

# Careers Practitioners Update

La Trobe University Career Practitioners Conference



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### What's in this session?

Highlights from the 2025 cycle New application portal highlights

Equity schemes and scholarships Key information, reminders and upcoming events





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# Thank you for 2024/2025

We appreciate your continued support in assisting students with their academic journeys and their VTAC applications.



Most popular areas of study for top preferences:

- Health
  Society and Culture
- Management and
- Commerce



47,461

VCE students received an ATAR



### 54,714

SEAS and Scholarships applications were submitted by applicants

### An additional **23,297**

applicants were considered for SEAS category 1 when opted in by VTAC

### This means a total of **78,011**

SEAS and Scholarship applications were submitted for consideration







73,790+

total offers made

by VTAC

# **Digital ATAR launch**

This year for the first time students received a digital ATAR statement in addition to the printed statement they received in December.

- From this year onwards, VTAC will provide digital ATAR statements via the **My eQuals** platform to provide students with **ongoing access to their digital ATAR statement**.
- My eQuals is an online platform where students can securely store and share their ATAR and tertiary academic documentation. This means that when they complete any additional tertiary study, their results and certificates for these will also be available in My eQuals alongside their ATAR statement.
- For students graduating in 2025 and beyond, the ATAR statement will be a **paperless experience**.





# **Digital ATAR in 2025**

Following the successful launch of the Digital ATAR for 2024 graduates, the certified hardcopy ATAR statement will be replaced with the certified Digital ATAR through the My eQuals platform.

This means:

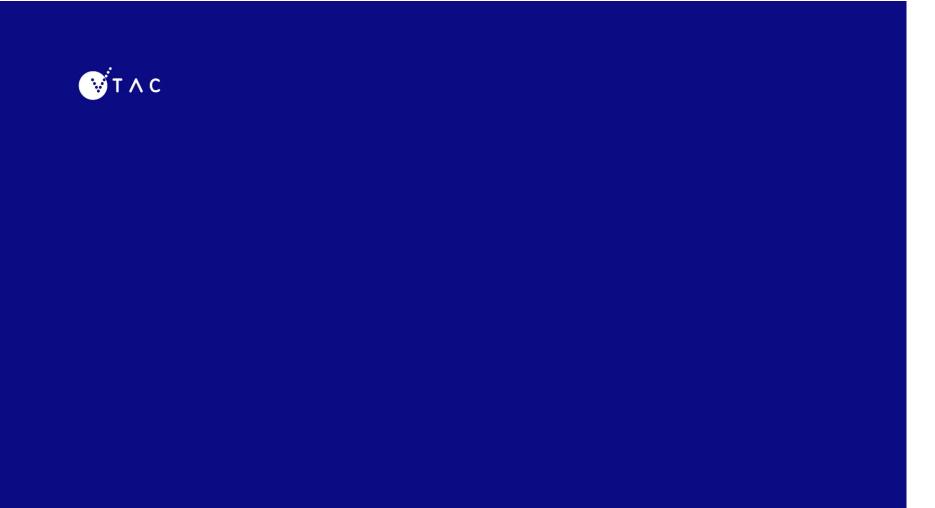
- As with hardcopy statements in previous years, all **paid VTAC applicants who qualify for an ATAR** will be eligible to receive a certified Digital ATAR statement.
- Current year 12 students will receive an email with a registration link to securely access their ATAR statement. The date of this email will be confirmed but will be after results release in December.
- Students who don't have a VTAC account can still access their results through the VCE Results and ATAR service as normal.
- Further information about requesting a Digital ATAR statement for students not applying through VTAC will be available later in the year.





# Update on our new application portal

## New application highlights





# Overview of new applicant portal

- Dashboard
- Registration
- Personal details
- Education history
- Course preferences
- Equity schemes & scholarships application
- Providing evidence



## Year 12 Applicant Dashboard

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#### **Complete your profile**

#### Minimum profile requirements complete

- Profile complete X
- Citizenship and visa information supplied X
- USI provided *X*
- Education history provided *X*

#### My application

- Application completed
- Processing fee paid

My access & equity application

#### Key dates

Important dates and feed for VTAC applications and course offers. Make sure you submit your applications, payment and required documentation on time.

Sign out



#### Checklist

Documents

Evidence for	Evidence type
Difficult circumstances	Equity schemes & scholarships
Diploma in Business	Completion certificate
Diploma in Business	Transcript of results
Financial hardship	Equity schemes & scholarships

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- ACU teacher selector statement
- University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT)
- Other selection tasks

There may be more requirements for your course preference and additional admissions criteria. View individual courses in your list on CourseSearch for a full list of criteria.

