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Applying through UAC online applications and new payment options

Apply online

All applicants for 2008 admissions must apply online through UAC's Apply-By-Web at www.uac.edu.au. Apply-By-Web is simple to use but you will need access to the internet.

If you don't have access at home, you may be able to use the internet to apply at:

- your school
- your local library
- an internet cafe
- UAC's offices at Homebush Bay.

New online payment options

Applicants will have a number of different ways to pay their Apply-By-Web processing charge. The processing charge for on-time applications is \$22 for Year 12 applicants and \$47 for non-Year 12 applicants.

Applicants in Australia or overseas can use:

- **Credit card** (MasterCard and Visa) or
- **PayPal** – PayPal allows you to transfer money securely from a nominated bank account to UAC. If students choose to use

PayPal and do not already have a PayPal account, they will need to set up their account well before any closing dates. Accounts can take up to 10 days to set up. Visit www.paypal.com for more information.

Applicants in Australia can also pay by:

- **BPAY** – Students can contact their bank, credit union or building society to organise a payment from their cheque, savings or credit card account via BPAY.
- **Post Billpay** – If students choose this option, a letter with a barcode will be generated when they complete their Apply-By-Web application. This letter can then be presented together with payment to any licensed Australia Post outlet. Students cannot be made an offer until their processing charge has been paid.

Acknowledgement letters

See article on page 4 for important changes to correspondence from UAC, including acknowledgement of applications.

UAC International new gateway for international students

As reported in the April edition of *UAC News*, all international students sitting an Australian Year 12 either in Australia or offshore, an International Baccalaureate in Australia or a New Zealand National Certificate of Education Achievement (NCEA) Level 3 in 2007 need to apply through *UAC International* – our new gateway and website for international students at www.uac.edu.au/international.

With the launch of this new gateway, UAC has produced the *UAC 2008 International Booklet* to help international students apply

for study in 2008. The booklet contains information specific to international students.

Copies of the *UAC 2008 International Booklet* will be sent to schools in August. If your school has both domestic and international students sitting an Australian Year 12, please make sure that international students receive a copy of the International Booklet and domestic students receive a copy of the Guide.

International students should also contact UAC's participating institutions for more information and copies of their prospectuses.

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General Mathematics or Mathematics?

*a message from Professor George Cooney
Chair, Technical Committee on Scaling*

A graph, which has been circulated to some schools, purports to show that studying General Mathematics rather than Mathematics will lead to a higher UAI. This assertion is incorrect; the data presented on the graph do not lead to that conclusion.

To test the assertion, the scaled General Mathematics marks were compared with the scaled Mathematics marks for groups of students whose School Certificate Mathematics marks were similar. For each group of students, there was considerable overlap between the two sets of scaled marks, so much so that it is impossible to predict for an individual student which course would produce the higher scaled mark.

There is, therefore, no reason for Mathematics teachers to change the good advice that students should choose the course that best suits their interests, abilities and future careers. Predicting the UAI should not come into the equation; there are too many uncertainties.

A postscript: the maximum scaled mark in General Mathematics in 2007 was 90.2 as compared to the maximum scaled mark for Mathematics of 100.

UAC NEWS for the: Principal | Careers Adviser | Year 12 Adviser | Curriculum Adviser

Copies of the current and previous issues of *UAC News* can be downloaded from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/pubs/uacnews.html

HELP with money at uni?

apply through UAC for Equity Scholarships in 2008

This information is based on the Commonwealth Scholarship Guidelines for 2007 – see shaded box below for changes announced by the Australian Government for 2008 Commonwealth Scholarships.

Many university students experience difficulty with the costs of living and studying. These financial difficulties arise from having limited income (eg Centrelink benefits) and having lots of expenses (eg accommodation costs). Equity Scholarships are awarded to help these students with costs associated with undertaking higher education.

Equity Scholarships include Commonwealth Scholarships (CS) established by the Australian Government, and Institution Equity Scholarships (IES) established by individual institutions.

