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Record 49,310 VCE students receive Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) today releases the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) to 49,310 students who have completed the VCE. This is a record high for ATAR achievers, with 3.9% more VCE students receiving an ATAR than the figure of 47,461 students last year.

VTAC CEO Teresa Tjia congratulated all students completing year 12. “Today is a chance to celebrate your brilliant achievement and share this moment with all those who have supported you throughout your education journey”, Ms Tjia said.

Key facts and figures about the ATARs released today

42 students achieved the highest possible rank of 99.95, up from 41 last year, comprising 14 female students, 27 male students, and 1 gender X student (gender X includes non-binary students, others who do not identify exclusively as either male or female, and those who prefer not to answer the gender question).

The average ATAR for this year’s cohort is 69.48, consistent with the 69.52 average ATAR of the 2024 cohort.

VCE students took full advantage of the range of studies available, with 24,291 unique combinations of VCE subjects used in ATAR calculations this year. 369 students chose the most popular combination of VCE studies: English, Biology, Health and Human Development, General Mathematics, and Psychology. The same combination came out on top last year, when it was used in 350 ATAR calculations.

The most commonly appearing subjects in ATAR calculations were English (used in 40,285 ATARs), General Mathematics (30,189), Psychology (15,756), Mathematical Methods (15,756) and Biology (14,331).

Results released today include VCE study scores and other outcomes for students who do not receive an ATAR, including those studying the VCE Vocational Major or electing not to sit VCE exams. All these students are able to apply for further study through VTAC, with Certificate and Diploma courses most accessible to those without scored results.

Alongside the increase in students receiving an ATAR, more Victorians are pursuing tertiary study options, with a 3% increase in total applications for courses commencing in 2026 compared to the same time last year.

Student access to results and support services

Students expecting results today can access their ATAR and VCE results online using the **Results and ATAR website** (resultsandatar.vic.edu.au) or **app** from 7:00am. Year 11 students who have

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completed one or more year 12 subjects this year can also use the Results and ATAR service to access their individual study scores.

Students with questions after receiving their results can access a range of support services provided by VTAC, schools, and tertiary institutions.

Year 12 students can seek support from their school's careers practitioner or contact the [Post Results and ATAR Service](#), an enquiry service run by VTAC and the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). A [list of change of preference events and hotlines](#) run by universities, TAFE institutes, and independent tertiary colleges is available on the VTAC website.

Students receiving an ATAR this year will have a paperless experience following a successful transition year in which 2024 graduates received an official digital ATAR statement and supplementary printed statement. Eligible students will receive instructions by email for accessing their official digital ATAR statement on the My eEquals platform from Tuesday 16 December.

The ATAR and course selection

Victorian tertiary institutions consider a broad range of factors, including the ATAR, when selecting students for courses. VTAC calculates the ATAR for VCE students using results provide by the VCAA to enable fair comparisons of students' academic performance in the VCE. The ATARs awarded today will be used for entry to courses commencing in 2026 at universities, TAFE institutes and independent tertiary colleges.

Alongside or instead of an ATAR, some courses will consider a folio, audition, interview, test, or other factors when considering a potential student's ability to succeed in a course. All factors considered as part of course selection are published in advance through [VTAC CourseSearch](#) to ensure a fair and equitable process for all applicants.

VTAC calculates the ATAR using the highest permissible results for each student. A mathematical process of scaling ensures that no student is advantaged or disadvantaged by their subject choices, an important consideration given the wide range of studies available in the VCE.

International Baccalaureate (IB) results

Students studying the International Baccalaureate (IB) will receive their IB Admissions Score (IBAS) at 9am, Thursday 18 December, and will be eligible to receive December offers alongside VCE students.

Next steps and course offers

VCE graduates applying for tertiary study can update their course preferences via their VTAC account after receiving their results, and should confirm or change preferences by 12pm (noon), Saturday 13 December for consideration in the December offer round.

December offers will be released to students on Tuesday 23 December. Students can check the VTAC website for further information about the offer round, and will also be eligible to receive further offers made in January and February of 2026.

Quotes attributable to Teresa Tjia, Chief Executive Officer, VTAC

"Congratulations to all year 12 students receiving results today. Take the time to celebrate your success with the friends, family, teachers and community members who have been with you throughout your schooling."



“With your results in hand, now is the time to review your VTAC preferences and make any changes needed ahead of the deadline. Support is available from VTAC, schools and tertiary institutions if you need help. Remember to list your courses in the order you most want to study them to make sure you get the course offer that’s best for you.”

“Your ATAR only tells part of the story. Alongside the number you receive today, celebrate the skills, relationships, and strengths that you’ve developed in all areas of life throughout your years of schooling.”

Attached:

- 2025 ATAR Snapshot
- Next steps for students

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2025 ATAR snapshot

Total students receiving an ATAR on Thursday 11 December

- 49,310 students received an ATAR (47,461 last year)

Highest achieving students

- 42 students received an ATAR of 99.95 (one more than last year)
 - 27 male students (33 last year)
 - 14 female students (8 last year)
 - 1 gender X student (Gender X includes non-binary students, others who do not identify exclusively as either male or female, and those who prefer not to answer the gender question; 0 last year)

Average ATAR

- Overall: 69.48 (69.52 last year)
- Female: 70.20 (70.42 last year)
- Male: 68.60 (68.48 last year)
- Gender X: 72.40 (69.94 last year)

VCE studies used in the ATAR

- 24,291 unique combinations of VCE studies used (23,861 last year)
- Most common subject combination for 2025 (used by 369 students):
 - English
 - Biology
 - Health and Human Development
 - Maths: General Mathematics
 - Psychology

VET and higher education studies used in the ATAR

- 6,147 ATAR calculations included at least one VET study (6,238 last year)
- 583 ATAR calculations included a higher education study (548 last year)
- 601 students had a VE3 subject increment for a VET certificate included in their ATAR (557 last year)

Next steps for students

VCE RESULTS AND ATAR ADVICE

Students with questions about their VCE results or ATAR can contact the Post Results and ATAR Service (PRAS) run by VTAC and VCAA on 1800 653 080 or email pras@education.vic.gov.au. The service is open during the following hours:

- 7.00am to 5.00pm, Thursday 11 December 2025
- 9.00am to 5.00pm, Friday 12 December 2025
- 10.00am to 4.00pm, Saturday 13 December 2025
- 10.00am to 4.00pm, Sunday 14 December 2025 and
- 9:00am to 5.00pm, Monday 15 December 2025.

For more information and frequently asked questions, visit pras.resultsandatar.vic.edu.au.

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 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.
- VCE students must finalise any changes before 12pm (noon), Saturday 13 December for consideration in the first round of offers which will be released on Tuesday 23 December, 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.
- 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.

HOW THE ATAR IS CALCULATED

For further information about the calculation of the ATAR and the scaling process, refer to [VTAC's video explainer](#) or the [VTAC ATAR and Scaling Guide](#) available at vtac.edu.au