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BULLETIN OF THE VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE

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Scholarships now through VTAC

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) now administers applications for scholarships at most Victorian universities and interstate universities participating in the VTAC system.

Access and Equity Scholarships

Access and Equity scholarships are for students experiencing financial difficulty with the costs of living and studying. These financial difficulties arise from having limited income to support full time study or having to incur significant expenses to attend university, for example moving home.

Access and Equity scholarships include Commonwealth Scholarships and institutional scholarships.

- Commonwealth Scholarships are funded by the Australian government and have minimum eligibility requirements that all institutions must abide by.
- Institutional scholarships are funded and governed by individual institutions.

Table 1:

Institution	VTAC course applicants	Non-VTAC course applicants
Australian Catholic University	×	×
Charles Sturt University	✓	✓
Deakin University	✓	×
La Trobe University	✓	✓
Monash University	✓	×
RMIT University	✓	×
Swinburne University	✓	✓
University of Ballarat	×	×
University of Melbourne (The)	✓	✓ (Commonwealth Scholarships only from February 2009)
Victoria University	✓	✓

- ✓ Use VTAC online scholarship application
- ✗ Apply directly to institution

These scholarships fall into two broad categories:

- Access and Equity Scholarships
- Institutional Merit Scholarships

Institutional Merit Scholarships

Institutional merit based scholarships are awarded to high achieving students. They are funded and governed by individual institutions.

Quick reference

Table 1 provides a quick reference of institutions which will use the VTAC Online Scholarship Application.

- A VTAC course applicant is someone who will also be lodging a VTAC application for tertiary courses/programmes through VTAC between August 2008 and December 2008.
- A non-VTAC course applicant is someone who is applying directly to the institution or is currently enrolled at the institution.

For further information about the eligibility criteria and types of scholarships available refer to the 2009 Access and Equity Scholarships book. This book is available from secondary schools, participating universities, the VTAC website (www.vtac.edu.au) and the offices of VTAC at 40 Park St, South Melbourne 3205.

2009 dates for the VTAC Scholarship Application

Applications for scholarships open:
9.00am Monday 4 August 2008

Applications for scholarships close:
5.00pm Friday 10 October, 2008

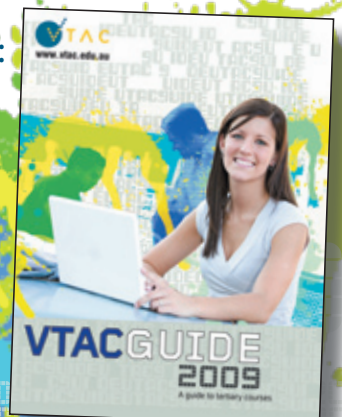


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Applications for tertiary study in 2009 open: Monday 4th August 2008

*The VTAC Guide 2009 is available in all major Victorian and selected interstate newsagents for \$12.95 from 4th August 2008.



VTAC 2009 - New Courses

The following new course codes and courses have been approved since the printing of the VTAC Guide 2009.
For further information about the course requirements go to: www.vtac.edu.au

Australian Catholic University

- **Teacher Education—Early Childhood and Primary**
ACU National, Melbourne: 12093 (Int. Fee)
- **Teaching (Early Childhood)**
ACU National, Melbourne: 12103 (Int. Fee)

Kangan Batman TAFE

- **Building & Construction (Building)**
Kangan, Broadmeadows: 53051

La Trobe University

- **Technology Education (Graduate Certificate)**
Albury-Wodonga: 20051 (CSP), 20052 (Fee)
Bendigo: 24421 (CSP), 24422 (Fee)
Bundoora: 21831 (CSP), 21832 (Fee)

Melbourne Institute of Technology

- **Networking (Degree)**
City: 94722 (Fee), 94723 (Int. Fee)

SAE Institute

- **Audio Production (Degree)**
Melbourne: 99732 (Fee), 99733 (Int. Fee)
- **Film Production (Degree)**
Melbourne: 99742 (Fee), 99743 (Int. Fee)

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La Trobe University

- 25111 Nursing (Division 2 Conversion) - Shepparton
- 25031 Nursing (Division 2 Conversion) - Mildura

La Trobe University Graduate Entry Teaching

- 93101 (CSP), 93102 (Fee) Graduate Diploma in Technology Education - Bendigo
- 93301 (CSP), 93302 (Fee) Graduate Diploma in Technology Education - Albury-Wodonga
- 93201 (CSP), 93202 (Fee) Graduate Diploma in Technology Education - Bundoora

RMIT University

- 32941 (CSP) Physics/Applied Language
- 31831 (CSP) Physics/Professional Writing and Editing
- 32231 (CSP), 32233 (Int. Fee) Engineering—Chemical/International Studies - City
- 32271 (CSP), 32273 (Int. Fee) Engineering—Civil and Infrastructure/International Studies - City

