



Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) 2012 Admissions Leaflet

1 About STAT

The Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) is a series of tests designed to assess a range of competencies considered important for success in tertiary study. STAT assesses your ability to think critically and analyse the material given, rather than test your knowledge of specific academic subjects.

STAT is used by many tertiary institutions in Australia as part of their admissions procedure for certain categories of applicants. STAT is used in addition to any other information available when assessing your application for admission.

If you have no formal qualifications on which to base your application to a tertiary institution, you may be eligible to be considered for entry to a course by sitting STAT.

2 STAT versions

UAC administers two STAT versions – Multiple Choice and Written English.

STAT Multiple Choice is a two-hour test with 10 minutes reading time. It consists of 70 questions – half verbal and half quantitative. Verbal questions require you to interpret and understand ideas in language. Quantitative questions require you to comprehend and apply information presented in scientific and mathematical contexts.

STAT Written English is a one-hour test with five minutes reading time. You need to produce two pieces of writing in response to two different themes. Four prompts are given for each theme from which you must choose one. The test assesses your ability to communicate effectively in writing.

It is your responsibility to find out whether STAT can be used for admission to the courses you are considering and which STAT versions you are required to sit. Refer to the table on page 3 or contact the admissions office at the relevant institution. UAC can't advise you if you are required to sit STAT.

Download the free **ACER STAT Candidate Information Booklet** from ACER's website at www.acer.edu.au/tests/stat/practice-questions. It contains sample questions and information to help you prepare for STAT.

3 Sitting STAT through UAC

UAC and non-UAC applicants can register to sit STAT in NSW or the ACT through UAC. If you wish to sit STAT interstate or overseas, you can't register with UAC – read section 10.

Refer to the table on page 3 for information on age and/or other restrictions that may apply at each institution. Note that for some courses (eg Pharmacy at the University of Sydney) STAT Multiple Choice is mandatory.

To register for STAT, follow the instructions in section 11.

If you are a UAC applicant you must include details of all your STAT sittings when you apply through UAC – read section 18.

If you are a non-UAC applicant in NSW or the ACT and you are applying directly to a NSW or ACT institution/s or to an interstate institution/s, you must advise the admissions centre/s or institution/s that you have sat STAT in NSW or the ACT.

4 Restrictions on sitting STAT more than once

You can sit the STAT Multiple Choice and the STAT Written English only **once** in the STAT testing year, which is from 15 April 2011 to 14 April 2012. For example, if you sat the STAT Multiple Choice on Saturday 21 May 2011, you cannot sit the STAT Multiple Choice again until the next test available after Saturday 14 April 2012.

If you register to sit the **STAT Multiple Choice** or the **STAT Written English** more than once in the STAT testing year (15 April 2011 to 14 April 2012), your registration will be cancelled and you will not be entitled to a refund. **STAT registration fees are not refundable under any circumstances.**

5 Institutions that accept STAT

Refer to the table on page 3 to check which institutions accept STAT and how long STAT results remain valid. If you have sat STAT more than once contact the admissions office at the relevant institution to check which STAT result will be used in the assessment of your application.

6 STAT dates and venues

STAT will be held in Armidale, Bega, Birrong (Sydney), Canberra, Coffs Harbour, Dubbo, Lismore, Newcastle, Nowra, Penrith, Port Macquarie, Surry Hills, Wagga Wagga and Wollongong. Refer to the table on page 4 for specific STAT dates and venues.

Visit UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/stat/ to access STAT venue maps and to check for any further test sessions that may be scheduled. UAC reserves the right to vary or cancel a test date, venue or session.

All test sessions have a limited number of places available so we advise you to register early.

7 STAT registration fees

One test	\$121
Both tests on the same day	\$169
Both tests on separate days	\$242

Fees include the supply of written test materials, the arrangement and provision of test venues and supervisors and a STAT result notice. For information on fees for alternative sittings, read section 8.

