

### Year 12 Reminders



**ATARs and Study Scores** - Wednesday 30th December  
**VTAC Change of Course Preferences close** – Monday 4th  
January 2021

**VTAC Course Offers** - Thursday 14th January 2021  
**Creating a USI** - [www.usi.gov.au/your-usi/create-usi](http://www.usi.gov.au/your-usi/create-usi)  
**Accessing VCE Results and the ATAR** -  
<https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au>



TAFE VICTORIA

### UPCOMING ONLINE INFORMATION SESSIONS

**PROFESSIONAL WRITING, DESIGN, GRAPHIC  
DESIGN AND VISUAL ARTS COURSES**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 5:00pm

**CERTIFICATE III EDUCATION SUPPORT**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 10:00am

**CERTIFICATE III & DIPLOMA EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 10:00am

[www.eventbrite.com.au/o/bendigo-tafe-information-sessions-3346265028](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/bendigo-tafe-information-sessions-3346265028)



### Change of preference information sessions

Book in now to our exclusive information sessions for students starting their undergraduate degree in 2021, running between **7-18 December**.

<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/change-of-preference>



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### We're here to help!

You're going to change the world and Monash is here to help. We have a number of ways for you to get the information you're looking for during the change of preference period.

[www.monash.edu/change-of-preference](http://www.monash.edu/change-of-preference)

### DEAKIN - PREPARING FOR CHANGE OF PREFERENCE



Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 5:00 – 6:00pm

Join our upcoming webinar and let our experts run you through the change of preference process, so you can give yourself the best chance of studying a course you love at Deakin next year. Deciding on your next step isn't always easy, but we're on hand to give you the knowledge you need to get to your ultimate course.

You'll also hear from a current student about their Deakin experience. Discover what you can look forward to in 2021, including our vibrant campuses and all the opportunities and experiences waiting for you.

#### Understanding change of preference

We'll help you navigate the VTAC process and understand the different pathways and study options available to you. Hear from a Deakin expert about how you can take control of your future.

#### Have a question about studying at Deakin?

This is your opportunity to have your questions answered! Our interactive webinar will give you the chance to put your questions to our experts and learn more about what it's truly like to be a Deakin student.

[www.deakin.edu.au/about-deakin/events/preparing-for-change-of-preference](http://www.deakin.edu.au/about-deakin/events/preparing-for-change-of-preference)



### Change of Preference

The future is yours with industry-led courses at the forefront of change. Explore our pathways options and find out where your ATAR can take you.

[www.rmit.edu.au/change-of-preference](http://www.rmit.edu.au/change-of-preference)



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If you just got through Year 12 – take a moment. You just completed one of the toughest challenges a young person can face – **and** you did it during a pandemic? Huge respect! So, once you get your ATAR, what's next? If you're thinking of changing your preferences, the process and language can seem a little daunting. We've broken it down to the essentials you need to know for the change of preference (CoP) period and beyond.

[www.vu.edu.au/about-vu/news-events/study-space/change-of-preference-101-everything-you-need-to-know-post-atar](http://www.vu.edu.au/about-vu/news-events/study-space/change-of-preference-101-everything-you-need-to-know-post-atar)

## School Leavers Information Kit & School Leavers Information Service



To support young people as they prepare to leave school, the School Leavers Information Kit and the School Leavers Information Service provide tailored careers information to help young people aged between 15-24 years, in particular young people leaving school in 2020 and 2021, understand their education, training and work pathways.

### Features of the School Leavers Information Kit

The School Leavers Information Kit, *Your Career: What's next for you?* provides young people with information about education, training and work options to help them navigate the changing landscape of the labour market.

#### Key sections include:

- Help to build your future career Information about further education and training and industries across Australia.
- Help with short-term options Identifying current skills, undertaking short-term education and training, and options to pursue different opportunities like work experience or volunteering.
- Help to pursue your goal Financial assistance, starting your first new job and local careers information.

**The information kit is available to download from the Your Career website at:**

<https://yourcareer.gov.au/school-leavers-support/>



### Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 PM

In this webinar, we explore the diverse industries young people can do a traineeship in. From sport, marketing, business, education and the arts, this Webinar provides you with an insight into how careers are made through traineeships.

We hear from three alumni working in very different industries and roles. We explore how a traineeship can lead to a pathway in teaching, a Community Manager at Yves Saint Laurent and Giorgio Armani and even working for a 7 x World Championship winning Formula One team.

The possibilities are endless with a traineeship and it can help young people open the door to many exciting career opportunities and career pathways.

<https://aflsportsready.com.au/how-did-you-get-the-job-webinar-series/>



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### STUDENT HELP HUB

This Year La Trobe have launched their Student Help Hub, it's designed to help you get all the help you need with your preferences and more.

