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CourseLink pilot for interstate schools

For the 2014 application and selection period, VTAC will be piloting interstate access to VTAC CourseLink. It is anticipated that interstate schools will have access with the permission of students to see which students applied for courses through VTAC, what courses they have applied for, what offers they have received and who has and hasn't enrolled in courses offered by VTAC.

VTAC will be writing to all non-Victorian schools in the next two weeks seeking cooperation in participating in this year's pilot, due for release in August 2013.

For all other updates to CourseLink please refer to your regular updates, which are available from the careers practitioners website under memorandums.

A revised CourseSearch

The following initiatives are being implemented for the 2014 VTAC Guide.

Quick search function – allows the user to search by code or by key word. Once the list is produced, users will be able to see and sort the output by relevance.

Advanced search function – allows the user to search by one or more criteria including:

- Name of institution
- Areas of interest
- Application method (optional)
- Shortlists and email

All users will also be able to shortlist courses of interest via CourseSearch and email the shortlist to whoever they wish i.e. themselves, students, parents, counsellors.

Search or browse hundreds of courses to find the course that's right for you. CourseSearch, on the VTAC website www.vtac.edu.au includes all courses with applications through VTAC and some courses with applications direct to the institution.

Move from 5 digit to 10 digit course codes

VTAC has slowly begun running out of course codes for use by institutions. As a result all course codes have been updated from five digits to ten digits. As a result course codes for 2014 and beyond will look like this:

Broadmeadows: 5300153322 (Domestic fee places)

VET Course Codes

Another change for 2014 is that VET course codes will all end in '4' and be noted as *fee determined by provider*. All current year 12 students who meet residency and are under 20 on January 1, 2014 will automatically be eligible for a government funded place.

Broadmeadows: 5300153324 (Fee determined by provider)

Getting your offers

Offer letters will no longer be mailed to applicants, When offers are released, applicants can view their offers in the VTAC user account. For release dates and times, see *Dates and fees*: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/dates.html>

Round 1 and Round 2 offers may also be published by newspapers (in print and/or online) with the applicant's permission. Applicants give this permission either at the time of applying, or later in the VTAC user account. If you want to change your permission, see *Making changes*: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/applying/changes.html>

Verbal offers have no status. If you receive a verbal offer you should ask for the name of the person making the offer and contact VTAC immediately.



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Twitter: [@vtacguide](https://twitter.com/vtacguide)

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For updates please check:

www.vtac.edu.au

VTAC – your one stop shop for courses, scholarships and special consideration

VTAC administers three applications: VTAC course application, VTAC scholarship application and Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) application. VTAC also takes bookings for admissions tests. A range of courses are also listed for which the applicant may apply directly to the institution.

Courses through VTAC

You can apply for courses through VTAC if you are:

- an Australian citizen
- an Australian permanent resident
- a New Zealand citizen
- a temporary resident currently studying an Australian Year 12* or International Baccalaureate in Australia or New Zealand. *For example: VCE, VCAL, HSC, NTCE, QLD Senior Certificate, SACE, TCE, WACE.
- an international student currently enrolled at The University of Melbourne applying to transfer to another course at The University of Melbourne.

If you don't meet the citizenship/residency requirements above you must apply directly to institutions—not through VTAC.

There are three levels of requirements you must meet to be considered for a course:

- tertiary entrance requirements
- institutional entrance requirements
- course application requirements

If you don't meet tertiary entrance requirements or have had difficulty meeting them or have not studied for the past few years, you should consider applying for special consideration such as Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) or pathways and preparatory programs. The Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) application associated with Semester 1, 2014 closes 5.00 pm on 8 October 2013. SEAS applications for Semester 2, 2014 close in early June 2014.

Further information about all of these schemes is available for free online and in The VTAC Guide 2014 (available at newsagents RRP \$12.00 (inc GST)).