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RMIT University

- **Landscape Architecture**
RMIT Uni, City: 32101 (CSP), 32103 (Int. Fee)
From: Bachelor of Design (Landscape Architecture)
To: Bachelor of Landscape Architecture Design

- **Landscape Architecture/Urban Design**

RMIT Uni, City: 32371 (CSP), 32373 (Int. Fee)

From: Bachelor of Landscape Architecture Design/Bachelor of Applied Science (Planning)

To: Bachelor of Design (Landscape Architecture)/Bachelor of Applied Science (Planning)

Sunraysia TAFE

- **Agriculture**
Sunraysia, Mildura: 76081 (TAFE)
From: Certificate IV in Horticulture: FT2
To: Diploma of Irrigation: FT2

Graduate Entry Teaching Amendments

English requirement

VTAC wishes to advise that item 3 of the English language requirement (page 549) should read:

3. Completion of three years' full time (or equivalent university study at degree* level and above and a result# on the IELTS (Academic)**** or internet-based TOEFL**** from 2007 or 2008 that meets the highest English test result requirement of all your course preferences.

Index of major teaching methods

University of Melbourne (The)

Languages Other Than English (Additional) (see also specific language methods) (page 575): is not offered by the University of Melbourne (The).

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Australian Catholic University

The Australian Catholic University wishes to advise that the prerequisites for the following courses have been updated:

- **Arts**
Prerequisites: Units 3 and 4 - a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English.
- **Arts/Business**
- **Business**
Prerequisites: Units 3 and 4—a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English and a study score of 25 in mathematics (any).
- **Business/Information Systems**
Prerequisites: Units 3 and 4—a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English.

VTAC application process - 2009

Type 1 (University)

University course codes that end in '1' are for Commonwealth supported places. This means the Australian Government pays the majority of the cost of your place and you only pay a small portion of the cost (known as the student contribution).

In course entries you will also see 'CSP' in brackets after the Type 1 course code to indicate the code is for Commonwealth supported places.

For information about student contribution amounts and payment options see CSP student contributions (page 15, VTAC Guide)

Type 1 (TAFE)

TAFE course codes that end in '1' are for government subsidised places (see information on course fees below). Most TAFE courses with applications through VTAC have Type 1 codes.

In course entries you will also see 'TAFE' in brackets after the Type 1 course code to indicate the code is for TAFE.

Fees for TAFE courses are currently under review by the Victorian Government. As significant changes to TAFE fees are under consideration for 2009, you should contact the TAFE provider for information on fees (and other costs) and payment options for places in 2009. Other costs may include a Student Service and Amenities Fee and charges for specialist equipment and materials directly associated with your course of study.

Note: For the latest information about fees please refer to www.otte.vic.gov.au or www.vtac.edu.au

Type 2 (TAFE and ITC)

Course codes that end in '2' are for domestic fee-paying places offered in undergraduate courses at TAFE and ITC. There is no government contribution and unless you receive a scholarship, you will be liable for the full cost of the course.

In course entries you will also see 'Fee' in brackets after Type 2 course codes to indicate the code is for fee-paying places.

Course fees

Tuition fees and other costs for these courses will be determined by the institution offering the course. These fees are calculated based on subjects or units taken and may vary between institutions. For information about fees and payment options for fee-paying places in 2009 see institution websites or contact the institutions.

Note: Fees for TAFE courses and vocational courses conducted by ITC are currently under review by the Victorian Government. For the latest information about fees please refer to www.otte.vic.gov.au or www.vtac.edu.au.

Type 2 places at universities in 2009

The Australian Government is phasing out domestic fee-paying places for higher education undergraduate courses at Australian universities from 1 January 2009. Therefore there are no Type 2 course codes available for 2009 admissions for higher education undergraduate courses.

There are some exceptions, including arrangements for continuing and deferred students, for students who enrol in employer-reserved places, and for students who have consumed their Student Learning Entitlement (SLE).

Continuing students: Students who enrolled in a Type 2 (domestic fee-paying) university place before 1 January 2009 will be able to continue their studies on a fee-paying basis in 2009. Continuing students who wish to transfer to another course in 2009 must check the institution's application procedures, and apply through VTAC where required.

Deferred students: Students who were offered a Type 2 (domestic fee-paying) university place in 2008 and deferred until 2009 will be able to commence their studies on a fee-paying basis in 2009. Information about enrolling in deferred Type 2 (domestic fee-paying) university places will be available from each university. Deferred students who wish to apply for other courses in 2009 must check the institution's application procedures, and apply through VTAC where required.

Type 3 (University and ITC)

Course codes that end in '3' are for international fee-paying places at university and ITC.

In course entries you will also see 'Int.Fee' in brackets after Type 3 course codes to indicate the code is for international fee-paying places.

Course fees

You will be liable for the full cost of the course and required to pay the tuition fee directly to the institution each semester or year. For information about international fees and payment options see institution websites.

