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Policy reminders

Studies taken outside the normal timetable: Northern Hemisphere ATARs

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Any student with a study that is outside the normal (calendar year) timetable used to calculate their ATAR will receive a notional ATAR. As a measure of achievement, and for selection purposes, an ATAR and a notional ATAR are equivalent.

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) now offers some VCE studies on a timetable that runs from September to July. This is known as the Northern Hemisphere timetable (NHT). If a student completes one or more units of study under the NHT timetable, and one or more NHT studies are used to calculate their ATAR, they are not a part of the larger Victorian scaling population. Therefore, VTAC is providing graduating Northern Hemisphere students with a notional ATAR.

The scaling and aggregation to ATAR for these students in 2017 will be calculated based on the 2016 aggregate to ATAR table. The label “notional” indicates the ATAR is calculated outside the larger Victorian scaling and aggregation population.

Example 1: A student completes a Unit 3 and 4 study under the Northern Hemisphere timetable and other studies under the Southern Hemisphere timetable. Their NHT study is part of their primary four plus increments used for ATAR calculation. This student will receive a notional ATAR.

Example 2: A student completes one or more Unit 3 and 4 studies under the Northern Hemisphere timetable but none of them contribute to the ATAR because the results of the Southern Hemisphere studies were higher. This student will receive an ATAR calculated as a part of the larger Victorian scaling population.

Changes to initial teacher education selection criteria

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The Victorian Government, in partnership with the Victorian Institute of Teaching, have introduced a new selection framework for all initial teacher education (ITE) courses taking applications for 2018 and beyond. This framework aligns with the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership's *Action Now: Selection of entrants into initial teacher education, Guidelines*.

Under the framework, applicants' academic capabilities and non-academic capabilities (personal attributes) must be assessed for suitability for entry to ITE courses.

Academic capabilities

In 2018, Year 12 applicants seeking entry to an undergraduate education course must have a minimum ATAR of 65 after any SEAS or subject points have been awarded. From 2019, the minimum ATAR will be 70.

This requirement will be stated in the 'Additional information' section of course entries in CourseSearch unless the institution has set a minimum ATAR as a prerequisite. If a minimum ATAR is set as a prerequisite, SEAS or subject point bonuses will not be included in the calculation. In such instances, the minimum ATAR will be stated in the 'Prerequisites' section of the course entry.

Non-Year 12 applicants must meet a similar academic standard, as determined by the institution offering the course.

Non-academic capabilities

To assess the non-academic capabilities (personal attributes) of applicants to initial teacher education (ITE) courses, most Victorian institutions will use CASPer, a non-cognitive online test. This requirement will be listed under the 'Selection requirements' section of the course entry within CourseSearch. Read more in our [CASPer fact sheet](#).

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New, cancelled and amended courses

Cancelled course codes

Code	Course title	Campus	Cancellation type	Date
Australian College of Applied Psychology				
9210190002, 9210290002	Counselling (VET)	Melbourne, Off-campus	Course cancelled	10 August 2017
CQUniversity				
1700110281	Aviation (Associate Degree)	Distance Education	Course cancelled	11 August 2017
1700110291	Aviation Technology	Distance Education	Course cancelled	11 August 2017
1700110271	Aviation Theory (Diploma)	Distance Education	Course cancelled	11 August 2017
1700210361	Science (Psychology)	Melbourne	Campus only	16 August 2017
Deakin University				
1400714431, 1400714433	Arts/Commerce	Warrnambool	Campus only	24 August 2017
1405692141, 1405692142	Teaching (Secondary)	Cloud Campus	Campus only	30 August 2017
Federation University Australia				
3700810421	Networking and Security	Off-campus	Campus only	11 August 2017
3700837491	Software Development	Off-campus	Campus only	11 August 2017
3700810033	Teaching (Secondary)	Off-campus	International code only	19 August 2017
3701837821, 3701237821	Health Sciences	Berwick, Flexible delivery - Ballarat	Campuses only	23 August 2017
3701210301, 3701310301	Health Sciences (e-Health and Informatics)	Flexible delivery - Ballarat, Flexible delivery - Gippsland	Campuses only	23 August 2017
3701210281, 3701310281	Health Sciences (Leading and Managing Health Services)	Flexible delivery - Ballarat, Flexible delivery - Gippsland	Campuses only	23 August 2017
Swinburne University of Technology				
3400111184	Financial Services - Diploma	Croydon	Course cancelled	17 August 2017