See a demonstration

You can view a demonstration before you start your real course application. The 'demo' works just like the real thing, but you won't be able to save or submit anything you type into the demo. See Course application demo on the VTAC website (<http://www.vtac.edu.au/applying/demos.html>).

Courses via direct application

A number of private Registered Training Organisations list their courses with VTAC, but manage their own application and offer processes. Applicants to these courses can link directly to the institutional website from VTAC CourseSearch available at <http://delta.vtac.edu.au/CourseSearch/searchguide.htm>

Similarly a number of traditional VTAC institutions that offer their undergraduate courses through the VTAC process have also listed a number of post graduate courses for which graduates can apply directly to the institution. Applicants to these courses can link directly to the institutional website from VTAC CourseSearch available at <http://delta.vtac.edu.au/CourseSearch/searchguide.htm>

Special consideration

Many institutions offer a range of alternative entry schemes that take into account short and long-term disadvantage. While many are offered through the single VTAC SEAS application process, others require you to apply directly to the institution. All applicants should read the information to find out whether or not they are eligible to apply through SEAS or via one of the direct institutional schemes.

Special entry access scheme (SEAS) through VTAC

To access the SEAS application, applicants must:

- Register with VTAC and create their VTAC user account and
- Submit a course application—SEAS only becomes available after the course application has been submitted.
- No course application, no SEAS.

There are six categories within SEAS. Not all institutions recognise all categories:

- Category 1: Personal information and location which includes:
 - » Age—will generally be used by institutions that recognise and operate mature age entry schemes
 - » Gender—to identify if you are applying for a course in a male or female under-represented discipline
 - » Living or school postcode—to identify applicants from a regional or remote area or applicants who will need to move to undertake tertiary study
 - » Recognition as an Indigenous Australian
 - » Under-represented school—to identify if you attend one of various under-represented schools identified by institutions under this category—also refer to Category 6 if you are applying to La Trobe University, University of Ballarat or Victoria University.
- Category 2: Non-English speaking background
- Category 3: Difficult circumstances
- Category 4: Disadvantaged financial background
- Category 5: Disability or medical condition
- Category 6: La Trobe University SALT, University of Ballarat REEP, Victoria University PPP

The Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) application associated with Semester 1, 2014 opens on 5 August 2013 at 9.00am and closes at 5.00pm on 8 October 2013. SEAS applications for Semester 2, 2014 close in early June 2014.

Scholarships

Most institutions listed in the VTAC Guide have a number of scholarships available to applicants to reward academic excellence and ensure equitable access to education. For some of these scholarships you will need to apply directly to the institution via their own website. For all other scholarships you should use the VTAC Scholarships Application available at www.vtac.edu.au

Scholarships through VTAC

Institutional Access and Equity Scholarships

Victorian universities provide their own scholarships to assist students both through VTAC and directly. Scholarships determined via the VTAC scholarships application may be awarded to students with financial difficulties, Indigenous Australians and other equity and access groups as defined by each institution.

Commonwealth Scholarships

There are three types of Commonwealth scholarships:

- the Student Start-Up Scholarship – www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/payments/start_up_scholarship.htm
- the Relocation Scholarship – www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/payments/relocation_scholarship.htm
- the Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships – <http://www.innovation.gov.au/highereducation/StudentSupport/CommonwealthScholarships/Pages/default.aspx>

The Student Start-Up and Relocation Scholarships are available to students receiving income support and will be administered by Centrelink.

The Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships are administered by institutions and will be allocated to students who meet the Commonwealth eligibility as described on the Centrelink website and have had their Indigenous status confirmed.

For further information go to <http://www.innovation.gov.au/highereducation/StudentSupport/CommonwealthScholarships/Pages/default.aspx>

Merit scholarships

2014 Merit scholarships may be awarded to students for academic achievement if they have studied an Australian Year 12 or the International Baccalaureate (IB) in 2013. To be considered, applicants must apply for courses through VTAC and do not need to lodge a VTAC Scholarship Application. Where an institution offers merit scholarships, students who have listed that institution on their course preference list and met any additional course or institutional eligibility will automatically be assessed by that institution.