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- Applicant dashboard provides a consolidated view of application status
- Populated and updated as you move through the application process
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### Year 10 and 11 Dashboards

### Year 10

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#### **Complete your profile**

One optional task remaining

Personal details completed

Citizenship and visa provided *X* 

Complete education history

#### VTAC Year 10 Guide

In Year 10, you need to decide what to study in your senior school years. This involves thinking ahead to what you might like to do when you finish school. The VTAC Year 10 Guide is designed to help you start your journey towards life after school.

#### VTAC Guide

#### **VTAC Prerequisite Explorer**

The VTAC Prerequisite Explorer in CourseSearch helps you find courses that you will be eligible for based on a VCE study program, or that do not have prerequisites. You can explore different combinations of VCE subjects to discover what you need to study to get into your dream course. . Current Year 11 students can find prerequisites for 2027 courses

How to use the explorer

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**Explore equity schemes & scholarships** 

### Year 11

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#### **Complete your profile**

Citizenship and visa provided *X* 

VTAC Year 11 Guide

In Year 11, you will need to work through your ideas about what you want to do after school. This includes researching your course options and deciding which studies to continue in Year 12, and which to discontinue. The VTAC Year 11 Guide is designed to help you with this journey.

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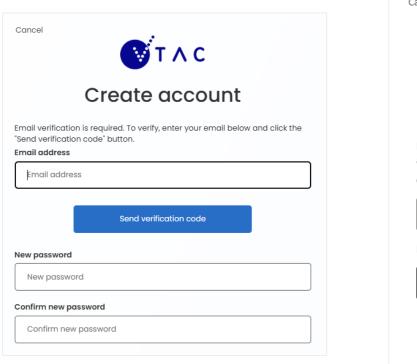
To register, students in years 9 to 11 only need to provide their name, DOB and email address - no student numbers required.



One optional task remaining Personal details completed

Complete education history

# Registration



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	Call Me

- Account registration is the first step in the application process
- With the introduction of MFA, both email address and mobile phone number will be validated



### **Personal details**

Home > Personal details

### My VTAC profile

#### Personal details

We need some extra personal and contact details from you.

Given name	Middle name (if any)
Grace	
Surname *	Preferred name (optional)
Park	
Date of birth	
14/04/2006	
Current education status *	When do you intend to start studying at
I am currently studying/recently completed Year 12	<ul> <li>February July*</li> </ul>

- Personal details requested include:
  - Citizenship and residency status
  - USI
  - Current and future living location
  - Demographic information as per government data collection requirements

- After registration, users are ٠ prompted to complete their profile
- Information collected from registration will be used to prepopulate some fields
- Study commencement indicator will determine which courses they can add to their preference list

university, TAFE or college? \*



\*Most current year 12 students cannot start studying in July. This option is chiefly for students studying on a Northern Hemisphere timetable, some international applicants (University of Melbourne transfers, Monash courses for students who have completed the NZ NCEA), and Australian citizens or residents who are not currently completing an Australian year 12 certificate.



### **Course preferences**

#### **Select courses**

Search for courses to add them as preferences. You must select at least one university, TAFE institute or independent tertiary college to search for a course.

After adding courses to your preferences list, you can change the order below.

Institution	Qualification
Swinburne University of Technology	Doctorate by coursework
Sydney College of the Arts	Doctorate by research
Tasmanian College of Advanced Education	Masters by research
Tasmanian State Institute of Technology	Masters by coursework
The University of Adelaide	Graduate Diploma
Torrens University Australia	Other Postgraduate Award
University of Canberra	Graduate Certificate
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You can search only on a single field, for example course name OR institution, but not both. The search only returns exact matches by default. The search will return more results if you add an asterisk \* before or after the search term. For example, a search for \*criminology will return all courses with criminology in the course name.

Name	Level	Institution	Campus	Course Code 🕇	<b>Fee Type</b>	Study Mode	
Counselling (Bachelor)	Bachelor Degree	Torrens University Australia	Online	8130220022	Domestic fee paying	Full Time; Part Time	0
Counselling and Communication Skills (Diploma)	Diploma	Torrens University Australia	Online	8130220032	Domestic fee paying	Full Time; Part Time	0

- Applicants can perform a search to identify courses of interest
- Search results will only display courses that the applicant is **eligible to apply for**
- Eligibility for consideration is based on factors including applicant residency status and education history, the VTAC application round, and course closing dates



### **Course preferences**

#### **Course preferences**

You can add up to 8 preferences.

