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New policies

Changes to initial teacher education selection criteria

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](#).

Changes to SEAS

The following changes have been made to the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS), commencing in 2017.

1. SEAS categories have been reordered, as follows:
 - Category 1: Personal information and location
 - Category 2: Disadvantaged financial background
 - Category 3: Disability or medical condition
 - Category 4: Difficult circumstances
2. Category 2: Disadvantaged financial background now requires applicants to demonstrate the impact of financial disadvantage upon their daily life, rather than the previous and narrower focus of impact on educational achievement.

Statements of support—age of responsible person

As of 2017, statements of support, for both SEAS and scholarship applications, must be provided by a responsible person who is aged 21 or over (previously the age was 18 or over).

Please be reminded that the statement of support should be supplied on the VTAC form provided, as generated through the SEAS and/or scholarship application. For more information see VTAC's [statement of support fact sheet](#).

International applications broadened to TAFE

From 2017, international students studying the VCE or an equivalent Year 12 program, including the Australian IB, may apply for TAFE courses through VTAC.

Courses available to international students can be identified by the course code: all course codes ending in '3' are available to international students.

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Post main round applications

From this year onwards, new course applications will be accepted after Round 1 offers are released. Not all courses are available at this late stage—popular courses may have already reached capacity. Students who have forgotten to make an application, or had a last-minute change of mind and wish to study in Victoria will be able to create their application from the VTAC website.

Existing policy

Studies taken outside the normal timetable

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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.

Example 1: A student completes one or more Unit 3 and 4 studies under the Northern Hemisphere timetable and other studies under the Southern Hemisphere timetable. 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.

New, cancelled and amended courses

Cancelled course codes

Code	Course title	Campus	Cancellation type	Date
Australian Catholic University				
1200110121	Biomedical Science	Ballarat	Campus only	5 August 2017
Chisholm Institute				
5700554722	Design	Chisholm @ 311	Course cancelled	27 July 2017
Federation University Australia				
3701710411	Social Science	Community locations	Campus only	27 July 2017
3701810401	Business/Commerce	Berwick	Campus only	28 July 2017
3701210231, 3701310231, 3701610231	Education (Birth – Year 6)	Flexible delivery - Ballarat, Flexible delivery - Gippsland, Flexible delivery - Werribee	Campuses only	29 July 2017
3700574294	Food Science and Technology	Mount Helen (Ballarat)	Campus only	1 August 2017
La Trobe University				
2100222381, 2100222383	Public Health Promotion	Bendigo	Course cancelled	28 July 2017
Melbourne Polytechnic				
6900210172	Veterinary Nursing (Associate Degree)	Epping	Course cancelled	3 August 2017

New course codes

Code	Course title	Campus	Addition type	Date added
Australian Catholic University				
1200210281	Applied Public Health/Business Administration	Melbourne	New course entry	1 August 2017
1200210291	Nutrition Science/Business Administration	Melbourne	New course entry	1 August 2017
1200210301	Science/Business Administration	Melbourne	New course entry	1 August 2017
Federation University Australia				
3701837273	Business Information Systems	Berwick	New international code	26 July 2017
3701810213	Mobile App Development	Berwick	New international code	26 July 2017
3701210411, 3701910411, 3701310411, 3702010411	Social Science	Flexible delivery - Ballarat, Flexible delivery - Berwick, Flexible delivery - Gippsland, Flexible delivery - Wimmera	New campus offerings	26 July 2017
3701810343	Education (Primary)	Berwick	New international code	1 August 2017
3700510081	Foundation Access Studies Program (FAST)	Mount Helen (Ballarat)	New campus offering	1 August 2017
La Trobe University				
2100311181	Veterinary Nursing	Melbourne	New course entry	25 July 2017
2100120221, 2100220221, 2100220223, 2100420221, 2100520221	Paramedic Practice with Honours	Albury-Wodonga, Bendigo, Mildura, Shepparton	New course entry	25 July 2017
2100311143	Biomedicine	Melbourne	New international code	28 July 2017
2100120073	Science	Albury-Wodonga	New international code	28 July 2017
2100311173	Sports and Exercise Science	Melbourne	New international code	28 July 2017

