 compared to 88.9% in 2024)
- HE-Graduate courses: increase of 185 offers in 2025 compared to 2024 (3.8% of offers in 2025 compared to 3.4% in 2024)
- Vocational education and training (VET): 2,708 offers made to date for VET courses commencing in 2026, comprising 5.7% of offers made
- HE-VET courses: increase of 55 offers in 2025 compared to 2024 (1.6% of offers in 2025 compared to 1.5% in 2024)

Next steps and support for students

If you received an offer:

- Following the offer notification from VTAC, you will receive a separate email directly from the university, TAFE institute or independent tertiary college with instructions on how to accept the offer and enrol for the course.
- 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 8pm, Tuesday 23 December 2025.
- If you are hoping for a higher preference offer, check your VTAC account from 2pm on Tuesday 13 January 2026 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 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 8pm, Tuesday 23 December for consideration in the first January round of offers which will be released on Tuesday 13 January 2026.
- 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 – 8:15pm
 - 24 December: 9am-5pm
 - Closed 25 December – 1 January
 - 2 January 2026 onward: 9am – 5pm, Monday-Friday