

Late uni applications extended until 6 February 2002

The Universities Admissions Centre NSW & ACT (UAC) has announced that the closing date for late university applications for 2002 admissions has been extended almost two months until Wednesday 6 February 2002.

According to Andrew Stanton, UAC's Director, "The extended closing date is great news for applicants. Previously, people who had forgotten to apply, or who decided late that they wanted to go to university, had to submit a late, direct application to each university and were not considered for admission until after the UAC offer rounds."

"Now people can apply through UAC in December, January and February and be considered for offers through the UAC system."

He warned however that, "as before, late fees and conditions apply to applications lodged after the on-time closing date in September."

"Applicants shouldn't delay submitting their application just because of the extended closing date. People wishing to apply to high demand courses and courses with additional selection criteria, such as interviews, portfolios and tests must still ensure they apply early."

"Universities will continue to make the majority of their offers in the Main Round on 18 January 2002. Only if places remain unfilled will offers be made in subsequent rounds," he added.

To cater for the late applications, there will also be an extra offer round - the Last Round - which will be released on 15 February 2002.

Further details about the extended closing date and the Last Round will be in the *UAC 2002 Guide* and on the UAC web site from August.

Mid-year uni applications now easier

Mid-year university applications are easier than ever now that the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) is coordinating mid-year applications for most institutions in NSW and ACT.

According to Andrew Stanton, UAC's Director, "Interested applicants previously had to apply to each institution separately, but can now simply submit one application to UAC with their ranked choice of courses".

"Although mid-year admissions is not relevant to current Year 12 students, it is important careers advisers are aware of mid-year admissions as they keep in touch with ex-students and other people in the community who may be interested in applying."

"With a number of universities offering a large range of courses, this may be the ideal opportunity for people to consider updating their skills or just learning more about their favourite subject," he added.

Interested applicants should visit the UAC web site at www.uac.edu.au or call UAC on (02) 9330 7200 to obtain a copy of the mid-year admissions guide which contains details of all the courses being offered and an application form.

Applications close on Tuesday 29 May 2001. Offers will be sent to successful applicants on Friday 22 June 2001.

UAC key dates for 2002 admissions

Applications open

Wed 8 August 2001 Applications for 2001 Year 12 students open via UAC's web site and Apply-By-Telephone

Closing dates for applications

Fri 28 September 2001 On-time applications close
Wed 31 October 2001 Closing date for late applications with \$66 late fee
Fri 30 November 2001 Closing date for late applications with \$77 late fee
Wed 6 February 2002 Final closing date for applications with \$88 late fee

Release of 2001 NSW HSC results and UAls

Wed 19 December 2001 NSW HSC results released by Board of Studies
Thur 20 December 2001 UAls released by UAC

Closing dates for changes of preference

On each of the dates shown below changes of preference close in person and by mail at 4.30 pm and on the web and InfoLine at midnight.

Mon 7 January 2002 Changes of preference close for Main Round
Wed 23 January 2002 Changes of preference close for Late Round
Wed 6 February 2002 Change of preference close for Last Round

Offer rounds

Fri 7 December 2001 Early Round offers released
Fri 4 January 2002 Preliminary Round offers released
Fri 18 January 2002 Main Round offers released
Fri 1 February 2002 Late Round* offers released
Fri 15 February 2002 Last Round offers released

* The round of offers previously known as the 'Final Round' has been renamed the 'Late Round'.

A copy for the:

- Principal
- Careers Adviser
- Year 12 Adviser

Copies of current and previous newsletters can be downloaded from the UAC web site at www.uac.edu.au. Look under 'Publications - Download'.

Changes to Medicine at UNSW

UNSW Medicine is currently reviewing their admission criteria and the undergraduate medical program curriculum. In future, admission will very likely involve four components: academic achievement (in either secondary or tertiary level assessments), psychometric evaluation (UMAT), principal's report and an interview.

The curriculum review is focusing on the importance of experiential learning and increasing the degree of horizontal and vertical integration of learning. It is anticipated that the changes will be implemented for entry in 2003.

