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Frequently asked questions about Early February Round offers

How do I find out if I have received an Early February Round offer?

Offers are released at **9pm on Wednesday 2 February 2011** through www.uac.edu.au. In addition:

- If you've received an offer (or applied after the Main Round on 19 January), you'll receive a letter in the mail from UAC from Thursday 3 February 2011
- if you've received an offer, your name and offer will be published on Thursday 3 February 2011 in *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Daily Telegraph*, with local subsets in *The Newcastle Herald* and *The Canberra Times*.

What do I do if I receive an offer in the Early February Round?

UAC advises you to accept your offer so you don't lose the chance to study at uni in 2011. You may not receive an offer in the Final Round and if you don't accept by the specified date, the offer will lapse and your position at university will be offered to someone else in the Final Round.

Accept your offer directly with the institution making the offer by the date specified. Information is available online when you check your offer details on UAC's website.

If I accept my Early February Round offer, can I get an offer in the Final Round?

Yes. In the Final Round you'll be considered for any of the preferences listed higher than the preference offered in the Early February Round. To be considered for other courses, you must change your preferences. If you receive a Final Round offer, you can either accept your Final Round offer and withdraw from your Early February Round offer, or keep the Early February Round offer and not accept the Final Round offer. Remember that very few offers are made in the Final Round.

Can I defer?

Deferment means delaying the start of your studies for a fixed period, usually one year. Some institutions grant deferment only in special circumstances, so check the information provided by the institution with your offer.

For further information (media only) contact:

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How do I find out what the cut-offs were?

Details of the minimum cut-offs for entry into each course will be published on UAC's website and in the newspapers publishing the Early February Round offers.

Why did I get an offer when my ATAR is below the cut-off?

Universities allocate bonus points in some circumstances. Examples include performance in relevant HSC subjects, living or attending school in an area defined by the university and applying for consideration through an Educational Access Scheme.

If universities give bonus points, your ATAR doesn't change or increase, even if you receive an offer to a course with a higher cut-off. When you are allocated bonus points, your selection rank changes. For most students their selection rank = their ATAR, but for students who are given bonus points their selection rank = their ATAR + bonus points.

The cut-offs include bonus points so that the cut-off for each course is the lowest rank (**including** any bonus points) required for entry into that course.

What if I don't receive an offer in the Early February Round?

All of your preferences will automatically be considered again in the Final Round, as long as there are vacancies in those courses. To be considered for other courses you must change your preferences.

If you applied after the Main Round on 19 January 2011, you will receive a letter advising you why your application was unsuccessful.

Which courses can I include for the Final Round?

You can include any of the courses available through UAC for consideration in the Final Round. But remember:

- Institutions, however, may not make offers in all courses. Courses which have a '(V)' published next to the course code in the newspapers and on UAC's website have vacancies. Vacancies may exist in courses other than those specified with a '(V)', but only if Early February Round offers are not accepted.
- Some courses have special entry requirements, course prerequisites and/or early application closing dates. Check the course descriptions in Part 2 of the *UAC 2011 Guide* or on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au.
- Some institutions don't expect to make any offers in the Final Round. A list of these institutions will be published in the newspapers with the Early February Round offers and also on UAC's website.

Do I need to change my preferences for the Final Round?

Change your preferences only if you want your courses to be considered in a different order for the Final Round and/or if you want to add or substitute other courses. Remember that preferences are considered in the order in which you have listed them on your application.

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How do I change my preferences?

Visit UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au and follow the instructions. You can change your preferences for the Final Round from 9pm on Wednesday 2 February until midnight on Thursday 3 February.

When are Final Round offers released?

Final Round offers are e-released at **9am** on **Wednesday 9 February 2011**.

Will cut-offs change in the Final Round?

Cut-offs can increase or decrease. Some institutions may have already set the lowest cut-off they will accept for courses, so there may only be a slight chance of more offers being made at a lower cut-off.

Can I still apply to study at university in 2011?

You can apply through UAC until midnight on Thursday 3 February 2011 (fees and conditions apply). But remember that very few places are still available and some courses have already closed and/or have additional selection criteria.

Visit UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au for more information. Some institutions may also take late direct applications after this date. You can also apply through UAC for mid-year admissions to start uni in Semester 2. Check UAC's website from April 2011.

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Where can I get more information about my study options?

For further information contact the relevant institutions.

Australian Catholic University	1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228)
Australian Maritime College	1300 363 864
Australian National University	Freecall 1800 620 032 or (02) 6125 5594
Art, Design Arts, Music and Visual Arts courses	(02) 6125 2898
Canberra Institute of Technology	(02) 6207 3188
Charles Sturt University	Freecall 1800 227 337
Griffith University	Freecall 1800 154 055 or (07) 5552 8811
La Trobe University	Albury-Wodonga (02) 6024 9791; Mildura (03) 5051 4000
Macquarie University	(02) 9850 6410
Southern Cross University	Freecall 1800 626 481
University of Canberra	1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
University of New England	Freecall 1800 818 865
University of New South Wales	Enrolment Support Centre (02) 9385 1110
University of Newcastle	(02) 4921 5000
University of Sydney	1300 362 006; Admissions Office (02) 8627 8209 or (02) 8627 8210
Faculty of Health Sciences	1300 362 006; Student Administration (02) 9351 9574 or (02) 9351 9588
University of Technology, Sydney	1300 ASK UTS (1300 275 887)
University of Western Sydney	Freecall 1300 897 669
University of Wollongong	1300 367 869

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