

UAC News

for the Principal, Careers Adviser, Year 12 Adviser and Curriculum Adviser

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University Entry Requirements 2012 Year 10 Booklet

It's time to think about ordering the *University Entry Requirements 2012 Year 10 Booklet*.

From the end of April you will be able to log onto UAC's website (www.uac.edu.au) and order your booklets online via *UAC Shop*.

This facility allows you to place an order, print an invoice, and pay by cheque, PayPal or a credit card (MasterCard or Visa). You can also check online to see if your order has been dispatched.

This year's booklet will be available mid-May and will cost \$5 per copy, plus postage and handling. Orders received by 18 May will be posted the following week.

Each Year 12 school in NSW and the ACT will receive four complimentary copies of the booklet.

The booklet shows prerequisites, assumed knowledge and recommended studies for university courses starting in 2012.

UAC key dates for 2010 admissions

Applications

Early August 2009	applications open
Wednesday 30 September 2009	on-time applications close
Friday 30 October 2009	late applications close with late fee*
Monday 30 November 2009	late applications close with late fee*
Thursday 4 February 2010	final close of applications with late fee*

HSC and UAI

Wednesday 16 December 2009	2009 NSW HSC results e-released by BoS
Thursday 17 December 2009	UAIs e-released by UAC

Change of preferences

Mid-August 2009 – 6 January 2010	for consideration in Main Round
20 January 2010 – 26 January 2010	for consideration in Late Round
3 February 2010 – 4 February 2010	for consideration in Final Round

Offers

Friday 30 October 2009	Distance Education Round offers e-released
Friday 4 December 2009	Early Round offers e-released
Tuesday 5 January 2010	Preliminary Round offers e-released
Wednesday 20 January 2010	Main Round offers e-released at 9pm
Wednesday 3 February 2010	Late Round offers e-released at 9pm
Wednesday 10 February 2010	Final Round offers e-released

*Fees and charges for 2010 admissions are yet to be determined.

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Professor Cooney retires

After many years of dedicated service, Professor George Cooney has retired as Chair of the Technical Committee on Scaling, the committee responsible for calculating the UAI.

His replacement as Chair is Professor Neville Weber, from the School of Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Sydney. Professor Weber has been a member of the Technical Committee for a number of years.

Over the years, many of you have invited Professor Cooney and/or staff from UAC to talk about the UAI to various bodies - careers advisers, parents and other groups. With Professor Cooney's retirement, that role will now be undertaken solely by UAC staff. Along with our printed publications and information on our website, presentations such as these are another way for UAC to provide information about the UAI to students, schools and the public.

So if you have any requests for information or presentations about the UAI, please contact UAC and we will try to arrange something directly with you or your group.

FAQs on the UAI

Enclosed with this issue of *UAC News* is a copy of our pamphlet *FAQs on the UAI*, which aims to explain the UAI in layman's terms and may be useful to those of you trying to demystify the process for your senior students. If you need more copies, please just contact UAC and we will be happy to send them out to your school. Alternatively, you are welcome to photocopy the enclosed pamphlet or download extra copies from UAC's website.

Medicine entry requirements

Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)

In 2009, UMAT will be held at various locations across Australia on:

Wednesday 29 July 2009

Registrations for UMAT open in April and close on **Friday 5 June 2009**. Late registrations close on Friday 19 June 2009. Fees apply.

Registration must be completed online at www.umat.acer.edu.au

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

UMAT Office
ACER Assessment Services
Private Bag 55
Camberwell VIC 3124

telephone: (03) 9277 5746 / 5502
email: umat@acer.edu.au
website: www.umat.acer.edu.au

Griffith University

Selection to the Bachelor of Medical Science (MBBS Provisional Entry for School-leavers) is based on performance in UMAT, interview and academic achievement in year 12 (completed no more than 2 years before applying). In addition to applying through UAC by the 30 September, applicants must also submit a Griffith University application for interview (on-time closing date 31 July 2009).

Further information about this program, admission requirements and application form is available at www.griffith.edu.au/health/biomedical-medical-science.

