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UAC – the Universities Admissions Centre – is the central body that takes applications on behalf of a number of universities and private colleges primarily in NSW and the ACT, but also some in other states. You need to apply online through UAC for the following institutions:

- Australian Catholic University
- Australian College of Applied Psychology
- Australian College of Physical Education
- Australian National University
- Charles Darwin University
- Charles Sturt University
- CQ University
- Griffith University
- International College of Management, Sydney
- La Trobe University
- Macleay College
- Macquarie University
- MIT Sydney
- National Art School
- SAE Creative Media Institute
- SIBT
- Southern Cross University
- Torrens University Australia
- University of Canberra
- University of New England
- University of Newcastle
- The University of Notre Dame Australia
- University of Sydney
- University of Technology Sydney
- University of Wollongong
- UNSW Sydney
- UNSW Canberra at ADFA
- Western Sydney University

There are also institutions that require direct entry/application with that institution:

- Academy of Information Technology
- Academy of Interactive Entertainment
- Australian Institute of Music
- Academy of Music and Performing Arts
- Elite Music Education
- Endeavour College of Natural Health
- Kent Institute Australia
- Legal Profession Admission Board of NSW
- National Institute of Dramatic Art
- Wentworth Institute of Higher Education
- William Angliss Institute



“Apply direct” institutions manage their own admissions for their courses. UAC does not process applications for these institutions, and you can't apply through UAC to study at them.

2021-2022 Important Dates:

UAC Applications Open: Thursday 1st April 2021. See: <https://www5.uac.edu.au/uacug> to apply

UAC on time applications close: Thursday 30th September 2021

UAC Application Fee: \$70 for Year 12 2021 - one off fee. BIG late fees apply if you apply after 30th September.

HSC results released by NESA: Friday 10th December 2021 (6am)

ATARS released by UAC: Friday 10th December 2021 (9am) These can be accessed online – you need a separate PIN for these.

NESA PIN: You need to activate your account – see <https://studentonline.nesa.nsw.edu.au> and set up a PIN

UAC PIN: Will be emailed by UAC to the email address on your NESA Confirmation of Entry form. This should be a non-school email account such as gmail etc.

The most important offer rounds for Year 12 students are:

Early Offer Rounds	{	Friday 12th November 2021	SRS Offers will be made (with subsequent early offers made on November 25 th and December 9 th)
Main Offer Rounds	{	December Round 2	Monday 20 th December 2021, after ATARs are released
		January Round 1	Thursday 13 th January 2022

In brief – steps you need to take:



Can you apply through UAC undergraduate? Do you meet our participating institutions' admission requirements? If not, think about pathway options. Search for courses and take note of important dates in the application process.



Apply and pay before the end of September to avoid a significant increase to the processing charge.

After you apply you can log back in to your application to change your course preferences, (you can list UP TO 5 preferences) track the status of your application and participate in many offer rounds.



Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) consider a range of criteria other than, or in addition to, ATARs.

Educational Access Schemes (EAS) help students who have experienced long-term disadvantage that has affected their study.

Equity Scholarships (ES) help financially disadvantaged students. These are all separate applications to your UAC application.



Early entry schemes (including SRS) make offers before the December and January offer rounds. Your preferences are considered in the order you list them, so make sure you have the course you most want to do as your first preference.



ATARs are released mid-December.

The ATAR helps universities rank applicants for selection into their courses.



After you receive your ATAR, you will have some time to update your preference list.

Log in to your application to remove, change or add preferences.



Most institutions make offers in the main December and January rounds, but there are many offers throughout the admissions period.

Read about the selection process and offers to find out more.



Accept your offer and follow the institution's instructions to start the enrolment process.

Don't worry, you can still receive offers in later offer rounds, even if you've already accepted a previous offer.

How to Preference Your UAC Application

Standard Application – no early entry applications

You have up to 5 preferences with UAC in NSW/ACT (this varies in other states which are additional applications, quite separate to UAC)

1st Preference – must be your dream, ideal course – the one you really want to do. Ignore published ATAR. You just never know!!!!

2nd and 3rd and 4th Preferences – courses you most want to do if you don't get your 'dream' course

Last Preference – might be alternative courses that could provide you a pathway into one of your preferred courses, and possibly have the units studied credited towards your preferred course if you pick your units of study wisely.

