

International students sitting an Australian Year 12

International students sitting an Australian Year 12 overseas in 2006 will be able to apply through UAC for 2007 admissions.

Previously these students had to apply directly to the institutions. International fee-paying applicants are still restricted in the courses they can select, but now only have to lodge one application – with up to nine course choices – through UAC.

Under new guidelines international fee-paying applicants must apply through UAC if they are:

- attempting a 2006 Australian Year 12 in Australia
- attempting a 2006 Australian Year 12 overseas
- attempting an International Baccalaureate in Australia in 2006.

All other international fee-paying applicants must still apply directly to the institutions, not through UAC.

Order your Year 10 Booklets by Wednesday 3 May

Orders from schools for the *University Entry Requirements 2009 Year 10 Booklet* are due at UAC by Wednesday 3 May 2006.

Prepared by UAC on behalf of the participating institutions, the booklet shows prerequisites, assumed knowledge and recommended studies for university courses commencing in 2009.

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 UAI eligibility and provides an overview of the areas of study available at universities.

Leaflets promoting the booklet and raising awareness of UAC have been sent to you with this issue of UAC News for distribution to your Year 10 students.

Each Year 12 school in NSW and the ACT will receive four complimentary copies of the booklet. Additional booklets cost just \$4.50 each (incl. GST). The minimum order is 10 booklets.

How to order

Schools complete the order form that accompanies this issue of UAC News.

Mail your order to UAC by Wednesday 3 May 2006. UAC will then send you an invoice, allowing seven days for payment.

Once your payment has been received at UAC, your booklets will be sent to you.

Members of the public can also buy copies of the booklet for \$4.50 over the counter at UAC's premises at Homebush Bay.

Individual copies of the booklet ordered through the mail cost \$4.50 plus postage and handling.

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Course search

To help Year 12 students become familiar with UAC's website and the range of courses on offer, the 2006 admissions course search will continue to be available at www.uac.edu.au

This information has traditionally been removed when mid-year application details and course lists have been posted, to avoid confusion for mid-year applicants.

However, after requests from careers advisers, UAC will trial leaving this information in place as a reference tool in preparation for the 2007 admissions period.

Remember that this 'old' course search is indicative only, and courses available for 2007 admissions will not be confirmed until applications open in August 2006.



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Copies of the current and previous newsletters can be downloaded from the UAC website at www.uac.edu.au/pubs/uacnews.html

Change to UAI rules

As from the 2006 HSC, to be eligible for a UAI a student must satisfactorily complete at least 10 units of UAI courses. These UAI courses must include at least:

1. eight units from Category A courses
2. two units of English
3. three Board Developed courses of two units or greater
4. four subjects.

UAI eligibility did not previously specify a minimum number of Category A units.

This change was introduced to ensure that all students who receive a UAI will have their UAI based on 10 units. Previously, UAI-eligible students had their UAIs calculated on less than 10 units if they had not completed at least eight units from Category A courses. Such students will no longer get a UAI.

As Year 10 students are now choosing their Year 12 program of study, please make sure checks are in place to ensure that students are enrolled in the correct courses

if they wish to receive a UAI. Also, as students move into Year 11 and Year 12 and change their course enrolments, it is important to check that they maintain a minimum of eight units of Category A courses in their program of study.

UAI courses

UAI courses are Board Developed courses for which there are formal examinations conducted by the Board of Studies that yield a graded assessment. These are the only courses that can be included in the UAI calculations.

Report on the Scaling of the 2005 NSW HSC

The 2005 Scaling Report will be available in April-May 2006. Each school will receive two reference copies.

The Preliminary Report and associated tables are available to download from the UAC website at www.uac.edu.au/admin/uai.html

Applying for pharmacy courses

The UAI is not the only factor considered by institutions when offering places in pharmacy courses to Year 12 students.

The Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) is important for pharmacy applicants at both the University of Sydney and Charles Sturt University.

The University of Sydney requires ALL pharmacy applicants to sit STAT. For Year 12 applicants, selection involves consideration of:

1. STAT. You must sit the test or your application will not be considered. To be guaranteed consideration for Main Round offers you must sit the test no later than Saturday 2 December 2006.
2. UAI (or equivalent). To be considered you must have a high UAI or equivalent.

While STAT is not compulsory for pharmacy applicants at Charles Sturt University, it is considered along with other information.

Year 12 applicant's that sit STAT and apply through UAC must include details of their STAT sitting in their UAC application by

completing either a full Apply-By-Web application, or a Supplementary Form A in addition to an Apply-By-Telephone application. If a Year 12 applicant sits STAT after they have already applied through UAC, they must inform UAC of this.

Several STAT test sessions will be held throughout 2006, with the first – mid-year STAT – on Saturday 27 May. For a mid-year STAT registration form and leaflet, call UAC customer service on (02) 9752 0200. For further information on STAT visit UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au and click the STAT link on the undergraduate homepage.

Year 12 students who sit the mid-year STAT must remember when they apply later this year to include their STAT details on their UAC application.

