



**UNIVERSITIES
ADMISSIONS
CENTRE.**

THE ATAR & APPLYING THROUGH UAC

Year 11 & 12 information



What is UAC?



Processes
applications for 27
different institutions



Administers
applications for all
Access Schemes



Calculates the ATAR for all
NSW HSC students

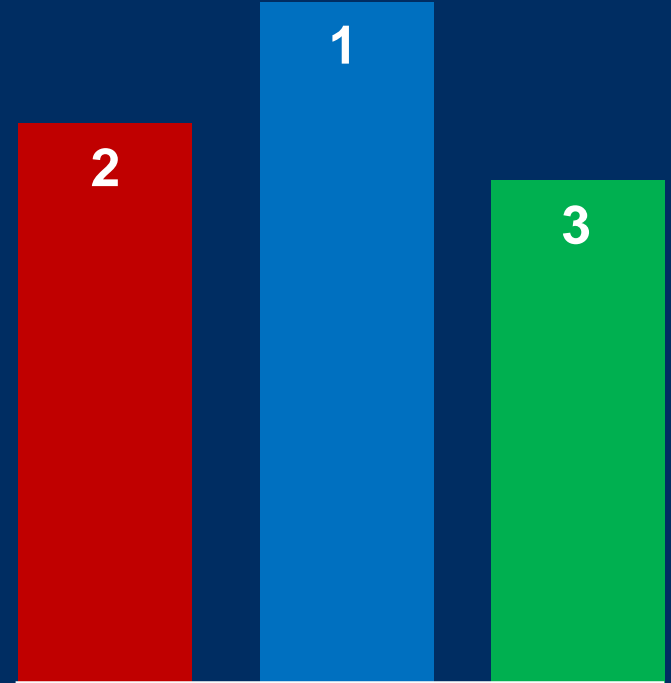


The ATAR

HSC vs ATAR

- **Performance** vs **Position**
- You can only control your performance

Like your position
in a race



What is the ATAR?

- Australian Tertiary Admission **Rank**
- Your overall position
- A number between 0.00 and 99.95
- Used by universities to rank and select students

Scaling

What?

It's the first step in the calculation of the ATAR

How?

Creates level playing field by removing differences between courses

Why?

No student is advantaged or disadvantaged because of their subject choice

Scaling Truths

- Based on the academic ability of students within each course.
- **Scaled mean** of a course indicates the **strength of the competition**.
- High/low scaled mean \neq a high/low ATAR.
- Course is irrelevant: just do well!

REMEMBER:









the ATAR is
about POSITION

ATAR Calculation

Best 2 units of English



Best 8 of remaining units
(up to 2 units of Category
B courses)

 1 unit (English)	 1 unit (English)	 1 unit	 1 unit	 1 unit	 1 unit	 1 unit	 1 unit	 1 unit	 1 unit
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Meet Fred & Laura

2019 – Median ATAR 70.15

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Course	Median Mark	HSC mark	Percentile	HSC mark	Percentile
Biology	74	70	40	80	72
Business Studies	74	70	40	80	67
English Advanced	82	70	6	80	42
Mathematics Advanced	80	70	21	80	50
Modern History	76	70	36	80	65
Visual Arts	83	70	12	80	39
ATAR		58.00		78.00	



Applying through UAC

Timeline of events



April

- 1st Applications open
- 1st UAC PIN emailed



September

- 19th SRS applications close



September

- 30th UAC early bird applications close



November

- 12th - SRS early offer rounds
- 22nd - EAS applications



December

- 17th - ATAR released
- 18th - Change preferences
- 22th - Offers based on ATAR

Applying to uni



1. Prepare



2. Apply



3. Manage



4. Accept



Prepare

Research open days, expos, websites
Investigate all course possibilities
Check selection criteria



Apply

Online via UAC website early April
Preferences list up to 5 at any one time
Access schemes online from April

Educational Access Scheme

For students with a long-term disadvantage

Over 6 months

Provide
documents

Increase
selection rank

Schools Recommendation Scheme

Early offer scheme through UAC

Apply by
Mid September

Open to all
Year 12

Conditional or
unconditional
offers

Equity Scholarships

Financial assistance when you are at uni

Centrelink
or other
disadvantage

Provide
documents

Apply
throughout
your degree



Manage

Selection rank

Adjustment factors

Preferences

Selection ranks

Used by universities to choose students



Adjustment Factors

Four types:

1. Subject adjustments

2. Location adjustments

3. Equity adjustments

4. Athlete and performer adjustments

Adjustment Factors & LSR

Bachelor of Arts

6 applicants / 3 places

Applicant	Selection rank
1	89.00 (ATAR of 89.00)
2	88.00 (ATAR of 87.00 + adjustment of 1 point)
3	87.00 (ATAR of 83.00 + adjustment of 4 points)
4	86.00 (ATAR of 86.00)
5	85.00 (ATAR of 83.00 + adjustment of 2 points)
6	84.00 (ATAR of 84.00)

LSR = 87.00

Your ATAR doesn't change

Change of preference

Check the
course LSR



Be realistic



Monitor preference
closing dates





Accept

Offers should be accepted as no guarantee of another offer

Change preferences in time for next offer round

Enrol or defer but follow instructions from the university

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parents and careers
advisers



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- Health Science
- Law
- Regional Universities
- Business/Commerce/ Economics
- Communications and Media
- Social Science and Arts
- Engineering and Construction
- Teaching
- Pathways to University

Other webinars

- Mental Health & the HSC
- SRS/ EAS
- Application
- Preferences and offers
- Pathways to university
- Year 10 Subject Selection

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