If you have applied for one or more early entry/SRS places

Most institutions will contact you to notify you of the outcome of your early entry/Principal's recommendation application. They will either say you are eligible under the relevant scheme, or you are not and therefore will be considered on ATAR in the December and January rounds of offers.

It is best to list your courses in order of preference. Check for offers at each offer round, accept any offer and if you wish, change your preferences, to have a chance at being offered another course in subsequent rounds.

EAS – Educational Access Schemes

Most of UAC's participating institutions have Educational Access Schemes (EAS) to help students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage gain admission to tertiary study. Institutions use EAS to make offers of admission in one of two ways. They:

- allocate adjustment factors (previously known as bonus points), or
- set aside a certain number of places for EAS applicants.

There are nine broad categories of disadvantage:

- Disrupted schooling
- Financial hardship
- Severe family disruption
- Excessive family responsibilities
- English language difficulty
- Personal illness/disability
- Refugee status
- School environment
- Socio-economic indexes for areas (SEIFA)

To be eligible for EAS consideration your educational performance must have been seriously affected, normally for a period of at least six months during Year 11 and/or 12 or equivalent (although the new COVID-19 categories are only 3 months), due to circumstances beyond your control and choosing. This needs evidence and documentation.

For full details, see: <https://www.uac.edu.au/eas/>

Early Entry Schemes

- SRS (Schools Recommendation Schemes) is an early offer scheme administered through UAC – you could receive an offer before ATARs are released.
- Most institutions make offers which use criteria other than your ATAR.
- An SRS application is free – you just need to apply through UAC for undergraduate admission before you apply for SRS.

There are 13 institutions participating in SRS this year:

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|---|--------------------------------|
| # Australian Catholic University | # University of Canberra |
| # Charles Sturt University | # University of New England |
| # International College of Management, Sydney | # University of Newcastle |
| # Macquarie University | # UNSW Sydney |
| # University of Sydney | # National Art School |
| # University of Technology Sydney | # SAE Creative Media Institute |
| # Western Sydney University | |

To apply for early entry (SRS) to these universities the process will be through UAC - online.

It will be a single application, at no additional charge. See: <https://www.uac.edu.au/srs/>

Timeline: Applications open Thursday 1st April - Closes Sunday 19th September 2021.

SRS Offers are made on 12th November 2021 – some will be conditional, others unconditional.

Institutions consider course preferences according to the order in which you list them. All preferences are given equal consideration for SRS.

The information brochure at <https://www.uac.edu.au/assets/documents/srs/schools-recommendation-scheme.pdf> you an overview of the program.



Individual Institution Schemes:

Many institutions have their own early offer schemes that run separately to the Schools Recommendation Schemes.

You need to apply directly to the institutions for these.

The next 4 pages of this document contain a summary of these schemes (and you can also download it from the UAC website at:



<https://www.uac.edu.au/assets/documents/ug-fact-sheets/ug-fact-sheet-early-offer-schemes.pdf>

The schemes covered in this document are:

<p>Australian Catholic University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACU Guarantee <p>Charles Sturt University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Charles Sturt Advantage <p>La Trobe University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aspire <p>Macquarie University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Macquarie Leaders & Achievers Program <p>Torrens University Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Early Entry Program <p>University of Newcastle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indigenous & Refugee Law Early Entry Program - Yr 12 Subject Spotlight <p>University of Wollongong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Early Admission <p>Western Sydney University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HSC True Reward 	<p>Australian National University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Direct Application <p>International College of Management, Sydney</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Early Entry - Leadership Entry Program - Elite Athlete/Performer Entry <p>Macleay College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Direct Application <p>Southern Cross University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - STAR <p>University of New England</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Early Entry Direct <p>University of Sydney</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - E12 (via SRS application) <p>Australian College of Applied Psychology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Early Acceptance Program Scheme <p>University of Notre Dame</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Early Offer Program
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Early Offer Schemes

Institutions can make early offers of undergraduate admission to Year 12 students using criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR.

Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS): Apply through UAC

All Year 12 applicants applying to the following institutions are encouraged to apply for SRS, although not all courses are included in the scheme:

- Australian Catholic University
- Charles Sturt University
- International College of Management, Sydney
- Macquarie University
- National Art School
- SAE Creative Media Institute
- University of Canberra
- University of New England
- University of Newcastle
- University of Sydney
- University of Technology Sydney
- UNSW Sydney
- Western Sydney University.