University Open Days in 2001

Listed below are the dates for Open Days being held during 2001. For information on special schools' visit days, contact the individual institution.

Australian Catholic University	
Canberra Campus	1 September
North Sydney Campus	25 August
Strathfield Campus	25 August
Australian Maritime College	19 August
Tours arranged for interstate visitors at other times, freecall 1800 030 277 for further information.	
Australian National University	1 September
Charles Sturt University	Open Day — Every Day
Albury-Wodonga Campus	19 August
La Trobe University	
Albury/Wodonga Campus	19 August
Macquarie University	8 September
Southern Cross University	
Coffs Harbour Education Campus	11 August
Lismore Campus	18 August
Port Macquarie Campus	1 September
Tweed Campus	25 August
University of Canberra	1 September
University of New England	7 September
University of New South Wales	
Courses and Careers Day	1 September
Australian Defence Force Academy	1 September
University of Newcastle	
Callaghan Campus – Courses & Careers Evenings	3—7 September
Central Coast Campus	16 September
University of Sydney	
Camperdown & Darlington Campus and Mallett Street Campus	25 August
Faculty of Health Sciences, Cumberland	25 August
Faculty of Rural Management, Orange	25 August
Sydney College of the Arts	25 August
Sydney Conservatorium of Music	25 August
University of Technology, Sydney	
UTS Information Day, Broadway Campus	25 August
UTS Information Day, Kuring-gai Campus	1 September
University of Western Sydney	
Blacktown Campus	12 August
Campbelltown Campus	19 August
Penrith Campus	26 August
University of Wollongong	
For campus tours and special events contact UoW on 1300 367 869	

Application procedure for medicine at University of Newcastle

Students wishing to apply for entry to the Bachelor of Medicine course at the University of Newcastle in 2002 are required to submit three separate applications:

1 Apply to sit the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)

In 2001 UMAT will be held on one date at various sites across Australia. The test date is 15 August 2001. Registration forms may be obtained from:

UMAT Office
ACER Assessment Services
Private Bag 55
Camberwell VIC 3124

Telephone: (03) 9277 5673
Email: umat@acer.edu.au

On-time applications for UMAT close on 29 June 2001 (an application fee applies). Late applications close on 13 July 2001 (an additional late fee applies).

All enquiries concerning UMAT should be directed to the UMAT Office.

2 Apply directly to the University

Application forms will be available in May and are available by contacting the Admissions Officer (BMed).

Applications close on 2 July 2001. Late applications WILL NOT be accepted under any circumstances. Further information may be obtained by contacting:

The Admissions Officer (BMed)
Medical Sciences Building
University of Newcastle
Callaghan NSW 2308

Telephone: (02) 4921 5680
Email: bmed-admissions@newcastle.edu.au

3 Apply to the Universities Admissions Centre NSW & ACT (UAC)

On-time applications must be lodged with UAC by 28 September 2001.

Late applications will be accepted until 30 November 2001 (additional late fees apply).

UAC
Locked Bag 500
Lidcombe NSW 1825

Telephone: (02) 9330 7200
Email: use the online enquiry form at www.uac.edu.au

Order Year 10 Booklets by 18 May

Orders from schools for the *University Entry Requirements 2004 Year 10 Booklet* are due at UAC by Friday 18 May.

Prepared by UAC on behalf of the participating institutions, the Booklet shows prerequisites, assumed knowledge and recommended studies for university courses commencing in 2004.

The purpose of the Booklet is to help Year 10 students make informed choices about which HSC courses they should study in Years 11 and 12 in preparation for tertiary study. It also outlines the UAI rules and provides an overview of the areas of study available at universities.

Each Year 12 school in NSW and the ACT will receive four complimentary copies. Additional booklets cost just \$2.20 each (incl. GST). The minimum order is 10 booklets.

How to order

Schools can complete the order form which accompanies this issue of the UAC News or alternatively, download the order form from

the UAC web site at www.uac.edu.au. Look under 'Publications - Order Form' on the side menu.