About Commonwealth Scholarships (CS)

CS assist students who experience financial disadvantage – particularly those from regional and remote areas, and Indigenous students, who are Australian citizens or holders of Australian permanent humanitarian visas – with costs associated with undertaking higher education. The scholarships are exempt from social security income tests and are non-repayable.

There are **two** types of CS:

- Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships (CECS), for educational costs: valued at \$2 120 in 2007.
- Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships (CAS), for accommodation costs: valued at \$4 240 in 2007.

Both are indexed annually and are available for a maximum period of four years.

Check UAC's *Equity Scholarships* booklet for information about policies at each institution.

Eligibility for CS

In **broad** terms, to be eligible for a CS in 2008 you must:

- be an Australian citizen or the holder of an Australian permanent humanitarian visa
- be currently enrolled in, or about to commence, an undergraduate course of study in a Commonwealth-supported place (CSP) or graduate diploma (or equivalent postgraduate course of study) in an area of National Priority required for initial registration to practice in the chosen National Priority area
- be enrolled as a full-time student, unless

there are exceptional circumstances which prevent you from studying full-time

- receive a means-tested Centrelink (or other Commonwealth) income support payment (such as Youth Allowance, Austudy, or ABSTUDY), or provide a statement demonstrating exceptional financial hardship and
- not already have completed the requirements of a course of study, which is equivalent to or higher than an Australian Bachelor award, unless such award is a prerequisite to your:
 - current undergraduate course of study or
 - graduate diploma (or equivalent postgraduate course of study) in an area of National Priority required for initial registration to practice in the chosen National Priority areaand there is no alternative pathway into that course at the university.

In addition applicants for CAS must:

- have attended school and/or lived in regional or remote Australia for an extended period and have moved away from that area to undertake their course or
- have moved away from a regional or remote area to complete the whole or majority of their schooling at a high school or college in a major city and it is necessary to remain in a major city in order to undertake their course.

Check UAC's *Equity Scholarships* booklet for detailed eligibility criteria.

About Institution Equity Scholarships (IES)

NSW and ACT institutions that participate through UAC have their own Equity Scholarships schemes known as IES. Check UAC's *Equity Scholarships* booklet for more information.

How to apply

You can download the *Equity Scholarships* booklet and application form from UAC's website. Booklets are also available from any participating NSW or ACT institution or UAC.

Closing dates

The main closing date for CS and IES applications through UAC is Friday 28 September 2007. The major CS and IES offer round will be held in mid-January 2008. The late closing date for CS and IES applications through UAC is Friday 30 November 2007.

Further information

For further information about:

- applying for Equity Scholarships, visit UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/equityschols.html
- CS and what they cover, visit www.goingtouni.gov.au
- government guidelines for allocating CS, visit www.dest.gov.au.

More Commonwealth Scholarships in 2008!

The following changes to Commonwealth Scholarships were announced in the 2007 Commonwealth Budget, to take effect from 1 January 2008. The Commonwealth Scholarship Guidelines have not yet been released. When they are released you will find up-to-date information, including eligibility criteria, how to apply and payments on UAC's website.

For Indigenous students

Indigenous Access Scholarships (IAS)

- Creation of 1 000 Indigenous Access scholarships (IAS), providing a one-off payment of \$4 000 to commencing (not continuing) students.
- For commencing students in Commonwealth-supported undergraduate courses and approved higher education enabling courses¹.

Commonwealth Scholarships for Indigenous students undertaking enabling courses

- Funding provided for an additional year for up to 700 CECS and 210 CAS for Indigenous students undertaking an approved higher education enabling course.

For students enrolled in an Associate degree¹

- 2 000 new Commonwealth Scholarships have been 'earmarked' for students undertaking an Associate Degree as a Commonwealth-supported student.
- Students undertaking an Associate Degree as a Commonwealth-supported student should apply using the current UAC Equity Scholarships application.

¹ In conjunction with the release of the Commonwealth Scholarship Guidelines for 2008, tables on UAC's website will list approved higher education enabling courses and Commonwealth supported Associate Degrees.