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.
- Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT). See shaded box on this page for further information.
- Interview – main round to be held November 2009, final round to be held early January 2010 (mid-late January 2010 for 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 **30 September 2009**.

3 Submit a Faculty of Medicine Application Form by **30 September 2009**, 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 **30 September 2009**.

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 visit the faculty's website: www.med.unsw.edu.au.

University of Newcastle/ University of New England

The Bachelor of Medicine – Joint Medical Program (JMP) is offered jointly by the University of Newcastle and the University of New England. The curriculum for this program will be identical at both institutions. Candidates will have the opportunity to select the site at which they would prefer to complete the program when they submit their JMP direct application.

Entry requirements for the joint program are based on three components: UMAT result, UAI and interview. Students sit UMAT in July and depending on their result, are then selected for an interview in November/December.

If their interview is successful, they will be considered for an offer, dependent on their UAI and appropriate preference through UAC. A minimum UAI of 93.8 is required for a candidate applying on the basis of secondary results to be eligible for consideration. Students attending a rural/remote high school will be able to satisfy the minimum requirement with a UAI of 90.6.

Applicants are required to:

1 Register for and sit the UMAT.

See shaded box on this page for details.

2 Apply directly to the JMP.

JMP direct university application forms will be available in July 2009 at www.newcastle.edu.au/jmp.

Applications close on **30 September 2009**.

Late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.

Further information contact either:

The Enquiry Centre
University of Newcastle
Callaghan NSW 2308
tel: 02 4921 5000 fax: 02 4921 2020
email: EnquiryCentre@newcastle.edu.au

or School of Rural Medicine
University of New England
Armidale NSW 2350
tel: 02 6773 3877 fax: 02 6773 2388
email: ruralmed@une.edu.au

3 Submit a UAC application by **30 September 2009**.

In addition, students who wish to be considered for B Medicine – JMP must have submitted a UAC application including code 780000 as a preference by the late closing date of 30 November 2009.

Candidates must submit all three of the above applications to be eligible to be considered for entry to the B Medicine – JMP at the University of Newcastle/University of New England.

Rural/remote students: Students who can demonstrate a significant rural/remote background may be eligible to apply under the B Medicine – JMP Rural/Remote Admissions Scheme (RRAS). Details concerning RRAS are available at www.newcastle.edu.au/jmp/enrolments/rras.html.

Indigenous students: Students may apply for admission through the B Medicine – JMP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Admissions Scheme.

Indigenous students wishing to be considered for entry to the B Medicine – JMP must submit a UAC application by **30 October 2009** including code 780000 as a preference.

For further information concerning indigenous selection and application requirements call Wollotuka – School of Aboriginal Studies, University of Newcastle on (02) 4921 6863 or the Oorala Aboriginal Centre, University of New England on (02) 6773 3034.

University of Western Sydney

In 2007, 100 students commenced the first five-year B Medicine/B Surgery course at UWS.

In 2009, UWS offered both Commonwealth-supported and international places. In their first year, students will attend the Clinical School once a week for tutorials and hands on teaching to help them develop and practise their clinical skills. They will also have the opportunity to interact with patients in ward situations across Campbelltown, Camden and Blacktown hospitals.

Applicants will be selected based on academic merit (minimum UAI or equivalent), results in the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT) and an interview.

Local applicants and international students currently undertaking an Australian Year 12 are required to:

- 1 Register for and sit the UMAT.**
See shaded box on the previous page.
- 2 Submit an Application for Selection**
into the B Medicine/B Surgery Program with the School of Medicine, UWS by **30 September 2009**. Late applications will not be accepted. For details visit www.uws.edu.au/schools/medicine.
- 3 Submit a UAC application by 30 September 2009.**
- 4 Attend an interview** in Sydney during December, if invited (a few interviews may be offered in early January for some applicants).

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 on (02) 9852 4637.

For information on international applications, visit <http://future.uws.edu.au/study-in-australia>.

For further enquiries contact the UWS Course Information Centre on 1300 897 669 or email study@uws.edu.au.