Mail your order to UAC by 18 May with a cheque or money order. Any orders received from schools without payment will not be processed.

Schools will receive their orders at the end of May 2001. The delivery will include a copy of a Tax Invoice for the school's records. UAC's Australian Business Number (ABN) can be found in the top right hand corner of the form.

Members of the public can also buy copies of the booklet for \$2.20 over the counter at UAC's premises at Auburn.

Individual copies of the Booklet ordered through the mail cost \$7.70 including postage and handling.

Australian Defence Force Academy - special application procedures

University College, ADFA

In 1986 the University of New South Wales established a University College at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) in Canberra.

University College offers undergraduate courses in arts, science, engineering and technology, as well as opportunities for graduate study and research.

All undergraduate students at University College are members of the Australian Defence Force.

Special application procedures

To attend ADFA **all applicants must** be prepared and eligible to join either the Navy, Army or Air Force with the view to becoming Officers.

For further information call 13 19 01 or visit the website: www.defencejobs.gov.au

Students wishing to apply for entry to ADFA courses in 2002, must submit two separate applications:

- 1 All applicants must submit an ADFA application to the Defence Force Recruiting Organisation by 31 July 2001. ADFA applications are available from Defence Force Career Reference Centres.

Applications received after 31 July 2001 may be considered if all positions are not allocated. ADFA applicants are required to undergo both a military and an academic selection process.

- 2 In addition, all applicants must submit an application to the Universities Admissions Centre (NSW & ACT) Pty Ltd (UAC) by 28 September 2001.

Late applications will be accepted after this, but late fees apply.

For your reference

► Report on the Scaling of the 2000 NSW HSC

The percentile table (appendix) from the *Report on the Scaling of the 2000 NSW HSC*, can be viewed and downloaded from the homepage of the UAC web site at www.uac.edu.au.

The table, produced by the Technical Committee on Scaling, provides information about the distribution of scaled marks used in the calculation of the 2000 Universities Admission Index (UAI).

Two printed copies of the entire report will be sent to schools at the end of May 2001.

► UAC 2002 Guides

UAC 2002 Guides will be delivered to NSW and ACT schools/colleges from Monday 23 July.

Schools/colleges will receive one Guide for every Year 12 student, plus several reference copies for staff and the library.

► EAS info pack

UAC and the participating institutions are developing an Educational Access Schemes (EAS) information package to help schools assist students with their EAS application.

The package, which will be sent to schools prior to the start of the 2002 admissions period, will include:

- information on changes to the EAS booklet and application form
- hints and suggestions about completing the Confidential Statement of Support (CSoS) ie. what it should include and who should fill it out - some students are still asking inappropriate people to complete their CSoS; others are submitting their EAS application without a CSoS
- frequently asked questions and answers
- a proforma letter which shows a suggested format and form of words for supporting statements provided on school letterhead

Contacting UAC

Telephone: (02) 9330 7200
 Web site: www.uac.edu.au
 Email: use the online enquiry form on UAC's web site
 Address: 3 Rawson Street,
 Auburn NSW
 Locked Bag 500,
 Lidcombe NSW 1825

UAC web site: www.uac.edu.au

University News & Updates

► University of Newcastle

Engineering at Central Coast

From 2002, students will be able to enrol in the first year of Engineering degree programs, offered by the University of Newcastle at the Central Coast campus located at Ourimbah.

Prospective students should call the University on (02) 4921 6065 for advice on the programs to be offered.

New courses

The University of Newcastle will offer the following new courses in 2002:

480765 B Physiotherapy HECS, Callaghan, 4F

For 2002 entry, candidates for this course will be selected on the basis of academic achievement in either secondary (UAI) or tertiary studies. There are no course prerequisites. It is anticipated that alternate entry requirements, similar to those used for the University's B Medicine course, may apply in the future.

Candidates wishing to apply for B Physiotherapy in 2002 are required to lodge an application with UAC. For further information call (02) 4921 7036.

