

For your information

We need correct contact details!

UAC needs to have the correct contact details for applicants so they can receive important information in a timely manner.

Remind your students to keep their contact details up-to-date. If details change after they have applied, all they need to do is go to Check & Change on UAC's website to update our records.

Schoolink – what's new?

Check out Schoolink for a range of new UAC PowerPoint presentations available now including:

- "Choosing HSC courses: facts and myths" and "A walk through the UAC Year 10 Booklet", for Year 10 students;
- "Steps to applying through UAC" and "A walk through the UAC Guide", for Year 12 students;
- Our presentation from the 2010 Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo "Demystifying the ATAR and understanding the UAC process";
- "Demystifying the ATAR and understanding the UAC International process", for international students; and
- "All about the ATAR", for anyone wanting to know more about the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

In early August you will also be able to download the Equity Scholarships and EAS Schools Information packages.

Visit www.uac.edu.au/schoolink/.

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 relevant websites

General higher education information
www.goingtouni.gov.au

Centrelink
www.centrelink.gov.au

TAFE New South Wales
www.tafensw.edu.au

NSW Board of Studies
www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au

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If a UAC PIN doesn't work, students should check they are using the correct UAC PIN and not the PIN issued by the NSW Board of Studies.

Requirements for health-related courses

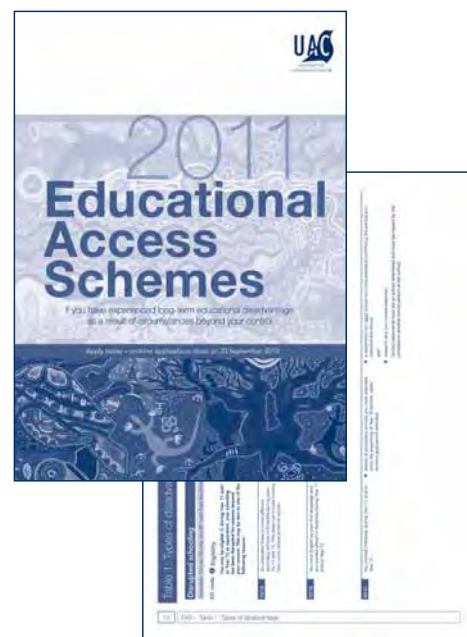
Students in health-related courses must meet certain criteria before they can attend clinical placement in the NSW Health system as part of their course.

Students interested in applying for health-related courses need to become familiar with these criteria, such as criminal record checks and protection against infectious disease.

Details of specified infectious diseases and the requirements of the NSW Health policy are laid out at www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/immunisation/ohs/ and more information can be found on pages 18-19 of the *UAC 2011 Guide*.

Educational Access Schemes (EAS)

Educational Access Schemes (EAS) are for students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage. EAS applications for 2011 admissions open in early August, and the on-time closing date for EAS applications is Thursday 30 September 2010. EAS booklets, including the application form, will be delivered to schools in mid-August. The EAS booklets and Schools Information package will also be available to download from Schoolink on UAC's website in early August, visit www.uac.edu.au/schoolink/.



UAC events diary

UAC was an exhibitor at the National Careers and Employment Expo at Darling Harbour on 30 April – 1 May and at the Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo on 4-6 June. UAC will also be attending a number of careers events in July and August including:

Western Sydney - 20 – 21 July

Lismore - 27 July

Coffs Harbour - 28 July

Camden Haven - 29 July

Taree - 30 July

Moruya - 3 August

CIT Open Day - 28 August

CAANSW New Careers Advisers Day - 16 August

For more details, contact your regional careers advisers' network co-ordinator, or Donna Munro, UAC Community Liaison Manager, on (02) 9752 0742 or email donna.munro@uac.edu.au.



University news and updates

University of New South Wales

New courses

450011 – B Information Technology (Chief of the Defence Force Students Program)

This three-year full-time course will be offered at the UNSW campus at the Australian Defence Force Academy. To study at UNSW@ADFA applicants must have submitted an application for entry to the Australian Defence Force Academy via a Defence Force Recruitment Centre. Visit www.defencejobs.gov.au.

