

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 2012 admissions open in early August, with a number of test sittings held between September 2011 and January 2012. For more information, visit www.uac.edu.au/stat/



Key dates for 2012 admissions

Applications

Early August 2011	applications open
Friday 30 September 2011	on-time applications close
Monday 31 October 2011	late applications close with \$116 late fee
Wednesday 30 November 2011	late applications close with \$133 late fee
Thursday 2 February 2012	final close of applications with \$143 late fee
HSC and ATARs	
Wednesday 14 December 2011	NSW HSC results e-released by Board of Studies
Thursday 15 December 2011	ATARs released by UAC
Change of preferences	
Tuesday 25 October 2011	for consideration in October Round
Tuesday 15 November 2011	for consideration in November Round
Tuesday 6 December 2011	for consideration in December Round
Monday 2 January 2012	for consideration in Early January Round
Thursday 5 January 2012	for consideration in Main Round
Wednesday 18 January – Wednesday 25 January 2012	for consideration in Late Round
Wednesday 1 February – Thursday 2 February 2012	for consideration in Final Round

Offers

Thursday 27 October 2011	October Round offers released
Thursday 17 November 2011	November Round offers released
Thursday 8 December 2011	December Round offers released
Wednesday 4 January 2012	Early January Round offers released
Wednesday 18 January 2012	Main Round offers released at 9pm
Wednesday 1 February 2012	Late Round offers released at 9pm
Wednesday 8 February 2012	Final Round offers released

Processing charges

2011 domestic Year 12 applicants - \$26
Non-Year 12 applicants - \$56

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 for 2011

Australian Catholic University
Canberra campus 27 August
North Sydney campus 3 September
Strathfield campus 10 September

Australian Maritime College
Beauty Point campus 20 August
Newnham campus 21 August
Campus tours can be arranged by appointment.
For further information call 1300 361 928.

Australian National University 27 August
For campus tours call 1800 620 032.

Canberra Institute of Technology 27 August
Bruce and Reid campuses

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

Griffith University
Gold Coast campus 14 August

La Trobe University
Albury-Wodonga campus 21 August
Mildura campus 14 August

Macquarie University 10 September

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

University of Canberra 27 August

University of New England 6 May
For personalised campus tours please call 1800 818 865.

University of New South Wales
Open Day 3 September
Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra 27 August

University of Newcastle
Newcastle campus (Callaghan) 27 August
Central Coast campus (Ourimbah) 20 August
Port Macquarie campus – Information Night 1 September

University of Sydney
Open Day 27 August
For campus tours call 1300 362 006.

University of Technology, Sydney
UTS Information Day, Broadway campus 27 August
UTS Information Evening, Kuring-gai campus 17 August

University of Western Sydney
Parramatta campus 28 August

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

For information on school visit days contact individual institutions.

UAC News

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

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The 2012 Guide is now available

The *UAC 2012 Guide* will soon arrive at NSW and ACT high schools and newsagents around the state.

More than 1,500 courses are on offer from 17 institutions. The Guide has information about every course, as well as how to apply, and the selection and offer process.

The cover artwork has been selected from ARTEXPRESS and features "The Landing" by Kwyn Warren Soames of Cronulla High School.

How to apply?

The only way to apply for courses on offer through UAC for enrolment in 2012 is online through UAC's Apply at www.uac.edu.au

If students don't have internet access at home they may be able to apply at:

- school
- the local library
- an internet cafe
- UAC's office at Sydney Olympic Park.

Applicants need to provide a current email address when they apply.

The Apply processing charge for on-time applications is \$26 for Year 12 students and \$56 for non-Year 12 applicants. There are a number of payment options available.

Please remind your students to apply by the on-time closing date of **Friday 30 September 2011**. After that date, late fees apply.

See the back cover of this issue for a full list of UAC key dates for 2012 admissions.

UAC International

Do you have international students who will complete an Australian Year 12 qualification in Australia or overseas, an International Baccalaureate, or a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 3 in 2011?

If so, let them know about UAC International – it's designed just for them! UAC International is for international students who want to apply for international fee-paying courses offered by our



participating institutions. Students only have to apply once through UAC for up to six different courses across 16 institutions.

The *UAC 2012 International Booklet* will be delivered to schools in Australia and overseas in July/August, and will contain all the information needed to help your international students apply for uni courses through UAC. The UAC International website will also have all the information at www.uac.edu.au/international/

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Equity Scholarships help students in need

Equity Scholarships help students from low socio-economic backgrounds with the money they need to go to or stay at uni. Students can apply for an Equity Scholarship through UAC.

Through one simple online application at www.uac.edu.au/equity/ students can apply for scholarships at a number of institutions. For more details on available scholarships, download and read the *Equity Scholarships 2012 Booklet* at www.uac.edu.au/equity/. On-time applications close on Friday 30 September 2011.