Preference	Code	Course name	Qualification	Institution	Campus	Study mode	Course status	
1	3200332021	Psychology	Bachelor Degree	RMIT University	City	Full Time; Part Time	Active	*⊗
2	3200333191	Psychology (Social Science)	Bachelor Degree	RMIT University	City	Full Time; Part Time	Active	<b>∧ ∨ ⊗</b>
3	2800311891	Psychology	Bachelor Degree	Monash University	Clayton	Full Time; Part Time	Active	<b>~ ~ ⊗</b>
4	2800328131	Arts	Bachelor Degree	Monash University	Clayton	Full Time; Part Time	Active	<b>∧ ∨ ⊗</b>
5	2800311921	Arts/Health Sciences	Bachelor Degree	Monash University	Clayton	Full Time; Part Time	Active	<b>~~</b> (S)
6	8130220022	Counselling (Bachelor)	Bachelor Degree	Torrens University Australia	Online	Full Time; Part Time	Active	<b>~~</b> (3)
7	8130220032	Counselling and Communication Skills (Diploma)	Diploma	Torrens University Australia	Online	Full Time; Part Time	Active	<b>~~</b> ®
8	3200332061	Applied Science (Associate Degree)	Associate Degree	RMIT University	City	Full Time; Part Time	Active	▲ ⊗

- Applicants can add, remove and re-order courses in their preference list - as per previous process
- Edits to the preference list can only be made during Change of Preference (COP) periods



## Submission and payment

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Home > Payment successful	
Thank You!	
We have received your payment and your application has been submitted successfully.	
You will receive an email notification when there are updates to your application.	
Proceed to access & equity form	
Back to account	
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- To submit the course application, the application processing fee must be paid
- The course application must be submitted before the Equity Schemes & Scholarships application can be completed



### Equity schemes & scholarships application

#### **Equity schemes & scholarships**

Choose from the categories below if you wish to be considered for the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) or equity scholarships.

#### Personal information & location

This provides recognition for factors based on your personal information and location. This includes factors such as :

- Age
- School
- Living location
- Gender
- Indigenous status
- · First in family to attend university
- Non-English speaking background

VTAC considers all applicants under this category unless you choose not to be considered. If you do not want to be considered under this category, you can opt-out on the Manage permissions page.

#### 📄 Financial hardship

This applies to applicants whose daily life is affected by financial disadvantage. This category considers financial hardship experienced by people living on Centrelink benefits or where financial hardship has affected their ability to study.

#### Select this category if:

- You received Centrelink benefits in your name
- A parent, guardian, spouse or other household member received Centrelink benefits
- You experienced financial hardship but did not receive Centrelink benefits

Has financial hardship impacted your study, or will it impact your study in the future? \*

◯ Yes ◯ No

#### Living with a disability or medical condition

This applies to applicants who have experienced educational disadvantage due to any learning, physical, sensory, psychiatric or mental health medical condition, illness or disability.

#### Select this category if you are living with a:

- Neurodevelopmental disorder
- Physical disability
- Acquired brain injury (ABI)
- Neurological disability
- Vision impairment
- Hearing impairment
  Speech language impairment
- Speech language impairment
   Psychosocial disability
- Major illness
- Medical condition

Has living with a disability or medical condition impacted your study, or will it impact your study in the future?

#### A Difficult family and life circumstances

This applies to applicants who have been prevented from reaching their educational potential because of family or other life circumstances. Circumstances already claimed in any other category should not be restated here.

#### Select this category for the following circumstances:

- · Death of an immediate family member or close friend
- Excessive carer duties for children or other family members
- Family and domestic violence
- Formal out-of-home care
- Homelessness
- · Long-term illness of a family member or friend
- Moving school several times
- Natural disaster
- Refugee or asylum seeker
- Sexual assault
- · You have experienced discrimination, bullying, harassment or negative treatment
- You or your parents have divorced or separated
- Other difficult family and life circumstances

Have difficult family and life circumstances impacted your study, or will it impact your study in the future?\*

Yes No

- The process of applying for SEAS & Scholarships has been consolidated into a single application form
- All applicants are opted into Category I by default, however, they can opt out via permissions
- Applicants can opt in to **Categories 2, 3 and 4**

◯ Yes ◯ No

### Equity schemes & scholarships application

#### Additional statements

You can provide additional statements to support your equity schemes & scholarships application. You must provide a scholarship benefit statement to be considered for scholarships.

#### Scholarship benefit statement

Explain how a scholarship will benefit your studies. There is no need to repeat financial hardship, instead focus on benefits. Access and equity circumstances, including financial hardship, must be reported in the appropriate sections for consideration.

#### Educational benefit statement

Write here

Text is limited to 1000 characters, including spaces. Do not repeat any information already provided

#### Statement on community service and leadership

#### I have been active in community service

Note: Community service refers to service that a person performs for the benefit of their local community. Some examples are:

- Cleaning a park
- · Collecting needed items such as clothes, shoes, blankets
- Getting involved in community projects
- Cleaning up roads
- Reading to the elderly in nursing homes
- Helping out at local fire or police departments
- Tutoring disadvantaged children for free

This is in no way an exhaustive or prescriptive list.

