

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.

2009 Important Dates

- Applications open: Monday 3 August
- Closing date timely applications: Wednesday 30 September 2009
- ENTERs released: Monday 14 December 2009

A complete timeline of all key dates will be available from Friday 23 March 2009 on the VTAC website.

VTAC resources

VTAC Bulletin and VNews

The VTAC Bulletin is your way of staying up to date. There are two ways of receiving the VTAC Bulletin:

1. if you are a school you will be sent a hard copy.
2. all other interested people are encouraged to register for the electronic version of this document via VNews.

The VTAC Bulletin will keep you up to date about information such as:

- VTAC system rules
- new and cancelled courses
- Key dates
- changes to course titles, majors or campuses

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To register annually for the VTAC Bulletin (VNews) go to www.vtac.edu.au today!

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Note: Copies of previous bulletins are available online

VTAC Important dates

The dates to be used for this selection period and publications are:

Applications open: Monday 3 August 2009	Very late close: 5pm 11 December 2009
Timely close: 5pm 30 September 2009	Early round offers: 2pm 27 November 2009
Late close: 5pm 13 November 2009	Main round offers: 9pm 18 January 2010

VTAC Guide 2010: A guide to tertiary courses

(RRP: \$15 (incl GST) - Available July 2009)

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 2010 is available from all major Victorian and selected interstate newsagents for \$15.00 and reference copies are sent to all Victorian schools.

ABC of Applying: Getting it Right

(Free - Available July 2009)

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.

ABC of Scaling: Scaling and the ENTER

(Free - Available December 2009)

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 2012

(Available July 2009)

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

A copy of this publication is also published in the Age and Herald Sun. This year's supplement will be available in late July.

CHOICE! VCE studies and the ENTER

(Free - Available July 2009)

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 both Melbourne Metropolitan newspapers in late July.

SEAS: Special Entry Access Schemes

(Free - Available July 2009)

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.

Scholarships

(Available in July 2009)

Universities in Victoria offer a range of scholarships for students. These scholarships fall into two broad categories

- Access & Equity Scholarships
- Institutional Merit Scholarships

Detailed information on specific scholarships is found in this publication including how to apply and reference copies of the scholarships booklet will be sent to all schools

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

Amendments**Education courses**

Further to last year's notice about prerequisites and the certification of Education courses in Victoria (Bulletin: September 2008) please note that Prerequisite statements for 2010 (TABLE 2) and 2011 (TABLE 3) have been updated to include a minimum of Units 1 and 2 general mathematics or mathematical methods (either) and a minimum study score of 25 in English (any).

For details of these changes. refer to:
<http://www.vtac.edu.au/current/vit-prereqs.html>

VICTER 2011**Victoria University of Technology**

Science-Specialisation

Education-Science Education

From: Units 3 and 4 - a study score of at least 25 in English (any) and in mathematics (any).

To: Units 3 and 4 - a study score of at least 20 in English (any) and in mathematics (any).

English requirements for courses in the VTAC Guide

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 individual course entries in the VTAC Guide

Definition of a 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.

Definition of an International Student

The Commonwealth government definition of an international student differs from that of the Victorian State Government.

Therefore all applicants are advised to read the VTAC Guide 2010 for further information. The VTAC Guide 2010 will be available to prospective applicants in late July 2009.

Reference copies of Publications

VTAC makes available copies of the following publications to schools at no charge:

- VTAC Guide 2010 (reference numbers based on Year 12 population).
- VICTER 2012 (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)
- Scholarships Booklet (reference copies based on numbers of Year 12 population)

To ensure that your school obtains adequate reference copies of these publications your school representative must register the numbers of Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 students currently enrolled.

Schools that do not register their Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12 student numbers will receive a default package of 5 copies of each publication.

To register you must log onto VTAC CourseLink

- Registrations open:
Monday 20 April 2009 at 12.00 noon
- Registrations close:
Friday 8 May at 5.00pm

Purchased copies of VTAC Guides

To pre-order and purchase copies of the 2010 VTAC Guide you must place an order through VTAC CourseLink.

Once an order has been placed, the school is liable for payment.

To pre-order your purchased copy of the VTAC Guide log onto VTAC CourseLink.

- Purchased VTAC Guide 2010 pre-orders open:
Monday 11 May 2009 12.00noon
- Purchased VTAC Guide 2010 pre-orders close:
Friday 22 May 2009 5.00pm

Proposed Seminars for 2009

Career Teacher Briefings

These Careers Teacher Briefings are conducted annually by VTAC staff and cover a wide range of issues including changes to VTAC Guide 2010, application process, SEAS, Scholarships and other items of genuine interest to all Careers Teachers.

The following schedule is tentative and will be confirmed in the July 2009 Bulletin.

All Metropolitan Briefings are held at: 40 Park Street South Melbourne 3205.

New careers teachers only

Location: VTAC, 40 Park Street, South Melbourne 3205.

Monday 3 August

VTAC office	9.00am - 12noon
	1.00pm - 4.00pm

Metropolitan dates and times

Tuesday 4 August

morning session	9.30am—11.30am
afternoon session	1.00pm—3.00pm

Wednesday 5 August

morning session	9.30am—11.30am
afternoon session	1.00pm—3.00pm

Thursday 6 August

morning session	9.30am—11.30am
afternoon session	1.00pm—3.00pm

Friday 7 August

morning session	11.00am – 1.00pm
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**Note the session time for Friday.*

Regional dates and times

Friday 31 July

10.30am – 12.30pm Mildura

Tuesday 4 August

1.00—3.00pm Gippsland

Wednesday 5 August

11.00—1.00pm East Gippsland

Monday 10 August

1.00—3.00pm Ballarat

Monday 10 August

1.00—3.00pm Wodonga

Tuesday 11 August

1.00—3.00pm Horsham

Tuesday 11 August

1.00—3.00pm Shepparton

Wednesday 12 August

1.00—3.00pm Swan Hill

Thursday 13 August

1.00—3.00pm Warrnambool

Thursday 13 August

1.00—3.00pm Bendigo

Friday 14 August

9.30am - 11.30am Geelong

VCE Parent Briefings

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 20 April, 2009.

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.

As a matter of policy, VTAC does not attend briefings for single school events, so please do not ask.

While VTAC will endeavor to meet all school group requests, the decision to attend a session is at the discretion of VTAC.

Preference will be given to schools in regional Victoria.

When completing the request 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 2009 until the end of August 2009. Staffing resources are limited and as a result, not all requests may be facilitated.

The proposed dates, yet to be confirmed for regional events are:

- Gippsland (Sale): Tuesday 4 August
- Ballarat: Monday 10 August
- Wangaratta: Monday 10 August
- Swan Hill: Tuesday 11 August
- Horsham: Tuesday 11 August
- Hamilton: Wednesday 12 August
- Bendigo: Thursday 13 August
- Colac: Thursday 13 August