In addition, the Commonwealth Government also provides assistance to students in need. Student Start-up Scholarships and Relocation Scholarships are administered by Centrelink. Students do not have to apply – if they are eligible, Centrelink will pay them directly. Visit www.centrelink.gov.au for more information.



Equity Scholarships Booklets

Schools will be receiving copies of the *2012 Equity Scholarships Booklet* in early August.

The Booklet will also be available to download from Schoolink on UAC's website in early August. Visit www.uac.edu.au/schoolink/

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Copies of the current and previous newsletters can be downloaded from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/publications/news/

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.

Students also need to keep their contact details at the Board of Studies up-to-date so that the ATAR Advice Notice is sent to the correct address.

Include STAT and UMAT numbers when applying

Students who have sat the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) and/or the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) should have their STAT and UMAT numbers handy when they apply to UAC so they can include in their UAC application.

UAC and applicant privacy

To protect the privacy of our applicants, UAC will only speak to an applicant, or the applicant's authorised agent, about their application. Many parents call us regarding their son or daughter's application, but unless they have been authorised to act on behalf of their son or daughter, we cannot talk to them about the application.

Useful websites

Tertiary admissions centre websites

NSW & ACT – UAC
www.uac.edu.au

Queensland – QTAC
www.qtac.edu.au

South Australia & NT – SATAC
www.satac.edu.au

Tasmania – University of Tasmania
www.utas.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

Remind your students about UAC PINs

NSW HSC and ACT Year 12 students will be issued with a four-digit UAC PIN in the mail in early August. They will need it to apply so remind students to keep their UAC PIN in a secure place.

If their 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.

Additional information with UAC PIN letter

In early August 2011 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.

English language requirements for nursing and midwifery

Students intending to become a nurse or midwife may have to provide proof of proficiency in English when applying for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) for the first time.

More information on the NMBA's requirements can be found at www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx

Students who have undertaken their studies in an overseas country may also be required to provide proof of English language proficiency when applying for a nursing course.

UAC events diary

UAC will be hosting the CAANSW New Careers Advisers Day at our offices in Sydney Olympic Park on Friday 19 August 2011.

UAC will also be attending a number of careers events in July and August including:

Lismore - Tuesday 26 July

Coffs Harbour - Wednesday 27 July

Camden Haven - Thursday 28 July

Taree - Friday 29 July

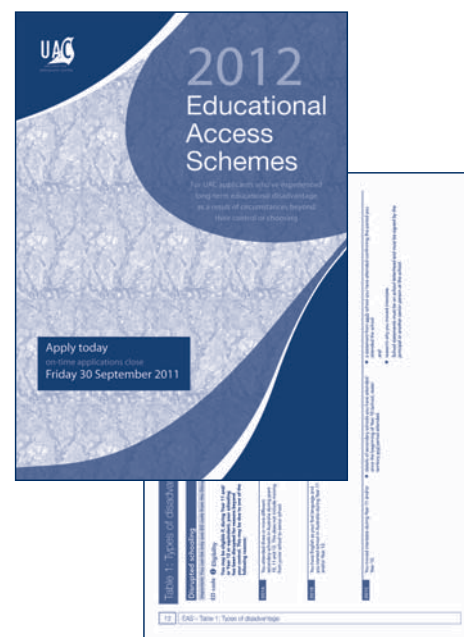
Moruya - Tuesday 2 August

Canberra - Wednesday 3 - Thursday 4 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

Educational Access Schemes (EAS)

Educational Access Schemes (EAS) are for students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage. EAS applications for 2012 admissions open in early August, and the on-time closing date for EAS applications is Friday 30 September 2011. EAS booklets, including the application form, will be delivered to schools in late July. The 2012 EAS Booklet 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/



University news and updates

Macquarie University

Cancelled course

The following course, published in the UAC 2012 Guide, will not be offered in 2012:

300950 – BBA - Retail Services Management

University of Canberra

Cancelled courses

The following courses, published in the UAC 2012 Guide, will not be offered in 2012:

364013 – B Social and Community Studies / B Social Science in Justice Studies

364023 – B Education Early Childhood Teaching (3-8 years)

364063 – B Education Middle School Teaching (K-10)

364103 – B Education (Secondary Education: Design / Technology)

364123 – B Education (Secondary Education: Health and Physical Education)

364183 – B Education / B Commerce

364203 – B Education / B Information Technology

University of Western Sydney

Cancelled courses

The following courses, published in the UAC 2012 Guide, will not be offered in 2012:

722503 – B Engineering (Advanced) / M Engineering Science (Civil and Electrical)

722509 – B Engineering / M Engineering Science (Civil and Electrical)

728015 – B Medical Science / B Information and Communications Technology

Course updates

Information for the following courses has changed since publication in the UAC 2012 Guide:

Change of course name

728010 – published as B Medical Science (Medical Nanotechnology), changed to B Medical Science (Nanotechnology)