All STAT fees and charges shown include GST. **STAT registration fees are not refundable under any circumstances.**

8 Alternative sittings

If you live in a remote area in NSW and can't attend a scheduled test session (refer to the table on page 4), or you wish to sit STAT as an alternative sitting in Batemans Bay on Friday 2 December 2011, call UAC on (02) 9752 0200 to request an alternative sitting and for details on how to register. You can't register for STAT online.

It is your responsibility to nominate and organise an appropriate test supervisor and venue, but these must be approved by the Senior Admissions Test Officer before you can sit the test/s. An appropriate supervisor is someone who holds a responsible position at a university, TAFE college, school or government department and will typically be in a position equivalent to a Head of Department. They must not be a relative, someone with whom you work closely, or a teacher of any candidate likely to be sitting the test/s.

Your proposed test date must be between Monday 22 August 2011 and Thursday 12 January 2012.

The registration fees for an alternative sitting are:

One test	\$170
Both tests on the same day	\$221

Fees include the supply of written test materials, arrangement of the test and a STAT result notice. The fees do not include any venue hire or supervision costs that may apply at the nominated venue and these must be paid by you.

Submit your STAT registration with your supporting documents to: STAT, UAC, Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128 to arrive at UAC at least three weeks before your intended test date and no later than Wednesday 21 December 2011. Alternative sittings are at the discretion of UAC.

9 Candidates with special needs

If you have a disability/special needs and require special conditions or arrangements for your STAT, including wheelchair access, call UAC on (02) 9752 0200 to request a special needs sitting and for details on how to register. You can't register for STAT online. Refer to the table on page 4 for test session information.

You will need to provide UAC with a current medical certificate/report (not more than one-year old), explaining your requirements/circumstances for sitting STAT.

Submit your STAT registration with your supporting documents to: STAT, UAC, Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128 to arrive at UAC at least 3 weeks before your intended test date and no later than Wednesday 21 December 2011. Once your registration has been processed, UAC will contact you regarding any necessary arrangements.

10 Interstate and overseas STAT sittings

If you wish to sit STAT in Queensland, South Australia, Victoria or Western Australia, contact the admissions centre in that state for registration details. Candidates in Tasmania, Albury and Wodonga should contact VTAC. Candidates in the Northern Territory should contact SATAC. You can't register with UAC. Visit www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/apply/tacs.shtml for contact details of the interstate tertiary admissions centres.

If you wish to sit STAT overseas, visit the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) website at www.acer.edu.au/tests/stat/overseas-sittings-of-stat and register online. Registrations close at ACER on Friday 4 November 2011. You can't register with UAC.

If you are a UAC applicant you must include details of all your STAT sittings on your application – read section 18.

11 Registering for STAT

Step 1: Complete the online STAT registration for 2012 admissions on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/stat/. If you require an alternative or a special needs sitting (read sections 8 and 9), call UAC on (02) 9752 0200 for details on how to register. You can't register for STAT online. Ensure that you:

- register using your full formal name, as you must present current photographic identification to be admitted to the test/s – read section 14
- complete all relevant questions on the registration
- enter your UAC application number, if you are a UAC applicant
- select the test session/s you wish to sit; refer to the table on page 4
- keep a copy of your STAT candidate number for your records.

Step 2: Pay your STAT registration fees by following the payment instructions.

Step 3: Submit your STAT registration to UAC. Your registration can't be considered if you do not pay the STAT registration fee.

Your STAT registration must be received at UAC by the test registration closing date; refer to the table on page 4. If you request an alternative sitting or have special needs, your registration must be received at UAC at least 3 weeks before your intended test date and no later than Wednesday 21 December 2011.

All test sessions have a limited number of places available so we advise you to register early.

12 Confirmation of test session/s

Once UAC receives your STAT registration and payment, you will receive a STAT Registration Confirmation and a STAT Admittance Notice confirming your personal details and the date, time and venue of your registered test/s. You must bring this Notice with you to your registered test session/s together with the other required test items – read section 14.

Visit UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/stat/ to access STAT venue maps.

If you wish to change any of your registration details, such as your test session/s or personal details, read section 15.

