Post-School Options 2015-2016 – Navigate your career journey
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Careers Advisory Service for HSC Students 2015-2016

Each year, the NSW Department of Education offers a free Careers Advisory Service that provides students and their families or caregivers with up to date, impartial information about the range of relevant career and study options available following the release of the Higher School Certificate results by the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES).

This service builds on a range of career education and planning activities undertaken by students during the year by supporting students in the December holidays when schools are closed. The Careers Advisory Service complements the services provided by BOSTES, the Universities Admissions Centre, TAFE NSW, universities and other providers.

The Careers Advisory Service offers three facilities:

- **Phone-in service** - this free state-wide service operates on 18, 21, 22 and 23 December 2015, 9-5pm. Phone: 1300 300 687.
- **E-mail service** - this service also operates on 18, 21, 22 and 23 December 2015. Access is through the website: [http://www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au).
- **‘Post School Options’** - this facility is available year round on the Careers Advisory Service website and contains a large number of resources for school leavers. Access is through [www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au).

Experienced Careers Advisers from government high schools staff the Advisory Service and offer a well-informed, friendly service.

Please refer students to the Careers Advisory Service. The website [www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au) offers useful information and internet links. From 18, 21, 22, and 23 December 2015 it acts as the gateway to the phone-in and e-mail service.
Options for Year 12 School Leavers – a brief overview

Go to Work – How can I get a job?
Here are some starting ideas:
- seek help from your personal networks of friends, family and acquaintances
- talk to your school Careers Adviser
- search advertised job vacancies
- contact employers in industries where you would like to work
- visit: http://www.jobsearch.gov.au. You can get help to find a job, write a resume, or work on your own Employment Pathway Plan.
- visit: ‘Useful Links for school leavers’ on this website.

Career information and jobs
The following websites and services are a starting point for everything work-related including making career decisions, finding jobs, writing applications and resumes, preparing for interviews and knowing your rights at work. Visit:
- www.education.gov.au
- www.myfuture.gov.au

Combine Work and Study
Combining work and study generally means you are planning to do one, or both, part-time or enter a program which includes learning in the workplace. The combination is likely to increase your current and future success as a student and also as a worker.
- See also NSW State Training Services, visit: https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/promotions/apprenticeships_traineeships.html.

Take a Gap Year
Many Year 12 school leavers take a gap year. The idea of a gap year is to take a break from study to explore life, the world, paid and volunteer work and your personal goals. Remember that September of the following year will come around quite quickly. At that time you may need to make some decisions, re-apply or confirm a deferred university place, or apply for courses at TAFE or other institutions.

Youth exchange programs
There are numerous exchange programs available. Non-profit organisations such as Rotary run programs for international understanding. Remember to research any youth exchange program carefully to ensure your safety and welfare are paramount, and the cost is not excessive.
Thinking of leaving school early?

NSW Record of School Achievement (RoSA)
If you decide to leave school before completing your HSC, the RoSA is the credential you will use when applying for employment, further education or training. The RoSA records your grades or participation in courses from Year 10 until you leave school. You can also choose to sit voluntary literacy and numeracy tests.
The RoSA records completed Stage 5 and Preliminary Stage 6 courses and grades, and participation in any uncompleted Preliminary Stage 6 courses.
For more information go to http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/rosa/.

Links to Learning Community Grants Program
A NSW program that funds organisations to work with students in government schools who are at risk of disengaging. Students need to be in Year 6-Year 11 to access programs that may be available through their school. Phone: Free call 1800 009 129 or email: YouthAssist@det.nsw.edu.au or visit: http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eas/youth/.

Consider distance education

Complete your studies at TAFE NSW
For students considering leaving school and studying at TAFE instead: http://www.tafensw.edu.au.

Youth Issues

Homeless Youth
- http://www.youthoffthestreets.com.au or Phone: 1800 062 288
- http://www.yfoundations.org.au or Phone: (02) 8306 7900
- http://www.salvationarmy.org.au

Youth Employment Strategy
This strategy is part of the government’s attempt to help young Australians overcome the challenges for young Australians in entering the workforce. There will be targeted support for groups of young people who are more susceptible to long-term employment and are at risk of welfare dependence. The Youth Transition to Work Program assists young people who have disengaged from work and study.

How the changes will help young job seekers
Local community-based organisations will give individual assistance to help young people to build work and team skills, address personal issues and assist with career decision-making. Participants in the Youth Transition to Work Program will have to undertake 25 hours per week of education or a combination of education and part time work to access regular government payments. Visit:
Important Dates and Phone Numbers

Board of Studies, Teaching Education Standards, NSW (BOSTES)

16 December 2015  HSC results will be delivered to students from 6 am:
HSC Inquiry Centre Phone: 1300 138 323 will be available from 8am
on Wednesday 16 December 2015. You will be asked to enter your
student number and PIN, and follow the prompts.
Remember your BOS Number and Students Online PIN are
different from your UAC Number and PIN.

20 January 2016  Students’ formal HSC Testamur will be posted from the Board of
Studies.

Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)

UAC Phone:  Phone: + 61 (02) 9752 0200 (8.30 am – 4.30 pm Monday to Friday) for
general information before release of HSC results.

UAC Website:  www.uac.edu.au (includes online email enquiry service.)
ATAR Enquiry Centre (from 17 December, 2015)-1300 692 827.

17 December 2015  ATARs released by UAC on the UAC website from 9am.

18 December 2015  ATAR Advice Notices received from UAC in the post.

2 January 2016  Closing date for changing preferences for consideration in early
January round.

5 January 2016  Early January round offers e-released.

6 January 2016  Closing date for changing preferences for main round offers.
These must be made by midnight by internet www.uac.edu.au.

20 January 2016  Main round of UAC offers e-released – at 6pm.

15 February 2016  Closing date to apply for study in Semester 1, 2016.

19 February 2016  Final round of offers released for Semester 1, 2016.

The Universities can make offers throughout the year, with the final release date for
Semester 2, 2016 being 20 July 2016. Students are able to change their preferences
following each offer release date, and before the next change of preference closing date.

For each offer round there are certain dates by which you need to apply and pay, provide
documents and change your preferences to be guaranteed consideration in that offer round.
Not all institutions participate in post-Main offer rounds.
Watch a short YouTube video about applying through UAC as a Year 12 student. The video also
explains how to update your application using Check & Change.
Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS)

Applications for SRS will open on Wednesday 5 August 2015 and close on Wednesday 30 September 2015.

Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) are one way institutions make early offers to current Australian Year 12 students who have applied for undergraduate admission through UAC. SRS offers are:

- made in early December, before ATARs are released
- made only to first preferences.

SRS aim to assist access to higher education for current Australian Year 12 students using a wide range of selection criteria, including school recommendations, senior secondary studies and personal awards and achievements.

Institutions have their own policies on determining SRS eligibility and making offers. These approaches may include:

- making early offers based solely on SRS criteria
- making offers based on both SRS criteria and ATAR (or equivalent)
- making offers based on SRS criteria and ATAR (or equivalent) and equity criteria.
Getting Your 2015 HSC Results

Your grades, literacy and numeracy test scores and HSC results are available to view in My Details as soon as they are released by BOSTES.

Delivery of 2015 HSC results

HSC results will be delivered via email and text message from 6.00am on Wednesday, 16 December 2015. If you wish to opt out of receiving your results by email or SMS, go to My Details.

You will also be able to access your results that day via Students Online.

On Wednesday, 30 December 2015, you can download all your BOSTES credentials from Students Online as a PDF. Your credentials may include an HSC Testamur, Record of Achievement, and personalised course reports. You can save or print your credentials directly from Students Online. Your Students Online account will remain open until 30 June, 2016.

View examples of the HSC credentials.

An HSC testamur will be posted to eligible students on Wednesday, 20 January 2016. You can order a further copy of your HSC testamur or a printed copy of your Record of Achievement and course reports at a cost of $16.50. Alternatively you can print all of the documents yourself from Students Online.

Check your contact details now

It is your responsibility to ensure your details are correct. Go to My Details > Personal Details, and check:

- Is the email address the one you use most often? Remember, you will have left school when the results are delivered, so your school email may not be the best one.
- Is your postal address correct? Your testamur will be posted to that address.
- Is your name spelt correctly? There is a $16.50 charge if you need to reprint your testamur due to incorrect spelling, so make sure it is correct.

You are able to update your email address, mobile number and postal address yourself, but your school must update your name for you.

