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47,461 VCE students achieve ATARs ahead of December offer round

Today, Thursday 12 December, the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) releases the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) to 47,461 students who have completed the VCE.

VTAC CEO Teresa Tjia congratulated all students who have completed year 12. “Completing year 12 is a fantastic achievement. Take the time to celebrate your results with the friends, parents, carers, and teachers who have supported you along the way”, Ms Tjia said.

Key facts and figures about the ATARs released today

Victorian students are achieving ATARs in record numbers, **with 4.7% more (2,222) students receiving an ATAR this year than last year**. 41 students achieved the highest possible rank of 99.95, up from 39 last year, and the average ATAR for this year’s cohort is 69.52, a slight increase from 2023 (69.41).

VCE students made the most of their study options, with **23,861 different combinations of VCE subjects used in ATAR calculations this year**, and 39% of students picking a combination of subjects unique to them. The **most popular combination of subjects**, chosen by 350 students, comprised English, Biology, Health and Human Development, General Mathematics, and Psychology. The same combination came out on top last year, when it was used in 283 ATAR calculations.

The most widely-used subjects in ATAR calculations were English (used in 39,089 ATARs), General Mathematics (28,771), Psychology (15,862), Mathematical Methods (14,921) and Biology (13,720).

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 choosing not to sit VCE exams. All students are able to apply for further study through VTAC, with Certificate and Diploma courses most accessible to those without scored results.

Student access to results and support services

Students receiving 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.

Alongside the increase in students receiving an ATAR, more Victorians are pursuing tertiary study options, with a 5% increase in total applications for courses commencing in 2025 than at the same time last year. 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.

The ATAR and other tertiary admissions criteria

Victorian tertiary institutions consider a broad range of factors when selecting students for courses, of which the ATAR is just one. VTAC calculates the ATAR for VCE students using results provide by the VCAA to enable fair comparisons of academic performance in the VCE. VTAC will use the ATARs

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awarded today to support applications for courses commencing in 2025 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, Wednesday 18 December, and will be eligible to receive December offers for the first time in 2024.

Next steps

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 14 December** for consideration in the December offer round.

December offers will be released to students at 10am on Monday 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 2025.

Quotes attributable to Teresa Tjia, CEO, VTAC

“Congratulations to all year 12 students on reaching this significant milestone. Your dedication, perseverance, and hard work have brought you to this moment, and VTAC wishes you every success in the exciting journey ahead.”

“The December offer round will open up the next step on your study journey. I encourage you to take this opportunity to review and finalise your VTAC preferences ahead of the deadline to make sure you get the course offer that's best for you.”

“The results you have received today are only part of the story. Throughout your schooling, you've developed skills, overcome challenges, and nurtured strengths that will serve you well in future study and beyond. Take pride in these accomplishments and keep developing your unique capabilities.”

Attached:

- 2024 ATAR Snapshot
- Next steps for students



2024 ATAR snapshot

Total students receiving an ATAR on Thursday 12 December

- 47,461 students received an ATAR (45,239 last year)

Highest achieving students

- 41 students received an ATAR of 99.95 (two more than last year)
 - 33 male students (30 last year)
 - 8 female students (9 last year)

Average ATAR

- Overall: 69.52 (69.41 last year)
- Female: 70.42 (70.23 last year)
- Male: 68.48 (68.43 last year)
- Gender X: 69.94 (70.08 last year)

VCE studies used in the ATAR

- 23,861 unique combinations of VCE studies used (22,912 last year)
- Most common subject combination for 2024 (used by 350 students):
 - English
 - Biology
 - Health and Human Development
 - Maths: General Mathematics
 - Psychology

VET and higher education studies used in the ATAR

- 6,238 ATAR calculations included at least one VET study (5,744 last year)
- 548 ATAR calculations included a higher education study (538 last year)
- 557 students had a VE3 subject increment for a VET certificate included in their ATAR (506 last year)

Note: Gender X includes non-binary students and others who do not identify exclusively as either male or female.



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 (03) 9637 3877 or email pras@education.vic.gov.au. The service is open during the following hours:

- Thursday 12 December: 7.00am–5.00pm
- Friday 13 December: 9.00am–5.00pm
- Saturday 14 December: 10.00am–4.00pm
- Sunday 15 December: 10.00am–4.00pm
- Monday 16 December: 9.00am–5.00pm

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.
- Any changes must be finalised before 12pm (noon), Saturday 14 December for consideration in the first round of offers which will be released on Monday 23 December, 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.

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