

UAC QuickFACTS

2010 admissions

About UAC

UAC is the central office that processes applications for international and undergraduate courses, postgraduate courses, Educational Access Schemes and Equity Scholarships.

Applying through UAC is much easier than if you applied separately to each institution. Though the institutions, not UAC, decide who receives offers, UAC co-ordinates the process and posts notification of offers on behalf of the institutions.

UAC also notifies current NSW HSC students of their Universities Admission Index (UAI).

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It's time to decide . . .

If you plan to study at university in 2010, the *UAC 2010 Guide* is the best place to start.

The Guide is available from August 2009.

It has all the information you need – a complete list of courses available, information about universities in NSW and the ACT, details of admission requirements and how to apply.

The Guide also has a description of every course available in 2010. Read these descriptions and gain a better understanding of the study options available to you.

Choosing your courses carefully is important, and there are places you can go for help.

- Read the UAC Guide. Talk to any university students you know.

- Go to university open days, see the campus for yourself and talk to current students and academic staff.
- Check out university websites, particularly information from the careers service. If you are a Year 12 student, your careers adviser can help too.
- Think about which courses you have a realistic chance of getting into. Year 12 students can use UAI cut-offs from 2009 to get an idea of what they might be in 2010.
- You can list up to nine course preferences on your UAC application, so try to include courses with a range of cut-offs. If you change your mind, you can change your course preferences as often as you like.

- Focus on what you are interested in and what you are good at – hopefully the same things! Don't choose a course because your friends are doing it or someone told you to do it – this is your choice.
- Once you have chosen a course read the course description carefully again. Some courses have extra selection criteria (such as a test, an audition or portfolio) or closing dates earlier than UAC's on-time closing date of 30 September 2009. You can find information about these criteria on UAC's website and in the Guide.

How to apply . . .

All applicants must apply online through Apply-By-Web at www.uac.edu.au.

Apply-By-Web is simple to use and applications take around 30 minutes to complete, depending on how many questions you have to answer and your internet connection.

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 office at Homebush Bay.

Applications open in August 2009 and on-time applications close on Wednesday 30 September 2009. Don't wait until closing dates to apply as you may find the internet is busy.

You can only submit one application but you can include up to nine course preferences.

You apply as either a Year 12 applicant or a non-Year 12 applicant.

To check the UAC key dates for 2010 admissions, see the back page of this brochure.

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How to apply (continued)

Year 12 applicants

You are a Year 12 applicant if you are a domestic, or local (as opposed to international) student attempting:

- an Australian Year 12 qualification in 2009
- an International Baccalaureate (IB) in Australia in November 2009.

An Australian Year 12 qualification includes:

- one or more courses in the 2009 NSW HSC
- one or more courses in the 2009 ACT Year 12
- a 2009 Year 12 in the Northern Territory, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia or Queensland (except Queensland Year 12 external students).

When you Apply-By-Web you will need to pay a processing charge. Late fees apply if you do not submit your application by the on-time closing date of Wednesday 30 September 2009

Non-Year 12 applicants

You are a non-Year 12 applicant if you are a domestic, or local (as opposed to international) applicant who:

- is not attempting an Australian Year 12 qualification in 2009

International applicants

Year 12 applicants

You must apply through UAC International if you are an international student attempting:

- an Australian Year 12 in Australia in 2009
- an Australian Year 12 outside Australia in 2009 or
- an International Baccalaureate (IB) in Australia in 2009 or
- a New Zealand Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) in 2009.

You need to apply through International Apply-By-Web from August 2009 at www.uac.edu.au/international.

You can only submit one application but can include up to six course choices.

When you Apply-By-Web you will need to pay a processing charge.

Non-Year 12 applicants

If you are a non-Year 12 international applicant, you must contact the institution/s you are interested in and apply directly.

For more information about applying to UAC as an international applicant visit www.uac.edu.au/international or read the *UAC 2010 International Booklet*, available in August 2009.

- is attempting a Queensland Year 12 in 2009 as an external student
- received an offer through UAC last year and was granted a deferment.

When you Apply-By-Web you will need to pay a processing charge. Late fees apply if you do not submit your application by the on-time closing date of Wednesday 30 September 2009.

Paying the processing charge

Applicants can pay the processing charge by:

- credit card (MasterCard or Visa)
- PayPal
- BPay or
- over the counter at Australia Post outlets.

After you have applied

Visit Online applicant services at www.uac.edu.au to:

- view/print your Confirmation of application
- print your document cover sheet
- check/change your postal address, email address and telephone number
- check/change your course preferences
- check if you have received an offer

- check your UAI
- change your UAC PIN
- view and download important correspondence from UAC
- print your fee owing letter/tax invoice.

You will need your UAC application number and UAC PIN.

The only cost is your internet access fee – there is no UAC fee for these services.

Your UAC application number

This is a nine-digit reference number used to identify your application. If you are not sure of your application number, call UAC on (02) 9752 0200.