Vet science entry requirements

Charles Sturt University

In addition to applying through UAC, applicants must complete a compulsory questionnaire to demonstrate their commitment to rural veterinary science and practice. Applicants are then selected for an interview based on their questionnaire.

University of Sydney

Year 12 applicants will be considered for selection based on their UAI (or equivalent), their result in the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT Multiple Choice) and their commitment to veterinary science as detailed on a prescribed form. Saturday 5 December 2009 is the final date for sitting STAT for entry to B Veterinary Science in 2010.

Dentistry entry requirements

Charles Sturt University

In addition to applying through UAC, applicants must complete the Bachelor of Dental Science Questionnaire and attend an interview. The closing date for applications is 30 September and late applications will not be considered. The questionnaire will be available from the CSU website in August.

Griffith University

Selection to the Bachelor of Oral Health in Dental Science and the Bachelor of Oral Health in Oral Health Therapy is based on performance in UMAT, interview and prior academic achievement (year 12, or equivalent, or prior tertiary studies). Selection to the Bachelor of Oral Health in Dental Technology is based on prior academic achievement and interview. Submit a UAC application by 30 September. Further information about these programs is available at www.griffith.edu.au/school/doh.

University of Sydney

In addition to applying through UAC, applicants to the Bachelor of Oral Health program must complete a Personal Qualities Assessment (PQA) test on 16 November 2009 and attend an interview on 7 and 8 December 2009. Applicants must register for the PQA by 30 October 2009. For further information visit www.dentistry.usyd.edu.au/student/boh.php.

The closing date for UAC applications is 30 September and late applications will not be considered.

Pharmacy entry requirements

Charles Sturt University

Applicants are selected on the basis of their UAI (or equivalent). However, completion of the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT), while not compulsory, may be considered along with other information.

University of Sydney

In addition to applying through UAC, applicants must sit the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT). To be guaranteed consideration for Main Round offers, applicants must sit STAT by Saturday 5 December 2009.

Optometry entry requirements

University of New South Wales

There will be approximately 70 places available for entry to the Bachelor of Optometry/Bachelor of Science in 2010. Selection into Optometry/Science will be based on:

- performance in UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test)
- academic performance (Year 12 and/or tertiary studies).

Applicants are required to:

1 Register for and sit the UMAT.

See shaded box on page 2.

2 Submit a UAC application.

Alternative entry for 2011

UNSW will provide an alternative entry pathway for admission to Optometry/Science for applicants who have not undertaken post-secondary studies and who are not eligible for entry in 2010.

These applicants are advised to apply for 429013 for 2010 and enrol in the Vision Science plan.

Selection for alternative entry to Year 2 of Optometry/Science in 2011 will be based on:

- performance in UMAT
- performance in Year 12 (to be competitive this would need to be a UAI or equivalent of at least 90.00)
- performance in required first year subjects completed while enrolled in Advanced Science at the University of New South Wales.

During 2010, students who are enrolled in the prescribed Year 1 Vision Science plan will be invited to apply directly to UNSW for a transfer place for 2011 entry. For further information visit www.optom.unsw.edu.au.

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

The Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) is compulsory for Year 12 applicants applying for courses such as Pharmacy and Veterinary Science at the University of Sydney.

Year 12 applicants who sit STAT **must** include details of their STAT sitting in their UAC application. Year 12 applicants who sit STAT after they have applied through UAC must inform UAC immediately.

Several STAT sessions will be held throughout 2009, with the first – mid-year STAT – on Saturday 23 May 2009.

Year 12 applicants who sit the mid-year STAT must remember when they apply through UAC later in the year to include details of their STAT sitting in their UAC application. More information about STAT, including details of STAT sessions and the STAT registration form, are available on UAC's website.

Statistics for 2009 admissions

For 2009 admissions, UAC received 83 476 applications, an increase on last year's total of 78 009, with suggestions that this could be due to the economic downturn. The total number of offers made in 2009 was 70 199 a decrease on last year's total of 74 770. This was due to the abolition of domestic fee-paying (DFEE) courses by the Australian Government (as these courses had accounted for approximately 6 000 offers last year).