Accessing VTAC information through social media

The VTAC social media include three public platforms and one private platform.

Public platforms



The following three types of media are available to anyone who is interested in subscribing:

- The VTAC blog
- Facebook
- Twitter

All information posted on the public blog is automatically posted on Twitter and Facebook, so you only need to pick one platform and subscribe.

Last year while all information was posted on the blog, most users preferred to access this information via Facebook.

Careers practitioners' platform

The careers practitioners' blog is where we include targeted information about factors affecting your students and clients. Like the public blogs, this is an interactive platform that relies on feedback, ideas and suggestions from the careers fraternity.

VTAC publications

VTAC has produced a series of publications to assist year 10 students plan their future year 12 programs and year 12 students prepare for applying for courses and associated schemes.

The VTAC Guide 2014

The printed VTAC Guide is available from newsagents for the RRP of \$12.00 (including GST).

For the most current version of the Guide, you are advised to use CourseSearch to download the information onto your computer or device. Download your own version of the complete VTAC Guide 2014

All users of the VTAC website will be able to download institutional pages and course entries, including prerequisites, extra requirements, major studies and the like to print or save directly onto their device. This means irrespective of whether you download onto a device or paper the information will be accessible offline.

Quick response codes (QR codes) in the VTAC Guide



Quick Response codes (QR codes) are square grids with a white background that store data and enable the quick downloading of information.

The QR code allows data to be stored and downloaded quickly.

Quick links to institutional services such as Accommodation; special consideration not part of SEAS and Scholarships not part of the VTAC scholarships process.

Quick Response codes are new to the VTAC Guide 2014 facilitating the quick downloading of institutional, course and policy information.

To obtain your copy of the VTAC Guide you can:

Purchase a printed version at newsagents from Friday 26 July 2013 for the RRP of \$12.00 or download a PDF for your computer or device for free.

Amendments to published information

Already there have been a number of new and cancelled courses since the VTAC Guide 2014 was printed. As a result, you are strongly encouraged to stay up to date by subscribing to our blog, Facebook or Twitter.



ABC of Applying

Print copies are distributed at no charge by VTAC to Victorian and border secondary providers.

The ABC of Applying is a snapshot of the course, special entry access scheme and scholarships application processes. The ABC of Applying is an extremely useful resource for parents of students.

To obtain your printed or your free e-book of the ABC of Applying

Free copies of the booklet are available from Victorian and border secondary providers. An e-book suitable for most devices is also available from the VTAC website free of charge. (<http://www.vtac.edu.au/publications.html>)

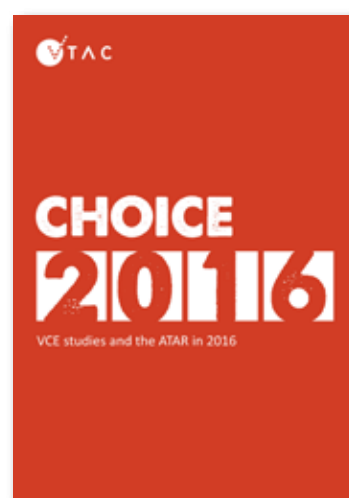


Choice 2016

Choice is written for and targeted at current year 10 students planning their future VCE program. The booklet covers topics such as getting a good ATAR; urban myths surrounding choosing VCE studies and scaling. Profiles of recent graduates and their advice (in hindsight) to future year 12 students are fascinating.

To obtain your copy of Choice: VCE studies and the ATAR in 2016

Free copies of the book are available from all Victorian and border school providers. The e-book is available for download from <http://www.vtac.edu.au/publications.html> and suitable for most devices.



VICTER 2015 and VICTER 2016

The Victorian Tertiary Entrance Requirement booklets are prepared to assist year 10 students plan their VCE programs two years in advance.