University news & updates

Griffith University

Entry to Oral Health in Dental Science and Medicine

Griffith University has recently joined UAC. Students interested in studying Oral Health in Dental Science or Medical Science at GU can now apply through UAC. As outlined in the *UAC 2008 Guide* the following programs have additional entry requirements:

- **B Oral Health in Dental Science 283310 (CSP) and 293310 (DFEE) Gold Coast Campus**
- **B Oral Health in Oral Health Therapy 283311 (CSP) Gold Coast Campus**
- **B Oral Health in Dental Technology 283312 (CSP) Gold Coast Campus**

In addition to submitting a UAC application by 28 September 2007, applicants are required to:

1. Register to sit the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) with the Australian Council for Education Research (ACER) at www.acer.edu.au – by 1 June 2007.
 2. Sit the UMAT at the nominated test site on 25 July 2007.
 3. Attend an interview (if required) at the Gold Coast campus between **20 November and 7 December 2007**. (Note: These dates are different to the dates published on page 160 of the *UAC 2008 Guide*, which are incorrect. We apologise for this error and any confusion this may cause).
 4. Be selected in competition with other eligible applicants.
- **B Medical Science 283302 (CSP) Gold Coast Campus**

In addition to submitting a UAC application by 28 September 2007 applicants are required to:

1. Register to sit the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) with the Australian Council for Education Research (ACER) at www.acer.edu.au – by 1 June 2007.
2. Sit the UMAT at the nominated test site on 25 July 2007.
3. Attend an interview (if required) at the Gold Coast campus between **17 and 21 September 2007**.
4. Be selected in competition with other eligible applicants.

Southern Cross University

Course changes

- **B Clinical Sciences 335115 (CSP)**

For students interested in pursuing a career in osteopathy, the training is five years. The first component is the three-year B Clinical Sciences at SCU, which offers a major stream of studies in Osteopathy, commencing 2007. The second component is a two-year Master of Osteopathy, which the University plans to offer from 2010.

This two degree sequence is subject to approval by the NSW Osteopaths Registration Board, from which the University is currently seeking Preliminary and Provisional Accreditation. Board approval is required in order for the qualification to be recognised for the purposes of registration as an osteopath in NSW.

University of New South Wales

New course

- **B Science (Advanced Mathematics) 429013 (CSP)**

The School of Mathematics and Statistics in the Faculty of Science has introduced a new degree catering for exceptional mathematics students. The B Science (Advanced Mathematics) is a four-year degree, including an integrated major project thesis leading to the award of Honours. In the B Sc (Advanced Mathematics) it will be possible to specialise in applied mathematics, pure mathematics, statistics, quantitative risk or a combination of these areas.

There is a very strong demand for graduates with the quantitative skills and problem-solving skills that the Advanced Mathematics program will provide. This degree is particularly suitable for students wishing to pursue postgraduate studies in mathematics. Some of the major employers of mathematics graduates include the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO), the Australian Bureau of Statistics, major consultancy groups such as PricewaterhouseCoopers and Ernst & Young, and major banks such as Macquarie Bank and the Commonwealth Bank.

For more information contact the Science Student Centre: email science@science.unsw.edu.au.

University of Technology, Sydney

PSFP and CAP students automatically eligible for UTS Access Scheme

Students attending NSW Priority Schools Funding Program (PSFP) and Country Area Program (CAP) schools are automatically eligible for the UTS Educational Access Scheme – inpUTS.

The inpUTS Scheme gives applicants a concession on the standard UAI required for entry to UTS courses. If a student's UAI is no more than 10 UAI points below the standard UAI cut-off they have a good chance of being offered a place in that course. UTS reserves 10 per cent of undergraduate places for inpUTS students.

Students attending a PSFP or CAP school who have **not** experienced any other type of educational disadvantage do not need to submit a UAC Educational Access Scheme (EAS) application form. UAC automatically generates an EAS application for these students.

Students who have experienced additional types of disadvantage (eg financial hardship, illness/disability, family disruption, excessive family responsibilities, English language difficulty) are strongly advised to submit a EAS application form to UAC by 28 September 2007.

For information about UTS courses visit www.uts.edu.au and for the inpUTS Scheme visit www.equity.uts.edu.au.