This course's objectives and learning outcomes are similar to the standard degree program (450012 BIT below) but they extend the educational principles to a higher level. First year students will be introduced to research in their discipline areas and will offer significant extensions to the ideas and analysis performed in the standard program. This will allow the CDF students to undertake research projects at the appropriate level in their later years, more fully integrating research into the standard undergraduate degree. The individual projects undertaken in close association with academic staff on research topics of mutual interest underpin the program and give the students the ability to develop their full potential. For more information visit www.unsw.adfa.edu.au/.

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The degree offers a solid base of knowledge and skills in designing and developing information technology including disciplines from programming and system administration through to system analysis and strategic planning. The program comprises a core of courses that develop fundamental skills and knowledge upon which the student can select elective courses to develop specialisations in their area of interest. It also delivers an important balance between the 'hard' skills of programming and system and network management and the 'soft' skills of teamwork, communication, problem solving, and decision-making. Successful graduates will be well-balanced, broadly-skilled IT professionals ready for the demands of modern information technology implementation. Employment opportunities include analyst programmer, systems developer, systems architect and information systems manager. With experience, you may become the Chief Information Officer (CIO) of an organisation. For more information visit www.unsw.adfa.edu.au/.

University of Newcastle

New course

B Midwifery

Subject to final approval, the Bachelor of Midwifery (B. Mid) will be offered in 2011. Graduates will be eligible to apply for registration to practise as a midwife.

Midwives are responsible for the care of women, babies and their families during pregnancy, labour, birth and the early infancy period.

The degree, offered in partnership with the Hunter New England Area Health Service, is based on contemporary midwifery theory. It prepares students for new models of maternity care and has a unique emphasis on primary health care including health promotion, indigenous health and mental health issues.

Entry will be based on the applicant's ATAR, with bonus points for all applicants who live in the University's area. Indigenous applicants are particularly encouraged to apply and will be invited to interviews.



University of Sydney

New course

B Electrical Engineering (Bioelectronics)

The first two years of the new B Electrical Engineering (Bioelectronics) degree are spent studying biology, physiology and anatomy, leading to the study of bioelectronics subjects in later years. The degree meets the tertiary study entry requirements for the Graduate Medical Program.

Electrical Engineering (Bioelectronics) is an emerging field in science and technology where biological materials, for example cells and tissues, are incorporated into electronic devices.

Through developments in medical engineering, implants and image processing, bioelectronics is having an impact in areas as diverse as medicine, physics, sports science, forensics, finance, automotive and IT industries.

For more information call (02) 9351 3229 or email ee.enquiry@sydney.edu.au.

University of Technology, Sydney

New course

602060 – B Design in Interior and Spatial Design

The Bachelor of Design in Interior and Spatial Design aims to equip graduates with the creative and critical thinking skills needed in the design industry.

Spatial design is a broad field, which incorporates material, physical and spatial relationships. Spatial designers can think in three dimensions, understand how people move and interact in built environments, and create and shape opportunities for both permanent and temporary events. Their work includes designing commercial and domestic interiors, exhibitions, indoor and outdoor public spaces, theatre and set design among others.

This course will develop spatial intelligence and excellence in design practice. Graduates will gain an inventive and explorative attitude toward the design process through studio projects, supported by engagement with industry.

Career opportunities include: commercial and residential interior designer, theatre set designer, performance and event designer, museum and exhibition designer, interactive designer, film and television production designer, visual and spatial branding designer.

University of Western Sydney

New courses

From 2011 the University of Western Sydney (UWS) will offer a range of new single and combined degrees across our campuses:

Bankstown

706830 – B Community and Social Development – for Indigenous students

707085 – B Business and Commerce – accounting and marketing key programs

Campbelltown

706356 – B Science (Mathematical Science)

Hawkesbury

706386 – B Natural Science (Environmental Management and Climate Change)

706388 – B Natural Science (Food Sustainability)

706352 – B Science (Climate Change)

Parramatta

706354 – B Science (Geochemistry)

706358 – B Science (Mathematical Science)

For more details on these and other new courses at UWS in 2011 check the *UAC 2011 Guide* or visit www.myfuture.uws.edu.au in August.