- VICTER 2015 was published in July 2012
- VICTER 2016 was published in July 2013

VICTER 2015 – updates for current Year 11 students

Since the publication of VICTER 2015 there have been numerous changes to some of the compulsory studies listed in the online book. An updated version of VICTER 2015 listing all of the changes published in the relevant Bulletins is now available for download from www.vtac.edu.au/publications

VICTER 2016 – for current year 10 students

The VICTER books are no longer printed by VTAC. Instead printed versions are available through the Herald Sun.

Free e-book of the Victorian Tertiary Entrance Requirements (VICTER)

An e-book suitable for most devices is now available from the VTAC website free of charge. (<http://www.vtac.edu.au/publications.html>). To ensure you stay up to date with changes to both VICTER 2015 and VICTER 2016 you are strongly encouraged to subscribe to VTAC at <http://vtacmedia.wordpress.com/>



Amendments to VTAC publications

Cancelled Courses

Code	Course title	Campus	Date
Monash University			
2800426291, 2800426293	Diploma of Tertiary Studies - Arts	Gippsland	July 2013
2800430751, 2800430753	Diploma of Tertiary Studies - Business	Gippsland	July 2013
2800429391, 2800429393	Diploma of Tertiary Studies - Education	Gippsland	July 2013
2800410681, 2800410683	Diploma of Tertiary Studies - Nursing	Gippsland	July 2013
RMIT University			
3200332071, 3200332073	Chemistry/Business Management	City	July 2013
3200317484	Tertiary Preparation (Art and Design)	City	July 2013
University of Ballarat			
3700510033	Teaching (Secondary) (GET)	Mount Helen	July 2013
Victoria University			
4300280944	Graphic Design (Diploma)	City Flinders	July 2013

New Courses

Code	Course Title	Campus	Added
Australian College of Sports Therapy			
9170118404	Exercise and Fitness Specialist	City	July 2013
Deakin University			
1400514963	Food and Nutrition Science	Melbourne	July 2013
1400414093	Management	Geelong	July 2013
1400514093		Melbourne	July 2013
Direct application	Politics and Policy/Business Administration	Off-campus	July 2013
1400510101	Property and Real Estate/Laws	Melbourne	July 2013
1400610101		Off-campus	July 2013
1400314233	Psychological Science	Geelong	July 2013
1400514233		Melbourne	July 2013
1400714233		Warrnambool	July 2013
Direct application International fee-paying places	Psychological Science (Graduate Entry)	Geelong	July 2013
		Melbourne	July 2013
		Warrnambool	July 2013
Kangan Institute			
5300110014	Logistics/Supply Chain	Broadmeadows	July 2013
5300410014		Richmond	July 2013
La Trobe University			
2100321571	Law/Media	Melbourne	July 2013
2100221803	Exercise Science	Bendigo	July 2013
2100321803		Melbourne	July 2013
2100224363	Exercise Science/Exercise Physiology	Bendigo	July 2013
2100322713	Health Sciences (Medical Classification)/Health Information Management	Melbourne	July 2013
2100322393	Mechatronic and Robotic Engineering (Honours)	Melbourne	July 2013
2100222383	Public Health Promotion	Bendigo	July 2013
Monash University			
2800110231	Counselling	Berwick	June 2013
2800310241	Science Advanced (Global Challenges)	Clayton	July 2013
Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE			
6900269034	Building Design	Epping	July 2013

RMIT University			
3200310071	Digital Media	City	July 2013
3200133561, 3200133563	Graphic Design (Associate Degree)	Brunswick	July 2013
3200372094	Interactive Digital Media	City	July 2013
3200333541, 3200333543	Interior Decoration and Design (Associate Degree)	City	July 2013
3200373204	Logistics Management	City	July 2013
3200332951, 3200332953	Marketing (Applied)	City	July 2013
3200310094	Optical Dispensing	City	July 2013
Victoria University			
4300841781, 4300841783	Social Work	Footscray Nicholson	July 2013
4301041781, 4301041783		Footscray Park	July 2013
4301341781, 4301341783		St Albans	July 2013

