

Media release – Tuesday 19 January 2010
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Frequently asked questions about Main Round offers

How do I find out if I have received a Main Round offer?

Offers are e-released at **9pm** on **Wednesday 20 January 2010** through www.uac.edu.au.

In addition:

- you will receive a letter in the mail from UAC from Thursday 21 January 2010 and
- if you have received an offer, your name and offer will be published on Thursday 21 January 2010 in *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Daily Telegraph*, with local subsets in *The Canberra Times* and *The Newcastle Herald*.

What do I do when I receive an offer in the Main Round?

UAC advises you to accept your offer so you don't lose the chance to study at uni in 2010. You may not receive an offer in the Early February 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 Early February Round.

Accept your offer directly to 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 Main Round offer, can I get an offer in a later round?

Yes. In the Early February Round you will be considered for any of the preferences listed higher than the preference offered in the Main Round. To be considered for other courses, you must change your preferences. If you receive an Early February Round offer, you can either accept your Early February Round offer and withdraw from your Main Round offer, or keep the Main Round offer and not accept the Early February Round offer.

Can I defer my offer?

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.

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

Details of the minimum ATAR for entry into each course will be published on UAC's website and in the newspapers publishing the Main Round offers.

For further information (media only) contact:

Kim Paino, Director Information Services, Universities Admissions Centre on (02) 9752 0760 or 0409 155 112 or Lucie Parkin, Communications Officer on (02) 9752 0775

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 does not 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 ATAR cut-offs include bonus points so that the ATAR cut-off for each course is the lowest ATAR (**including** any bonus points) required for entry into that course.

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

You will receive a letter telling you why you didn't receive an offer. Your preferences will be considered again in the Early February Round. If you want to be considered for other courses, make sure you change your preferences.

Offers in the Early February Round will be made to courses that still have vacancies (see below).

How do I know if there are any courses with vacancies after the Main Round?

A list of courses with vacancies is available on UAC's website and in the newspapers publishing Main Round offers. Courses that have a '(V)' next to the course code have vacancies. There may be vacancies in courses other than those specified with a '(V)', but only if Main Round offers aren't accepted.

Do I need to change my preferences for the Early February Round?

Change your preferences only if you want your courses to be considered in a different order to the Main 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.

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 Early February Round from 9pm on Wednesday 20 January until midnight on Tuesday 26 January.

Will ATAR cut-offs change in the Early February Round?

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

Which courses can I include for the Early February Round?

You can include any of the courses available through UAC for consideration in the Early February Round. Institutions, however, don't always make offers in all courses so:

- check which courses have vacancies (see "How do I know if there are any courses with vacancies after the Main Round?" above)

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- make sure you are eligible for any new courses you list in your preferences. Some courses have special entry requirements, course prerequisites and/or early application closing dates. Check the course descriptions in Part 2 of the *UAC 2010 Guide* or on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au.

When are Early February Round offers released?

Early February Round offers are e-released at **9pm on Wednesday 3 February 2010**.

Can I still apply to study at university in 2010?

You can apply through UAC until Thursday 4 February 2010 (fees and conditions apply). Visit UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au for more information. You can also apply through UAC for mid-year admissions to start university in Semester 2. Not all courses are offered mid-year – for information on applying visit UAC's website from April 2010.

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 Admissions Office – 1300 363 864

Australian National University Admissions Office – Freecall 1800 620 032 or (02) 6125 5594; for courses in Art, Design Arts, Music and Visual Arts call (02) 6125 2898

Charles Sturt University – Freecall 1800 334 733 or

(Albury/Wodonga) Student Administration Office – (02) 6051 9111

(Bathurst, Dubbo, Canberra and Parramatta) Student Administration Office – (02) 6338 4318

(Orange) Student Administration Office – (02) 6365 7002

(Wagga Wagga) Student Administration Office – (02) 6933 2240

Griffith University – Freecall 1800 154 055 or (07) 5552 8811

La Trobe University Student Administration – Albury-Wodonga (02) 6024 9791 or Mildura (03) 5051 4000

Macquarie University Coursework Studies – (02) 9850 6410

Southern Cross University Student Services – Freecall 1800 626 481

University of Canberra – 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)

University of New England The Student Centre – Freecall 1800 818 865 or (02) 6773 4444

University of New South Wales Enrolment Support Centre – (02) 9385 1110

University of Newcastle Enquiry Centre – (02) 4921 5000

University of Sydney University Helpline – 1300 362 006 or Admissions Office – (02) 8627 8209 or (02) 8627 8210

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University of Sydney (Faculty of Health Sciences) – University Helpline 1300 362 006 or Student Administration – (02) 9351 9574 or (02) 9351 9627

University of Technology, Sydney Student Centre – 1300 ASK UTS (1300 275 887)

University of Western Sydney – Freecall 1300 897 669

University of Wollongong – 1300 367 869

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