

# HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR VTAC APPLICATION In six easy steps

If you're in Year 12 and you are keen to apply for university and/or TAFE courses, this is a really exciting time! You can apply for courses to start in 2024 and for most courses, you can defer your offer until 2025. There are three ways you can apply for courses. This guide will focus on applications via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).



# VTAC

Apart from CQUniversity and Charles Sturt University, you must apply for all university and some TAFE courses in Victoria via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).

You can apply for up to 8 courses and there are two main offer rounds in December and January.

You will place courses in order of preference, and you can only receive one offer per round.

Explore the VTAC website via this LINK



# **DIRECT ENTRY**

The only universities you can apply direct to in Victoria are CQUniversity and Charles Sturt University.

You can apply direct to some private tertiary institutes, such as:

Whitehouse Institute of Design SAE Creative Media Institute JMC Academy.



# EARLY ENTRY

VTAC applications. If a university that only accepts applications via VTAC for Year 12 leavers has an early entry program you would like to apply for, you will need to make two separate applications.

 complete the early entry application on the university's website.
 apply for the course/s via the VTAC website.

Direct entry Apply for the early entry program direct to the institute's website.

Download the Victorian early entry guide HERE





# **KEY DATES: VTAC + EARLY ENTRY**

# JULY

## EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS ARE OPEN FOR:

Victoria University	VU Guaranteed (selected schools only)	
La Trobe University	Aspire – Community Contribution	
	Aspire – Year 11 Conditional Entry	
Charles Sturt University	Charles Sturt Advantage	
RMIT University	Early Offer Program	
Federation University	Early Entry	
Swinburne University	Principal's Recommendation Scheme	
CQUniversity	Launchpad Early Entry Program	
SAE Creative Media Institute	Early Offer Scheme	
Whitehouse Institute of Design		
Australian Catholic University	ACU Guarantee	
Monash University	Monash Guarantee	
University of Melbourne	Access Melbourne	
RMIT University	SNAP (selected schools)	

## 31 UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS - VTAC

VTAC applications now open for:
Undergraduate courses
Scholarships via VTAC
Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS)
Personal form etc.

# AUGUST

	EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS OPEN	
	As for July, plus the following:	
	Deakin University	Regional Access Scheme
	EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS CLOSE	
31	Charles Sturt University	Charles Sturt Advantage

# SEPTEMBER

	EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS CLO	SE
1	La Trobe University	Aspire – Community Contribution
17	RMIT University	Early Offer Program
18	Australian Catholic University	ACU Guarantee
	VTAC APPLICATIONS	
28	Timely applications close for undergraduate courses.	



# OCTOBER

# EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS CLOSE

ТВА	Victoria University	VU Guaranteed
6	The University of Melbourne	Access Melbourne
6	Monash University	Monash Guarantee
6	RMIT University	SNAP (selected schools only)
9	Swinburne University	Early Entry
UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS - VTAC		

- Applications close for:
- 6 Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS)
- 6 Scholarships via VTAC

# DECEMBER

	EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS CLOSE	
TBA	Deakin University	Regional Access Scheme
1	Federation University	Early Offer Program
1	CQUniversity	Principal's Recommendation Scheme
	RESULTS RELEASED	
11	VCE and ATAR	
14	HSC	
	VTAC APPLICATIONS	
13	Change of Preference closes (4pm)	
	UNIVERSITY OFFERS	
21	December offers released.	
	January offers released on 13 January 2023.	





# STEP 1 Research courses

The first step is to research your course options and develop a draft preference list. You can use the following resources to assist you. Ensure your dream courses have back up course options.