For your information

Reference copies – UAC 2009 Guide

Boxes of UAC 2009 Guides from last year are available to schools to use as reference copies. Each box contains 14 guides (maximum of three boxes per school).

The boxes can be collected free of charge from UAC's warehouse at Girraween (minimum two day's notice required) or mailed to schools for \$25 per box (incl GST).

Call (02) 9752 0200 to reserve your copies and organise payment if postage is required.

There are limited copies of surplus guides available this year, so place your order early to avoid disappointment.

Course search

To help Year 12 students become familiar with UAC's website and the range of courses on offer, the 2009 admissions course search will continue to be available through Schoolink at www.uac.edu.au.

UAC will leave the previous year's course search information in place as a reference tool in preparation for the 2010 admissions period.

Remember that this 'old' course search is indicative only. Courses available for 2010 admissions will not be confirmed until applications open in August 2009.

UAI cut-offs for 2009 admissions

You can view and download copies of the UAI cut-offs used for the Main and Late round of offers in 2009 from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au. Just click on the UAI link on the undergraduate homepage.

Report on the Scaling of the 2008 NSW HSC

The 2008 Scaling Report will be available in April 2009. 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.

Scholarships

UAC processes applications for Equity Scholarships on behalf of our participating institutions, who award the scholarships to students experiencing difficulty with the costs of living and studying. More information about Equity Scholarships is available on UAC's website.

Institutions also offer a wide variety of other scholarships, including merit-based scholarships, with information about these scholarships available on each institution's website.

Students changing addresses

Please keep reminding your students about the importance of keeping their address and contact details up-to-date with both the Board of Studies and UAC. Every year we have a mountain of undelivered mail because students have not made sure their details are correctly recorded at the BoS and at UAC.

NSW HSC Online

NSW HSC Online celebrated its 11th birthday last year, and has become an invaluable resource for teachers and students. The site has material for 48 HSC subjects, along with study tips, past exam papers and markers' comments, and has delivered over 1.7 million web pages so far. Visit www.hsc.csu.edu.au.

University news & updates

Southern Cross University

New location

The University has acquired the Lakeside facility at Caloola Drive Tweed Heads, with the following courses to be delivered there in 2009:

- 335163 – Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (new course)
- 331167 – Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)

New campus

The new Gold Coast campus, on Coolangatta Road, Bilinga Queensland, is under construction and will be completed for the enrolment of new students at the start of the 2010 academic year.

Additional university-wide major

Southern Cross University offers university-wide

majors to broaden the study experience for their students. Sport Management has now been added to the list of university-wide majors which also include Education, Law and Justice, Organisational Management and Sustainability.

Australian Maritime College

New course – AssocDeg in Aquaculture

The Associate Degree in Aquaculture has been specifically designed to offer students education and training in aquaculture and to prepare students for the workplace. This is achieved through a mix of vocational, scientific and technological activities together with work experience.

Graduates are able to work in all facets of fish farming, including fish, shellfish, live feeds and algal culture, and systems maintenance.

Open Days for 2009

Australian Catholic University

Canberra campus 29 August
North Sydney campus
Open Night 9 September
Strathfield campus 12 September

Australian Maritime College

Launceston campus 16 August
Campus tours can be arranged by appointment.
For further information call 1300 361 928.

Australian National University

29 August

Charles Sturt University

Every day

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

Griffith University

Gold Coast 9 August

La Trobe University

Albury–Wodonga campus 23 August
Mildura campus
Information session 27 July - 14 August

Macquarie University

12 September

Southern Cross University

For personalised campus tours and special events call 1800 111 890.

University of Canberra

29 August

University of New England

4 September

University of New South Wales

Open Day 5 September
Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra 29 August

University of Newcastle

Newcastle campus (Callaghan) 29 August
Central Coast campus (Ourimbah) 22 August
Port Macquarie campus –
Information Night 3 September

University of Sydney

Camperdown & Darlington, Mallett St, Sydney College of the Arts and Sydney Conservatorium of Music (Macquarie St campus) 29 August
For campus tours call 1300 362 006.