Important dates

19 Sep	Applications close
4 Nov	Finalise preferences
12 Nov	First conditional and unconditional (not based on ATAR) offers released
13 Dec	Finalise preferences for Dec Round 2
20 Dec	Conditional offers converted to unconditional offers if based on ATAR

Assessment criteria

Institutions use one or more of the following criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR:

- Year 11 studies
- school's rating of your abilities in areas of study
- school's rating of your aptitudes
- Educational Access Schemes (EAS) application (if applicable)
- institution-specific documents (if applicable).

Institutions make offers based:

- solely on SRS criteria
- on SRS criteria and ATAR/selection rank
- on SRS criteria and ATAR and equity criteria.

How your school rates you

Areas of study

Your school will rate you in 10 areas of study, which are split into two sub-groups:

Performance in Year 12

Your school will rate you according to their assessment of your performance in the subjects below:

- Agriculture
- Creative Arts
- English/Humanities/Social Sciences
- Languages
- Mathematics
- Science
- Technology.

Suitability for tertiary study

Your school will rate you according to their assessment of your ability to undertake tertiary study in the fields below:

- Commerce
- Education
- Health.

Aptitudes

Your school will rate you according to their assessment of your:

- capacity for abstract thought and analysis
- ability to organise ideas and articulate a position orally and in written form
- ability to work and learn independently
- motivation to achieve long-term goals
- capacity for tertiary study.

How to apply

1. Submit your undergraduate application through UAC.
2. At the end of this application, select the option to also apply for SRS. If you've already applied for undergraduate study through UAC, use the 'Apply or log in' button at the top right of the UAC website and select the SRS application.

Individual Uni Schemes

Australian Catholic University

ACU Guarantee

Important dates	
24 Sep	Applications close
30 Jun	Offer Round 1
28 Jul	Offer Round 2
11 Aug	Offer Round 3
25 Aug	Offer Round 4
8 Sep	Offer Round 5
22 Sep	Offer Round 6
7 Oct	Offer Round 7

Assessment criteria

- To be eligible, you must be a 2021 Year 12 student (domestic or international) who completed Year 11 (including the IB) in Australia.
- You can also choose to supply a brief statement outlining your personal circumstances and motivation for university study, which may help improve your selection rank.

How to apply

Apply online via the ACU website (acu.edu.au/acu-guarantee).

Australian College of Physical Education

Early Acceptance Program Scheme

Important dates	
Late Aug	Applications open
Late Nov	Applications close
Within three days of submitting application	Conditional offers released

Assessment criteria

- Year 11 and 12 reports.
- Responses to application questions.

How to apply

Apply online via the ACPE website (acpe.edu.au/earlyaccept).

Australian National University

Direct application

Important dates	
24 May	Applications close
9 Aug	Conditional offers released based on your ANU selection rank (This is calculated using a mathematical model that incorporates your Year 11 results and your school's average ATAR performance in previous years.)
Late Dec	First unconditional offers released

Assessment criteria

- Demonstration of co-curricular or service activities during Years 10–12.
- ANU selection rank.

How to apply

Apply online via the ANU website: search for 'domestic applications' at anu.edu.au.

Charles Sturt University

Charles Sturt Advantage

Important dates	
3 May	Round 1 applications open
Late Jun	Round 1 offers released
26 Jul	Round 2 applications open
Late Sep	Round 2 offers released

Assessment criteria

- Short written submission demonstrating soft skills such as resilience, empathy and the motivation to create a world worth living in.
- Year 11 results.

How to apply

Apply online via the CSU website: csu.edu.au/advantage.

International College of Management, Sydney

Early Entry

Leadership Entry Program

Elite Athlete/Performer Entry

Important dates	
10 Sep 2021	Applications close for Early Entry
4 Feb 2022	Applications close for Leadership Entry Program and Elite Athlete/Performer Entry

How to apply

Apply online via the ICMS website:

- Early Entry: icms.edu.au/early-entry
- Leadership Entry Program: icms.edu.au/leadership-entry-program
- Elite Athlete/Performer Entry: icms.edu.au/elite-athletes-performers

La Trobe University

Aspire

Important dates	
17 Sep	Applications close
Early Oct	Conditional offers released
10 Dec	ATAR release: unconditional offers released after this date based on ATAR

Assessment criteria

Two 200–word descriptions of involvement in and impact of your community engagement and/or volunteering.

