



**MEDIA RELEASE - EMBARGOED UNTIL 12:01AM 10 JANUARY 2025**

## **12,938 more students headed to tertiary study as VTAC releases January offers**

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) today releases 12,938 offers for courses at universities, TAFE institutes, and independent tertiary colleges for study this year. Including offers previously made in November and December, a total of 64,780 domestic offers for study have now been released for courses commencing in 2025, 5.2% more than the 61,576 domestic offers issued by this round last year.

VTAC congratulates all applicants receiving offers today. Course offers are emailed to applicants receiving an offer from the morning of Friday 10 January, with all offers released and available online by 2pm. Those receiving an offer should follow the instructions provided by the tertiary institution to accept the offer and enrol in the course.

### **Today's offers: further offers for year 12 students and other cohorts**

In December, VTAC released 47,493 offers to year 12 students across the country. Today's offers include further offers for these students, as well as offers for mature age applicants and other non-year 12 applicants who were not included in the December round. Applicants who have received an offer in a previous round are eligible to receive new offers for any courses listed as a higher preference.

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 for 2025 today, including undergraduate medicine.

### **Growth in Management and Commerce, Engineering courses**

Across all offer rounds since November, the largest areas of study making offers are Health (19.9% of offers), Society and Culture (19.4%), Management and Commerce (15.3%), and Natural and Physical Sciences (14.8%).

The largest proportional increases for areas of study this year are for Management and Commerce (11,608 total offers, comprising 15.3% of all offers), and Engineering and Related Technologies (6,859 offers, 9% of total offers). Both areas of study have increased their share of offers by 0.7 percentage points from the same time last year.

Health courses have declined 1.0% proportionally from last year, following a sustained increase in interest during the pandemic, but still make up the largest area of study with 15,069 offers comprising 19.9% of total offers.



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

VTAC advises 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 16 January. Prospective students who have not yet applied can submit a new application through VTAC until 5pm on 14 January 2025 for consideration in the remaining offer rounds in January and February.

Offers released after 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 28 January 2025, followed by three additional offer rounds in February.

VTAC is also releasing further offers for international applicants studying an Australian year 12 program throughout January, with 356 offers released on Wednesday 8 January. Four further international offer rounds are remaining.

### **Quotes attributable to a VTAC spokesperson:**

“VTAC connects students with Victorian universities, TAFE providers and independent tertiary colleges, making it easy to find the tertiary course that's right for you. Nine out of ten VTAC applicants have already received a course offer, with more rounds still to come.”

“It's not too late to start studying in 2025. You can apply online through VTAC until 5pm, 14 January for offers later in January and February.”

### **Attached:**

- 2025 applications and offers to date statistics
- Next steps guide for students

## 2025 applications and offers to date statistics

Data on this and following pages reflects all applications and offers for this intake to date, i.e. applications since 29 July and offers since November round.

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

<b>First preference applications by ASCED</b>			
<b>ASCED Broad field</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>% change</b>
Natural and Physical Sciences	8,908	<b>9,355</b>	+5.0%
Information Technology	3,273	<b>3,029</b>	-7.5%
Engineering and Related Technologies	5,582	<b>6,329</b>	+13.4%
Architecture and Building	2,724	<b>2,673</b>	-1.9%
Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies	615	<b>561</b>	-8.8%
Health	18,420	<b>19,714</b>	+7.0%
Education	3,415	<b>3,719</b>	+8.9%
Management and Commerce	9,627	<b>10,405</b>	+8.1%
Society and Culture	13,021	<b>13,777</b>	+5.8%
Creative Arts	6,049	<b>6,103</b>	+0.9%
Food, Hospitality and Personal Services	105	<b>99</b>	-5.7%
Mixed Field Programs	168	<b>196</b>	+16.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71,907</b>	<b>75,960</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>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>% change</b>
Natural and Physical Sciences	12.3%	<b>12.3%</b>	0.0%
Information Technology	4.5%	<b>4.0%</b>	-0.5%
Engineering and Related Technologies	7.7%	<b>8.3%</b>	+0.6%
Architecture and Building	3.8%	<b>3.5%</b>	-0.3%
Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies	0.8%	<b>0.7%</b>	-0.1%
Health	25.4%	<b>26.0%</b>	+0.6%
Education	4.7%	<b>4.9%</b>	+0.2%
Management and Commerce	13.3%	<b>13.7%</b>	+0.4%
Society and Culture	17.9%	<b>18.2%</b>	+0.3%
Creative Arts	8.3%	<b>8.0%</b>	-0.3%
Food, Hospitality and Personal Services	0.1%	<b>0.1%</b>	0.0%
Mixed Field Programs	0.2%	<b>0.3%</b>	0.1%