HSC results inquiries

The HSC Inquiry Centre (1300 13 83 23) will be available from 8am on Wednesday, 16 December 2015, followed shortly after by other HSC results services.

Record of School Achievement (RoSA)

If you leave school before completing your HSC you may be eligible for the Record of School Achievement (RoSA).

Once your school has requested your RoSA, a copy will be made available to you within 21 days of the date your school tells BOSTES you have left.
Literacy and numeracy test results

Your literacy and numeracy test and diagnostic report will be delivered to My Messages in your Students Online account shortly after completing your test. Read more about the literacy and numeracy tests.

Need help logging in?

If this is your first time logging in to your personal account, you need to activate your account and create your Students Online PIN. If you have forgotten your PIN, see Help.

Remember: your BOSTES Student Number and Students Online PIN are different from the UAC Number and PIN.

Important privacy information

BOSTES will provide the personal details and results of all NSW students to the Universities Admissions Centre for the calculation of the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank or ATAR, and to TAFE NSW. In addition, your principal and some approved officials from the school system to which your school may belong - the Department of Education, or the Catholic Education Commission of NSW- will also have access to your results.

BOSTES publishes HSC merit lists on its website and provides these lists to select media outlets. HSC merit lists include the name, school and course/s of all students who, for example, achieve a HSC mark in the top band in any course. BOSTES does not provide the media with the names or the results of any other students. If you choose not to have your name published on the BOSTES website and provided to the media, you will not be eligible to receive associated awards.

Please read BOSTES’ privacy policy. If you require further information on privacy issues or wish to be removed from a published merit list, please contact us.

Your ATAR (Information for Students)

Most university courses in NSW and the ACT attract greater numbers of applicants than available places. The ATAR is a system that enables universities to rank applicants for university entrance in a fair and equitable way. UAC releases your ATAR the day after the BOSTES releases your HSC results.

The change from the UAI to the ATAR in 2009 aligned NSW ranks to a common scale and a common name used by all states except Queensland. The top rank is now 99.95 instead of 100 and the ATAR indicates a NSW student’s position in relation to the Year 7 students they began high school with, rather than the Year 10 group.

Your ATAR is:
• a rank, not a mark
• based on scaled marks (not on actual HSC marks)
• calculated by the universities and released by UAC.
Eligibility for an ATAR
To be eligible for an ATAR you must satisfactorily complete at least 10 units of ATAR courses. Please note that only Board Developed Courses (which have been developed by the Board of Studies NSW i.e. BOSTES) can count towards an ATAR.

These ATAR courses must include at least:

• eight units from Category A courses
• two units of English
• three Board Developed courses of two units or greater
• four subjects.

Calculating your ATAR
A student’s ATAR is a rank based on an aggregate of scaled marks in 10 units of ATAR courses comprising:

• their best 2 units of English
• their best eight units from their remaining units, which can include up to two units of Category B courses.

HSC students are placed in a rank order. The rankings are adjusted to include all students from that Year 7 cohort, assuming they had continued and had been eligible for an ATAR. The ATAR is reported as a number between 0 and 99.95, with intervals of 0.05. The top ATAR is 99.95, the next is 99.90 and so on. Students with equal aggregates get equal ATARs. An ATAR of 50.00 indicates a student is halfway up the group of that year.

Why do universities use scaled marks?
Scaling is designed to encourage students to take the courses for which they are best suited. It adjusts the students’ raw marks to an estimation of what their marks would have been if all courses had been studied by all students. The underlying principle is that students should neither be advantaged nor disadvantaged by choosing one HSC course over another. For more information on the ATAR:

• Refer to the UAC 2015 - 2016 Guide. The University Admissions Centre supplies Year 12 school students with the Guide to provide general information, application procedures and closing dates for over 1600 undergraduate courses offered by UAC’s participating institutions.

• Refer to the booklet All about your ATAR which may be downloaded from the website: http://www.uac.edu.au/media-hub/atar.shtml, and which will be sent to all applicants in the mail in early December.

• Contact the ATAR Enquiry Centre from Thursday, 17 December on 1300 MY ATAR (1300 692 827) or 02 9119 5012 from mobiles or overseas numbers. Days and hours of operation will be sent with the booklet in early December.
The UAC Guide (University Admissions Centre)

The UAC Guide is a comprehensive book giving details about tertiary courses, entry procedures and other relevant information for prospective tertiary students. The Guide is divided into:

1. Participating Institutions
2. Apply Direct Institutions

UAC's Participating Universities include:

**Australian Catholic University**  
1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228)  
Canberra (02) 6209 1100), North Sydney (02) 9739 2368, Strathfield (02) 9701 4000  
Campuses  
http://www.acu.edu.au

**Australian Maritime College (UTAS)**  
Launceston campus - 1300 363 864  
http://www.amc.edu.au

**Australian National University, Canberra**  
(02) 6125 5594, Free call 1800 620 032  
http://www.anu.edu.au

**Charles Sturt University**  
Free call 1800 DEGREE (1800 334 733)  
Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Canberra,  
Dubbo, Orange, Parramatta, Port  
Macquarie and Wagga Wagga campuses  
http://www.csu.edu.au

**CQUneversity**  
CQUneversity Sydney - 13 CQUnei (13 27 86)  
http://www.cqu.edu.au

**Griffith University**  
Free call 1800 677 728  
Gold Coast campus, (07) 5552 8933  
http://www.griffith.edu.au

**La Trobe University**  
Sydney campus – (02)9397 7601  
Albury-Wodonga campus - (02) 6024 9791  
Mildura campus - (03) 5051 4000  
http://www.latrobe.edu.au
Macquarie University
North Ryde campus - (02) 9850 6410
City campus - (02) 9964 6533
http://www.mq.edu.au

Southern Cross University
Free call 1800 626 481
Coffs Harbour, Gold Coast and Tweed Heads and Lismore campuses
The Hotel School (02) 8249 3200
http://www.scu.edu.au

University of Canberra
Free call 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
http://www.canberra.edu.au

University of New England (Armidale)
Free call 1800 818 865
http://www.une.edu.au

University of New South Wales
UNSW Student Recruitment Office Kensington campus (02) 9385 1844
UNSW Canberra at ADFA (02) 6268 6000
UNSW College of Fine Arts (02) 8936 0684
http://www.unsw.edu.au

University of Newcastle
Newcastle campus, Callaghan - (02) 4921 5000
Central Coast campus, Ourimbah - (02) 4348 4000
Port Macquarie campus - (02) 4921 5000
http://www.newcastle.edu.au

University of Sydney
Free call 1800 793 864
http://www.sydney.edu.au

University of Technology, Sydney
1300 ASK UT5 (1300 275 887)
http://www.uts.edu.au

University of Wollongong
1300 367 869
http://www.uow.edu.au

Western Sydney University
Phone: 1300 897 669
Bankstown, Campbelltown, Hawkesbury, Lithgow, Nirimba (Blacktown), Parramatta, Penrith, and Westmead campuses.
http://www.WSU.edu.au
Other Tertiary Institutions participating in UAC:

APM College of Business and Communication
1300 880 610
http://www.apm.edu.au

Australian College of Natural Therapies
1300 017 267
http://www.acnt.edu.au

Australian College of Applied Psychology
1800 061 199, 1800 261 320
http://www.acap.edu.au

Australian National College of Beauty
1300 885 385
http://www.anchb.edu.au

Billy Blue College of Design
1300 764 175
http://www.billyblue.edu.au

CATC Design School
1300 661 111
www.catc.edu.au

International College of Management, Sydney
1800 657 572
http://www.icms.edu.au

Jansen Newman Institute
Courses in Counselling, Psychotherapy or Community Services
1300 764 316
http://www.jni.edu.au

Macleay College
1300 939 888
http://www.macleay.edu.au

MIT Sydney
Sydney campus of the Melbourne Institute of Technology. Business, IT and Engineering courses
(02) 8267 1400
http://www.mit.edu.au

National Art School
(02) 9339 8744 or (02) 9339 8651
http://www.nas.edu.au
SAE Creative Media Institute, Australia
Free call 1800 723 338 or (02) 8241 5200
Sydney and Byron Bay campuses in NSW
http://www.sae.edu.au

SIBT
(02) 9850 6222 (Macquarie campus) or (02) 9964 6533 (City campus)

William Blue College of Hospitality Management
1300 764 359
http://www.williamblue.edu.au

UAC's Apply DIRECT Institutions include:

Academy of Information Technology
(02) 9211 8399
http://www.ait.nsw.edu.au

Academy of Interactive Entertainment
Sydney campus – (02) 8514 8800 or 1300 709 019
Canberra campus – (02) 6162 5131
http://www.aie.edu.au

Academy of Music and Performing Arts
(02) 9555 1666
http://www.ampa.edu.au

Alphacrucis College
Courses in Business and Leadership, Chaplaincy and Counselling, Education, Ministry and
Theology, Music and Creative Arts
(02) 8893 9000 or 1300 228 355
www.ac.edu.au

Aspire Institute
Owned and operated by ICMS, Sydney, Aspire is a direct pathway to the second year of a range
of Australian universities.
(02) 9466 1050
http://aspire.edu.au

Australian College of Physical Education (ACPE)
1300 302 867 or Ph: (02) 9739 3333
http://www.acpe.edu.au

Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS)
1300 131 461 or (02) 9805 6611
http://www.aftrs.edu.au
Canberra Institute of Technology
(02) 6207 3188
http://www.cit.edu.au

Endeavour College of Natural Health
1300 462 887
http://www.endeavour.edu.au

Excelsia College
Performing and Creative Arts courses within a Christian learning community
(02) 9819 8888/8810
http://www.excelsia.edu.au

JMC Academy
1300 410 311 or (02) 8241 8899
http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au

TAFE NSW Higher Education
Please phone individual campuses listed at http://www.tafensw.edu.au

The University of Notre Dame Australia
(02) 8204 4400 (Broadway campus), (02) 9357 7680 (Darlinghurst campus)
http://www.nd.edu.au

William Angliss Institute
Courses in food, tourism, hospitality and events
1300 ANGLISS or (02 9125 5111)
http://www.angliss.edu.au/sydney
UAC Changes to Course Information - New and Cancelled Courses

Every year there are course changes after publication of the UAC Guide. Some courses are cancelled, some are changed significantly, and others are added. The changes are listed separately on the UAC website. Students should be advised to go to www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/courses/updates/index.shtml to check for such changes so that students can alter their list of preferences if needed.

University Disability Advisers

Students with disability, including mental health issues, medical conditions and learning disabilities should be advised to contact disability advisers to discuss their condition and any special needs they may have. Even if they are unsure, it is a good idea to make contact and learn how the system works in case they do need help or adjustments.

Alternative Entry to University: Schemes for School Leavers

The Educational Access Scheme (EAS) for students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage is detailed on the UAC website as well as in information that has been sent to schools. Some universities consider late applications to the scheme up to early January. Contact individual universities for late closing dates.

Each university has a special entry scheme for indigenous students. Many have schemes for elite athletes and performers. Check UAC and separate university information for details. Indigenous Education Unit contact information for each institution is also included below.

In addition, the following information from the UAC website Alternative Entry section for each institution may assist school leavers who are seeking entry but do not meet the usual criteria. Note: Information for International Students, Students without the HSC and Mature Age Students is not included here. Check UAC and separate university information for details.

❖ Australian Catholic University

Early Achievers’ Program (EAP)

The EAP recognises the achievements and community contributions made by prospective students. Successful applicants will receive an offer well ahead of the usual tertiary admissions announcements. Both domestic and international students can apply if you hope to enrol in a course at ACU.

EAP Applications

Open  Monday 10 August 2015
Close  Monday 19 October 2015
Outcome advice  End of November 2015

Refer to www.acu.edu.au/early-achievers for more information on your eligibility and the application process.

ACU Edge

ACU Edge is an early entry scheme which enables current Year 12 school leavers to receive an offer to courses on the Strathfield, North Sydney and Canberra campuses in the UAC Early Offer Round. Year 12 students whose ATAR is equal to or higher than the previous year’s cut-off will be considered.

Business Students

Current Year 12 school leavers with studies in Business related subjects can receive an early offer in an ACU Business course. Apply directly to the Faculty of Law and Business. For more information visit: www.acu.edu.au/p4b
Bonus Points Schemes
ACU has a number of bonus points schemes available to eligible applicants. Bonus points are added to your ATAR, to give you a new adjusted entry score. This is then used to assess your eligibility for ACU courses. For more information and to see what you’re eligible for: www.acu.edu.au/bonus-points.

1. Bonus points schemes with no application required
If you are eligible, you will automatically receive bonus points when you apply through UAC.
   a. Subject Bonus
   b. Access ACU (a maximum of five bonus points are available across the following three schemes)
      • Schools Relationship Bonus
      • Campus Bonus
      • Regional Schools Bonus.

2. Bonus Point Schemes requiring an application
If you are eligible, you will need to submit a separate application to receive bonus points, which are applied through UAC.
   a. UAC Special Entry Educational Access Schemes (EAS)
      Access and Equity Schemes are targeted at applicants who have been unable to reach their full academic potential or may have access to the courses of their choice restricted due to their life experiences. These schemes include categories such as financial hardship, home environment and responsibilities, personal illness and disability, education disruption and English language difficulties. The severity of disadvantage is assessed against the various hardship categories identified by UAC. For more information visit: http://www.uac.edu.au/eas.
   b. Elite Athletes and Performers Program Bonus
      This supports future and current students who have maintained a record of excellence in sporting performance throughout their studies and wish to pursue a sporting career alongside an academic one. If you are accepted into the Elite Athlete Program, your Course Coordinator and Elite Athlete Program Coordinator will consult with you to try and arrange a more flexible timetable and assessment options to accommodate your training and competition schedules.
      If you are a future student who is deemed to be an Elite Athlete you will be eligible to receive up to five bonus points added to your entry score for admission to ACU depending on the performance level achieved and the recognition granted to the sport and its governing body. Applicants should complete the Elite Athlete Program Additional Information (E) form. The E form is available at http://www.acu.edu.au/586973.
      For more information visit: www.acu.edu.au/elite-athletes.
      The closing date for submitting forms is Friday 20 November 2015.

Pathway Programs
If you are unsuccessful in gaining entry into your chosen course then you should consider doing a pathway course. Pathway courses include associate degrees, diplomas and certificates. When you successfully finish a pathway course you may then be eligible to gain entry into your chosen ACU course www.acu.edu.au/pathways.
Australian Maritime College (University of Tasmania)

The Australian Maritime College (AMC) has a number of alternative pathways for admission, which may allow 2015 NSW and ACT Year 12 applicants to receive an offer even though they have an ATAR below the published cut-off. These include:

- Educational Access Scheme (EAS)
- Special consideration on the basis of disadvantage not covered by EAS
- Strong performance in Year 12 relevant to the course of study.

If you would like AMC to consider special circumstances with your UAC application for admission, call AMC on 1300 363 864.


Australian National University

Pathways for Recent HSC Graduates National Access Scheme

ANU awards academic bonus points to domestic students who have excelled in select subjects in Year 12 and have applied for an ANU Bachelor degree or Flexible Double Degree. ANU offers these academic bonus points through our participation in the National Access Scheme (NAS). The NAS aims to assist students who have completed or are completing Year 12 and have not yet attempted tertiary study.

Eligibility

Academic bonus points are only awarded to domestic students who:

- Apply for admission through UAC
- Apply for an ANU Bachelor degree or Flexible Double Degree with an entry requirement of 97.00 or lower
- Have not previously attempted tertiary study
- Achieve an ATAR of at least 70.00 or higher.
Applicants do not need to submit a separate application for NAS academic bonus points. If the applicant achieves the results listed below, up to five academic bonus points are automatically added to their entrance rank (this will include the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) plus any eligible bonus points) for ANU preferences only. Depending on their circumstances and achievements in Year 12, applicants can receive up to ten bonus points (maximum five academic points and maximum five equity points – see Educational Access Scheme for equity point’s information).

Please note: Bonus points do not apply to programs with an ATAR requirement of 98.00 or higher.

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**Educational Access Scheme**

Students with good academic potential, who have experienced serious long-term disadvantages in their educational preparation for tertiary entrance, may be eligible for equity bonus points. To access equity bonus points, students need to apply through the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) administered by Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) and provide appropriate supporting documentation.

Students do not need to apply if their school is an eligible EAS school. All other applicants should refer to the EAS website for application information: [http://www.uac.edu.au/eas/](http://www.uac.edu.au/eas/).