#### I have leadership skills or experience

Leadership experience or skills are life experiences or learned skills that contribute toward effective leading and/or management of people. Some examples are:

- Employment experience
- Skill workshop participation
- Leadership classes

This is in no way an exhaustive or prescriptive list.

- To be considered for scholarships, applicants can provide additional statements
  - Educational benefit statement
  - Statement on community service
  - Statement on leadership skills or experience



Save/Submit

## **Providing evidence**

Equity schemes & scholarships				
Financial hardship				
Document requested	Evidence type	Status	Action required	
Centrelink statement	Equity schemes & scholarships	${\boldsymbol{ \oslash}}$	None	•
Medical circumstances				
Document requested	Evidence type	Status	Action required	
There are no records to display.				
Difficult life circumstances				
Document requested	Evidence type	Status	Action required	
<ul> <li>Statement of Support from responsible person</li> <li>Letter from a community or government organisation</li> </ul>	Equity schemes & scholarships	Θ	Pending Review	•

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- Ocumentation verified or accepted
- Pending VTAC will inform you if you need to supply any supporting documentation
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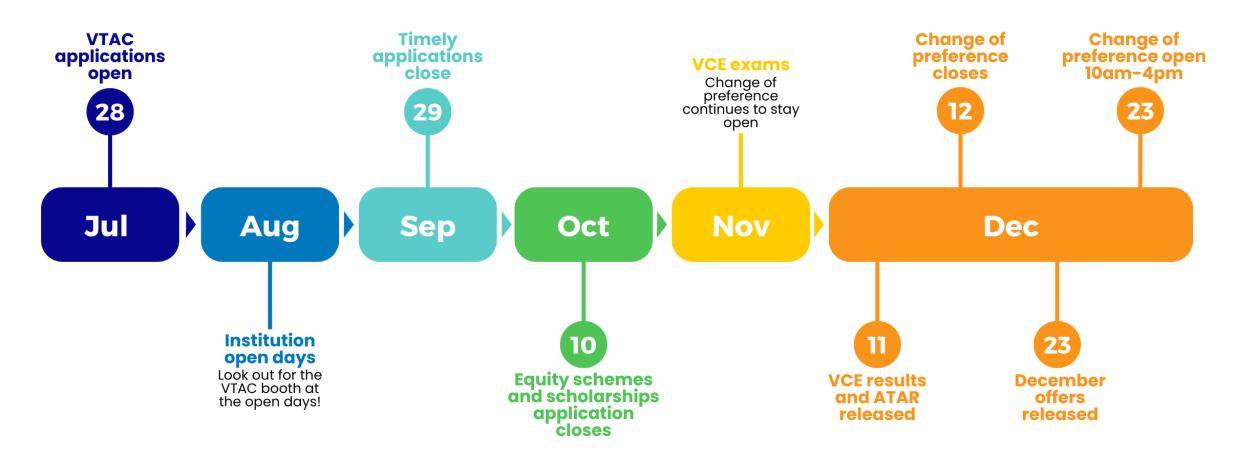
- **Providing evidence** page provides a summary table of documents that are:
  - Requested
  - Pending review
  - Accepted or verified





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# 2025/2026 key dates





### **Fee information**

- Students will be required to **pay the application fee in order to submit** their course preferences.
- Please encourage students to apply and pay early to ensure they meet eligibility deadline and pay the lowest fee.
- The application fee includes access to:
  - Course application with up to x8
     preferences for all eligible offer rounds
  - Equity schemes and scholarship application
  - Unlimited change of preferences
  - Additional resources and support

Application window	Applicant type	Fee
28 <sup>th</sup> July – 29 <sup>th</sup> September (Timely)	Current year 12 students	\$80
	All other applicants	\$100
30 <sup>th</sup> September - 31 <sup>st</sup> October (Late)	All applicants	\$160
l <sup>st</sup> November - 5 <sup>th</sup> December (Very Late)	All applicants	\$200



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### For careers practitioners:

•03 9926 1020
•SchoolsLiaison@vtac.edu.au (not for students)
•Dedicated schools page: www.vtac.edu.au/careers
•Careers Practitioner newsfeed: www.careersblog.vtac.edu.au

### For applicants and supporters:

•03 9926 1020, 9am-5pm Monday to Friday
•Email via VTAC account
•Social media direct messaging
•Email newsletter: vtac.edu.au/subscribe

### **Additional resources:**



Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube.

**VTAC CourseLink** provides school users with application information for counselling purposes.



Check out our **fact sheets** and **guides** <u>www.vtac.edu.au/factsheets</u>



Explore course options with **CourseSearch**, CourseSearch archive and Prerequisite Explorer.



See upcoming events and webinars <u>www.vtac.edu.au/events</u>

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