New course codes

Code	Course title	Campus	Addition type	Date added
Australian Catholic University				
1200210301	Science/Business Administration	Melbourne	New course entry	15 August 2017
1200210283	Applied Public Health/Business Administration	Melbourne	New international code	15 August 2017
1200210293	Nutrition Science/Business Administration	Melbourne	New international code	15 August 2017
1200210303	Science/Business Administration	Melbourne	New international code	15 August 2017
Australian College of Applied Psychology				
9210110052, 9210210052	Counselling Skills	Melbourne, Off-campus	New course entry	10 August 2017
Box Hill Institute				
5100251804	Library and Information Services	Box Hill	New course entry	28 August 2017
5100210452	Photo Imaging	Box Hill	New course entry	31 August 2017
5100251114	Graphic Design	Box Hill	New course entry	31 August 2017
Collarts (Australian College of the Arts)				
8640110082	Audio Production & Entertainment Management (Double Degree)	South Melbourne	New course entry	8 August 2017
8640110092	Music Performance & Entertainment Management (Double Degree)	South Melbourne	New course entry	8 August 2017
CQUniversity				
1700110651	Logistics	Distance Education	New course entry	24 August 2017
1700110671	Aviation (Flight Operations)	Distance Education	New course entry	24 August 2017
1700110661	Aviation (Flight Operations) (Associate Degree)	Distance Education	New course entry	24 August 2017

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Federation University Australia				
3701874373	Business (Human Resource Management)	Berwick	New international code	18 August 2017
3701837513	Business (Management)	Berwick	New international code	18 August 2017
3701874383	Business (Marketing)	Berwick	New international code	18 August 2017
3701837403	Commerce	Berwick	New international code	18 August 2017
3701874313	Commerce (Accounting)	Berwick	New international code	18 August 2017
3701810173	Commerce (Economics & Finance)	Berwick	New international code	18 August 2017
3701810143	Community and Human Services	Berwick	New international code	18 August 2017
3701830453	Criminal Justice	Berwick	New international code	18 August 2017
3701810563	Education Studies	Berwick	New international code	18 August 2017
3701810383	Environmental and Conservation Science	Berwick	New international code	18 August 2017
3701837533	Information Technology	Berwick	New international code	18 August 2017
3701810163	Mechatronic Systems Engineering (Honours)	Berwick	New international code	18 August 2017
3701810333	Nursing	Berwick	New international code	18 August 2017
3701837223	Psychology	Berwick	New international code	18 August 2017
3701810373	Veterinary and Wildlife Science	Berwick	New international code	18 August 2017
La Trobe University				
2100210071	Criminology	Bendigo	New campus	24 August 2017
2100210061	Law/Criminology	Bendigo	New campus	24 August 2017
RMIT University				
3200310264	Financial Services (Diploma)	City	New course entry	11 August 2017
Swinburne University of Technology				
3400277374	Digital and Interactive Games - Lightmare Studios Project - Diploma	Hawthorn	New course entry	9 August 2017
3400110224, 3400210224	Justice - Diploma	Croydon, Hawthorn	New course entry	9 August 2017
3400210264	Product Design - Diploma	Hawthorn	New course entry	15 August 2017
3400211223	Architecture	Hawthorn	New international code	24 August 2017
3400211233	Design/Media and Communication	Hawthorn	New international code	24 August 2017
3400211243	Games and Interactivity/Animation	Hawthorn	New international code	24 August 2017
University of Melbourne (The)				
Direct	Teaching (Early Childhood) (Master of)	Parkville	New course entry	11 August 2017
Direct	Teaching (Early Childhood/Primary) (Master of)	Parkville	New course entry	11 August 2017
Direct	Teaching (Primary) (Master of)	Parkville	New course entry	11 August 2017
Direct	Teaching (Secondary) (Master of)	Parkville	New course entry	11 August 2017
3800639073	Fine Arts (Animation)	Southbank	New international code	18 August 2017
Victoria University				
4300240171, 4300240173	Accounting	City Flinders	New campus	24 August 2017
4301010891	Early Childhood Education	Footscray Park	New course entry	24 August 2017
4301010901	Fitness	Footscray Park	New course entry	24 August 2017
4301010921	Nutrition	Footscray Park	New course entry	24 August 2017
4301010931	Sport Science	Footscray Park	New course entry	28 August 2017
4301010911	Outdoor Education and Environmental Science	Footscray Park	New course entry	28 August 2017
4301784004	Massage	Werribee	New campus	29 August 2017

