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Media release: 20,783 more study dreams realised as future students receive a January VTAC offer

Today the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) has released an additional 20,783 offers to applicants for tertiary courses, bringing the total number of offers made for 2020 study to 64,440.

Offers have been made to VTAC applicants from across the country who, on receiving today's news, can start planning their 2020 study year. Today's offers are in addition to those made in the new December offer round, which provided 36,004 VCE and QCE students with an offer before Christmas. All applicants were considered in today's offer round, including interstate and New Zealand students, students graduating with the International Baccalaureate (IB), and mature age students. VCE and QCE students who received an offer in December had any higher preference courses reconsidered in this round.

VTAC Director Catherine Wills congratulated applicants on their success to date and reminded all other applicants that there were further offer rounds to come: "Congratulations to all applicants receiving an offer today. Over 64,000 offers to courses at Victorian universities, TAFE institutes, and independent tertiary colleges have now been issued by VTAC for courses commencing in 2020, with even more offers to come throughout February. We are proud to support the ambitions of all students in pursuing their study and career goals."

Applicants who have already been offered a place in November or December may have received an offer today for a higher preference course. If these applicants wish to take up the new offer, they must contact the previous course to withdraw and then accept the new offer by following the enrolment instructions supplied by the tertiary institution.

Since November, VTAC has issued 61,268 offers to domestic applicants and 3,172 offers to international applicants. Four further offer rounds for domestic applicants will take place in February, with the next round to be released on Monday 3 February. Applicants who wish to change their preferences prior to this round by adding, removing, or rearranging courses can do so through their VTAC account until 4pm Friday 24 January, and should ensure that any courses they wish to be considered for are listed higher than any offers already received. International students have further offer rounds as well, with the final round released on 24 January.

In pursuing their dream courses in 2020 many students will be faced with new challenges such as balancing part time work and study, living out of home and establishing financial independence. It's

important they know that there are services available to support their transition from high school student to young adult.

Domestic applications

Applications from domestic year 12 applicants decreased slightly from 52,280 last year to 49,590 this year.

All domestic applicants continue to favour university courses with 62,584 listing a university course as their first preference. Applicants who placed a Vocational Education and Training course as their first preference totalled 3,296, a drop of 18.5%.

International students

Of the 3,935 international year 12 students to have applied through VTAC (a slight decrease of 1.5%), 2,735 have received an offer to date.

Undergraduate education courses in Victoria

The number of applicants for initial teacher education courses (undergraduate) has continued to decline for the fourth consecutive year, however this decline has slowed significantly compared to previous years. Applications for undergraduate teaching courses declined by only 4%, compared to a 10% decline in 2019 and a 28% decline in 2018.

For 2020, the minimum selection standard for education courses is a selection rank of 70.00. The ATAR is used to calculate the selection rank in conjunction with non-academic behavioural criteria such as the CASPer test, and the selection rank could include adjustments because of special consideration.

Quotes attributable to VTAC Director Catherine Wills

“Over 86% of domestic applicants have received at least one course offer to date, with further offer rounds to come. VTAC is proud to connect aspiring learners with Victorian universities, TAFE institutes, and independent tertiary colleges by issuing over 64,000 offers for courses commencing in 2020.”

“With a 6% increase in tertiary offers issued compared to last year, it’s a great time to be applying for tertiary study in Victoria. I congratulate all students who have received an offer, and encourage those who are still seeking an offer to reconsider their preference list and submit any changes by 4pm, 24 January for consideration in the first February offer round.”

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VTAC Statistics - as of 15 January 2020

Applications 2019/2020	2019/20	Change from 2018/19
Total applicants	64,506	-5.77%
Domestic applicants	60,571	-6.04%
Current Year 12 applicants	49,590	-5.15%
Non-Year 12 applicants	14,916	-7.80%
International Year 12 applicants	3,935	-1.50%

Offers 2020	2019/20	Change from 2018/19
Total undergraduate offers issued to date: [NB: individual applicants can receive more than one offer]	64,440	+6.72%
January domestic offers issued	20,783	-59.73% [due to new December round]
December domestic offers issued	36,002	+100.00% [new round]
November domestic offers issued	4,483	-13.84%
International Year 12 offers issued	3,172	-3.82%
Individual domestic applicants with at least one offer to date	52,137	-5.14%

Domestic applications and offers by course type

Higher education courses Includes higher education courses at TAFE, University and Independent tertiary colleges	2019/20	Change from 2018/19
First preference applicants	61,199	-4.77%
Total offers issued to date:	55,872	+8.61%
January offers	18,423	-60.47% [due to new December round]
December offers	33,243	+100.00% [new round]
November offers	4,206	-12.99%

Vocational Education and Training courses Includes VET courses at TAFE, Dual sector Universities and independent tertiary colleges	2019/20	Change from 2018/19
First preference applicants	3,296	-18.46%
Total offers issued to date:	5,464	+3.09%
January offers	2,358	-52.72% [due to new December round]
December offers	2,810	+100.00% [new round]
November offers	296	-5.43%

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Domestic applications and offers by sector

University course application and offer statistics (includes higher education courses and VET programs offered by dual sector institutions)	2019/20	Change from 2018/19
First preference applicants	56,328	-3.18%
Total offers issued to date:	58,102	+8.11%
January offers	19,488	-59.95% [due to new December round]
December offers	34,251	+100.00% [new round]
November offers	4,363	-14.18%

TAFE course application and offer statistics (includes higher education courses and VET programs offered by TAFE institutions)	2019/20	Change from 2018/19
First preference applicants	719	-23.02%
Total offers issued to date:	1,381	-4.04%
January offers	860	-37.50% [due to new December round]
December offers	455	+100.00% [new round]
November offers	66	+4.76%

Independent tertiary college application and offer statistics (includes higher education courses and VET programs offered by independent tertiary colleges)	2019/20	Change from 2018/19
First preference applicants	838	-8.42%
Total offers issued to date:	1,813	+8.76%
January offers	439	-72.61% [due to new December round]
December offers	1,298	+100.00% [new round]
November offers	76	+18.75%

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Applications by university

Data includes:

- First preferences only
- Domestic applications only
- Applications for higher education courses as of 15 January 2020

University	2018/19	2019/20	Change from 2018/19
Australian Catholic University	3,696	3,566	-3.5%
Deakin University	7,935	7,946	+0.1%
Federation University Australia	1,061	820	-22.7%
La Trobe University	6,123	5,292	-13.6%
Monash University	14,987	14,710	-1.8%
RMIT University	8,834	8,375	-5.2%
Swinburne University of Technology	2,771	2,314	-16.5%
University of Melbourne (The)	11,167	10,871	-2.7%
Victoria University	2,299	1,997	-13.1%
TOTAL	58,873	55,898	-5.3%

Offers by university

Data includes:

- All offers to date as of 15 January 2020
- Domestic applications only
- Higher education courses only

University	2018/19	2019/20	Change from 2018/19
Australian Catholic University	2,862	3,286	+14.8%
Deakin University	7,417	8,681	+17.0%
Federation University Australia	1,032	1,094	+6.0%
La Trobe University	6,263	6,134	-2.1%
Monash University	10,072	10,735	+6.6%
RMIT University	7,751	8,683	+12.0%
Swinburne University of Technology	2,740	3,228	+17.8%
University of Melbourne (The)	7,600	8,030	+5.7%
Victoria University	3,618	3,764	+4.0%
TOTAL	49,355	53,635	+8.7%

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