13 Preparation for STAT

Download the free **ACER STAT Candidate Information Booklet** from ACER's website at www.acer.edu.au/tests/stat/practice-questions. It contains sample questions and information to help you prepare for STAT. If you can't access the booklet online, call UAC on (02) 9752 0200 for information.

The **ACER STAT Sample Collection of Questions** is an additional booklet that can be purchased from ACER. Visit www.acer.edu.au/tests/stat/practice-questions

You may wish to prepare for STAT by participating in a STAT preparation workshop. These workshops are run by Workers' Educational Association (WEA) Sydney, Hunter and Illawarra, the Australian National University (ANU), Centre for Continuing Education in the ACT, TAFE NSW Illawarra Institute in Shellharbour and TAFE NSW Riverina Institute in Wagga Wagga. For details visit www.uac.edu.au/stat

14 Required test items

You must bring the following items with you to your registered test session/s:

- ✓ your UAC STAT Admittance Notice
- ✓ current photographic identification, such as an Australian driver's licence, passport, NSW Photo Card, workplace photographic identification card, or a statutory declaration together with a photo that has been signed on the back by the witness to the statutory declaration. **Your identification must contain your full formal name (as entered on your STAT registration), date of birth, signature and a recent photograph (embedded in the card, not laminated, and must be a recognisable likeness of you at the time of sitting the test – a group photograph or a childhood photograph in a passport is not acceptable)**
- ✓ pencils (B, 2B or HB), an eraser and sharpener for the STAT Multiple Choice
- ✓ pencils (B, 2B or HB) and black or blue ballpoint pens for the STAT Written English.

No other equipment is allowed in the tests. **You must present a current photographic identification as specified above to be admitted to the test/s.**

15 Changing your STAT registration details

If you have registered for STAT and wish to add or change your test date, time, venue or test, call UAC on (02) 9752 0200 to check whether there are vacancies for the test at the venue you are considering and to confirm the costs involved in changing your registration. Changes to initial registrations are not guaranteed and are subject to availability.

Submit a written request together with a cheque or money order (payable to UAC Pty Ltd) for \$49, to: STAT, UAC, Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128, to cover the change of registration fee. **Do not submit another STAT registration.**

Your written request and payment must be received at UAC by the test registration closing date - refer to the table on page 4. Written requests received without the correct payment can't be processed. If your request is approved, you will be issued with a new STAT Admittance Notice, which you must bring with you to your new test session/s.

To change your personal details, such as your address, or to print another copy of your STAT Registration Confirmation and Admittance Notice, visit UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/stat/ to access STAT Candidate Services. You will need your STAT candidate number and your STAT PIN (which is the first four digits of your date of birth). If you have any queries call UAC on (02) 9752 0200.

16 If you are ill during the test/s

If you are ill during the test/s and believe that your test performance has been adversely affected, you may be able to apply for special consideration at the institution/s to which you are applying. For information about submitting a special consideration request, contact the admissions office at the relevant institution/s. You may need to provide medical evidence to support your request. Do not submit medical evidence to UAC.

17 If you do not attend the test/s

If you don't attend your registered test session/s due to personal illness or an emergency and you can provide a medical certificate and/or other supporting documents, you can request to change your test session/s to a later session within the admissions period if available, without paying the change of registration fee. Refer to the table on page 4 for test sessions. Write to: STAT, UAC, Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128, immediately with your supporting documents attached.

If you can't provide supporting documents or your absence was for other reasons, and you still wish to sit STAT, you can request to change your registration to a later test session within the admissions period if available - refer to the table on page 4. You must pay the change of registration fee - read section 15. STAT registration fees already paid are not refundable under any circumstances.

18 STAT results

UAC will post your STAT result notice to you about three to four weeks after you sit the test/s. Results can't be issued over the telephone.

Most STAT scores are reported as a mark between 100 and 200, however scores below 100 and greater than 200 are possible. The percentile rank indicates the percentage of candidates who obtained a STAT score less than your STAT score. It is population-dependent and can therefore be expected to vary slightly between years.

If you are a UAC applicant, you must include details of all your STAT sittings (both current and previous) on your application.

