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## **A total of 68,316 VTAC offers made, ensures students can start their tertiary learning journey in 2021!**

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) has today issued 426 offers to applicants on behalf of Victorian tertiary institutions in the final February round, bringing the number of offers made in February 2021 to 11,766. 2021 saw an increase of 87% on last year for offers made in February. When combined with earlier offer rounds the total number of offers made to domestic students is 64,903. Since applications opened in August 2020, 67,380 prospective tertiary students have applied for courses through VTAC, of which 57,812 received at least one offer.

Of all the offers made, the majority (64,884) were to commence study at a university, 1,101 with TAFE and 2,331 at independent tertiary colleges. Given they are the largest group of applicants, it is not surprising that school leavers received the majority of offers, with a total of 55,203 offers made to applicants who completed their year 12 in 2020.

VTAC understands that 86 % of the 50,302 students who qualified for the VCE in 2020 submitted a VTAC application (43,758). Whether these school leavers are seeking a degree, certificate or diploma the centralised VTAC application platform offers applicants a simplified journey to tertiary study. With applicants able to list up to 8 preferences across 34 institutions, as part of their application. The VTAC application's ease of use and support offered by school based career practitioners, helped over 93% of VCE applicants to receive an offer to commence study in 2021.

VTAC issues the offers to applicants on behalf of institutions, each successful applicant will receive correspondence from the institution in relation to how they can accept their offer and enroll in the course. Students that have trouble in actioning this advice are encouraged to contact the institution directly with their questions.

Though the application period to commence study in semester 1, 2021 is now over, those who have not applied and still wish to commence study in semester 1 2021 can consider courses offered via direct entry, including a range of undergraduate certificate short courses which will receive Commonwealth funding for places in 2021. Information about these programs can be found at [Course Seeker](#) or the institutions website.

### **Quotes attributable to VTAC Director Catherine Wills:**

“The high percentage of VTAC applicants receiving an offer across all rounds reflects the power of our flexible preference system. VTAC plays a vital role in connecting applicants with quality tertiary education.”

“Students who remain uncertain about the best course for their future can contact the [VTAC Careers Hub](#) for impartial careers advice.”

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