How to apply

Apply online via La Trobe University website: latrobe.edu.au/aspire.

Macleay College

Direct application

Important dates	
Early Jun	Applications open
After Head of Faculty approval	Offers released

Assessment criteria

- 300-word written submission outlining reasons for undertaking your intended course of study and how it will help achieve your career goals.
- Letter of recommendation from school (principal, year coordinator or equivalent).
- Australian citizenship or permanent residency.

How to apply

Apply online via the Macleay College website: macleay.edu.au/apply-now.

Macquarie University

Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme

Important dates	
1 Jun	Applications open
20 Aug	Applications close

Assessment criteria

Applicants need to demonstrate their leadership qualities and/or how they have contributed towards positive change in their community and consistently achieved good results at school.

There are two selection components:

1. demonstration of leadership and service to their community by completing the Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme questions when applying online
2. Year 11 studies.

Note that applicants for Bachelor of Marketing and Media and the Bachelor of Actuarial Studies and its double degrees are required to have undertaken specific English and/or mathematics subjects in the HSC, ACT Senior Secondary Certificate or International Baccalaureate.

Applicants for teaching courses need to complete and pass a survey before an offer is made.

All applicants must complete their Year 12 examinations (10 units of HSC courses, including at least 8 units from Category A courses and 2 units of English) or comparable ACT Senior Secondary Certificate or International Baccalaureate subjects.

How to apply

Apply directly to Macquarie. For details, search for 'Macquarie leaders and achievers' at mq.edu.au.

Southern Cross University

STAR

Important dates	
10 Sep	Applications close
5 Nov	Offers released

Assessment criteria

- High school results.
- Principal's recommendation.

How to apply

Apply online via the SCU website: scu.edu.au/star.

Torrens University Australia

Early entry program

Important dates	
24 Sep	Applications close
48 hours after applying	Conditional offers released

Assessment criteria

Standard course admission criteria.

How to apply

Apply online via the Torrens University website: apply.torrens.edu.au.

University of New England

Early Entry Direct

Important dates	
17 Sep	Applications close
Early Nov	Offers released

Assessment criteria

Your school's assessment of your attributes and abilities. The assessment is based around your ability to work and learn independently, as well as your overall potential for academic success at UNE.

How to apply

Apply online via the UNE Early Entry website: earlyentry.une.edu.au
Ensure any additional supporting documentation is attached.

Your application will be sent electronically to your school for the principal's report. Your school will approve and submit the application to UNE on your behalf before the closing date.

University of Newcastle

Indigenous and Refugee Law Early Entry Program

Important dates	
midnight 12 Sep	List 483100 B Laws (Honours) Combined as a UAC preference
midnight 12 Sep	Submit direct application to Newcastle Law School
8 Oct	Offers released (October Round 1)

Assessment criteria

- Strong performance across Year 11.
- School recommendation.
- Selection interview.

How to apply

Submit direct application to UON: search for 'entry schemes' at newcastle.edu.au.

Year 12 Subject Spotlight

Important dates	
11-12 Dec	Eligible applicants notified between the release of HSC results on 10 Dec and the deadline for close of preferences for December Round 2 (13 Dec)
20 Dec	Unconditional offers released in December Round 2

Assessment criteria

Strong performance in one or more subjects related to your degree. View requirements for each degree on the University of Newcastle website: search for 'Year 12 Subject Spotlight' at newcastle.edu.au.

How to apply

Just apply through UAC. No separate application is required.

University of Notre Dame

Early Offer Program

Important dates	
1 Sep	Applications close
Before HSC commences	Offers released

Assessment criteria

- NES A Preliminary Stage 6 (Year 11) courses and grades.
- Year 11 and 12 school reports.

How to apply

Submit direct application to the University of Notre Dame: notredame.edu.au/early-offer.

University of Sydney

E12 (via SRS application)

Important dates	
19 Sep	SRS/E12 applications close. Do not remove your E12 course from your preferences after this date. If you are applying under the financial hardship category, submit your EAS application and supporting documents by 11.59pm to confirm your eligibility for consideration under the E12 Scheme in time for UAC conditional offers on 12 Nov.
11 Nov	Conditional offers released
21 Dec	Unconditional offers released

Assessment criteria

- EAS application
- SEIFA index
- E12 questions
- SRS application.