#### Opening hours will be:

Tuesday 29 December 9am-4pm

Wednesday 30 December (ATAR release date) 7am-5pm

Thursday 31 December 7am-5pm

Saturday 2 January 9am-4pm

Sunday 3 January 10am-2pm

Monday 4 January (COP cut-off is at 12pm) 8.30am-5.30pm

You can contact the Student Hub by:

- Phoning them on 1300 135 045,
- On live chat at [latrobe.edu.au/chat](http://latrobe.edu.au/chat)
- Or asking them a question at [latrobe.edu.au/ask-us](http://latrobe.edu.au/ask-us)



To book a one-on-one consultation with a future students advisor about Change of Preference or any other queries, fill in the [Application Consultations](#) form online and wait for them to schedule a time that suits you.

[www.swinburne.edu.au/study/options/connect/one-on-one/](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/study/options/connect/one-on-one/)



### Education Support Scholarships

Education Support Scholarship is a non-academic scholarship which means you need not have good grades, just passion to want to take the next step in your chosen career path. The scholarships are available across a number of study areas at Bendigo TAFE. You may be eligible for a scholarship if you are an Australian Citizen, Permanent Resident or other eligible categories and are disadvantaged or face financial barriers to education, offering you another chance to succeed in your studies and career.

This scholarship can provide local students with a waiver or a reduction of their tuition fee/student services/IT fees and may include other related educational expenses. The scholarship amount is determined on a case-by-case basis and is valid for the duration of your study.

Terms and conditions may vary for each department. **Students need to satisfy the course prerequisites and be offered a place in their chosen course before applying for a scholarship.**

#### Visit:

[www.bendigotafe.edu.au/Scholarships/Pages/Education-Support-Scholarships.aspx](http://www.bendigotafe.edu.au/Scholarships/Pages/Education-Support-Scholarships.aspx)

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about University offers and your options**

### **1. When are offers released?**

Thursday January 14<sup>th</sup> 2021. You will be eligible to receive **one** of your VTAC course preferences – make sure you have them in preferential order.

### **2. What happens if I don't get my first preference?**

After working hard all year, making the tough choice about which tertiary courses to apply for and which one deserves the number one position. Then the anticipation of waiting for ATARs and waiting for the offers rounds to roll around...it could be really disheartening if you don't receive an offer. Don't take it personally, harness your resilience, and prepare to bounce back, because you still have time and plenty of options.

- You could leave your preferences alone and wait to see if you receive an offer in the second or subsequent rounds (check the VTAC website for key dates). Sometimes universities allocate a few spots for the second round, or places might open up if offers made in the first round aren't accepted or the recipient defers their offer to study.
- If your ATAR is above or very close to the course cut-off, and you meet all the other course requirements such as subject prerequisites, you'll still be eligible to receive a place. It might be a good idea to contact the university and/or VTAC to discuss your options and how best to proceed.
- If one of your preferences had slightly lower entry requirements, you could re-order your preferences before the next offer round and see if you receive an offer for that course.

### **3. How will I know if I have received an offer?**

Keep an eye on the email address that you used on your VTAC account. Offers will also be posted in your VTAC account.

### **4. I received an offer for my first preference, will I get any more offers?**

Congratulations! If you don't change your course preferences and put another course in the top position for the next round, then no – you won't receive any more offers in future rounds. If for any reason you're having second thoughts about enrolling in the course you had as your first preference, you can rearrange your preferences and be eligible to receive offers from future rounds. Just make sure you make your changes before any cut-off dates if you want to be considered.

### **5. How many offers can I receive in each round?**

You can only receive **one offer per round**. If you're lucky enough to get an offer in one round, you should accept it. You can then

change your preferences and if you receive an offer in a later round, you'll need to:

- keep your previous offer and not accept your new offer, or
- accept your new offer and withdraw from the course you've already accepted.

### **6. Who decides which students will receive an offer?**

Universities are responsible for deciding which applicants will receive an offer. VTAC don't choose who gets offers or influence any of the decision making.

### **7. I didn't get an offer even though I was eligible, why not?**

If your ATAR was above the course cut-off and you had all the prerequisites for the course in your first preference place, but you didn't receive an offer, you'll need to contact the admissions office at the university you applied to for answers. Most likely they had more applications for the course than the number of places available and you may have just missed out. If you contact the admissions office, they'll be able to talk you through your options too.

### **8. I'm not too sure if I want to accept my offer, what should I do?**

Did you get an offer? Excellent! That's really good news, even if it isn't for your first preference.

Don't let disappointment rule your decisions. Research the course you've been offered a place on and see if it might work out for you. You can also contact the university to discuss if enrolling in that course could provide a pathway into your preferred course (the one at number 1 in your preference list). For example, starting an arts course could be a pathway into law, or enrolling in an undergraduate health sciences degree could make you eligible for graduate entry into medicine. Bank the offer (make sure you note the cut-off date for accepting it) and wait for other rounds to see if you get an offer for your first preference course, or another one that you'd prefer. That way at least you have a Plan B already in place to fall back on.

