



2008 Important Dates

- Closing date timely applications:
Tuesday 30 September 2008
- ENTERs released:
Monday 15 December 2008

A complete timeline of all key dates will be available from 17 March 2008 on the VTAC website.

Dates will also be included in the VTAC Calendar which will be sent to schools in March 2008.

VTAC Annual Seminar

The VTAC annual Presidents of local Careers Associations seminar will be held on Friday 14 March 2008 from 10.00am at the VTAC office 40 Park Street South Melbourne. Invitations and an agenda will be sent to regional careers groups in late February.

The program will include a guest speaker and lunch will be provided at the completion of meeting approximately 12noon.

You are invited to contribute. If you have any ideas or issues you would like to see addressed or discussed at the Seminar, contact David Osborne, Manager Schools Liaison via davido@vtac.edu.au

Keep up to date

To keep up to date about new courses, cancelled courses and processes, register for VNews now at www.vtac.edu.au

VICTER 2009 for VTAC Guide 2009

As a result of a decision by the Victorian Institute of Teaching applicants without satisfactory VCE mathematics study will be required to demonstrate competence in mathematics, and may be required to complete additional mathematics study.

RMIT University

Education: Prerequisites: Units 1 and 2 - mathematics (any). Units 3 and 4 – English (any).

Victoria University

The prerequisite statement for each of the listed courses will now read:

Prerequisites: 'Units 1 & 2: mathematics (any) Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in English (any)

Education (P-12)

Education (P-12)-Creativity and the Arts

Education (P-12)-General

Education (P-12)-Outdoor Education

Education (P-12)-Physical Education (Primary)

Prerequisites: 'Units 1 & 2: mathematics (any) Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in English (any) and in one of biology, chemistry or physics.

Education(P-12)-Science Teaching

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VTAC Policy

English Prerequisite

Most institutions participating in the VTAC system require English as either an institutional requirement or prerequisite. To confirm this requirement all applicants are advised to check both the institutional pages and course entries.

English (ESL) prerequisites (for more information refer to VTAC Bulletin, November 2007)

VTAC wishes to remind all schools and students of decisions made by some higher education institutions to amend their course specific VCE English requirements for 2009 entry in response to the 'Report of the VTAC Working Party on English and ESL in August 2007'.

For further information refer to the November 2007 Bulletin.

For a complete list of the courses affected by this change refer to: www.vtac.edu.au/general/ESL.pdf

Legitimate one year VCE student

The definition of a legitimate one year VCE student is:

- No Enhancement or TAFE increment available;
- No VET increment available
- No unit 1/2 results from VCAA
- VCAA Block credit for at least ten units at 1/2 level,
- obtained for study outside Victoria
- No VCAA Block credit at 3/4 level
- VCAA results of 5 scored sequences at 3/4 level in the one year and being the only attempt at the VCE.

Tertiary entry and definition of an International Student

The Commonwealth government definition of an international student differs from that of the Victorian State Government. Schools are advised to read the definition outlined in 2009 VTAC Guide (available in July 2008).

Schools Update

Reference copies of Publications

VTAC makes available free copies of the following publications to schools:

- VTAC Guide 2009 (reference numbers based on Year 12 population).
- VICTER (reference numbers based on Year 10 population)
- ABC of Applying (one for each year 12 student)
- Choice (one for each Year 10 student)
- SEAS (reference copies based on numbers of Year 12 population)

For Schools that do not register their Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12 students a default package comprising 5 copies of all VTAC publications will automatically be sent to the school.

- Registrations open: Monday 14 April 2008 at 11.00am
- Registrations close: Friday 2 May 2008 at 5.00pm

Purchased copies of VTAC Guides

To pre-order and purchase copies of the VTAC Guide either for or on behalf of your students you must place your order through VTAC CourseLink.

- Pre-purchase VTAC Guide 2009 ordering opens Monday 12 May 2008
- Pre-purchase VTAC Guide 2009 ordering closes Friday 30 May 2008

Proposed Career Teacher Briefings for 2008

These sessions are held every year by VTAC staff and cover a wide range of issues including changes to VTAC Guide 2009, application process, SEAS and other items of genuine interest to all Careers Teachers.

The following schedule is tentative and will be adjusted, based on participant registration., and confirmed in the July 2008 Bulletin.

We have one dedicated session for newly appointed Careers Teachers and this is the first metropolitan session.

Proposed dates:

Friday 1 August Mildura
 Monday 4 - Friday 8 August . . . Metropolitan briefings
 Tuesday 5 August Gippsland
 Wednesday 6 August East Gippsland
 Monday 11 August Wodonga and Geelong
 Tuesday 12 August . . . Shepparton and Warrnambool
 Wednesday 13 August Swan Hill and Horsham
 Thursday 14 August Bendigo and Ballarat

VTAC VCE Parent Briefings (copyright)

VTAC Briefing Seminars for Parents of VCE students

An information package for careers teacher and/or VCE coordinators will be prepared in July for sessions at which VTAC staff will not be in attendance.