Successful applicants will have bonus points added to their entrance rank (this will include the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) plus any eligible bonus points) for ANU preferences only.
### EAS category

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### Schools Recommendation Scheme

The Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) offers early entry to domestic school leavers currently completing an Australian Year 12 or International Baccalaureate qualification in Australia. The SRS is available for select ANU programs, however prerequisites and additional selection criteria may apply. For a full list of eligible ANU programs, visit: [http://www.anu.edu.au/study/apply/schools-recommendation-scheme](http://www.anu.edu.au/study/apply/schools-recommendation-scheme).


### Eligibility

- Be Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, or
- Pacific Islander, or
- Are eligible for consideration under the Educational Access Scheme (EAS), having experienced serious long-term disadvantages in educational preparation for tertiary entrance.

Applicants must submit the following applications through the University Admissions Centre (UAC) by **30 September 2015** to be eligible:

- Undergraduate admission application

Successful applicants will receive an early offer if the recommendation of the school is accepted after review by the ANU Admission Office. Offers will be conditional on gaining the minimum Australian Tertiary Admission Rank. This varies between programs. Visit: [http://www.anu.edu.au/study/apply/schools-recommendation-scheme](http://www.anu.edu.au/study/apply/schools-recommendation-scheme) for a list of programs and ATAR requirements.
Offers
The applicant must have their preferred ANU SRS course as their first preference by midnight on 30 November 2015. ANU will make conditional SRS offers by issuing Conditional Offer Advice Letters through UAC in the December Round of offers. If an applicant receives a Conditional Offer Advice Letter and:

- achieves the required minimum ATAR, course prerequisites, and additional selection criteria; and
- lists the offered ANU course as their first preference by midnight on 2 January 2016.

They will be made an unconditional offer through UAC in the early January Round of offers.

Elite Athlete Status
In October 2004 ANU became a member of the national network of Elite Friendly Universities by signing an agreement with the Australian Sports Commission and the ACT Academy of Sports. We aim to identify elite athletes and assist them in the development of skills to help them successfully balance their sporting and academic aspirations.

The majority of elite athletes within Australia will be on scholarship within the Australian Institute of Sport or the network of institutes and academies of sport. However, there are many athletes that may fall outside of this cohort.

Benefits
There are a number of reasons an applicant should identify as an elite athlete:

- Being eligible to receive up to five bonus points towards their entrance rank.
- Being granted flexible study options as the University will be made aware of their significant commitments outside of their study.

Eligibility
To be considered an elite athlete by ANU, a student must be identified and recognised as an elite athlete by one of the following organisations:

- Australian Institute of Sport
- AFL Players’ Association
- Australian Cricketers’ Association
- Rugby Union Players’ Association
- Rugby League Professionals’ Association
- Australian Professional Footballers’ Association
- National senior squad members from ACE supported sports.

Students who don't meet the above criteria may still submit an application and be considered as an elite athlete. The National Coach & Athlete Careers & Education Manager will act as a representative from the Australian Sports.

How to apply
Elite athletes applying to ANU must follow the normal domestic application procedure. Documentation that demonstrates the applicant’s status as an elite athlete should be emailed to the University, including the applicant's Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) application number. If successful, applicants will be awarded up to five bonus points to their Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

Charles Sturt University

Entry requirements
The minimum published ATAR required for admission to a Charles Sturt University (CSU) course in the Main Round of UAC offers in 2015 was 65.00. This requirement may change on an annual basis.

When determining your admission to a course at CSU, the University considers your previous studies and/or other attainments and experience. Many CSU courses use a range of selection criteria other than, or in combination with, your ATAR (or equivalent), particularly courses offered by distance education. Some courses may also require students to complete a supplementary form, attend an interview, or have an audition as part of the application process. Specific details for each course are available through the online course brochures at: http://www.csu.edu.au/courses.

Regional Bonus Points
Students who live in eligible regional areas will automatically have an extra five points added to their admission rank. Visit: http://www.csu.edu.au/rbp.

Early entry
CSU offers early entry to Year 12 students through UAC’s Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS). Students should apply for early entry through UAC’s SRS process, which is completed online with your UAC application. You will need to tick the SRS box to be considered for early entry. You may upload three supporting documents i.e. awards, achievements to support your application.

You could be made a UAC offer in the Early Round to the course that you have listed as your first UAC preference. You can apply for early entry to most courses at CSU. However some courses are excluded. Visit: www.csu.edu.au/prep.

Educational Access Scheme (EAS)
Eligibility for this scheme through UAC does not guarantee admission, but may offer bonus points to help you compete for a university place.

An Elite Athlete Friendly University
At CSU, we understand students who compete or perform at the national or international level have intense training and competition schedules that can affect their studies at school. That’s why we have an Elite Athlete category in our Special Consideration program, which allows elite athletes and performers to have their other commitments taken into account when they apply for University.

CSU is a member of the Elite Athlete Friendly University network, recognised by the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Institute of Sport and the New South Wales Institute of Sport. This means CSU is committed to supporting elite athletes to achieve their study goals. As well as offering special consideration to gain admission to university, CSU provides elite athletes with the support and flexibility they need to balance study and sporting commitments throughout their degree. Visit: www.csu.edu.au/special-consideration.
❖ **CQUniversity Australia**

You can study at CQUniversity by distance education, or at one of seven campuses in regional Queensland and four campuses in the cities of Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney.

**Alternative Entry**
If you do not have the required prerequisites for your degree of interest, you may be eligible for alternative entry on the basis of:
- A required score in the STAT test
- Educational Access Schemes (EAS)
- The Office of Indigenous Engagement Tertiary Entrance Program (TEP) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants.

Ph: 1800 651 891 or the Student Advice Team 13 27 86, or visit: [http://www.cqu.edu.au](http://www.cqu.edu.au).

❖ **Griffith University**

Griffith University offers a number of pathway options to students that are seeking to improve their admission rank, meet prerequisite requirements or simply gain confidence to undertake tertiary study. Some information is provided below, or further information can be found at [http://www.griffith.edu.au/pathways](http://www.griffith.edu.au/pathways).

**The Griffith High Achiever Guarantee**
The Griffith High Achiever Guarantee rewards applicants with an ATAR 88.80+ a guaranteed place in most Griffith degrees, whatever the published cut-off. Prerequisites and additional entry requirements still apply. Applicants do not need to apply separately for the guarantee as this is automatically applied to eligible UAC preferences. To find out more, visit [www.griffith.edu.au/future-students](http://www.griffith.edu.au/future-students).

**Gold Coast Priority Access Scheme**
The Gold Coast campus has a special role in serving the large and rapidly growing regions in the Logan-Gold Coast-Tweed corridor and offers priority access to their regional communities. Residents who have not previously been to university are given some preference in the allocation of places at the Gold Coast or Logan campuses. The B Oral Health in Dental Science and the B Medical Science are excluded from this scheme. Priority access operates automatically to your QTAC or UAC application. The maximum bonus ranks that an applicant can receive under all schemes is capped at ten. Visit: [http://www.griffith.edu.au/bonus-entry](http://www.griffith.edu.au/bonus-entry).

**Educational Access Schemes EAS**
Students who have experienced financial hardship and/or educational disadvantage are encouraged to apply for EAS. For more information visit: [www.uac.edu.au/eas](http://www.uac.edu.au/eas).

**Griffith University**
**Gumurrii Student Support Unit**

The Gumurrii Unit can help you decide what study options are best suited to you and assist with your application to university. Subject to eligibility, University staff can organise personal tutoring, help you apply for grants and scholarships, and assist students with a smooth transition to Griffith University. Ph: (07) 5592 8820 or visit: [www.griffith.edu.au/gumurrii-student-support-unit](http://www.griffith.edu.au/gumurrii-student-support-unit).
La Trobe University

La Trobe Priority Access. Bonus points are awarded automatically to eligible Year 12 students in one of three categories:
1. Priority Schools Bonus
2. Priority Campus Bonus
3. Regional Schools Bonus

Rural and Regional Student Access Scheme. This scheme provides an automatic five point bonus to eligible applicants whose home postcode is classified as RA2 or higher when they apply through UAC or VTAC. Visit: http://www.health.gov.au/internet/otd/publishing.nsf/content/ra-intro.

Aspire Early Admissions Program. This program is open to domestic Year 12 school leavers who volunteer in their community. Offers are conditional on students meeting the minimum ATAR requirements and standard perquisites for their chosen course. Applications close 31 August 2016 and offers will be sent at the beginning of September 2016. Visit: http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/entry-schemes.

