Understanding your Tertiary Entrance Statement

What is a Tertiary Entrance Statement?

A Tertiary Entrance Statement provides information relevant to university entrance.





Tertiary Entrance Statement

SACE Registration Number

The South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC) processes and assesses applications on behalf of the four universities in South Australia and the Northern Territory.

SATAC calculates the scores and ranks used for tertiary entrance selection for Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET) students, including the university aggregate and the Australian Territary Admission Rank (ATAR). These scores and ranks are based on scaled scores.

Scaled scores allow direct comparison of results for subjects with different learning outcomes. This in turn allows aggregated results for students with differing study patterns to be directly compared. See the reverse of this page for a full ist of the scaled scores that have been calculated for any Tentary Admissions Subjects you have completed to date

University Entrance

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is the primary selection criterion for school leavers seeking entry into most undergraduate university programs in Australia. To qualify for an ATAR, NTCET students must successfully complete the requirements of the NTCET and complete at least 90 credits of study at Stage 2 in accordance with the rules agreed by the universities as set forth in the Tertiary Entrance booklet published online by SATAC.

Orner university aggregate is the basis for the ATAR. Your university aggregate is calculated from the sealed scores of Tertiary Admissions Subjects (TAS) as well as any Recognised Studies. The calculation considers every allowable combination of results to give the best possible aggregate. The maximum university aggregate is 90.00

Your university aggregate is

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank

Your Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is an indicator of how well a student has performed relative to other secondary school students across Australia. It is derived from the university aggregate and is reported as a number between 0.00 and 99.95. ATARs below 30.00 are not reported on the Tertiary Entrance Statement.

Your ATAR is 88.90

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Scaled Scores for Tertiary Entrance

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Your scaled scores for Stage 2 SACE subjects and any Recognised Studies are below. Only the scaled scores from Tertiary Admissions Subjects (TAS) and Recognised Studies can be used in the calculation of a university aggregate.

Stage 2 SACE subjects		Credit Value	Scaled Score	
2023	Biology	20 credits	17.10	
2023	Chemistry	20 credits	17.30	
2023	Geography	20 credits	15.90	
2023	Mathematical Methods	20 credits	15.70	
2023	Research Project B	10 credits	9.50	

Your Tertiary Entrance Statement

Your Tertiary Entrance Statement is issued by SATAC (South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre) on behalf of the three universities in South Australia. Charles Darwin University and TAFE SA. It records any university aggregate and ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) you have achieved.

Scaled scores for tertiary entrance

Your university aggregate and ATAR are calculated using scaled scores.

Scaling is the mathematical process which provides a basis for comparing performance in Stage 2 SACE subjects which have different objectives, content and assessment practices. Scaled scores are expressed numerically but are derived from the same individual assessment results that the SACE Board uses to derive your final subject grades.

Scaled scores enable the results from different subjects to be directly compared and aggregated. This means that the university aggregate and ATAR calculated for students who have completed different NTCET study patterns can be directly compared in the selection process for entry to university courses.

This part of your statement lists the scaled scores for all Stage 2 SACE subjects that can contribute to the calculation of a university aggregate and ATAR. Any approved Recognised Studies will also appear in this section under a separate heading.

Information about the way in which scaled scores are calculated (including a short video about scaling) is available from the SATAC website at satac.edu.au

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Calculation of your university aggregate

Your university aggregate is calculated from 90 credits of Stage 2 study, which may include up to 20 credits of Recognised Studies.

The first 60 credits are the scaled scores from three 20 credit Tertiary Admissions Subjects (TAS). Normally 10 credit subjects do not count towards the first 60 credits but some 10 credit subjects, when studied in pairs, can substitute for a 20 credit subject.

The flexible option, or final 30 credits, is the best 30 credits of scaled scores from:

- → The scaled score of a 20 credit TAS
- → Half the scaled score of one or more 20 credit TAS
- → The scaled score of one or more 10 credit TAS
- → Scaled score equivalents for Recognised Studies to the value of 10 or the maximum of 20 credits

Your university aggregate is the best possible score calculated from the above options subject to university rules on counting restrictions and precluded subject combinations.

Need more information about your Statement?

You can contact the NTCET Results and Enquiry Service on 1800 009 282 (free call)

You can contact SATAC on (08) 8224 4000 or 1300 138 440 (local call charge) or visit the website at satac.edu.au

For course advice and information:

Charles Darwin University call 1800 061 963 student.central@cdu.edu.au

Flinders University call

1300 354 633 askflinders@flinders.edu.au flinders.edu.au The University of Adelaide call (08) 8313 7335 or 1800 061 459 (for regional and interstate callers) future.ask.adelaide.edu.au adelaide.edu.au

University of South Australia call (08) 8302 2376 unisa.edu.au/enquiry unisa.edu.au

Important notice

If you were awaiting results for Recognised
Studies at the time your Tertiary Entrance
Statement was issued these results will not have
been used in the calculation of the ATAR.

For some candidates this may mean that you are not yet eligible for an ATAR because the Recognised Studies results are not yet processed. Once your Recognised Studies results have been processed by the SACE Board your tertiary entrance information will be recalculated and you will be issued with a new Tertiary Entrance Statement.

Information about the way in which the university aggregate and ATAR are calculated is available from the SATAC website at satac.edu.au/atar and in the Tertiary Entrance booklet which is available to download from the SATAC website at satac.edu.au/satac-publications

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Calculation of your university aggregate

	Flexible Option		
2023 Chemistry 17.30	2023 Biology 17.10	2023 Geography 15.90	2023 Research Project B 9.50 2023 Mathematical Methods 15.70
	Sub-total: 25.20		
			Total: 75.50

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