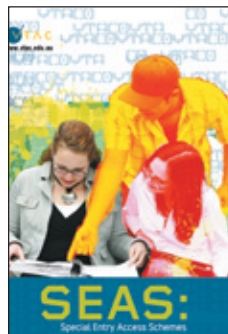
Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS) 2009

Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS) is the umbrella program covering the special entry and access schemes conducted by tertiary institutions participating in the VTAC system.

There are two distinct schemes within SEAS:

- Access and Equity
- Year 11/12 Special Consideration.

2009 dates for the VTAC SEAS Application



Applications open:

9.00am on Monday 4 August 2008

Applications close:

5.00pm on Friday 10 October 2008

Access and Equity

SEAS Access and Equity is for all applicants whose education has been affected by long-term disadvantage. There are ten categories within Access and Equity:

- Category 1: Mature age consideration
- Category 2: Non-English speaking background
- Category 3: Recognition as an Indigenous Australian
- Category 4: Difficult family circumstances
- Category 5: Disadvantaged socio-economic background
- Category 6: Applicants from rural or isolated areas
- Category 7: Under-represented schools
- Category 8: Women in non-traditional courses
- Category 9: Personal disability or long-term medical condition
- Category 10: Refugee status

Year 11/12 Special Consideration

Year 11/12 Special Consideration is for current Year 12 students who have experienced adverse circumstances specifically in *Years 11 and/or 12* which have impacted on their Year 12 results (ENTER).

The following circumstances are considered under this scheme:

- health of a family member
- personal health or trauma
- death of a close family member or friend
- divorce or separation of parents
- adverse living conditions
- excessive family responsibility
- natural disaster
- refugee status

Further information

For further information about the eligibility criteria refer to the 2009 SEAS book. This book is available from secondary schools, participating universities, the VTAC website (www.vtac.edu.au) and the offices of VTAC at 40 Park St, South Melbourne 3205.

VTAC Briefing Sessions

These sessions are held every year by VTAC staff and will cover a wide range of issues including:

- The introduction of a centralised Scholarship application
- Updates to the SEAS application process
- Updates to the VTAC application process

There are two sessions dedicated to Newly Appointed Careers Teachers on Monday 4 August. The morning session is from 9.00am – 12noon. The afternoon session is from 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Registrations for all sessions have now closed. Attendances are capped and participants who have not booked may be turned away if capacity is above 60.

Briefing notes of the PowerPoint presentation: Handouts of the PowerPoint presentation are now available for you to download from the Schools Liaison section of the VTAC website. Please download and bring these notes to the session.

Metropolitan Careers Teachers' Schedule

All metropolitan sessions are to be held in the office of VTAC, 40 Park Street, South Melbourne 3205. Please note that the morning session is not due to start until 10.30am on Friday 8 August.

Monday 4 August

Newly appointed Careers Teacher day

Session 1: 9.00am – 12noon

Session 2: 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Tuesday 5 August

Session 3: 9.30am – 11.30am

Session 4: 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Wednesday 6 August

Session 6: 9.30am – 11.30am

Session 8: 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Thursday 7 August

Session 9: 9.30am – 11.30am

Session 10: 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Friday 8 August

Session 11: 10.30am – 12.30pm (Note Time Change)

Session 13: 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Regional Careers Teachers' Schedule

Regional sessions may be held simultaneously with Metropolitan sessions:

Tuesday 5 August

Gippsland Region

Session 5: 1.00pm—3.00pm
Business Conference Room - Bldg 5N
Monash University, Gippsland

Wednesday 6 August

East Gippsland

Session 7: 11.00am – 1.00pm
Nagle College, Lindenow Road, Bairnsdale

Friday 8 August

Mildura

Session 12: 10.30 – 12.30pm
St Josephs College
Edgeworth Room, 154 12th Street, Mildura

Monday 11 August

Geelong

Session 14: 1.00pm – 3.00pm
The Geelong College, Elliot Theatre
Talbot Street, Newtown

Wodonga

Session 15: 1.00pm – 3.00pm
Wodonga TAFE
The Valley Restaurant, 87 McKoy Street, Wodonga

Tuesday 12 August

Warrnambool

Session 16: 1.00pm – 3.00pm
South West TAFE, Lecture Theatre, Building F
Kepler Street, Warrnambool

Shepparton

Session 17: 1.00pm – 3.00pm
University of Melbourne, School of Rural Health
Graham Street, Shepparton

Wednesday 13 August

Horsham

Session 18: 1.00pm – 3.00pm
Horsham College, Senior Study Centre
High Street, Horsham

Swan Hill

Session 19: 1.00pm – 3.00pm
Swan Hill College Theatre
Pye Street, Swan Hill

Thursday 14 August

Ballarat

Session 20: 1.00pm – 3.00pm
University of Ballarat, Mt Helen
H 102 Lecture Theatre, Gear Avenue, Mt Helen

Bendigo

Session 21: 1.00pm—3.00pm
La Trobe University Bendigo, Business Building
Room Bus 1.29, Bendigo