For further information about pharmacy at the University of Sydney contact the Faculty of Pharmacy on (02) 9351 2320, or email enquiries@pharm.usyd.edu.au.

For more information about pharmacy at Charles Sturt University, call 1800 334 733.

Open days for 2006

Australian Catholic University

Canberra Campus	26 August
North Sydney Campus	9 September
Strathfield Campus	9 September

Australian Maritime College

Newnham Campus	27 August
Campus tours can be arranged by appointment.	
<i>For further information - call 1800 030 277</i>	

Australian National University

26 August

Charles Sturt University

Every Day

For campus tours/appointments and course information, call 1800 334 733

La Trobe University

Albury Wodonga Campus	20 August
Mildura Campus	13 August

Macquarie University

9 September

Southern Cross University

For campus tours and special events, call 1800 111 890 or (02) 6620 3975.

University of Canberra

26 August

University of New England

8 September

University of New South Wales

Courses and Careers Day	2 September
Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra	26 August

University of Newcastle

Callaghan Campus	9 September
Ourimbah Campus	16 September
Port Macquarie Campus - Information Night	12 September

University of Sydney

Sydney Uni LIVE! (Courses and Careers Day) Camperdown & Darlington Campus, Mallett Street Campus, Sydney College of the Arts and Sydney Conservatorium of Music	26 August
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University of Technology, Sydney

UTS Information Day, Broadway Campus	26 August
UTS Information Evening, Kuring-gai Campus	6 September

University of Western Sydney

Parramatta Campus	20 August
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University of Wollongong

For campus tours and special events, call 1300 367 869.

For information on school visit days, contact individual universities.

Entry into Medicine

University of New South Wales

The selection criteria for students currently in Year 12 are:

- Academic merit - a minimum UAI or equivalent of 95.00 is required to be eligible for consideration;
- UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test). See shaded box on this page for further information.
- Interview - main round to be held late September 2006, final round to be held early January 2007 (late January 2007 for some interstate applicants). Approximately 500 applicants will be interviewed.

In the selection of students for entry, these three criteria will be equally weighted.

Applicants are required to:

1. **Register for and sit the UMAT.** See shaded box on this page for details.
2. Register their interest at www.med.unsw.edu.au by **28 July 2006**.
3. Submit a Faculty of Medicine Application Form also by **28 July 2006**, which can be downloaded from www.med.unsw.edu.au (The last page of this form is completed by the school.)
4. Submit a UAC application by **29 September 2006**.

The Faculty of Medicine Application Form includes questions on why applicants want to study medicine at UNSW, details of their relevant personal qualities and skills, their non-academic interests and activities and a brief description of their life experience. Schools will be asked to comment on school-related activities and achievements, and submit a predicted UAI.

Please note that the Faculty of Medicine Application Form will be used to set the context of the applicant's interview **but is not used in identifying applicants for interview**. The UAI (predicted or actual) and the UMAT score are used to identify applicants for interview.

For further information read the Faculty's website: www.med.unsw.edu.au

University of Newcastle

The closing date for submission of the Faculty of Health direct university application form for entry to the B Medicine program

at the University of Newcastle in 2007 is **29 September 2006**. Students who wish to apply for entry to the B Medicine program (both 480720 CSP and 490720 DFEE) must:

1. **Register for and sit the UMAT.** See shaded box on this page for details.

and

2. **Apply directly to the University of Newcastle**

Faculty of Health direct university application forms will be available in June 2006 and may be obtained by contacting the Program Officer (BMed). Applications close on **29 September 2006** - late applications WILL NOT be considered under any circumstances. Further information may be obtained by contacting:

The Program Officer (BMed)
Faculty of Health
Medical Sciences Building
University of Newcastle
Callaghan NSW 2308
telephone: (02) 4921 5680
email: bmed-admissions@newcastle.edu.au

and

3. **Apply to UAC**

On-time applications must be lodged with UAC by 29 September 2006. Students who wish to be considered for B Medicine must have lodged a UAC application and included B Medicine (either 480720 CSP and/or 490720 DFEE) as a preference by the late closing date of **30 November 2006**.

Candidates must lodge all **THREE** of the above applications to be eligible to be considered for entry to the B Medicine program (480720 CSP and 490720 DFEE) at the University of Newcastle.

The Faculty of Health will introduce a rural entry stream for admission in 2007 for applicants to the Bachelor of Medicine who can demonstrate a significant rural background. Details will be available from the Faculty of Health (telephone: 02 4921 5680 or online at www.newcastle.edu.au/faculty/health) in June.

University of Western Sydney

UWS will be offering B Medicine/B Surgery for the first time in 2007 (subject to final accreditation). Both Commonwealth supported places and domestic fee-paying places will be available.

Applicants will be selected based on academic merit (minimum UAI or equivalent of 92.00), results in the Undergraduate

Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT) and an interview.