Tip: If your residential address lies within the lowest 25% of the SEIFA index, you will receive an email to this effect the day after you complete your UAC application for undergraduate admission. You will then know if you have met this criteria.

How to apply

1. Search for 'early offer Year 12 scheme' at sydney.edu.au to check E12 eligibility criteria for admission is met (financial hardship + SEIFA index lowest 25%)
 - choose an E12-eligible course
 - download the E12 application questions.
2. Talk to your principal and careers adviser about applying for E12.
3. Complete your UAC undergraduate application and include your E12-eligible course as a preference.
4. Apply for EAS at the end of your UAC application (disadvantage F01A, F01B, F01C or F01D).
5. Apply for SRS at the end of your UAC application or via the UAC website and upload your answers to the E12 questions.

University of Wollongong

Early Admission

Important dates	
19 Jul	Applications open
13 Aug	Applications close

Assessment criteria

- You need to be on track for an ATAR, IB or equivalent.
- Year 11 and 12 results, including trial results.
- Application responses to questions addressing the themes of academic readiness, motivation and passion, planning and persistence, communication and collaboration.
- Interview and/or registered attendance at Early Admission Day.

How to apply

Apply online via the University of Wollongong website: uow.edu.au/early-admission.

UNSW Sydney

UNSW Gateway Early Conditional Offer Scheme

This scheme will be offered under the Schools Recommendation Scheme for 2022 admission.

Western Sydney University

HSC True Reward

Important dates	
3 Dec	Applications close
10 Dec	Offers released

Assessment criteria

Depending on the undergraduate degree you choose, you need to meet a specified HSC band in nominated courses.

The following courses have previously been excluded from HSC True Reward. Western Sydney University has not yet confirmed the courses to be excluded this year:

- Doctor of Medicine
- Associate Degree in Engineering
- B Architectural Design
- B Arts (Pathway to Teaching – Birth-5 Years/Birth-12 Years)/ Diploma Pathway
- B Education (Primary) – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- B Community and Social Development
- B Creative Industries (Music)
- B Health Science (Paramedicine)
- B Laws (Graduate Entry)
- B Laws (Non-graduate Entry)
- B Midwifery
- B Music
- B Music (Dean's Scholars)
- B Music/B Creative Industries
- B Nursing (Enrolled Nurse Pathway)
- B Occupational Therapy
- B Physiotherapy
- B Podiatric Medicine
- B Speech Pathology.

How to apply

Apply online via the Western Sydney University website. Search for 'HSC True Reward' at westernsydney.edu.au.

Important Information/Summary:

1. One off **application fee - \$70** (BIG late fees if you miss the “On Time” application deadline)
2. **Applications open online Thursday 1st April** <https://www5.uac.edu.au/uacug>
3. **ON TIME applications close at midnight Thursday 30th September** (submitted and paid for)
4. **You need your NESA number** (your exam number) **and UAC PIN** to apply – save in a safe place – diary AND phone
5. There are SEVERAL offer rounds – Early offers from November; December offer round 2 when MOST of you will hopefully get an offer, and Early January.
6. **You REALLY DO NEED TO READ the first section of the UAC guide** – all is explained within these pages!!

Note – there are some Institutions listed with UAC (private colleges) that you need to apply for through UAC - BUT they charge fees – listed as a DFEE course - DFEE courses typically cost more than CSP courses – you pay the full cost of your course (a tuition fee). There is no subsidy from the Australian Government. You can however borrow the money from the Government as a FEE-HELP loan to pay these costs. See <https://www.uac.edu.au/index.php/future-applicants/fees/university-course-costs> for details.

Also Note: institutions listed at the back of the guide - you need to apply directly to institutions as per instructions in individual entries.

Other important information to read in the UAC

- Applications to Queensland and Victorian institutions (and other states) are separate – info can be found in the UAC guide
- Early offer scheme information
- Schools Recommendation scheme
- Deferment policies
- Distance Education options
- Educational Access Scheme

Also Remember:

Apply for any scholarships you may be eligible for. Timelines and requirements for these vary. You will need to do your research and take note of closing dates. These can be any time from now till the end of March 2022.

Also look into on campus accommodation if this is required. Applications may need to be lodged by the end of September. Application fees are often charged and are not refundable. Interviews may also be required.

Good luck Year 12

Lots to do in your final few months of secondary education!