



Scaling of LOTEs with fewer than 11 students in the scaling population from 2007

As a result of government policy to encourage the study of Languages Other Than English (LOTE), the scaling process ensures that the ENTER subject scores for each LOTE are adjusted by adding five to the initial scaled mean. This process is commonly referred to as the "LOTE bonus".

All students of a LOTE receive an adjustment, but for each large LOTE which is automatically scaled it is not a uniform adjustment. For scores at or close to 30, the adjustment is 5, but the adjustment decreases as the score moves away from 30.

In all studies with fewer than 11 students in the scaling population, a joint VTAC/VCAA committee determines the final study scores. The committee estimates the study score that would have been achieved after scaling by VTAC. This is done by looking at the overall performance of the students in their other VCE studies and by comparing their performance with that of students in previous years. Where required the distribution is adjusted upwards or downwards to match the students' overall level of VCE performance.

For small LOTEs (a LOTE with fewer than 11 students in the scaling population) the LOTE adjustment of 5 has then been applied uniformly across all scores in determining the ENTER subject scores.

In early 2006 investigations and analyses were carried out, and duplicated over several cycles so as to ensure reliability. These investigations suggested a methodology for making the LOTE adjustment for small LOTEs in a similar way to the adjustments made for the larger LOTEs, that is, an adjustment of 5 at or close to a score of 30 and decreasing as the score moves away from 30.

In June 2006, the VTAC Management Committee agreed that commencing with the 2007 scaling process, the small LOTE adjustment should be the maximum of zero and the average LOTE adjustment over the previous three years, truncated at two decimal places. This will mean that the 'LOTE adjustment' will be applied consistently and equitably over all LOTEs, regardless of the size of the student cohort.

In line with the above decision, the small LOTE adjustment in 2007 will be the maximum of zero and the average LOTE adjustment over 2004, 2005 and 2006. The following table shows the ENTER subject scores for small LOTEs in 2007.

Study score	2007 ENTER subject score for small LOTEs (including LOTE adjustment)
1	1.00
2	2.00
3	3.13
4	4.32
5	5.53
6	6.76
7	8.01
8	9.27
9	10.53
10	11.80
11	13.06
12	14.33
13	15.59
14	16.85
15	18.10
16	19.35
17	20.58
18	21.81
19	23.02
20	24.22
21	25.41
22	26.58
23	27.74
24	28.88
25	30.01
26	31.12
27	32.21
28	33.28
29	34.33
30	35.37
31	36.39
32	37.38
33	38.35
34	39.31
35	40.24
36	41.15
37	42.04
38	42.90
39	43.74
40	44.56
41	45.35
42	46.12
43	46.85
44	47.56
45	48.24
46	48.89
47	49.49
48	50.04
49	50.52
50	50.74



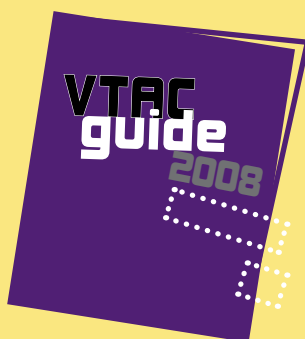
To register your International students login to the VTAC CourseLink program and follow the prompts.

- Registrations open: 9.00am Monday 16 July 2007
- Registrations close: 5.00pm Friday 23 July 2007

Schools not entering their data during the prescribed time will be charged an administrative fee of \$35.00 (per student).

The cost for the VTAC Guide 2008 will be RRP \$12.95.

Copies of the VTAC Guide will be available for sale from Monday 30 July.



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VTAC Briefing sessions: proposed timeline and locations for 2007

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

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

Registrations for the Annual briefing sessions open on Monday 4 June at 9.00am and all registrations in the Metropolitan area will be capped at 60 persons to prevent the overcrowding we are getting at these sessions. This is due to OHS&E concerns with numbers in the building and for catering.

Metropolitan sessions

All metropolitan sessions are held at the VTAC office 40 Park Street South Melbourne

Monday 30 July	Tuesday 31 July	Wednesday 1 August	Thursday 2 August	Friday 3 August
Newly appointed Careers Teacher day	Careers Teachers	Careers Teachers	Careers Teachers	Careers Teachers
10.00am—2.30pm	9.30am—11.30am 1.00pm—3.00pm	9.30am—11.30am 1.00pm—3.00pm	9.30am—11.30am 1.00pm—3.00pm	9.30am—11.30am 1.00pm—3.00pm

Regional sessions

The first Regional sessions will be held during the week of Monday 23 July 2007.

Friday 27 July 2007

Mildura
St Josephs College, Mildura
11.30—1.30pm

Tuesday 31 July

Gippsland Region
Monash University, Gippsland
1.00—3.00pm

Wednesday 1 August

East Gippsland
Nagle College, Bairnsdale
11.00—1.00pm

Monday 6 August

Geelong/Bendigo
1.00—3.00pm

Tuesday 7 August

Warrnambool/SwanHill
1.00—3.00pm

Wednesday 8 August

Horsham/Shepparton
1.00—3.00pm

Thursday 9 August

Ballarat/Wodonga
1.00—3.00pm

The confirmed venues for the Regional briefing sessions will be advised later in year via the VTAC Bulletin and email. VTAC welcomes any school who can offer a venue to help with the running of these sessions.

*The schedule is tentative and will be adjusted, based on participant registration.

Key dates for Careers Teachers

Ordering student copies of the VTAC Guide 2008

Opens: 9.00am Monday 7 May 2007
Closes: 5.00pm Friday 18 May 2007

Registration of International Students

Opens: 9.00am Monday 16 July 2007
Closes: 5.00pm Friday 23 July 2007

Registration for briefing sessions

Opens: 9.00am Monday 4 June 2007