If you are applying interstate or directly to a NSW or ACT institution you must provide a verified copy of your STAT results directly to the admissions centre/s or institution/s. If you are applying to an external organisation (eg NSW Police) you must provide a verified copy of your STAT results directly to that organisation.

You can obtain a reprint of your STAT result notice by downloading the Reprint of STAT result notice form on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/stat/. Post the completed form together with your \$49 payment and a copy of your photo identification to: STAT, UAC, Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128.

19 Collection of personal information

UAC collects personal information and, in some circumstances, information regarding your health, for the purpose of registering you for STAT and administering STAT. UAC will provide your STAT results and other personal information to tertiary education institutions to which you make an application for admission.

If you do not provide personal information where required in your STAT registration, UAC will not be able to register you for STAT.

You are able to gain access to any personal information and health information that is held about you by UAC. To obtain access, or if you have any questions, write to: STAT, UAC, Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128.

20 Further Information

- If you have administrative enquiries regarding STAT, write to: The Senior Admissions Test Officer, UAC, Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128, call UAC on (02) 9752 0200 or visit UAC's website www.uac.edu.au
- If you have specific enquiries relating to course requirements or admission, contact the relevant institution.

INSTITUTIONS THAT ACCEPT STAT

- Some institutions encourage applicants who don't have educational qualifications to sit STAT as an alternative way of qualifying for admission to tertiary study. You may need to complete additional selection requirements. Refer to the institutions' entries on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au
- Results from the STAT Multiple Choice are accepted by some institutions as proof of English proficiency. Refer to the English language proficiency table on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/documents/undergraduate/elp.pdf

Institution	STAT version accepted	Accepted for
Australian Catholic University**	STAT Multiple Choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2011 Year 12 applicants from Rudolph Steiner schools applicants who are 21 years or over on 1 January 2012 all courses
Australian Maritime College	STAT Multiple Choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> applicants who are 21 years or over on 1 March 2012 all courses except engineering
Australian National University*	Both STAT Multiple Choice and STAT Written English (mandatory) STAT Multiple Choice (mandatory)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Adult Entry Scheme (SAES) applicants University Preparation Scheme (UPS) applicants
Charles Sturt University	STAT Multiple Choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> all applicants provided that performance in the STAT is not the sole basis upon which admission is sought all courses except B Physiotherapy and B Veterinary Science
Griffith University	STAT Multiple Choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> applicants who are 21 years or over on 1 January 2012 all courses except B Medical Science
La Trobe University**	STAT Multiple Choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> applicants who are 21 years or over on 1 January 2012 all courses
Macquarie University	STAT Multiple Choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> non-2011 Year 12 applicants all courses
Southern Cross University*	STAT Multiple Choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> applicants who are 18 years or over on 1 March 2012 non-2011 Year 12 applicants
University of Canberra	STAT Multiple Choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> non-2011 Year 12 applicants all courses except those with additional selection criteria
University of New England**	STAT Multiple Choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> non-2011 Year 12 applicants – all courses except B Medicine and B Pharmacy current Year 12 applicants undertaking STAT must contact UNE Admissions Unit
University of New South Wales**	Both STAT Multiple Choice and STAT Written English (mandatory)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> applicants who are 21 years or over on 1 March 2012 422000 B Arts and 429000 B Science only
University of Newcastle	STAT Multiple Choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> all applicants some courses – for details visit www.newcastle.edu.au/policylibrary/000796.html
University of Sydney Pharmacy**	STAT Multiple Choice (mandatory)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> all applicants must sit STAT by Saturday 3 December 2011 – see additional selection criteria in the University's Part 2 entry
Veterinary Science**	STAT Multiple Choice (mandatory)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> all applicants must sit STAT by Saturday 3 December 2011 – see additional selection criteria in the University's Part 2 entry
University of Technology, Sydney**	STAT Multiple Choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> applicants who are 20 years or over on 1 March 2012 some courses only – visit www.undergraduate.uts.edu.au/mature/entry/requirements for specific faculty admission requirements
University of Western Sydney**	STAT Multiple Choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> non-2011 Year 12 applicants all courses except those with additional selection criteria – refer to course descriptions in Part 2 for details of courses with additional selection criteria
University of Wollongong	STAT Multiple Choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> applicants who are 21 years or over on 1 March 2012 all courses except engineering and law degrees

Length of time STAT results remain valid

* 10-year validity The Australian National University and Southern Cross University will accept STAT results obtained after 2000 for 2012 admissions.

