



## University applications

### When can I apply for university?

Applications for Victorian courses will open via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre \(VTAC\)](#) on Monday 29 July 2024. Timely applications will close on Monday 30 September. You will be able to change your preferences after this date (add/delete/reorder).

### How do I apply for courses?

VTAC will act as a link between you and the universities you apply for. They will send your VCE results and ATAR and your special consideration and scholarship application information to the universities and communicate with you about course offers. You will meet with Sandie to set up your VTAC account and enter course preferences in August.

### Does it cost to apply?

Yes – there will be a one-off application fee of \$60 that can be paid via PayPal or credit/debit card.

### How many courses can I apply for?

You can apply for up to 8 courses.

### Can I apply directly to universities?

Government funded universities: no – you must apply via VTAC. Private providers – yes for some institutes.

### How can I search for courses?

Use the course search function on VTAC. Currently the system is set to mid-year entry, so click on the '[CourseSearch 2023-24 archive](#)' link to review courses and selection ranks for the 2024 intake. Information for the 2025 intake will be available in July.

### What are the key dates for applications?

Download a resource developed by VTAC [here](#).

## Early Entry Programs

### What is an early entry program?

Early admission programs enable universities to take into consideration more than just your ATAR when making offers. Every program is different, and looks at different factors such as community service, Year 11 results, a school recommendation, and 'soft skills' etc.

### Can I apply through early entry?

Yes. Our school is eligible for all early entry and guaranteed entry programs except the SNAP program at RMIT University.

### Where can I find information about early entry programs?

Sandie can provide information on all early admission programs relevant to the universities you would like to apply to. Please email her.

### Do I still have to apply through VTAC?

Yes – you will have to formally apply for Victorian courses via VTAC. Receiving a conditional early entry offer from a university doesn't actually mean you have a formal offer. It just changes the selection criteria for the course on your VTAC preference list.

### Can I defer an early admission offer?

For most early admission course offers, you can defer the course starting date until 2026.

### What if I don't receive an early admission offer?

You will still be considered through the normal offer rounds through VTAC based on your Year 12 results.

### What universities currently have early entry programs open?

La Trobe University, [Aspire Program](#)  
Swinburne University, [Early Entry Program](#)  
Federation University, [Early Offer Program](#).

### Where can I find more information?

You can find information on the [Catholic College Careers](#) website.

## Special consideration

### What is special consideration?

When making offers, universities take into account circumstances beyond your control that may impact your final results.

This could include

- financial disadvantage
- long term illness or disability
- living in a rural or remote area
- difficult family circumstances.

### How do I apply for special consideration?

You apply for special consideration via your VTAC account. Applications for the [Special Entry Access Scheme \(SEAS\)](#) will be open between 29 July – 11 October.

### What are the SEAS categories?

1. Personal Information and Location
2. Disadvantaged Financial Background
3. Disability or Medical Condition
4. Difficult Circumstances.

### Will I need to provide evidence of how I've been disadvantaged?

For most categories yes. You may need to organise evidence such as:

- an education support statement from the school.
- a supporting letter from your GP or health professional.
- evidence you've lived in a rural area for a certain period of time.

### How do I provide evidence?

You will need to use the templates provided by VTAC. These will be available in August.

### Who can help me?

Meet with Sandie to go through the SEAS categories, work out what you need to do to apply for the categories you're eligible for. You can also receive assistance from Wellbeing and Diverse Learning.

### Where can I find more information?

Watch videos about SEAS [here](#). Note – information may change for the 2024 application period. Bookmark this [page](#) for up to date information.



## Accommodation

### Do all universities have on-campus accommodation?

No, but there is usually private student accommodation close to the university.

### Will meals be included in my accommodation?

Some universities have catered accommodation options, but not all.

### Will I have to share my room?

Each university offers different accommodation options. These could include:

- Single bedrooms in a dorm with a shared space for kitchen, bathroom, and living area.
- Shared apartments.
- A Single studio with your own kitchen, bathroom and shower.

### How much will accommodation cost?

Costs will vary between universities and accommodation types.

### When should I apply for accommodation?

Application dates will vary between universities but are usually open from July onwards.

Some universities have a 'first in, first served' process, so it's important to apply for accommodation early.

### Will I receive an offer for accommodation?

Some universities have a first-year accommodation guarantee but others don't. Sandie will be able to assist you with mapping out your options and looking into backup options. Click [here](#) to download an accommodation guide developed for the 2024 intake. The guide will be updated for the 2025 intake in June.

## Scholarships

### When can I apply for scholarships?

Dates will vary, but usually from August onwards.

### How do I apply for scholarships?

You can download a 4-step guide to finding scholarships developed by Catholic College at this [link](#).

### Is it easy to secure a scholarship?

Scholarships are very competitive, and they all have different eligibility criteria.

You should apply for any scholarships you are eligible for but financially plan that you won't receive a scholarship.

### When will I find out if I've received a scholarship?

Dates will vary for all scholarships you apply for.

### Can I defer a scholarship?

Only a small number of scholarships can be deferred.

### What if I don't receive a scholarship?

You may need to consider if you can afford to move away to study at university. This can cost at least up to \$35,000 per year in accommodation and living expenses (depending on where you live).

### Do I have to pay for my course up front?

Australian citizens will have automatic access to Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) in Government funded universities (undergraduate courses). The Government will pay a portion of your course fees and you will be left with a 'student contribution amount' – you will have to pay this. CSP students can access a [HECS-HELP loan](#).

Through this loan, you can defer all of your payments until you start earning over a certain amount of money per year, and you can make voluntary repayments at any time.

### Will I be eligible for Centrelink?

A small number of our students will be eligible for Youth Allowance. For most of our students, eligibility will be based on combined parental income. For up-to-date information, visit the [Services Australia](#) Youth Allowance page.

## Course offers

### How are course offers made?

This [video](#) from VTAC gives an excellent overview on how to order your course preferences and how offers are made.

### Can I receive more than one offer?

You can only receive one course offer per round and most offers will be made in the December Round for Year 12 students. If you receive an offer, it will be the highest course on your preference list you are eligible for.

### What if I don't receive an offer?

Working together, we will ensure you have back up courses and pathway options in place.

### When will I find out if I've received an offer?

December Round: Monday 23 December.  
January First Round: Friday 10 January.

### Will I receive bonus points towards my ATAR?

We call these 'adjustment factors' and it will depend on the university and the student.

Where eligible, universities will add adjustments to your ATAR and create a 'Selection Rank'.

This is solely for the purpose of making course offers and you won't know what your rank is for each uni. You may receive adjustments for factors such as:

- living in a rural area
- being financially disadvantaged
- having a long-term medical condition
- achieving excellent study scores for certain subjects.

Universities use factors such as your study scores and SEAS application to determine how many adjustment factors you will receive.

### Will I get help with accepting or deferring my offer?

Sandie will work throughout December and over Christmas to support all students with finalising preferences and responding to offers.

## Questions?

Please contact me via:

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Appointments can be made via my [online diary](#).