Course title changes

Institution and Code	NEW COURSE Title	OLD COURSE TITLE	Date CHANGED
Federation University Australia			
3700710401, 3700710403, 3700510401, 3700510403, 3700810401	Commerce/Business	Business/Commerce	16 August 2017

Institution and Code	NEW COURSE Title	OLD COURSE TITLE	Date CHANGED
Swinburne University of Technology			
3401078154	Visual Arts - Diploma/Advanced Diploma	Visual Arts - Diploma	29 August 2017

Major studies

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Deakin University		
1400714511, 1400714513	Commerce	10 August 2017
1400714491, 1400714493	Commerce/Law	10 August 2017
The major study 'Food and agribusiness (Warrnambool)' is now available for these courses at Warrnambool campus.		
La Trobe University		
2100221101, 2100321101, 2100421101	Education (Primary)	15 August 2017
Removed: 'Special education'. Added: 'Inclusive education'.		
Victoria University		
4301010901	Fitness	15 August 2017
Removal of: Anatomy and physiology, Biomechanics, Diet and Nutrition, Exercise physiology, Health education, Human movement, Kinesiology, Motor learning and performance, Physiology, Psychology (sport and exercise), Psychosocial studies, Research methods, Sociology and Sport therapy. Addition of: Health, Marketing, Management, Nutrition, Personal training, Resistance training, Group fitness, Fitness training systems, Fitness training for all populations.		

Qualification changes

Institution and Code	Course Title	Date CHANGED
Swinburne University of Technology		
3400210661, 3400210663	Arts (Professional)	15 August 2017
3400210691, 3400210693	Business (Professional)	15 August 2017
3400210701, 3400210703	Computer Science(Professional)	15 August 2017
3400210811, 3400210813	Health Science (Professional)	15 August 2017
3400210841, 3400210843	Media and Communication (Professional)	15 August 2017
3400210931, 3400210933	Science (Professional)	15 August 2017
Duration for these courses is now 4 years.		
3400210751, 3400210753	Engineering (Honours) (Professional)	15 August 2017
Duration for this course is now 5 years.		
3401078154	Visual Arts - Diploma/Advanced Diploma	29 August 2017
Advanced Diploma of Visual Arts: 1 year minimum duration is now available for this course.		
Victoria University		
4300210601, 4300810601, 4301010601, 4301310601	Health and Biomedicine (Chancellor's Scholarship)	30 August 2017
Removed: Bachelor of Applied Science, Added: Bachelor of Human Nutrition.		
4301010851	Arts and Education (Chancellor's Scholarship)	30 August 2017
Added: Bachelor of Early Childhood Education.		
4301010621	Sport and Exercise Science (Chancellor's Scholarship)	30 August 2017
Removed: Bachelor of Sport Science (Exercise Science) and the Bachelor of Sport Science (Human Movement). Added: Bachelor of Fitness, Bachelor of Outdoor Education and Environmental Science and Bachelor of Sport Science.		

Other amendments

Codes	Course Title	Date CHANGED
La Trobe University		
2100322571, 2100322573	Applied Science/Orthoptics	30 August 2017
Professional accreditation now reads: The Bachelor of Applied Science and Master of Orthoptics is accredited by the Australian Orthoptic Board (AOB). Graduates of the Bachelor of Applied Science and Master of Orthoptics may be eligible to apply for registration with the AOB; please contact the relevant professional body for details.		