University of Technology, Sydney

UTS Information Day,
Broadway campus 29 August
UTS Information Evening,
Kuring-gai campus 9 September

University of Western Sydney

Parramatta campus 30 August

University of Wollongong

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

For information on school visit days, contact individual institutions.

Contacting UAC

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FAQS on the UAI

What is the UAI?

The Universities Admission Index (UAI) is a number between 0.00 and 100 with increments of 0.05. It is a rank that provides a measure of your overall academic achievement in the NSW HSC in relation to that of other students, and it helps universities rank applicants for selection. It is calculated by the universities and released by UAC. **The UAI is a rank, not a mark.**

Your UAI indicates your position relative to the students who sat the School Certificate with you two years ago. A UAI of 80.00 indicates that you have performed well enough in the HSC to place you 20 percent from the top of your Year 10 group, assuming that all students in this group completed Year 12 and were eligible for the UAI.

It is important to note that your ranking depends solely on your performance in the HSC. Your individual Year 10 results do not influence your UAI.

What is the UAI used for?

The UAI is used by universities (either on its own or in conjunction with other selection criteria) to rank applicants, because for the majority of courses there are more applicants than there are places available.

The UAI should not be used for any other reason because its sole function is to help universities select students for admission.

Who receives a UAI?

UAIs are calculated for all UAI-eligible students, but not all students are notified. Only NSW HSC students who indicate on their HSC entry forms that they wish to be notified of their UAI will receive a UAI Advice Notice from UAC. This will arrive in the mail at about the same time they receive their HSC results from the Board of Studies.

Am I eligible for a UAI?

To be eligible for a UAI you must satisfactorily complete at least 10 units of UAI courses. These UAI courses must include at least:

- eight units from Category A courses
- two units of English
- three UAI courses of two units or greater
- four subjects.

How is my UAI calculated?

Your UAI is based on an aggregate of **scaled** marks in 10 units of UAI courses comprising:

- your best two units of English and
- your best eight units from the remaining units. No more than two units of Category B courses can be included.

The actual calculation of your UAI is a complex process that begins with scaling your raw HSC marks and ends with ranking you among your entire Year 10 cohort.

What is scaling?

Because scaled marks (not HSC marks) are used in the UAI calculation, scaling is the first step in calculating the UAI. It is necessary because HSC students take all kinds of different courses, and scaling allows courses to be compared fairly. We know that the same marks in different courses are not necessarily equal, just as the same amounts of money in different countries are not equal. In the same way that an exchange rate can be used to compare currency in different countries, scaling can be used to compare marks in different courses.

Can I find out what my scaled marks are?

No. Scaled marks are not reported to students. They are determined during an interim phase in the calculation of the UAI.

Which courses count towards my UAI?

Only UAI courses can be used in the calculation of your UAI. Your UAI is therefore calculated from your aggregate of scaled marks from your UAI courses, including two units of English and your best eight units from the remaining courses (according to the UAI rules).

Your UAI Advice Notice tells you which of your courses were actually included in the calculation of your UAI. Just by looking at your HSC marks, it is not possible to tell which courses will be included in your UAI. Sometimes the course with the lowest HSC mark will not count, **but this is not always the case.**

Can I include Distinction courses?

Yes, Distinction courses are accredited as two-unit courses and are scaled in the same way as other courses.

Can I accumulate my courses?

Yes, you can accumulate courses over a period of up to five years.

Can I repeat my courses?

Yes, you can repeat courses over a period of up to five years. If you repeat a course, only the mark from your latest satisfactory attempt will be included in the calculation of your UAI.

Why is my UAI low in comparison to my HSC marks?

Your UAI depends on your position in your courses and the ability of the other students in your courses (reflected in the scaled means of your courses).

Consider the following two students who completed the same courses. Fred received an HSC mark of 70 in each course, while Laura received an HSC mark of 80 in each course.