University of Wollongong

Early Entry

Current Year 12 students can apply for Early Entry into courses offered by the faculties of Engineering, Informatics and Science and some degrees in the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences.

Students must register online to participate in the Early Entry program. Registrations opened on 1 July and close 21 September (students must still apply through UAC for University entry).

Students will be assessed on the basis of their trial HSC results, their résumé/portfolio and an interview. In most cases they will know the outcome of their Early Entry application before the HSC exams begin and successful applicants will receive either a guaranteed place or a place that is conditional upon the results of final exams. For further information visit www.uow.edu.au/prospective/earlyentry/.

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University of Wollongong

Dean's Scholars Program

The Dean's Scholars programs have a limited intake and are designed to provide high achieving students with an enriched educational experience that will encourage them to continue their university studies through the completion of Honours and research degrees.

Dean's Scholars programs have been available in the faculties of Arts, Commerce and Creative Arts for a number of years and are now extended to include courses offered by the Faculty of Informatics.

To apply, students must include the appropriate course code as one of their UAC course preferences and complete the additional selection criteria as outlined in the *UAC 2008 Guide* (see the relevant course description in Part 2). Interview applications for the faculties of Arts, Commerce and Creative Arts close 28 September 2007. No interview is required for the Dean's Scholars degrees in Informatics, although students who apply may be contacted by the Faculty prior to admission.

For more information visit www.uow.edu.au/prospective/deans_scholars.html.

Useful websites

Tertiary admissions centre websites

NSW & ACT – UAC

www.uac.edu.au

Queensland – QTAC

www.qtac.edu.au

South Australia – SATAC

www.satac.edu.au

Victoria – VTAC

www.vtac.edu.au

Western Australia – TISC

www.tisc.edu.au

Other useful websites

General higher education information

www.goingtouni.gov.au

Higher Education Reforms

www.backingaustraliasfuture.gov.au

Centrelink

www.centrelink.gov.au

TAFE New South Wales

www.tafensw.edu.au

NSW Board of Studies

www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au

Changes to correspondence from UAC

Acknowledgement letters

For 2008 admissions, UAC will no longer be sending acknowledgement letters to applicants after they have completed their application.

Applicants will now be provided with a *Confirmation of application* once they have completed their Apply-By-Web application.

This must be checked carefully to make sure everything on the application is correct. If anything needs to be changed, applicants can use Online applicant services on UAC's website to change their contact details or course preferences. All other changes must be submitted to UAC in writing.

Email correspondence

Most correspondence from UAC will now be emailed, so it is important to make sure the email address students list on their application is correct and that they check their email regularly.

If any correspondence has not been accessed within five days of being emailed, UAC will mail the correspondence to the applicant.

Information kits for schools

With all applicants now applying via Apply-By-Web, UAC has reviewed the information provided in the school information kits and will no longer provide resources on a CD.

This information will now be available for you to download from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/career/resources.html.

As well as the UAC PowerPoint presentation, EAS and Equity Scholarships Schools Packages there will be an additional resource for 2008 admissions – a demonstration of the Year 12 Apply-By-Web application.

We hope you'll find this information helpful and would appreciate your feedback.

Important dates for 2008 admissions

The *UAC 2008 Guide* was distributed to schools in the week beginning Monday 23 July 2007. The Guide will be available from newsagents from Wednesday 1 August 2007.

Applications

Early August 2007	applications open
Friday 28 September 2007	on-time applications close
Wednesday 31 October 2007	late applications close with \$97 late fee
Friday 30 November 2007	late applications close with \$109 late fee
Friday 1 February 2008	final close of applications with \$120 late fee

HSC and UAI

Wednesday 19 December 2007	2007 NSW HSC results e-released by BOS
Thursday 20 December 2007	UAIs e-released by UAC

ACT Year 12

Wednesday 19 December 2007	2007 ACT Year 12 results issued by ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies
Friday 21 December 2007	UAIs for ACT Year 12 students e-released by UAC