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<b>Offers by ASCED</b>			
<b>ASCED Broad field</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>% change</b>
Natural and Physical Sciences	10,520	<b>11,225</b>	+6.7%
Information Technology	3,919	<b>3,581</b>	-8.6%
Engineering and Related Technologies	6,036	<b>6,859</b>	+13.6%
Architecture and Building	2,675	<b>2,484</b>	-7.1%
Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies	702	<b>649</b>	-7.5%
Health	15,197	<b>15,069</b>	-0.8%
Education	3,140	<b>3,462</b>	+10.3%
Management and Commerce	10,572	<b>11,608</b>	+9.8%
Society and Culture	13,773	<b>14,748</b>	+7.1%
Creative Arts	5,538	<b>5,697</b>	+2.9%
Food, Hospitality and Personal Services	176	<b>116</b>	-34.1%
Mixed Field Programs	302	<b>390</b>	+29.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72,550</b>	<b>75,888</b>	

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<b>Offers by ASCED — proportion of all offers</b>			
<b>ASCED Broad field</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>%change</b>
Natural and Physical Sciences	14.5%	<b>14.8%</b>	+0.3%
Information Technology	5.4%	<b>4.7%</b>	-0.7%
Engineering and Related Technologies	8.3%	<b>9.0%</b>	+0.7%
Architecture and Building	3.7%	<b>3.3%</b>	-0.4%
Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies	1.0%	<b>0.9%</b>	-0.1%
Health	20.9%	<b>19.9%</b>	-1.0%
Education	4.3%	<b>4.6%</b>	+0.3%
Management and Commerce	14.6%	<b>15.3%</b>	+0.7%
Society and Culture	19.0%	<b>19.4%</b>	+0.4%
Creative Arts	7.6%	<b>7.5%</b>	-0.1%
Food, Hospitality and Personal Services	0.2%	<b>0.2%</b>	0.0%
Mixed Field Programs	0.4%	<b>0.5%</b>	+0.1%

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## 2. VTAC applications and offers

Applications 24/25	2024-25	2023-24	Change from 2023-24
<b>Total applicants</b>	<b>66,284</b>	62,946	+5.3%
Domestic applicants	<b>63,951</b>	60,696	+5.4%
Year 12 applicants	<b>53,253</b>	50,313	+5.8%
Non-Year 12 applicants	<b>13,031</b>	12,633	+3.2%
International (Year 12 applicants)	<b>2,333</b>	2,250	+3.7%

Results 24/25	2024-25	2023-24	Change from 2023-24
Victorian ATARs calculated	<b>47,461</b>	45,239	+4.9%
Victorian IB Admissions Scores (IBAS) calculated	<b>741</b>	616	+20.3%

Offers 2024/25 Intake	2024-25	2023-24	Change from 2023-24
<b>Total undergraduate offers issued to date</b>	<b>66,751</b>	<b>63,321</b>	<b>+5.42%</b>
January 2025 domestic offers issued	<b>12,938</b>	14,465	-10.56%
December domestic offers issued	<b>47,493</b>	42,920	+10.65%
November domestic offers issued	<b>4,349</b>	4,191	+3.77%
Total domestic offers issued to date	<b>64,780</b>	61,576	+5.20%
International Year 12 offers issued	<b>1,970</b>	1,745	+12.89%
Individual applicants with at least one offer	<b>56,075</b>	54,500	+2.89%

NB: 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

Includes higher education courses at TAFE institutes, universities, and independent tertiary colleges	2024-25	2023-24	Change from 2023-24
First preference applicants	61,208	58,130	+5.30%
<b>Total offers</b>	<b>61,104</b>	<b>57,809</b>	<b>+5.70%</b>
January offers	12,331	13,781	-10.52%
December offers	44,599	39,885	+11.82%
November offers	4,174	4,053	+2.99%

## VET

Includes VET courses at TAFE institutes, dual-sector universities and independent tertiary colleges	2024-25	2023-24	Change from 2023-24
First preference applicants	2,697	2,561	+5.31%
<b>Total offers</b>	<b>3,706</b>	<b>3,785</b>	<b>-2.09%</b>
January offers	598	602	-0.66%
December offers	2,930	3,044	-3.75%
November offers	178	139	+28.06%

Direct entry VET applications are not included in this data.

## 4. Domestic applications and offers by sector

University course applications and offers	2024-25	2023-24	Change from 2023-24
First preference applicants	64,927	59,352	+9.39%
<b>Total offers to date</b>	<b>62,412</b>	<b>59,125</b>	<b>+5.56%</b>
January offers	12,571	14,077	-10.70%
December offers	45,584	41,156	+10.76%
November offers	4,257	4,076	+4.44%

TAFE course applications and offers	2024-25	2023-24	Change from 2023-24
First preference applicants	259	309	-16.18%
<b>Total offers to date</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>-20.25%</b>
January offers	61	111	-45.05%
December offers	302	346	-12.72%
November offers	27	33	-18.18%

Independent tertiary college course applications and offers	2024-25	2023-24	Change from 2023-24
First preference applicants	1,098	1,035	+6.09%
<b>Total offers to date</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>1,789</b>	<b>+12.30%</b>
January offers	307	288	+6.60%
December offers	1,633	1,427	+14.44%
November offers	69	84	-17.86%

## 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 16 January.
- If you are hoping for a higher preference offer, check your VTAC account at 4pm on Tuesday 28 January 2025 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 16 January for consideration in the next round of offers which will be released on Tuesday 28 January 2025.
- 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.