Do your students need to sit the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)?

The Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) is designed to assess a range of competencies considered important for success in tertiary study. STAT is used by many institutions as part of their admissions procedure for certain categories of applicants.

While STAT is not generally used for Year 12 students, there are some specific courses where Year 12 students must sit STAT. For example, Pharmacy and Veterinary Science at the University of Sydney require Year 12 applicants to sit STAT as part of the selection criteria.

STAT candidates must register for STAT through UAC. Registrations for 2011 admissions open in early August, with a number of test sittings held between September 2010 and January 2011. For more information, visit www.uac.edu.au/stat/.



UAC key dates for 2011 admissions

Applications

Early August 2010	applications open
Thursday 30 September 2010	on-time applications close
Friday 29 October 2010	late applications close with \$113 late fee
Tuesday 30 November 2010	late applications close with \$129 late fee
Thursday 3 February 2010	final close of applications with \$139 late fee

Year 12 results and ATARs

Wednesday 15 December 2010	2010 NSW HSC results e-released by BoS 2010 ACT Year 12 results issued by ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies
Thursday 16 December 2010	NSW ATARs e-released by UAC
Friday 17 December 2010	ACT Year 12 ATARs available on UAC's website

Change of preferences

Mid-August 2010 – 6 January 2011	for consideration in Main Round
19 January 2011 – 26 January 2011	for consideration in Early February Round
2 February 2010 – 3 February 2011	for consideration in Final Round

Offers

Thursday 28 October 2010	October Round offers e-released
Thursday 18 November 2010	November Round offers e-released
Thursday 9 December 2010	December Round offers e-released
Wednesday 5 January 2011	Early January Round offers e-released
Wednesday 19 January 2011	Main Round offers e-released at 9pm
Wednesday 2 February 2011	Early February Round offers e-released at 9pm
Wednesday 9 February 2011	Final Round offers e-released

Processing charges

2010 domestic Year 12 applicants – \$25
Non-Year 12 applicants – \$54

Contacting UAC

telephone: (02) 9752 0200

email and website: use our online enquiry form at www.uac.edu.au

postal address: UAC, Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128

in person: Quad 2, 8 Parkview Drive, Sydney Olympic Park NSW

office hours: 8.30am – 4.30pm Monday to Friday

Open days in 2010

Australian Catholic University

Canberra campus	28 August
North Sydney campus	28 August
Strathfield campus	11 September

Australian Maritime College

Launceston campus	15 August
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Campus tours can be arranged by appointment.
For further information call (03) 6335 4646.

Australian National University

	28 August
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For campus tours call 1800 620 032.

Canberra Institute of Technology

Bruce and Reid campuses	28 August
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Charles Sturt University

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

Griffith University

Gold Coast	8 August
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La Trobe University

Albury–Wodonga campus	15 August
Mildura campus	8 August

Macquarie University

11 September

Southern Cross University

For personalised campus tours and special events call 1800 626 481 or (02) 6620 3975.

University of Canberra

28 August

University of New England

For personalised campus tours call 1800 818 865.

University of New South Wales

Open Day	4 September
Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra	28 August

University of Newcastle

Newcastle campus (Callaghan)	28 August
Central Coast campus (Ourimbah)	21 August
Port Macquarie campus – Information Night	2 September

University of Sydney

Camperdown & Darlington, Mallett St, Sydney College of the Arts and Sydney Conservatorium of Music (Macquarie St campus) 28 August
For campus tours call 1300 362 006.

University of Technology, Sydney

UTS Information Day, Broadway campus	28 August
UTS Information Evening, Kuring-gai campus	8 September

University of Western Sydney

Parramatta campus	29 August
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University of Wollongong

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

For information on school visit days contact individual institutions.

Year 12 checklist for applying to university

✔ Have you researched the courses available?

There are over 1 000 courses available for 2011 admissions via UAC. You can research the courses available using table 1 and the course descriptions in the *UAC 2011 Guide* or through the course search on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au.