** 3-year validity These universities and faculties will accept STAT results obtained after 2008 for 2012 admissions.

All other institutions without an asterisk (*) do not have a restriction on the length of time STAT results remain valid.

These institutions DO NOT accept STAT

Canberra Institute of Technology

University of Sydney – **Note:** That individual courses in Pharmacy and Veterinary Science at the University of Sydney do however use STAT as part of their additional selection criteria. Refer to the entries above and to the individual course descriptions on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au

STAT DATES AND VENUES

Test dates	Saturday 17 September 2011	Saturday 22 October 2011	Saturday 5 November 2011	Wednesday 16 November 2011 evening	* Saturday 3 December 2011	** Saturday 7 January 2012	*** Saturday 14 January 2012
	Registrations close 7/09/2011	Registrations close 12/10/2011	Registrations close 26/10/2011	Registrations close 8/11/2011	Registrations close 23/11/2011	Registrations close 21/12/2011	Registrations close 5/01/2012

Register early – all test sessions have a limited number of places available.

Test venues	MC = STAT Multiple Choice WE = STAT Written English						
Armidale University of New England	100 MC		300 MC				
Bega University of Wollongong					509 MC		
Birrong Birrong Boys High School			310 MC	410 MC	510 MC		
Canberra St Edmund's College (Manuka)	120 MC 125 WE				520 MC 525 WE	620 MC 625 WE	
Coffs Harbour Southern Cross University					530 MC		
Dubbo Charles Sturt University					539 MC		
Lismore Southern Cross University			340 MC			640 MC	
Newcastle Newcastle High School (Hamilton South)	150 MC			450 MC	550 MC		
Nowra University of Wollongong (West Nowra)					559 MC		
Penrith Jamison High School	160 MC	260 MC	360 MC 365 WE	460 MC	560 MC 565 WE		
Port Macquarie Westport High School					569 MC		
Surry Hills Sydney Boys High School	170 MC 175 WE	270 MC 275 WE	370 MC 375 WE	470 MC	570 MC 575 WE	670 MC 675 WE	770 MC 775 WE
Wagga Wagga Charles Sturt University					580 MC		
Wollongong Edmund Rice College (West Wollongong)			390 MC				
Alternative sittings Refer to section 8	800 MC 801 WE	Additional notes for alternative sittings/special needs candidates STAT registrations together with supporting documents for alternative sittings and for candidates with a disability/special needs must be received at UAC at least three weeks before your proposed test date.					
Special needs Refer to section 9	900 MC 901 WE	UAC applicants for distance education courses, your proposed test date must be between 22 August 2011 and 16 September 2011. All other candidates, your proposed test date must be between 22 August 2011 and 12 January 2012. However, to be considered for the Main Round of offers, your test date must be no later than 3 December 2011.					

XXX MC STAT Multiple Choice. XXX refers to the three digit session code.

XXX WE STAT Written English. XXX refers to the three digit session code. Offered only at test sessions indicating 'WE'.

Indicates no test at this location on this date.

* Saturday 3 December 2011 is the last date to sit STAT to guarantee processing of STAT results for inclusion in the Main Round of offers.

** Saturday 7 January 2012 STAT results may not be considered by UAC for the Main Round of offers; results are guaranteed for inclusion in the Late Round and Final Round of offers.

*** Saturday 14 January 2012 STAT results will not be considered by UAC for the Main Round of offers; results may not be considered for the Late Round of offers, but are guaranteed for inclusion in the Final Round of offers.

For more information about offer rounds visit UAC's website www.uac.edu.au