Code	Course title	Campus	Addition type	Date added
2100210043, 2100310043	Engineering Honours (Industrial)	Bendigo, Melbourne	New international codes	7 August 2017
Melbourne Polytechnic				
6900610304	Baking (Retail)	Preston	New course entry	7 August 2017
6900869474, 6900669474	Commercial Cookery	Prahran, Preston	New course entry	7 August 2017
6900669574	Hospitality	Preston	New course entry	7 August 2017
6900669174	Events	Preston	New course entry	7 August 2017
6900869454, 6900669454	Patisserie	Prahran, Preston	New course entry	7 August 2017
6900610344	Business Sales	Preston	New course entry	7 August 2017
6900610334	Human Resources	Preston	New course entry	7 August 2017
Monash University				
2800211511	Health Sciences (Indigenous Entry)	Caulfield	New course entry	2 August 2017
2800711481	Paramedicine (Indigenous Entry)	Peninsula	New course entry	2 August 2017
2800211491	Public Health (Indigenous Entry)	Caulfield	New course entry	2 August 2017
2800311501	Radiation Sciences (Indigenous Entry)	Clayton	New course entry	2 August 2017

Course title changes

Institution and Code	NEW COURSE Title	OLD COURSE TITLE	Date CHANGED
Federation University Australia			
3700674234	Engineering - Technical (VET)	Engineering - Mechanical	1 August 2017

Major studies

Institution and Code	Course Title	Date CHANGED
La Trobe University		
2100222091, 2100322091	Science Double Degree Program	25 July 2017
<i>The major studies 'Biomedical science', 'Electronic systems' and 'Psychology' are no longer available for this course.</i>		
2100322791	Agriculture and Technology	28 July 2017
<i>Removed: 'Agribusiness'. Added: 'Equine studies'.</i>		
2100321381, 2100321383	Arts/Science	28 July 2017
<i>The major studies 'Computer science', 'Electronic systems', 'Information technology' and 'Psychology' are no longer available for this course.</i>		
2100221741, 2100221743	Health Sciences	28 July 2017
<i>The major study 'Health promotion (Melbourne only)' is now 'Health promotion (Bendigo and Melbourne)'.</i>		
2100120071, 2100120073, 2100220071, 2100220073, 2100320071, 2100320073	Science	28 July 2017
<i>Added: 'Biomedical science (Albury-Wodonga only)', 'Mathematics (Bendigo and Melbourne)', 'Pharmaceutical chemistry (Albury-Wodonga and Bendigo)', 'Physics (Bendigo and Melbourne)'. Removed: 'computer science (Melbourne only)', 'electronic systems (Melbourne only)', 'information technology (Melbourne only)', 'physical sciences (Bendigo only)', 'psychology (Melbourne only)'.</i>		
2100210021	Science/Business	28 July 2017
<i>Removed: 'Physical sciences'. Added: 'Pharmaceutical chemistry', 'Physics', 'Mathematics'.</i>		

Institution and Code	Course Title	Date CHANGED
RMIT University		
3200333661, 3200333663	Engineering Technology (Associate Degree)	7 August 2017
<i>Added: 'Mechanical engineering'.</i>		

Qualification changes

Institution and Code	Course Title	Date CHANGED
RMIT University		
3200372404	Live Production and Technical Services	7 August 2017
<i>Duration for the Diploma of Live Production and Technical Services is now 1 year.</i>		

Other amendments

Codes	Course Title	Date CHANGED
La Trobe University		
2100193281, 2100193282, 2100293281, 2100293282, 2100393281, 2100393282	Teaching (Secondary) (GET)	25 July 2017
<i>The specialist teaching area 135: Media Studies is now available for this course.</i>		

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