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Main Round university offers released

ALMOST 85 000 university applicants will find out tonight if they have received a Main Round offer for undergraduate study in 2010. UAC's participating institutions have made 56 154 Main Round offers, an increase of almost 1 000 on last year.

UAC Director of Information Services Kim Paino says, "The Main Round is our largest offer round so there will be many applicants eagerly awaiting 9 o'clock tonight when they can find out whether they have been made an offer. All they have to do is go to UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au and enter their UAC application number and UAC PIN."

For those who also like to see their name in print, *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Sydney Morning Herald* will publish a complete list of applicants who have been made an offer on Thursday 21 January (local subsets will appear in *The Canberra Times* and *The Newcastle Herald*). All applicants will also receive a letter from UAC from Thursday 21 January.

UAC has received 84 560 applications so far this year (at the same time last year there were over 82 000 applications), so there has been an increase in applications and Main Round offers have been made to over 65 percent of applicants.

Universities have made 65 306 offers in total, including offers from earlier rounds. More offers will be made in the Early February and Final rounds next month.

Ms Paino says, "The message for anyone who has missed out on a Main Round offer is not to be disheartened. There are two more offer rounds, the next one is the Early February Round and applicants have from 9 o'clock tonight until midnight on 26 January to change preferences to be included in that offer round. And of course there are alternatives to direct entry to uni for those who don't get an offer this year but still want to pursue their goal of a university degree. Most unis have pathway programs that lead into the Bachelor degree if you do well or you could start with a TAFE qualification or a course at a private college."

For those who still haven't applied, it's not too late – applications are open until Thursday 4 February 2010. Visit UAC's website for more information.

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Comparison of 2010 and 2009 university offers*

Offer Round	2010	2009	Difference 2009-2010
October Round	891	431	+460
November Round	478	New round in 2010	n/a
December Round	3 737	2 790	+947
Early January Round	4 046	3 715	+331
Main Round	56 154	55 212	+942
Early February Round	Released 9pm 3 February 2010	6 233	n/a
Final Round	Released 9am 10 February 2010	1 847	n/a
Total	65 306 (at 20 January 2010)	70 228	n/a

** These figures do not include offers made to international Year 12 applicants (although these applicants are included in application figures).*

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