480833 B Science (Herbal Therapies) HECS, Central Coast, 3F/EqP

This course is being introduced to fill a void in the growing area of alternative medicine courses at the tertiary level. Students will study major areas of herbal therapies and undertake up to 100 hours of clinical experience during the three year degree.

The degree is recognised by the Australian Traditional Medicine Association (ATMS), the National Herbalists Association Australia (NHAA) and Australian Natural Therapists Association (ANTA). Graduates may expect to find employment as registered herbalists in either private practice, business or the manufacturing industry and some students may chose to augment their studies in other health care areas. For further information call (02) 4348 4039.

480835 B Science (Photonics) HECS, Callaghan, 3F/EqP

The B Science (Photonics) provides students with an excellent basic knowledge of modern optics, including lasers, detectors and optical waveguides, as well as a range of experiences in research methods, data analysis, instrumentation and information technology as they apply to the photonics industry.

In addition to the practical classes associated with the various courses, it is intended that students will spend part of one semester in an industrial photonics environment. Examples of career opportunities include optical fibre and component research and development, medical application of lasers and detectors; remote sensing in mining and exploration; application in government telecommunications support and regulatory agencies.

For further information call (02) 4921 5562 or email scimath@scimath.newcastle.edu.au

Courses replacing existing courses

In 2002, the University will be replacing some existing courses with those listed below:

480245 B Education (Early Childhood) HECS, Central Coast, 4F/EqP

B Education (Early Childhood) will replace the existing B Teaching/B Social Science (481030) at the Central Coast campus. Students will receive extensive teaching experience in a range of educational settings and graduates will meet the requirements of the NSW Department of Education and Training, the Catholic Schools Office, the Independent Schools for Primary Teaching and the NSW Department of Community Services.

Graduates will also be employable in 0-5 settings. For further information call (02) 4348 4039.

480768 B Psychology HECS, Callaghan, 4F/EqP

B Psychology will replace B Arts (Psychology) (480060) and B Science (Psychology) (480850). The B Psychology is a four year, professional program leading to conditional registration with the NSW Psychologists Registration Board. Graduates completing a further two years of approved supervised work experience, or two years of approved postgraduate study, are eligible for full registration as a psychologist.

The University advises students to consider including either the B Arts (480030) or the B Science (480770) as a lower preference on their UAC application.

For further information call the School of Behavioural Sciences on (02) 4921 5934 or email harris@psychology.newcastle.edu.au

480975 B Teaching/B Early Childhood Studies, HECS, Callaghan, 4F/EqP

B Teaching/B Early Childhood Studies will replace the existing B Teaching/B Social Science (481020). Students will receive extensive teaching experience in a range of educational settings and graduates of the program will meet the requirements of the NSW Department of Education and Training, the Catholic Schools Office, the Independent Schools for Primary Teaching and the NSW Department of Community Services.

Graduates will be employable in 0-5 settings. For further information call (02) 4921 6529.

► Australian Catholic University

New courses at ACU

Australian Catholic University will offer new courses in 2002:

- Bachelor of Arts (Theology)
- Bachelor of Arts (Theology)/Bachelor of Social Work (dual degree)
- Bachelor of Education (Habilitation)
- Bachelor of Visual Arts and Design (subject to final approval)

For further information, look in our 2002 Undergraduate Courses Guide or call the Admissions Office on (02) 9764 9402.

► Charles Sturt University

B Arts (Television Production)

Applicants for 211054 B Arts (Television Production) must submit a video, no longer than 10 minutes' duration, as part of the additional selection criteria (folio plus interview) for this course. The video can be an individual project or a team production to which the applicant has made a major contribution.

For further information, contact Associate Professor Bill Fitzwater on (02) 6933 2315 or email wfitzwater@csu.edu.au

► Southern Cross University

Campus tours

Careers advisers can arrange for personal visits and student tours of Southern Cross University campuses by contacting Glenn Jeffery at the Lismore campus on (02) 6620 3102, or Simon Wilde at the Coffs Harbour campus on (02) 6659 3063.

Orders for Year 10 Booklets close on 18 May - see page 3