In the case of historically large sessions VTAC will continue to attend and conduct sessions in conjunction with community groups of schools.

Proposed dates:

Tuesday 5 August Gippsland tbc

Monday 11 August Colac tbc

Tuesday 12 August . Shepparton tbc and Hamilton tbc

Thursday 14 August Bendigo tbc and Ballarat tbc

Registering for a VTAC parent information seminar

School groups must complete the VTAC Parent Information Seminar form and return it to David Osborne (Fax 9686 6054) by no later than Monday 17 March 2008.

When submitting a request your group of schools must complete the online registration form, available from VTAC CourseLink, Teacher Access.

As part of this process, you must indicate how you intend to advertise the evening and based on previous experience, the expected numbers

Your school group must also:

- Ensure the night in question does not clash with other school activities e.g. Parent teacher night, school play or Rock Eisteddfod
- Supply details of venue to be used and general set up for the evening including details of the equipment.
- Provide a computer and access to a data show and screen (unless otherwise negotiated).

The briefings will run from mid July 2008 until the end of August 2008. Staffing resources are limited and as a result, not all requests may be facilitated. While VTAC will endeavor to meet all school group requests, the decision to attend a session is at the discretion of VTAC.

About VTAC

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) is responsible for the administration of a joint selection system for undergraduate courses on behalf of Victorian Universities, TAFE Institutes and Independent Tertiary Colleges. This includes the distribution of application information to institutions and offer information to applicants.

VTAC also administers applications for the Graduate Diploma in Education courses.

VTAC does not select applicants nor does it have any responsibility for the VCE curriculum or assessment. Selection is the responsibility of institutional course selection authorities; the VCE is the responsibility of the VCAA.

As part of its role, VTAC produces and distributes application materials to all groups of applicants including year 12 students and non year 12 applicants. VTAC distributes year 12 information to Victorian and interstate senior secondary schools and providers, and conducts information and briefing sessions for careers teachers, parents of Year 10 and VCE students, and other professionals.

VTAC resources

VTAC Bulletin

The VTAC Bulletin is your source of updated information to prerequisites, VTAC system rules and new and cancelled courses.

Careers teachers must read the VTAC Bulletin to ensure that:

- Key dates are not missed.
- Changes to processes are registered.

Missing a deadline or getting a process wrong will result in your students being disadvantaged.

VTAC Guide 2009: A guide to tertiary courses (Available July 2008)

A one-stop information source for anyone applying through the VTAC system. This publication contains descriptions of all the institutions participating in the VTAC system, the courses they offer, the requirements of those courses and instructions on application procedures. The VTAC Guide 2009 is available from all major Victorian and selected interstate newsagents for \$12.95 and reference copies are sent to all Victorian schools.

ABC of Applying: Getting it Right (Available July 2008)

A companion to the Guide, ABC of Applying summarises (for parents of VCE students) all the vital information needed for the application process without all the course and institutional information contained in the Guide. All Victorian schools are sent one copy per year 12 student.

Back to the Books: Planning your Return to Study (Available June 2008)

Are you an adult thinking of returning to study? Rejoining the tertiary system can seem daunting after a break. Back to the Books provides a simple explanation on issues relevant to adults returning to study along with profiles on people who went 'Back to the Books' and their experiences. It is available from all tertiary institutions in the VTAC system, libraries and Centrelink offices.

ABC of Scaling: Scaling and the ENTER (Available December 2008)

A pamphlet that explains in simple terms how VTAC scales the VCE study scores and then calculates the ENTER from those scaled scores. A copy is mailed to all VCE students (who qualify for an ENTER) with their ENTER statement in December of each year.

VICTER 2011: Victorian Tertiary Entrance Requirements (Available July 2008)

VICTER allows institutions to outline the VCE study requirements needed for entry into their courses in two years time. This advance information is vital for year 10 students planning a VCE curriculum and a future tertiary direction. All Victorian schools are sent a number of reference copies based on the number of year 10 students enrolled.

CHOICE! VCE Studies and the ENTER (Available July 2008)

A companion booklet to VICTER, it provides a snapshot of the tertiary system for year 10 students, explains the terms they need to be familiar with and debunks some of the myths commonly associated with choosing subjects by using real life examples. All Victorian schools are sent one copy per year 10 student and an abridged version is published in Melbourne Metro newspapers in July.

SEAS: Special Entry Access Schemes (Available July 2008)

SEAS is the centralised application program for special entry schemes available at participating tertiary institutions in Victoria. The SEAS booklet lists all the institutions, their special entry schemes, criteria for applying to those schemes and application instructions.

Copies of the booklet are available from all Victorian schools and from institutions participating in the SEAS program.

Electronic copies of all publications are available in the 'Publications and Statistics' section of the VTAC website <www.vtac.edu.au>

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