### **9. I didn't receive an offer, what happens now?**

Didn't get an offer in the first round? No problem hold on and wait to see if you're successful in round two. You could consider changing your preferences and putting a less popular course, or a course with different prerequisites and a lower cut-off into first place. You could spend your time researching alternative pathways. Arrange a one-on-one consultation with an advisor from the university you'd like to attend or sign up for some of the change of preference sessions to get more help. If you gave permission, your name will be able to be sent out to universities to be considered in any supplementary offer rounds.

**10. I received an offer, but I've changed my mind and want to study a different course. What can I do?**

Great, you got an offer. Firstly, our advice would be don't reject it straight away – hold on to it as a backup option. Next, check the deadlines for change of preferences for your state if you've applied by TAC, or universities if you applied directly. Place the course you'd really like to do in first place on your preferences and wait to see if you get an offer in the next round. If there are no more offer rounds left, it's still not time to panic. You could contact the university you'd like to study with and ask them for some advice. You might still be able to apply directly or find another pathway to help you get into the course you'd love to do. Give your VTAC a call too, they'll be able to advise you about other options.

**11. I received an offer to a course I didn't apply for, how come?**

Sometimes universities might not be able to offer you a place for your first preference on your application, but they have another course or pathway that they think might suit you and that you're eligible for. Consider researching the course and contact the university to discuss your options with an advisor before rejecting your offer.

**12. How do I accept an offer?**

Congratulations on receiving an offer. But being offered a place doesn't mean you've automatically been enrolled onto the course. To secure your place, you'll need to confirm your acceptance before a cut-off date and then follow the university instructions on how to go ahead with your enrolment. Failure to accept and enrol in time could mean that you lose your spot. If you don't receive the information you need along with your offer, contact the university as soon as possible to find out what you should do next.

**13. How do I decline an offer?**

If you got an offer but you don't want to accept it, you can decline. That way the university won't hold the spot for you, and it could then be offered to another student waiting for a place.

Even if it's a course you really don't want to do, before you reject your offer too hastily consider:

- Do you have any other offers in place? If not, think about banking your offer and researching the course in more detail. Contact the university to check if it could be a pathway to into a more desirable course.
- Are you 100% certain you don't want to do the course even if you don't receive any other offers?

If you're sure you don't want to accept the offer, you simply don't have to do anything. Yep, you read that right, it's really that easy.

By not enrolling on the course by the date and time specified in your offer, it will automatically lapse.

**Remember:** don't reject an offer if you're just hoping for a better one in another round, as there's no guarantee that you'll receive another offer.

**14. What is enrolment?**

Enrolment is your official admission into a university course. You'll need to enrol to accept your offer of a place and be eligible to study at the start of the semester. By enrolling you're agreeing to the terms

of your offer and you'll be liable for the fees due for your course. Enrolment details are different at each university and you'll receive specific instructions on how to go about it along with your offer. Make sure you decide if you want to accept the offer and enrol, then do it before the cut-off date lapses, otherwise you could lose your spot.

**15. What if I get a better offer after I have enrolled on another course?**

If you get an offer for a course that you'd prefer to do, after you've already enrolled at a university, you can still accept the new offer by enrolling in the course. It's really important that once you've enrolled in the new course, you withdraw your enrolment from any previous offers, otherwise you may end up paying two sets of course fees. To withdraw an enrolment, you'll need to contact the university for instructions. There'll be a formal process to follow, but you won't be in any trouble. You may even receive a refund for any fees that you have already paid. Bear in mind though each university is different, and you might have to pay for admin fees or other charges.

**16. Can I defer my place?**

Got an offer but decided you'd like to take a gap year before you dive back into studying? Some universities will allow you to defer your offer and start the following year (or semester). However, not all universities offer this option, or they may allow it for some courses, but not all. To find out what's possible and what you'll need to do if deferring is an option, you'll need to contact the university directly. Make sure you do so as soon as possible after receiving your offer. Usually, you need to submit a written request to defer. You may need to complete official forms, or even enrol.

**17. What if I'm not able to enrol when I'm supposed to?**

If you're not able to get to your enrolment on the date specified, contact your university as soon as possible to see what options you have. For example, you may be able to authorise somebody else to enrol for you. If that's an option, make sure you provide all the enrolment instructions and a list of subjects you want to enrol into your authorised person (and thank them profusely).

**18. I've missed my enrolment date, what can I do now?**

If you haven't enrolled by a certain date, the university will assume you don't want your place and your offer will expire. If this happens by accident and you really do want to accept your offer, contact the university immediately. They'll do their best to help you out, and if there's still places left on the course you might still be able to enrol.



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