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Indigenous Student Services
Room 136, Building 6
Albury-Wodonga Campus
La Trobe University
Phone: (02) 6024 9796
Email: indigenous_enquiries@latrobe.edu.au.
Macquarie University

Academic Advantage
This scheme is Macquarie University’s bonus point scheme that recognises HSC students’ achievements in subjects that relate specifically to Macquarie’s degree programs. It is available for both Session 1 and Session 2 (mid-year) entry, in the year after completing the HSC to all prospective students who have completed either an Australian Year 12 or the International Baccalaureate in Australia the year before starting their degree.

To be eligible for Academic Advantage a student must be an Australian citizen, Australian Permanent Resident or New Zealand citizen. Bonus points are automatically calculated and added to an applicant’s selection rank against every Macquarie course selected as a preference through the UAC application.

Students can receive a maximum of five bonus points for each Macquarie University preference. They could receive a maximum of ten bonus points if Academic Advantage is combined with other access schemes such as the Rural Bonus Scheme, the Elite Athletes and Performers Entry Scheme.

Other bonus point schemes (i.e. rural, EAS, elite athletes/performers) apply to ALL degrees including the below:

- Bachelor of Actuarial Studies (including double degrees)
- Bachelor of Advanced Science
- Bachelor of Laws (including double degrees)
- Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) (including double degrees).

For detailed information on how many points students can receive, visit: http://www.mq.edu.au/future_students/undergraduate/bonus_points/academic_advantage/.

Entry programs and alternative pathways to Macquarie University include:

1. Rural Bonus Scheme. This program has a range of initiatives to support students from rural and regional Australia. Visit: http://mq.edu.au/rural-bonus-scheme.
2. Global Leadership Entry Program. Offers made in the December Round to students who are doing academically well and are leaders in their community. Visit: http://mq.edu.au/glep.
5. Open Universities Australia (OUA). Applicants can enrol in units of study from the Bachelor of Arts at Macquarie University with OUA. Entry is not based on the ATAR. After successfully completing four Macquarie units, applicants can apply for an on-campus place in the Bachelor of Arts at Macquarie University through application to UAC.
6. Warawara Alternative Entry Program. Available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants who have not completed their HSC or gained sufficient rank for entry into their preferred Macquarie degree. Visit: http://warawara.mq.edu.au/pathway.
7. Internal transfer. You are able to enrol in a degree with a lower ATAR (preferably in a related area of study) and transfer into your desired degree upon meeting the internal transfer criteria. Visit http://mq.edu.au/internal-transfer.
8. **Pre-Law pathway.** New students (commencing their Macquarie degree in 2016) who have been admitted to a non-law degree at Macquarie University can apply for admission to the Pre-Law Pathway prior to their first session of studies. For entry criteria, visit: http://http://www.law.mq.edu.au/future_students/undergraduate_law_programs/new_pathways_into_law/.


10. **Elite athletes and performers.** For session 1, on-time applications close on **Friday 30 October 2015.** Visit: http://mq.edu.au/future_students/undergraduate/bonus_points/athletes_and_performers.

11. **TAFE and private colleges.** Students who complete a Certificate IV or higher at TAFE or a private college, can use their qualification to apply to study at Macquarie.

For further information on methods of selection for the qualifications listed above, and other qualifications that may lead to eligibility, visit: http://www.mq.edu.au/future_students/undergraduate/alternative_access/.

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**Southern Cross University**

**Regional Entry - STAR Entry Scheme**
The University's STAR Entry Scheme is available to Year 12 students who attend school in the Greater Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, Mid North Coast, Hunter Valley, Central Coast, New England or North West NSW Regions. If you have been recommended by your Principal and have satisfied specific University entry criteria, you will be considered for this scheme.

Students need to match their STAR Entry Scheme first preference with a first preference application through UAC or QTAC for the early offer rounds. SCU will notify Queensland students in mid-October and NSW students in mid-November of the outcome of their application. Most of SCU’s undergraduate courses are available through STAR Scheme. Courses not on offer through the STAR Scheme in 2016 are the Bachelor of Midwifery and Education degrees.

**Regional Year 12 Bonus Scheme**
Southern Cross University adds five bonus ATAR points or two OP levels for students undertaking Year 12 studies in schools and TAFE colleges within the SCU school region. Visit: http://www.scu.edu.au/futurestudents.

**Special Subject Bonus Scheme**
SCU may award bonus points to you based on your performance in selected Year 12 subjects that we believe will better prepare you for the demands of your chosen university study. The Year 12 Special Subject Bonus Scheme does not require a separate application. If you are marginally below the course cut-off, bonus points will be applied which may make you eligible for an offer. These offers will be made in the UAC and QTAC main offer rounds.
Educational Access Scheme (EAS)
If you are applying direct to Southern Cross University, the Special Admission Scheme questions are included in the online application. Special Admission Scheme applications must be received by SCU by the end of December for session 1 admission, by the end of May for session 2 admission, or by the end of September for session 3 admission. Otherwise apply directly through UAC or QTAC.

Indigenous Australian Student Services
SCU’s Indigenous Australian Student Services provides information, advice and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students relating to admission, acceptance of offers, accommodation and other support services. If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person who has applied to study at SCU but have not been made an offer based on your application, you can undertake the Testing and Assessment Program, which is an alternative entry scheme. For information: email iass@scu.edu.au or Ph: 1800 626 481.

University of Canberra

UAC Bonus Points Scheme
Students will be awarded bonus points based on the actual disadvantage experienced in their school. UAC has classified all schools throughout Australia into four EAS lists according to criteria developed in consultation with UAC stakeholder institutions. This classification measures the level of disadvantage experienced at each school and acts as a guide to equitably distribute bonus points based on disadvantage. Information on the UAC EAS schools lists can be found at www.uac.edu.au/eas/schools.

Schools Recommendation Scheme
The University of Canberra will be participating in the UAC School’s Recommendation Scheme. The scheme enables schools to nominate their students for multiple schemes across multiple universities through a centralised UAC application. The Scheme aims to facilitate access to higher education and gives all Year 12 students the opportunity to secure a place at university based on a recommendation from their school. The application must be completed via UAC by the closing date – Wednesday 30 September 2015. Contact UAC or call 1800 UNI CAN for more information.

Work Experience
When submitting your UAC application, you must supply documentary evidence of your employment, such as a letter from your employer detailing dates of employment, category of position and the types of duties performed. Your work experience does not necessarily need to be within the same field as the course/s for which you have applied.

Special Consideration on the basis of disadvantage not covered by EAS
In a very limited number of circumstances you may be eligible for special consideration by the University if you are not eligible to apply either under the EAS Scheme or as an elite athlete. In this case, apply for admission through UAC, and then document your case for special consideration and forward it directly to the Admissions Office at the University of Canberra.

Faculty of Arts and Design Portfolio Entry Scheme
The Faculty of Arts & Design (FAD) provides alternative entry options for creative students wishing to undertake an undergraduate degree in any of the suite of Design or Creative Writing degrees. Our Portfolio Entry pathway assesses your ability to succeed in your chosen degree based on a portfolio of evidence and where possible, an interview. For further information or
to register your interest in attending a Portfolio workshop, please contact the Faculty: Portfolio@canberra.edu.au.

Elite Athletes
Elite athletes whose training and competitive commitments have affected their education may be considered for special consideration. Students apply to UAC, and supply supporting correspondence and documentation from their relevant sporting body and a personal statement to the UC admissions office.

Diplomas
If you do not achieve the admission requirements for a Bachelor degree at UC, you may still be eligible for entry into a relevant UC Diploma. Most UC Diplomas are considered equivalent to the first year of study of a linked Bachelor degree. Available Diplomas include Business Informatics, Science and Design.

Associate Degrees
UC Associate degrees offer a qualification that provides pathways into their degree programs for students who do not meet direct entry requirements e.g. the Associate Degree in Justice Studies.

For 2016 fee information on Diplomas and Associate Degrees visit: http://www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/courses/glossary/fees-and-contributions.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians
These students receive five bonus points on their ATAR or equivalent. If they do not meet entry requirements they may apply for admission to UC's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation Program. For further information phone the Ngunnawal Centre.

Indigenous Education Unit
Ngunnawal Centre
University of Canberra
Building 5, Room 13A
Ph: (02) 6201 2998
Email: Ngunnawal@canberra.edu.au

University of Newcastle

Regional and Rural Bonus Points Scheme
HSC students who go to schools in certain regional or rural postcode areas are awarded an additional four bonus points through this Scheme. These bonus points are offered to schools and TAFE colleges with postcodes in the Hunter, Central Coast, Central West, Northern Rivers, Mid-North Coast, New England, Western Plains and Broken Hill mail centres. It applies to all undergraduate degrees except the B Medicine - Joint Medical Program and B Midwifery. You don't need to apply for this bonus - the points are automatically added to your rank.