# Research occupations

Use the Good Universities Guide to research occupations by interest area. Click HERE



# Participate in a VTAC webinar

Register for a webinar run by VTAC staff. Learn about the application process and applying for special consideration and scholarships. For list of upcoming dates, click HERE



# Get advice & attend open days

Meet with your career adviser to create your preference list and back up options. Participate in open days. Download the Victorian Open Day Calendar via this LINK



# Use VTAC course search

Use the VTAC course search function to explore your options. Click HERE



# STEPS 2, 3, 4

Create VTAC account Complete course application Pay application fee

# STEP 2 - CREATE VTAC ACCOUNT

#### Resource

Watch a video on how to create your account. Click HERE

#### Unique Student Identifier (USI)

Before you create your VTAC account, you will need to create a Unique Student Identifier (USI). If you have completed a VET subject at school or a course such as First Aid, you may already have one. You can create or retrieve your USI number via www.usi.gov.au

#### Steps

- 1. Go to www.vtac.edu.au
- 2. Work through the steps to create your VTAC account. You will need your VCAA or NESA Student Candidate Number and your USI.

## **STEP 3 - COMPLETE COURSE APPLICATION**

#### Resource

Watch a video on the preference system. Click HERE

#### How to complete your course application

- 1. Login to your VTAC account with your ID and pin
- 2. Select the course application link
- 3. Work through the steps
- 4. Enter up to 8 course preferences.
- 5. Try and complete this by Thursday 28 September (5pm).

#### Changing preferences

Note: You can change your preferences as many times as you like until Wednesday 13 December (for most courses). Check your courses don't have early closing dates (e.g., medicine, portfolio/audition entry courses).

#### **STEP 4 – PAY THE APPLICATION FEE**

If you complete your application before Thursday 28 September, the fee will be \$55. If you complete a course application after this date, there will be a late fee.

#### Steps to pay

- 1. Login to your VTAC Account
- 2. Select the payment link
- 3. Pay the one-off application fee.



# STEP 5 Apply for special consideration



# Category 1

Personal Information & Location





Disadvantaged Financial Background



# **Category 3**

#### Disability or medical



Category 4

Difficult Circumstances

Information from VTAC: "If there have been circumstances that have made it hard for you to do your best at study, you should consider putting in a special consideration application via VTAC's Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS). SEAS is designed to make sure institutions get a sense of your full potential and it enables institutions to consider the circumstances you have experienced and their impact upon your studies when making selection decisions.

SEAS also allows institutions to identify applicants from under-represented groups when making selection decisions for some courses. SEAS allows selection officers to grant special consideration for course entry to applicants so that you may be offered a place with a lower rank than otherwise required, but it does not exempt you from meeting the published institutional and course requirements."

There are four categories.

## RESOURCES

Watch a video on SEAS. Click HERE

Work out your eligibility for any of the four categories by exploring the VTAC SEAS website. Click HERE

# APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1. Login to your VTAC Account
- 2. Click on the Special Consideration (SEAS) link
- 3. Apply for any of the 4 categories that you are eligible for by Friday 6 October (5pm).

# EVIDENCE

Organise supporting statements and any other required documentation and upload them by Friday 6 October to the 'Submit SEAS / Scholarships Documents' page in your VTAC account.



# **STEP 6** Apply for scholarships



# Access & Equity Scholarships



# Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships



# Academic Merit Scholarships

There are 3 types of scholarships students can apply for via the VTAC system: Access and Equity, Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships, and Academic Merit Scholarships. The following universities are not part of the VTAC scholarships program: The University of Melbourne (apply direct) and Australian Catholic University (apply via UAC).

## RESOURCE

Watch a video on how to apply for scholarships via VTAC. Click HERE

Explore the scholarships available via the VTAC scholarships webpage. Click HERE

# APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1. Login to your VTAC Account
- 2. Click on the scholarships link
- 3. Work through the steps.
- Copy and paste information from SEAS in the financial, medical/disability and/or difficult circumstances sections (if relevant)
- Complete application by Friday 6 October (5pm).

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## UNIVERSITIES

The following universities are part of the VTAC scholarships program:

Charles Sturt University Deakin University Federation University La Trobe University Monash University RMIT University Swinburne University of Technology Victoria University.