	Fred			Laura	
	Units	HSC mark/ 100	Percentile	HSC mark/ 100	Percentile
Biology	2	70	37	80	67
Business Studies	2	70	50	80	78
English Advanced	2	70	12	80	59
Mathematics	2	70	38	80	63
Modern History	2	70	22	80	62
Visual Arts	2	70	15	80	53
UAI		56.05		81.25	

Their HSC marks in each course differ by only 10, yet their UAIs differ by 25.2. Laura's UAI is similar to her HSC marks while Fred's UAI is much lower than his HSC marks. This is because Laura's percentiles (her positions) in her courses are much better than Fred's.

Why is one course counted towards my UAI when another course where I received a higher HSC mark does not count?

This is because your scaled marks are the marks included in your UAI calculation and a higher HSC mark does not always mean a higher scaled mark. Your scaled mark in a course will be influenced by the overall scaled mean for that course.

If I get the same HSC mark in two different courses, will the one with the higher scaled mean count towards my UAI?

Not necessarily. It's important to remember that the scaled mean indicates the average academic achievement of the students in that course. When you look at your results, you also have to consider **your** position in the course. A higher position in a course with a lower scaled mean may be enough to warrant its inclusion in your UAI calculation.

Both your position in the course **and** the scaled mean are important in determining which of your courses contribute towards your UAI.

Can I work out what my UAI will be from my HSC marks?

No. Remember that your scaled marks (not your HSC marks) are used to calculate your UAI, and your UAI is not an average mark, it is a rank that indicates your position.

However, as a general rule, if you are in the middle group of students enrolled in your courses (with marks in the 70s) you are likely to get a UAI in the mid-60s. But sometimes marks in the 70s can mean a much lower UAI depending on your courses and your position in your courses.

I have similar HSC marks to my friend, but we don't have similar UAIs. Why not?

Your UAIs will only be similar if your courses are the same. If your courses are different and your courses have different scaled means, your UAIs may be very different.

Does the school I attend matter?

No. The school attended does not feature in the UAI calculation. The UAI calculation is based only on marks provided by the Board; no other information is used.

Are certain courses always 'scaled down'?

No. Scaling is carried out afresh each year. If the quality of the candidature changes, the scaled mean will also change.

Can I choose certain courses to increase my UAI?

No. As noted above, scaling is carried out afresh each year, so the scaled means are different every year. When you choose your courses you should think only about what you are interested in (usually what you are good at too) and what you need to do to prepare you for your course or career plans.

Can I have my UAI recalculated?

Generally speaking no, but there are some instances where your UAI will be recalculated:

- if the Board of Studies provides amended HSC results
- if you complete additional courses
- if you repeat courses you have already completed.

Will I be notified if my UAI is recalculated?

Yes, you will receive a new UAI Advice Notice.

If I'm eligible to get bonus points, does my UAI change?

No. If universities allocate bonus points they are not added to your UAI. Bonus points are not UAI points, they are just that – bonus points. Bonus points don't change your UAI; bonus points change your selection rank.

There are some instances where your UAI might change:

- 1 if the Board of Studies provides amended HSC results to UAC
- 2 if you complete additional courses and
- 3 if you repeat courses you have already completed.

If it does change, you will receive a new UAI Advice Notice. Otherwise, your UAI never changes.

If bonus points don't increase my UAI, then how do they work?

Universities allocate bonus points for different circumstances. Examples include students with strong performance in HSC subjects, students who live or attend school in an area defined by the university and students who have applied for consideration through Educational Access Schemes.

For most Year 12 applicants, your selection rank for university entrance is your UAI. However, if universities allocate bonus points to you, then your selection rank = UAI+bonus points. As the bonus points schemes for each university, and often for each course at the same university, are different then your selection rank can be different for each course you list in your course preferences.

Which UAI is used for selection purposes?

Your latest UAI will be used for selection purposes. This could be better or worse than a previous UAI.

How can I find out more?

There's a lot more information about the UAI on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/uai. For the technically minded, you can even download copies of the Report on Scaling of the NSW HSC.

How can I contact UAC?

write to:	Universities Admissions Centre Locked Bag 112 SILVERWATER NSW 2128
visit:	Quad 2, 8 Parkview Drive HOMEBUSH BAY NSW (Near Sydney Olympic Park railway station)
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