✔ 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 ATAR 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 2010 NSW HSC or the 2010 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 applied through UAC you can use Check & Change on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au to have your UAC PIN re-issued.

If you have not yet applied, 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 applied, you can change your UAC PIN using Check & Change on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au. Note that your UAC PIN must contain 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 Check & Change on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au.

✔ 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 ATAR.

You can change your address after applying:

- via Check & Change on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au
- by writing to UAC.

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 2010 Year 12 students may need to submit supplementary information as part of their application. When you apply make sure you read the instructions carefully to see whether you need to provide additional information (eg STAT sitting).

✔ 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 when you apply, 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 2011 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 2010 Australian Year 12, either in Australia or offshore, an International Baccalaureate or a New Zealand National Certificate of Education Achievement (NCEA) Level 3 in 2010 then you'll need a copy of the *UAC 2011 International Booklet*. The booklet will help you apply through UAC International for study in 2011. 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.

✔ Are you eligible to apply for Educational Access Schemes?

All universities in NSW and the ACT, as well as some interstate institutions, have Educational Access Schemes (EAS) designed to help provide access to university for students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage such as:

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

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. Copies will also be available from schools and participating institutions from August 2010.

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 Thursday 30 September 2010 – you must submit your EAS application by this date to ensure that it will be considered in time for the Main Round of offers.

Charges and fees for 2011 admissions

UAC 2011 Guide

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

Free

UAC 2011 International Booklet

For international Australian Year 12 students
(distributed through schools)

Free

Processing charge

Domestic Year 12 applicants	\$25.00
Non-Year 12 applicants	\$54.00
International Year 12 applicants	\$62.00

Late fee (for domestic applicants only)

1 October - 29 October 2010	processing charge + \$113 late fee
30 October - 30 November 2010	processing charge + \$129 late fee
1 December 2010 - 3 February 2011	processing charge + \$139 late fee

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

Sit one test (either Multiple Choice or Written English)	\$117.00
Sit both tests on same day	\$160.00
Sit both tests on different days	\$234.00
Special sitting (one test)	\$165.00
Special sitting (both tests on same day)	\$212.00
Change STAT registration	\$48.00
Additional STAT result notice	\$48.00

Changing course preferences

Check & Change No UAC charge

All UAC charges and fees are in A\$ and include 10% GST.

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

Contacting UAC

telephone:	+61 2 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, Sydney Olympic Park NSW
office hours:	8.30am – 4.30pm Monday to Friday (Sydney local time)

Additional information with UAC PIN letter

In early August 2010 UAC will enclose a flyer *Want to apply to uni?* with the UAC PIN letter mailed to NSW and ACT Year 12 students. This flyer answers some common questions about UAC and the admissions process and also includes details of the ATAR.

Check & Change

After you have applied online using Apply on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au, you can use Check & Change to:

- view/print your confirmation of application
- print your document cover sheet
- check/change your address, email address and telephone number
- check/change your course preferences
- check if you have received an offer
- check your ATAR
- change your UAC PIN
- view and download correspondence from UAC
- print your fee owing letter/tax invoice
- print a disability questionnaire
- add/modify study or qualifications on your application.

Notes:

- there is no UAC charge for Check & Change
- you will need your UAC application number and UAC PIN
- Check & Change is available between 7.30am and midnight Sydney local time
- if you need to alter other details relating to your application, write to UAC as soon as possible.



UAC — what we do

The Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) is the central office that processes applications for undergraduate courses, postgraduate courses, Educational Access Schemes and Equity Scholarships. UAC also notifies NSW HSC students of their ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank).

Applying through UAC is easier than applying separately to each institution. UAC co-ordinates the process, and posts notification of offers on behalf of the institutions. However, the institutions, not UAC, decide who receives an offer.

Participating institutions

UAC's website features a list of its participating institutions at www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/institutions/.

Section 2 in Part 1 of the *UAC 2011 Guide* also contains a list of the institutions, with more detailed information about each institution in Part 2.

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