Year 12 Bonus Points Scheme
The University of Newcastle has introduced the Year 12 Bonus Points Scheme to reward high-achieving Year 12 students and to address national skills shortages. Visit: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/students/future for details on which Year 12 subjects and band levels attract bonus points in specific programs.
Educational Access Scheme
If you have experienced educational or other disadvantage, you can apply for the Educational Access Scheme (EAS). The University of Newcastle, through EAS, may award you up to four additional points. Your EAS application should be forwarded to UAC with supporting documents no later than 30 September 2015. EAS does not apply to the Bachelor of Medicine program. For more information phone our enquiry centre on (02) 4921 5000.

Credit transfer/TAFE
If your TAFE or other qualification is similar to the university degree you want to study, you may be granted credit (in recognition of prior learning) for up to two years of your degree. Credit transfer works only after you are offered a university place with us and have accepted that offer. Entry is dependent on the level of your qualification and the degree(s) you are interested in. Students of the Tertiary Preparation Certificate (TPC) will be considered for entry to most programs.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Entry program
This scheme helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants gain entry into our degrees. Successful applicants will be invited to attend interviews conducted at the Newcastle, Central Coast or Port Macquarie campuses of the University of Newcastle. To find out more, phone The Wollotuka Institute on (02) 4921 6863.

Yapug
Yapug is a one-year university preparatory program that helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 18 or over to gain skills for entry into degrees at the University of Newcastle. The program is offered at our Newcastle (Callaghan) campus. The Bachelor of Medicine – Joint Medical Program is included in the degrees that Yapug can prepare students to study.

For further information contact the English Language and Foundation Studies Centre (02) 4921 5558 or visit: www.newcastle.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate-study/other-pathways-and-study-options/yapug/about-yapug.

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❖ University of New England
The University of New England (UNE) has a number of alternative options for admission into an undergraduate course. This may allow 2015 NSW and ACT applicants to receive an offer for an undergraduate course even though they may not receive the required ATAR.
Direct UNE Early Entry
UNE’s Early Entry is open to all Year 12 applicants, regardless of receiving an ATAR/OP score and relies solely on the school’s recommendation and assessment of the student’s attributes and abilities to determine their suitability for entry. The assessment is based on the student’s ability to work and learn independently, as well as their overall potential for academic success at UNE rather than their final mark. Within UNE’s Early Entry application students may also avail themselves of special consideration for disadvantages they may have over the course of their Year 12 studies. Applications are expected to close Wednesday, 30 September 2015. See: www.une.edu.au/earlyentry.

Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS)
UNE is also participating in UAC’s Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS). This is also available to Year 12 applicants and is based on the school’s recommendation. For more information on this and UNE’s participation, please visit: http://www.uac.edu.au/srs/.

Regional Bonus Entry Scheme
UNE offers an Australia-wide, five regional bonus points scheme to eligible applicants from regional, rural and remote locations. The bonus points will be automatically assigned according to your residential postcode. To determine your eligibility visit: http://www.doctorconnect.gov.au/internet/otd/publishing.nsf/content/locator. The Regional Bonus Scheme is not available for Medicine, Music or Psychology with Honours degrees. Ph: 1800 818 865 or visit: http://www.une.edu.au/regionalbonus.

Elite Athletes and Performers
The University of New England is a member of the Elite Athlete Friendly Universities. By belonging to the EAFU network, UNE understands athletes require increased support to successfully combine study, training and competition. As a result, eligible athletes may be able to negotiate their study options, assessment and course entry. For more information on this program, please see the following: http://www.ausport.gov.au/ais/personal_excellence/university_network/elite_athlete_friendly_university_program.

Indigenous Internal Selection Program and TRACKS Program
Oorala Aboriginal Centre offers two programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who would like to apply for admission to UNE undergraduate courses:
1. Internal Selection Program (ISP) is a one-day testing and assessment program which focuses on each participant’s study skills and career goals. Following an interview, participants are recommended for admission to either UNE courses or TRACKS (see below) and advised on suitable alternatives for study in their chosen field.
2. TRACKS Tertiary Preparation Program (TRACKS) is an enabling course which prepares students for university study and supports students to make informed choices about applying for a UNE undergraduate course. Being part of a community of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who share the same goals and interests, TRACKS is designed to assist students with the development of study skills and the transition to mainstream university courses. TRACKS offers on campus or online study.
For more information on these programs, please visit the following: http://www.une.edu.au/study/applying-to-une/entry-pathways/courses-at-oorala.

UNE Student Service Team
Oorala Aboriginal Centre
University of New England
Armidale NSW 2351
Ph: 1800 622 384 or (02) 6773 3034
UNSW Australia (The University of New South Wales)

UNSW Australia has a number of alternative pathways for admission made to applicants who have an ATAR below the published cut-off.

Business Information Systems Admission Scheme (BISAS)
Students who achieved an ATAR (or equivalent) between 80.00 and 89.95 and satisfy the BISAS application and interview requirements may be considered for admission under the BISAS at UNSW. See full details at http://www.asb.unsw.edu.au/bisas.

Educational Access Scheme (EAS)
Students who have experienced socio-economic or educational disadvantage can apply for special consideration under the ACCESS Scheme visit: www.unsw.edu.au/access.

Elite Athletes and Performers Bonus Points Program (EAP)
Students who have excelled in leadership, performing arts, academic achievement and/or sports on a state, national or international level, may be eligible for EAP Bonus Points. Activities and/or commitments must have been undertaken in Years 11 and/or 12. UNSW also provides support to elite athletes and performers through its EAP Support Program once students commence their studies.

Students must submit an application by November 30 each year to be considered for bonus points. Visit: www.unsw.edu.au.

Faculty of Engineering Admissions Scheme- (FEAS)
Students who anticipate achieving an ATAR (or equivalent) between 81.00 and 90.95 can maximise their opportunities for admission by submitting an application under the Faculty of Engineering Admission Scheme (FEAS). This provides an opportunity to upload supporting documentation and/or apply for an interview. Please note that students need to lodge an application to FEAS in addition to an application via UAC. Applications for 2016 admission open 1 August 2015 and close 23 October 2015.

HSC Plus
HSC Plus is designed to reward strong performance in Australian Senior Secondary Certificate [Year 12] subjects relevant to UNSW undergraduate degrees. Domestic students who complete an Australian Senior Secondary Certificate and perform well in subjects that are relevant to their preferred UNSW degree may be awarded a maximum of 5 bonus points. For more information or to calculate bonus points you may be eligible for, visit: http://www.unsw.edu.au/hscplus.

Optional Portfolio Submission for Art & Design and Built Environment
UNSW accepts portfolios in conjunction with ATARs (or equivalent) for students who are expecting an ATAR within 10 points of the expected cut-off for all Art & Design degrees and most Built Environment degrees.

1. UNSW Art & Design Portfolio Entry
   Entry to UNSW Art & Design is based on academic performance and evidence of creative potential as demonstrated through a portfolio. The minimum cut-off for admission in 2016 is expected to be 80.00. School leavers who anticipate receiving an ATAR or equivalent
between 70.00 and 79.95 are invited to submit a short portfolio or essay, and other supplementary material, in accordance with the UNSW Art & Design Portfolio Entry instructions. Visit: http://www.artdesign.unsw.edu.au/portfolio.

2. **UNSW Built Environment Alternative Admission Scheme**
   
   Under the optional UNSW Built Environment Alternative Admission Scheme, Australian HSC or on-shore IB students can submit a portfolio of work to support their ATAR. The portfolio submission requirements vary according to different Built Environment degrees. Applications close on **13 November 2015**. Visit www.be.unsw.edu.au/alternative-admission.

**UNSW Indigenous Admission Scheme**

This scheme provides an alternative pathway for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into UNSW undergraduate degrees for students interested in studying Business, Law, Medicine or Social Work. Please refer to the Pre-programs information at www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au/unsw-indigenous-admission-scheme.