Your UAC PIN

Your UAC Personal Identification Number is a four-digit number which gives you online access to information regarding your application. You will need your UAC PIN and application number to access details via Online applicant services on UAC's website, including offer information.

Lost or forgotten UAC PINs

You can use Online applicant services on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au to have your UAC PIN re-issued, or call UAC on (02) 9752 0200.

Course costs

How much will I pay for my course?

There are more than 1 200 courses available for 2010 admissions. With the phasing out of domestic fee-paying (DFEE) courses, almost all available courses are Commonwealth supported-place (CSP) courses.

CSP courses used to be called HECS courses – you only pay part of the cost of your course (a student contribution). The Australian Government pays the remainder of the cost.

Your student contribution depends on the institution and the type of course. Each institution sets its own student contribution level for each unit of study within a range set by the Australian Government. The range varies depending on the area of study, with National Priority areas having the lowest cost range.

A National Priority is a professional field identified by the Commonwealth Government in order to ensure an adequate supply of high quality graduates. Current National Priority areas include education, nursing, mathematics, statistics and science.

Paying your student contribution

Australian citizens and holders of an Australian permanent humanitarian visa can pay their student contribution in three ways:

- pay all of the student contribution up front and get a discount
- receive a HECS-HELP loan for all of the student contribution
- pay some of the student contribution up front and receive a HECS-HELP loan for the balance (you will receive a discount on the amount paid up front).

Repayments for HECS-HELP loans are based on income and are made through the taxation system. Students do not have to start repaying their HECS-HELP loan until their income reaches a certain level.

New Zealand citizens and holders of an Australian permanent resident visa (other than an Australian permanent humanitarian visa) do NOT have access to HECS-HELP loans and must pay the whole student contribution up front with no discount.

Visit www.uac.edu.au

CSP course student contribution ranges for 2009

National Priorities (education, nursing, mathematics, statistics, science)	\$0 – \$4 162
Band 1 (humanities, behavioural science, social studies, foreign languages, visual and performing arts)	\$0 – \$5 201
Band 2 (computing, built environment, health, engineering, surveying, agriculture)	\$0 – \$7 412
Band 3 (law, dentistry, medicine, veterinary science, accounting, commerce, administration, economics)	\$0 – \$8 677

Equity Scholarships

To help you find the money you need to go to or stay at uni

Students experiencing financial hardship who need help with higher education and accommodation costs may be eligible for an Equity Scholarship. Equity Scholarships are not based on academic merit. They aim to increase participation in higher education by financially disadvantaged students, especially indigenous students and those from rural and regional areas. Equity Scholarships include:

Commonwealth Scholarships (CS), established by the Australian Government

CS applications for NSW and ACT institutions are made online through UAC at www.uac.edu.au/equity.

Institution Equity Scholarships (IES), established by individual institutions

IES applications for most NSW and ACT institutions are made online through UAC at www.uac.edu.au/equity.

Further information

For more details read the Equity Scholarships booklet produced by UAC. The booklet can be downloaded from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/equity and is available in print from UAC or participating institutions. If you are a 2009 Australian Year 12 student, you can obtain a copy of the booklet from your school/TAFE college.

Closing date for applications

The main closing date for Equity Scholarships applications is Wednesday 30 September 2009. The major CS and IES offer round will be in mid-January 2010.

To guarantee that your application will be considered in time for the major round, you must submit it by 30 September 2009. The late closing date for Equity Scholarships applications is Monday 30 November 2009.



Educational Access Schemes

Most institutions participating in UAC have Educational Access Schemes (EAS) for applicants who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage. This can include disrupted schooling, financial hardship, personal illness, excessive family responsibilities or disability.

If you think you are eligible, you should submit an EAS application in addition to your UAC application. An EAS booklet (with

application form) will be available from schools in August 2009, or from UAC. It can also be downloaded from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au.

On-time EAS applications must be submitted to UAC by Wednesday 30 September 2009.

As you will need to provide supporting documents, it is a good idea to give yourself plenty of time to prepare your application.



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, October late fee applies
Monday 30 November 2009	late applications close, November late fee applies
Thursday 4 February 2010	final close of applications, late fee applies
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 2009	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	
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

Open days in 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
<i>Campus tours can be arranged by appointment. For further information call 1300 361 928.</i>	
Australian National University	29 August
Charles Sturt University	Every day
<i>For campus tours/appointments and course information call 1800 334 733</i>	
Griffith University	
Gold Coast campus	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	
<i>For personalised campus tours and special events call 1800 111 890</i>	
University of Canberra	29 August
University of New England	4 September
University of New South Wales	
Courses and Careers 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
<i>For campus tours call 1300 362 006</i>	
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	
<i>For personalised campus tours and special events, call 1300 367 869</i>	

For information on school visit days, contact individual institutions.

Contacting UAC

Telephone: (02) 9752 0200

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

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In person: Quad 2, 8 Parkview Drive Homebush Bay NSW

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