

Year 12 checklist for applying through UAC

☐ Research available courses

There are over 2,000 courses available for 2027 admissions via UAC. You can read descriptions of these courses on the UAC website: check the admission requirements and ATAR information. Once you've found your favourite courses, research pathways and alternatives so that you have a backup plan. Take note of important dates in the application process.

☐ Get your USI

Your Unique Student Identifier is your government-issued student reference number that you will keep with you for life. If you're an Australian citizen or permanent resident, you need to enter it in your UAC application. All students will need it to enrol at an institution and receive Commonwealth financial assistance, including HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP. You may already have one if you've undertaken vocational education or training. You can create a USI – or check if you have one – at usi.gov.au.

☐ Keep your Year 12 student number and UAC PIN to hand

You need your Year 12 student number and UAC Personal Identification Number to:

- apply for tertiary study through UAC
- access your ATAR.

If you're a 2026 NSW HSC/ACT Senior Secondary Certificate student, your four-digit UAC PIN was emailed in April to the address you registered with NESA or the ACT BSSS. Note that your UAC PIN is different to your NESA PIN.

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.

☐ Apply for uni through UAC

Go to UAC's website to apply. You can select up to five course preferences. Even if you're not sure what you want to study, apply now and change your preferences later. We recommend you apply before 11.59pm on **30 September 2026** to avoid an increase in the processing charge.

☐ Enter a personal email address

You'll need to provide a personal email address (ie not a school email address) when you apply so that UAC can let you know about the progress of your application. We also recommend that you log in to your application regularly to check for messages.

☐ Check your details are correct

The personal details you provided to NESA/ACT BSSS – including your first, middle and last name and your date of birth – will be automatically entered in your UAC application. If they don't match your official ID (eg your passport or birth certificate) contact UAC. All details must match when you enrol at uni.

☐ Apply for schemes and scholarships

After you submit your UAC application for admission, you can apply for the Schools Recommendation Scheme and, if you're eligible, the Educational Access Scheme and Equity Scholarships.

Schools Recommendation Scheme

SRS gives you an opportunity to receive an early offer by being assessed on criteria other than, or in addition to, the ATAR. These criteria include school recommendations and senior secondary studies.

Follow the link from your UAC application to the SRS application. SRS closes at 11.59pm on **11 September 2026**. For details, go to uac.edu.au/srs.

Educational Access Scheme

EAS can help you gain admission to tertiary study if you've experienced educational challenges. Follow the link from your UAC application to the EAS application.

Apply by **19 November 2026** to be assessed in time for the main Year 12 offer rounds. For details, go to uac.edu.au/eas.

Equity Scholarships

Equity Scholarships help those students in most financial need with the costs associated with higher education.

Apply by **10 December 2026** to be assessed in time for the main Year 12 offer rounds. For details, go to uac.edu.au/es.