**Indigenous Unit**

**Nura Gili Indigenous Programs**

Balnaves Place, Lower Ground Floor  
Electrical Engineering Building  
UNSW Sydney, NSW 2052  
Ph: (02) 9385 3805  
Website: www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au

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**University of Sydney**

**Early Offer Year 12 (E12) Scheme**

If you are a NSW Year 12 student who shows the potential to succeed at university and have **experienced financial disadvantage**, you may receive an early conditional offer. The early conditional offer lets you know in advance the ATAR you will need to get into your selected courses. Under the E12 scheme, the ATAR will be fixed in advance and will be less than the advertised cut-off for the course. To be eligible you need to be an HSC or IB student whose school is automatically eligible for this scheme, or have experienced financial disadvantage personally; study any required HSC subjects; and have the support of your school principal. Successful applicants will be provided with a first year $5,000 scholarship, an Apple iPad, an early offer, and specialised first year support. **The E12 scheme cannot be combined with any other Sydney special entry schemes.** Visit: http://sydney.edu.au/e12.

**Flexible Entry Scheme**

If you are a Year 12 student, and are taking HSC/IB subjects relevant to your degree of interest, you may be eligible for our Flexible Entry Scheme. You may still receive an offer for a course if you achieve an ATAR that falls below, but within five points of, the published ATAR cut-off.

Through this scheme, we use wider ways of assessing your suitability for entry to certain courses than just your ATAR. In most cases, applicants will be automatically assessed for Flexible Entry. For some courses however, such as Arts (Media and Communications), Architecture or Engineering, we’re interested in hearing about your motivation for choosing the degree, any extra work experience you may have, and your performance in particular subjects in Years 11 and 12. In these cases a separate application or interview may be required. Closing date is **Friday 8 January 2016**.
Please note: this does not mean that all courses within these faculties offer flexible entry. To find out if your chosen course has Flexible Entry, and for specific requirements, visit the Flexible Entry Pathways website: http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/domestic/undergraduate/access-sydney/flexible-entry.shtml or contact the Future Student Helpline on 1800 SYD UNI (1800 793 864).

**Broadway Scheme**
Domestic students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage may apply to the Broadway Scheme, which is the University of Sydney’s Educational Access Scheme (EAS) coordinated by the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).

This scheme is mainly intended for current-year Australian Year 12 students who expect to receive an ATAR (or equivalent). Over 600 Broadway Scheme places are awarded to eligible applicants each year, and these places allow for entry into a course with an ATAR which is below, but within five points of the published ATAR cut-off.

To be eligible for consideration you will need to demonstrate that your educational performance during Year 11 and/or Year 12 (or equivalent) was/has been seriously affected by circumstances beyond your control. Applications for this scheme are made via the UAC EAS Scheme application form.

**Elite Athletes and Performers Scheme**
The Elite Athletes and Performers Scheme is for applicants who are able to demonstrate they are elite athletes or performers, and have had training, competitive and/or practice commitments which have significantly affected their results.

A Year 12 applicant who is approved under this scheme, may be admitted into their course of choice with results that are up to five points below the regular ATAR cut-off. This scheme is available for domestic applicants seeking admission into most undergraduate courses offered through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). You will need to complete an application form and submit supporting documentation. The forms will be available from 6 August 2015 and on-time applications close 30 October 2015. Visit: http://susf.com.au.

**Rural Students Entry Schemes**
The University offers two special entry schemes for Year 12 applicants from country areas or rural backgrounds. These schemes have different application processes and requirements for approval also vary. You need to submit your UAC application and also an application form to the Faculty that offers your preferred course.

1. **Faculty of Pharmacy.** Closing date for applications is 9 January, 2016. For an application form or further information call (02) 9351 2320.
2. **Faculty of Veterinary Science.** Closing date for applications is 6 January 2016.
   For more information and/or an application form Ph: (02) 9351 2441 (B VetBiol/DVM) or (02) 9351 2445 (B AnVetBioSc). Visit: http://sydney.edu.au/vetscience/avb/rural.shtml.

**Cadigal Special Entry Program**
Initial Enquiries and Application Forms
Tanya Griffiths
University of Sydney
Ph: (02) 8627 8651
University of Technology, Sydney

For a number of the following schemes you must achieve a minimum ATAR of 69.00 (not including bonus points). Visit: http://www.undergraduate.uts.edu.au/entryschemes.

UTS HSC Bonus Scheme
The Year 12 HSC bonus scheme awards up to 5 bonus points to students based on their performance in selected high school subjects that are relevant to the course they have applied for. Visit: http://www.undergraduate.uts.edu.au/entryschemes.

Educational Access Scheme (EAS)
Known as inpUTS at UTS, EAS is available to students who have experienced long-term disadvantage during Years 11 and/or 12 impacting on their results in school. Eligible students will receive a ten point concession on their raw ATAR. To be eligible you must meet a minimum ATAR of 69.00, or equivalent and apply to UAC by the designated closing dates. Visit: http://www.10points.uts.edu.au.

UTS Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS)
This scheme focuses on students who have the potential to succeed at university and are experiencing financial hardship and enables schools to nominate their students for the SRS via a UAC application process (ATAR conditions apply).

Elite Athletes or Performers Special Admissions Scheme
Elite athletes or performers, whose sport or performance commitments have impacted their studies, are invited to apply for this scheme. Eligible applicants will receive a five point concession on the standard ATAR cut-off for their preferred course. Students must apply through UAC and complete an additional application form by Saturday 31 October 2015. Visit: http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/essential-information/educational-access-schemes.

Jumbunna Direct Entry Program
Our Direct Entry Program offers prospective Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students an opportunity to illustrate their capability for higher education via a testing, assessment and interview process. All Year 12 students interested in applying are encouraged to attend the Program and students can apply regardless of whether they have already applied through UAC. Visit: http://www.undergraduate.uts.edu.au/entryschemes or Phone: (02) 9514 1902.

Business Cadetship Scheme
Students wanting to study the Bachelor of Business at the UTS City campus, and who receive a formal cadetship before commencing study, may receive five bonus points.

Engineering Bonus Scheme Questionnaire
School leavers applying to UTS Engineering courses are invited to submit an optional questionnaire. Visit: http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/engineering/essential-information/year-12-bonus-scheme-questionnaire.

UTS: INSEARCH
UTS:INSEARCH provides diploma and foundation studies courses on behalf of UTS. In the case of a diploma, students may be able to fast track into the second year of a UTS undergraduate degree upon successful completion of a diploma with the required Grade Point Average (GPA). Visit: http://www.insearch.uts.edu.au.
UTS Indigenous Education Unit
Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning
Student Services Unit
University of Technology, Sydney
Tower Building, Level 6, Broadway NSW
Ph: (Toll Free) 1800 064 312
Email: jumbunna@uts.edu.au

❖ University of Wollongong

Bonus Points Scheme
If you complete your HSC at a school in UOW’s ‘drawing area’, or at a rural or remote school in NSW, you’ll receive three bonus points for each of your UOW preferences. This means you could be eligible for up to six Bonus Points when combined with Points to UOW—and even more points if you qualify for the Educational Access Scheme.

Points to UOW
UOW wants to get the right students into the right degrees, and with Points to UOW, you can earn an extra three ATAR points by excelling in relevant Year 12 subjects.

If you complete your HSC in the year prior to admission, receive an ATAR and do well in relevant subjects – you’re eligible. Application is automatic. Points to UOW is handled by UAC – if you’ve chosen a UOW undergraduate course through UAC and perform well in a HSC subject that is in the specified band, points will be automatically added for that UOW preference.

Early Admission
UOW Early Admission is how you can get early entry into the University of Wollongong - before you receive your ATAR, if you are achieving strong marks in relevant HSC subjects. Applications open on 3 August 2015, and close 28 August 2015.

University Preparation Courses - UOW College
UOW College offers a variety of academic preparation courses designed for students who want to study at the University but who do not qualify for direct entry. It is the private college of UOW, located on the UOW main campus, so College students have full access to the facilities of UOW while they study. Visit: http://www.uowcollege.edu.au or Phone: (02) 4221 8804.

Special Tertiary Entrance Program – (STEP to UOW)
The STEP to UOW scheme is a tertiary preparation program offered by UOW College to increase the educational opportunities for young people who have experienced disadvantage during their secondary education. For further information phone: 1300 367 869.