Cut-off change

721046 – listed as a 'nc', should be 80.00

Duration published as 4F, changed to 4F/8P:

720600, 720605 – B Arts/B Business and Commerce

Duration published as 3F/6P, changed to 3F:

720012 – B Science (Nutrition and Food Science)

720018 – B Science (Zoology)

726550, 726555, 726560 – B Nursing

728000, 728001 – B Medical Science (Advanced)

728055, 728056, 728057 – B Science

728065, 728066, 728067 – B Science (Biological Sciences)

728075, 728076 – B Science (Chemistry)

728080 – B Science (Environmental Science)

728090, 728091 – B Science (Mathematical Science)

728520 – B Community and Social Development

Duration published as 1F/1.5P, changed to 1F:

728525 – Dip Community and Social Development

Duration published as 3D/6D, changed to 6D:

720006 – B Natural Science (Environment and Health)

Duration published as 4.5F/EqP, changed to 4.5F:

729030 – B Education (Primary - AREP mode)

University of Wollongong

Cancelled courses

The following courses, published in the UAC 2012 Guide as being subject to approval, will not be offered in 2012:

751300 – B Arts/B Commerce (Dean's Scholar)

751309 – B Arts/B International Studies (Dean's Scholar)

751312 – B International Studies/B Commerce (Dean's Scholar)

751360 – B Communication and Media Studies/B Arts (Dean's Scholar)

751361 – B Communication and Media Studies/B Commerce (Dean's Scholar)

751362 – B Communication and Media Studies/B Science (Dean's Scholar)

751363 – B Communication and Media Studies/B International Studies (Dean's Scholar)

New courses

753660-65 B Business*

This degree is designed for people who would like to undertake a degree in the principal areas of business and commerce without majoring in a specific discipline. Common core courses in accounting, economics, finance, management and marketing provide the knowledge, competencies and responsible business ethics necessary for a career in business.

This degree offers flexibility to choose a range of elective subjects from within the Commerce Faculty or from other faculties at UOW. Possible careers include: business owner and entrepreneur, business development manager, project manager, business analyst, marketer, corporate relations officer, recruitment manager.

The expected cut-off will be an ATAR of approximately 70.

753670-75 B Economics and Finance*

This course is designed for people who wish to become high-level professionals in the areas of economics and finance. Graduates will have significant analytical, critical thinking and research skills in the areas of economics and finance sought after by private and public sector employers both in Australia and internationally.

Students are required to complete a capstone subject that is unique to this degree as well as have the opportunity to collaborate on projects with other students within the course. Career opportunities could include: economist, regulatory manager, policy and governance specialist, finance consultant, research analyst, banking and finance statistical analyst, and stockbroker manager.

The expected cut-off will be an ATAR of approximately 85.

For more information about the B Business or B Economics and Finance contact the Faculty of Commerce on 02 4221 4478 or email your enquiry to commerce-enquiries@uow.edu.au

*New programs subject to final approval.



Year 12 checklist for applying to university

✔ Have you researched the courses available?

There are over 1,500 courses available for 2012 admissions via UAC. You can research the courses available using table 1 and the course descriptions in the *UAC 2012 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 2011 NSW HSC or the 2011 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 with 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 2011 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 2012 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 2011 Australian Year 12, either in Australia or offshore, an International Baccalaureate or a New Zealand National Certificate of Education Achievement (NCEA) Level 3 in 2011 then you'll need a copy of the *UAC 2012 International Booklet*.

The booklet will help you apply through UAC International for study in 2012. 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 beyond their control or choosing, such as:

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

UAC's *2012 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 2011.

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 30 September 2011 – you must submit your EAS application by this date to ensure that it will be considered in time for the Main Round of offers.

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 17 participating institutions at www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/institutions/

Section 2 in Part 1 of the *UAC 2012 Guide* also contains a list of the institutions, with more detailed information about each institution in Part 2.

Charges and fees for 2012 admissions

UAC 2012 Guide

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

UAC 2012 International Booklet

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

Processing charge

Domestic Year 12 applicants	\$26.00
Non-Year 12 applicants	\$56.00
International Year 12 applicants	\$64.00

Late fee (for domestic applicants only)

1 October - 31 October 2011	processing charge + \$116 late fee
1 November - 30 November 2011	processing charge + \$133 late fee
1 December 2011 - 2 February 2012	processing charge + \$143 late fee

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

Sit one test (either Multiple Choice or Written English)	\$121.00
Sit both tests on same day	\$169.00
Sit both tests on different days	\$242.00
Special sitting (one test)	\$170.00
Special sitting (both tests on same day)	\$221.00
Change STAT registration	\$49.00
Additional STAT result notice	\$49.00

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.

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
- 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.

Note:

- 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.

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website: www.uac.edu.au
email: use the online enquiry form on UAC's website
postal address: Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128
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