Applicants are required to:

1. **Register for and sit the UMAT.** See shaded box on this page for details.
2. Submit an Application for Selection into Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery Program with the School of Medicine, University of Western Sydney by **29 September 2006**. Late applications will not be accepted. For details see www.uws.edu.au/schools/medicine
3. Submit a UAC application by **29 September 2006**.
4. Attend an interview in Sydney during November or December, if required (a few interviews may be offered in early January for applicants whose predicted UAI was below the threshold, but whose actual UAI is above the threshold for consideration).

Evidence of connection to Greater Western Sydney may also be taken into account.

For information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander selection procedures, contact the School of Medicine.

Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)

In 2006 UMAT will be held at various locations across Australia on

Wednesday 26 July 2006

Registrations for UMAT open in mid-April and on-time registrations for UMAT close on **Friday 9 June 2006** (an application fee applies).

Late registrations close on Friday 23 June 2006 (an additional late fee applies).

Registration can be completed online at www.acer.edu.au or 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
website: www.acer.edu.au

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

For your information

Reference copies - UAC 2006 Guide

Boxes of Guides from last year are available to schools to use as reference copies. Each box contains 20 Guides (maximum of three boxes per school). Call (02) 9752 0200 to reserve your copies.

Note that boxes can no longer be picked up from UAC's warehouse. Boxes can only be sent to schools for \$25 per box (incl GST), with payment by cheque or money order, or by credit card over the phone.

Offer lists

Each school in NSW and the ACT should by now have received a list of 2005 Year 12 students from their school who were made an offer for 2006 admissions. This year, offers to domestic fee-paying (DFEE) courses have been included in this list, as this information was released to the media. However, the lists do not include offers made to students who have requested that we withhold this information from their school.

UAI cut-offs for 2006 admissions

You can view and download copies of the UAI cut-offs used for the Main and Late round

of offers from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au. Just click on the UAI link on the undergraduate homepage.

How to ... avoid delays and late fees

Too many Year 12 students leave applying to UAC until the last minute, and then have trouble with the inevitable delays caused by congested telephone and internet lines at on-time closing. Even if students are unsure of their preferences, encourage them to apply early - preferences can always be changed after they have applied, and as often as they wish. Leaving it to the last minute causes undue stress for students (who are probably under enough pressure as it is!) and could mean they are charged a late fee.

2006 mid-year admissions

Applications for mid-year admissions open through UAC in early April. There are more than 600 courses available. The UAC 2006 Mid-Year Admissions Supplement, containing details of all courses being offered and an application form, will be available from UAC in early April.

Applicants also have the option of accessing

the same information, plus any recent updates, from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au and applying online via Apply-By-Web.

UAC school kits

Last year UAC sent out the school kit information on CD, eliminating the need to use and send vast amounts of paper.

The bookmarks with important dates that once were sent with the school kits were printed as part of the Guide for students to tear-off and use as a ready reference.

The response to both of these innovations was so positive that UAC will continue to distribute the information in this fashion.

Changing addresses

UAC receives the addresses of Year 12 students from the files held by the NSW Board of Studies. Every year UAC sends out thousands of undeliverable letters because Year 12 students have either not notified the Board of Studies of a change of address, or the address is incomplete.

Encourage your students to make sure that the address held for them by the Board of Studies is accurate and complete.

UAC key dates for 2007 admissions

The UAC 2007 Guide will be distributed to schools from the week beginning Monday 24 July 2006. The Guide will be available from newsagents from Tuesday 1 August 2006.

Applications

Early August 2006	applications open
Friday 29 September 2006	on-time applications close
Tuesday 31 October 2006	late applications close with \$94 late fee
Thursday 30 November 2006	late applications close with \$106 late fee
Thursday 1 February 2007	final close of applications with \$117 late fee

HSC and UAI

Tuesday 19 December 2006	2006 NSW HSC results e-released by BOS
Wednesday 20 December 2006	UAIs e-released by UAC

Change of preferences

Mid-August 2006 – 4 January 2007	for consideration in Main Round
17 January 2007 – 22 January 2007	for consideration in Late Round
31 January 2007 – 1 February 2007	for consideration in Final Round

Offers

Friday 27 October 2006	Distance Education offers e-released
Wednesday 6 December 2006	Early Round offers e-released
Wednesday 3 January 2007	Preliminary Round offers e-released
Wednesday 17 January 2007	Main Round offers e-released
Wednesday 31 January 2007	Late Round offers e-released
Wednesday 7 February 2007	Final Round offers e-released

New Courses

Southern Cross University

SCU is offering a new, three-year, Bachelor of Marine Science & Management at its Lismore campus in 2007 (UAC code 334104), with final year students to complete the course at the National Marine Science Centre in Coffs Harbour.

The degree program will combine marine science with contemporary management concepts and practical skills such as small boat handling and scuba diving in the Solitary Islands Marine Park.

University of Newcastle

The University of Newcastle plans to offer a Bachelor of Podiatry in 2007, leading to registration as a podiatrist in NSW. The program will be full time for 3 years with an option for an extra year.

Further information will be published in the next edition of UAC News.