Campus changes

Course title	Old code	Old campus	New code	New campus	Date
Victoria University					
Music	4301343331, 4301343333	St Albans	4301043331, 4301043333	Footscray Park	July 2013
Professional Writing and Editing	4300880654	Footscray Nicholson	4301380654	St Albans	August 2013

Course title changes

Code	New title	Old title	Campus	Date
Chisholm				
5700154764	Sport and Recreation Management/ Sport Development	Sport and Recreation Administration/ Sport Development	Berwick	July 2013
Monash University				
2800328651, 2800328653	Science Advanced (Research)	Science Advanced with Honours	Clayton	August 2013
Swinburne University of Technology				
3400735581	Criminology	Criminology and Forensic Science	Online	July 2013

Other course amendments

Code	Course Title	Campus	Changed
Chisholm			
5700158204 5700358204 5700458204	Accounting	Berwick Dandenong Frankston	July 2013
<i>The course duration for: Certificate IV is 6 months; Diploma is 1 year and Advanced Diploma is 1.5 years</i>			
Holmesglen			
6100361514, 6100461514	Travel and Tourism (Guiding)	Moorabbin, Waverley	July 2013
<i>The first six months of this course are now the Certificate III in Guiding.</i>			
Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE			
6900669474	Commercial Cookery	Preston	July 2013
<i>The first year of this course is now the Certificate III in Commercial Cookery.</i>			
6900669454	Patisserie	Preston	July 2013
<i>The first year of this course is now the Certificate III in Patisserie.</i>			
RMIT University			
3200372444	Engineering–Mechanical	City	July 2013
<i>The qualification for this course is now the Advanced Diploma of Engineering (Mechanical).</i>			
3200431231	Engineering–Mechanical/Industrial Design	City/Bundoora	July 2013
<i>The qualifications for this course are now Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering) (Honours)/Bachelor of Design (Industrial Design) (Honours).</i>			
3200333231	Engineering–Sustainable Systems/Industrial Design	City	July 2013
<i>The qualifications for this course are now Bachelor of Engineering (Sustainable Systems Engineering) (Honours)/Bachelor of Design (Industrial Design) (Honours).</i>			

3200317554	Tertiary Preparation (Science)	City	July 2013
<i>The course duration for Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation is 0.5 years.</i>			
Victoria University			
4301080254	Sport Development	Footscray Park	July 2013
<i>The course duration for Diploma of Sport Development is 1 year full-time study.</i>			

VICTER 2016 amendments

Victoria University

Education (P-12) Education (P-12) (Creativity and The Arts) Education (P-12) (Home Economics) Education (P-12) (Humanities and Social Sciences) Education (P-12) (Outdoor Education) Education (P-12) (Physical Education) Education (P-12) (Early Childhood and Primary)	Units 1 and 2: two units (any study combination) of General Mathematics or Mathematical Methods (CAS); and Units 3 and 4: English (any).
Education (P-12) (Science Teaching)	Units 1 and 2: two units (any study combination) of General Mathematics or Mathematical Methods (CAS); and Units 3 and 4: English (any); and one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics.

STAT Multiple Choice preparation workshops

If you haven't sat a test or are a bit nervous, this workshop is for you



\$140 (incl. GST). Maximum of 30 per session.

When:

- Saturday, 7 September 2013, 9.30am – 4.30pm
- Saturday, 9 November 2013, 9.30am – 4.30pm

Where:

- VTAC at 40 Park Street, South Melbourne, VIC 3205.

Bookings will be available through VTAC website from 9am, 5 August 2013

<http://www.vtac.edu.au/admissions-tests.html>

The VTAC Bulletin is available online: www.vtac.edu.au



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