Change of preferences

Mid-August 2007 – 4 January 2008	for consideration in Main Round
17 January 2008 – 22 January 2008	for consideration in Late Round
31 January 2008 – 1 February 2008	for consideration in Final Round

Offers

Friday 26 October 2007	Distance Education Round offers e-released
Wednesday 5 December 2007	Early Round offers e-released
Thursday 3 January 2008	Preliminary Round offers e-released
Thursday 17 January 2008	Main Round offers e-released at 9pm
Thursday 31 January 2008	Late Round offers e-released at 9pm
Thursday 7 February 2008	Final Round offers e-released

Year 12 checklist for applying to university

✔ Do you know your UAC PIN?

Your UAC Personal Identification Number (PIN) is your key to applying through UAC and accessing information about your application.

This four-digit number also allows you to access information such as your course preferences, offers and your UAI from UAC's website.

Considering how important this number is – and that it can take time to re-issue it if you lose or forget it – remember to keep your UAC PIN in a secure place.

What is your UAC PIN?

If you are attempting the 2007 NSW HSC or the 2007 ACT Year 12, you are issued with your four-digit UAC PIN in the mail in early August.

For all other applicants your UAC PIN is the first four digits of your date of birth – for example, if your birthday is 17 May, your UAC PIN is 1705.

What if my UAC PIN doesn't work

If your UAC PIN doesn't work, check that you are trying to use the correct number. NSW students: check that you are using your UAC PIN **not** the PIN issued to you by the NSW Board of Studies.

If you are using the correct PIN and are still experiencing difficulties, call UAC on (02) 9752 0200.

Lost or forgotten UAC PINs

If you have submitted your application to UAC you can retrieve your lost or forgotten UAC PIN using Online applicant services on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au (using your gateway, either Undergraduate or International).

If you have not yet submitted your application, you can have your UAC PIN re-issued by calling UAC on (02) 9752 0200. You will be asked some identification questions. If your details match our database you will be re-issued your UAC PIN over the telephone. If they do not match, you will be asked to write to UAC requesting your UAC PIN be re-issued, or you can come to UAC in person.

Changing your UAC PIN

After you have submitted your UAC application you can change your UAC PIN via UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au under Online applicant services. If you do not have web access call UAC on (02) 9752 0200 to change your UAC PIN. Note that your UAC PIN must be four numeric characters.

✔ Have you provided a current and correct email address?

It is very important that UAC has a current and correct email address because you will be notified by email about any correspondence we send to you.

You can change your contact details using Online applicant services on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au (using your gateway, either Undergraduate or International).

✔ Have you moved?

It is important that you provide UAC with an up-to-date address and telephone number so we can easily contact you – and ensure you receive your UAC PIN, which allows you to apply and access information such as your course preferences, offers and UAI.

You can change your address after submitting your UAC application via:

- UAC's website – www.uac.edu.au (using your gateway, either Undergraduate or International)
- the change of contact details form at the back of the *UAC 2008 Guide*.

Telephone, email and fax requests will not be accepted by UAC for security reasons.

You must also separately notify the NSW Board of Studies of your new address. To change your address with the NSW Board of Studies write a letter to: NSW Board of Studies, Attention: Records, GPO Box 5300, SYDNEY 2001.

You must include your full name, student number, school, former address and new address.

✔ Do you need to provide supplementary information?

Some 2007 Year 12 students may need to submit supplementary information as part of their application. Refer to page 22 of the *UAC 2008 Guide* for details. There are two versions of Apply-By-Web: one takes supplementary information (Full Year 12). Read the instructions that accompany the application to decide which version you need to use.

✔ Do you need someone to act on your behalf?

If you wish to authorise someone to act on your behalf, you can do this by:

- completing the relevant section on your Apply-By-Web application or
- providing a letter that authorises someone to act on your behalf. The letter must contain your UAC application number, your full name and signature, and the full name and signature of the person authorised to act on your behalf.

If you are travelling interstate or overseas remember to take a copy of the *UAC 2008 Guide*, your UAC application number and your UAC PIN with you.

Note: This authorisation only applies to the UAC application process. It does not authorise someone to accept an offer on your behalf. For details on how to authorise someone to accept an offer on your behalf, contact the relevant institution.

✔ Are you an international student?

If you are an international student studying a 2007 Australian Year 12, either in Australia or offshore, an International Baccalaureate in Australia or a New Zealand National Certificate of Education Achievement (NCEA) Level 3 in 2007 then you'll need a copy of the *UAC 2008 International Booklet*. The booklet will help you apply through *UAC International* for study in 2008. See your careers adviser to obtain your copy.

For more information visit the *UAC International* website at www.uac.edu.au/international, or call UAC on + 61 2 9752 0200.

On-time applications close on Friday 28 September 2007

✓ Are you eligible to apply for Educational Access Schemes?

Most of the universities in NSW and the ACT have Educational Access Schemes (EAS) which are designed to help provide access to university for students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage such as:

- disrupted schooling
- financial hardship
- home environment and responsibilities
- personal illness/disability.

UAC's EAS booklet contains information about the universities' schemes and includes an application form. You can download the EAS booklet and application form from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/equity/eas.html. Copies will also be available from schools and participating institutions.

If you think you are eligible, start organising your EAS application as early as possible – you may need to supply supporting documents and statements.

The on-time closing date for EAS applications is Friday 28 September 2007.

You must submit your EAS application by Friday 28 September to guarantee that it will be considered in time for the Main Round of offers. The late closing date for EAS applications is Friday 30 November 2007.

✓ Do you know about Equity Scholarships?

Equity scholarships assist students who experience financial hardship with higher education costs.

Many university students experience difficulty with the costs of living and studying. These financial difficulties arise from having limited income (eg Centrelink benefits) and having lots of expenses (eg accommodation costs). Equity Scholarships are awarded to help disadvantaged students with costs associated with higher education.

Equity Scholarships include the Commonwealth Scholarships Programme (CS) established by the Australian Government, and Institution Equity Scholarships (IES) established by individual institutions.

For 2008 admissions UAC provides a central processing point for most CS and IES administered by NSW and ACT institutions participating through UAC.

UAC's *Equity Scholarships* booklet contains all the details. You can download the *Equity Scholarships* booklet and application form from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/equity/equityschols.html. Copies will also be available from schools and participating institutions.

The on-time closing date for Equity Scholarships applications is Friday 28 September 2007. The late closing date for Equity Scholarships applications is Friday 30 November 2007.

Charges and fees for 2008 admissions

UAC 2008 Guide

For domestic Year 12 NSW and ACT students (distributed through schools) Free

UAC 2008 International Booklet

For international Australian Year 12 students (distributed through schools) Free

Processing charge

Domestic Year 12 applicants	\$22.00
International Year 12 applicants	\$55.00

Late fee (for domestic applicants only)

Sat 29 September – Wed 31 October 2007	processing charge + \$97.00 late fee
Thurs 1 November – Fri 30 November 2007	processing charge + \$109.00 late fee
Sat 1 December 2007 – Fri 1 February 2008	processing charge + \$120.00 late fee

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

Sit one test (either Multiple Choice or Written English)	\$105.00
Sit both tests on same day	\$145.00
Sit both tests on different days	\$210.00
Change your registration	\$44.00
Additional STAT result notice	\$42.00

Changing course preferences

Apply-By-Web	No UAC charge
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All UAC charges and fees include 10% GST.

Please apply carefully as UAC will not refund charges or fees under any circumstances.

Important information with UAC PIN letter

UAC will include a flyer with the UAC PIN letter mailed to NSW and ACT Year 12 students in early August. It answers some of the common questions about the UAI.

NSW HSC students will also receive the booklet *You and Your UAI*, which deals with the subject in more depth, in December before the release of UAIs on Thursday 20 December 2007.

Contacting UAC

telephone:	(02) 9752 0200
website:	www.uac.edu.au
email:	use the online enquiry form on UAC's website
postal address:	Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128
in person:	Quad 2, 8 Parkview Drive, Homebush Bay NSW
office hours:	8.30am – 4.30pm (Monday to Friday)

visit UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au