Indigenous Education Unit
Woolyungah Indigenous Centre
University of Wollongong
Building 30
Northfields Ave
Wollongong NSW 2522
Phone: (02) 4221 3776 or Free call 1800 735 592.
Website: http://www.uow.edu.au/wic
Western Sydney University
Western Sydney Advantage Entry programs
http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/westernsydneyadvantage includes:

1. **Early Offer Program.** If you put any WSU course as any preference by **4 December 2015** you could be eligible for an Early Offer from WSU. WSU will contact you after your ATAR is released to notify you of the range of courses you could get into, and the application process. Courses in Medicine, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Podiatric Medicine, Midwifery and Paramedicine have strict quotas and are not available through the Early Offer Program. Visit: http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/earlyoffer.

2. **Regional Bonus Points.** If you live or go to school in Greater Western Sydney and are completing the NSW HSC or International Baccalaureate, you will automatically receive five bonus points when you apply through UAC to study at WSU. Bonus Points apply to all WSU courses excluding those with additional selection criteria such as B Medicine/B Surgery, B Medicine/B Surgery/B Arts and B Music.

3. **Subject Bonus Points.** WSU rewards outstanding academic achievement of HSC or IB students with up to ten Subject Bonus Points. Bonus points apply to all WSU courses excluding those with additional selection criteria e.g. B Medicine/B Surgery, B Medicine/B Surgery/B Arts and B Music.

**Educational Access Scheme (EAS)**
EAS bonus points are awarded to students who have experienced long term educational disadvantage as a result of circumstances beyond their control. Visit: http://www.uac.edu.au/eas.

**Elite Athlete and Performer Scheme**
This Scheme encourages applications from students who have been disadvantaged during their current or previous Year 12 studies due to performance or training commitments. Ph: 1300 897 669 for an application form. Applications close **30 November 2015**.

Applicants who qualify for the Regional Bonus, Subject Bonus, Educational Access Scheme (EAS) and the Elite Athlete and Performer Bonus Scheme can only receive a maximum of 10 Bonus Points in total.

**Tertiary Education Pathways and Partnerships**
If you have completed or partly completed any tertiary studies, including TAFE course/s, accredited AQF course/s from private providers or previous university studies, you may be considered for admission on the basis of those studies. Refer to individual course entries for any additional selection criteria. Visit: http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/tepp.

**Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)**
If you have not completed an Australian Year 12, do not possess an ATAR or any formal qualification, or want to improve your chances of selection, you can sit the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT). The procedure for sitting STAT is outlined in the UAC Guide. Refer to individual course descriptions for any special STAT requirements, at http://www.uac.edu.au/stat.
Employment Experience
Your application can be considered for entry to most WSU courses on the basis of work experience. A vocational rank, based on paid employment of one year or more, is determined by the type of work and the length of service. For further details, read the information under ‘Employment Experience’ when you apply. Undocumented employment experience will not be considered.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
WSU offers a wide range of academic and support programs to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students during their study at WSU. There is a dedicated support centre located on each of the campuses. Prospective Indigenous students have two pathways through which to apply to WSU:
1. Universities Admissions Centre (UAC): Students who are eligible for an ATAR should complete an online application for admission via UAC at http://www.uac.edu.au
Preparation and Enabling Courses for Recent HSC Graduates

Many of the following are fee-paying options which may suit students who missed out on the ATAR and are seeking to improve their knowledge and skills, and pursue an alternative pathway for entry to a university course. Additional programs for mature-age, Indigenous and international students may be found on the university websites.

**Note:** Bridging Courses to help with preparation for specific areas of study appear in the next section.

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<td>TAFE NSW</td>
<td>TAFE NSW Phone: 131 601</td>
<td>Results from the Tertiary Preparation Certificate IV may be accepted by universities, as an alternative to the ATAR. Completion of a TAFE Diploma or other qualifications may also assist entry. Check details with a TAFE Counsellor.</td>
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<td>Information on credit transfer from TAFE to university: <a href="http://www.tafensw.edu.au/tafeunicredit">http://www.tafensw.edu.au/tafeunicredit</a></td>
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| Australian National University           | ANU Preparatory Program        | For students who are from equity groups and have not attained an ATAR, and who want to access ANU but lack the confidence, or the academic skills for study. Admission requires written recommendation from one of the following ANU officers:  
  - Director, Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre  
  - Deputy Director, Access Inclusion and Wellbeing  
  To be considered for this program, applicants must also submit an Educational Access Scheme (EAS) application to UAC. Recommendations will be based on one or more of the following Education Access Scheme criteria: disrupted schooling, financial hardship, home or school environment, English language difficulty, personal illness/disability, refugee status. |
<p>|                                          | For further details: <a href="http://www.uac.edu.au/eas">www.uac.edu.au/eas</a> |                                                                        |
|                                          | Students who have not been awarded a Year 12 certificate or equivalent must be 18 years old or older. Visit: <a href="http://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/program/1102XPREP">http://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/program/1102XPREP</a> |                                                                        |
|                                          | ANU Associate Degree <a href="http://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/2015/program/SASDE">http://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/2015/program/SASDE</a> | For students with an ATAR between 60 and 70. This is a two year pathway program, which may |</p>
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<th>Diploma of Computing</th>
<th>articulate into a Bachelor level degree upon completion. In addition to your ANU admission application, a separate Support Statement must be submitted.</th>
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<td>DIPLOMA OF COMPUTING</td>
<td>For students with an ATAR between 70 and 80, who are not eligible for bonus points. Upon successful completion of the ANU Diploma of Computing with no more than one fail or incomplete grade, students will be eligible to enter the second year of the Bachelor of Information Technology at ANU.</td>
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<td>Visit: <a href="http://www.cqu.edu.au/steps">http://www.cqu.edu.au/steps</a> or phone the STEPS Administrative Officer: (07) 4150 7149</td>
<td><strong>Griffith University Preparation Program (GUPP)</strong> <a href="http://www.griffith.edu.au/events/griffith-university-preparation-program">http://www.griffith.edu.au/events/griffith-university-preparation-program</a> Gold Coast: (07) 5552 8933 Nathan: (07) 3735 7744 Free call: 1800 677 728</td>
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<td><strong>The Skills for Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies (STEPS) program</strong> is a free Centrelink – approved enabling program for those students needing to meet the entry requirements for undergraduate programs and/or hone their skills before undertaking further study. Griffith University offers a tertiary enabling program based at the Logan campus. This program is designed to provide a pathway for those who wish to undertake university study at Griffith University but lack the formal qualification required for entry to an undergraduate degree.</td>
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<td><strong>QIBT (Queensland Institute of Business and Technology)</strong></td>
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<td>QIBT (Queensland Institute of Business and Technology) <a href="http://www.qibt.qld.edu.au">http://www.qibt.qld.edu.au</a> or Ph: (07) 3735 6900</td>
<td>La Trobe Tertiary Enabling Program (TEP) <a href="http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/your-options/tertiary-enabling-program">http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/your-options/tertiary-enabling-program</a> or Ph: (02) 6024 9784</td>
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<td>Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander on their QTAC or UAC application and list Griffith within their preferences.</td>
<td>Foundation and Diploma courses for international and domestic students, designed to articulate to university degrees. QIBT is based on both Mt. Gravatt and Gold Coast campuses.</td>
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<td>UNSW Prep (UNSW Preparation Program 17-19), Phone the Learning Centre: (02) 9385 2060</td>
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| **STEP to UOW**  
University of Wollongong College  
http://www.uowcollege.edu.au/  
Phone: 1300 367 869 | Successful completion guarantees entry into the first year of a range of UOW undergraduate degrees.  
**STEP** (Special Tertiary Entrance Program) to UOW is a university preparation course for recent school leavers who experienced disadvantages beyond their control while studying for their HSC. Students will study the same program as the University Entrance Certificate. STEP to UOW students are offered a Commonwealth Supported Place, with tuition fees funded by the Commonwealth Government. This means students are not required to pay for their study. An in-depth application is required. |
| **Western Sydney University**  
Western Sydney College  
www.westernsydneycollege.edu.au  
Phone: (02) 9852 4488 | Foundation Studies and Diploma programs for international and domestic students in the areas such as Arts, Humanities, Social Science, Psychology, Education, Languages, Nursing, Health Science and Engineering. These courses are designed to articulate to university degrees. Application is made through UAC for Diploma Programs and directly through WSU for Foundation Studies Programs. |

For details, updates and universities that are not listed above please check with the relevant institution.
# University Bridging Courses for Enrolling Students

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<td>Australian National University</td>
<td>ANU College of Science (02) 6125 2809</td>
<td>Chemistry <a href="http://chemistry.anu.edu.au/study/bridging-course">http://chemistry.anu.edu.au/study/bridging-course</a></td>
<td>Eight days in February before Semester One classes commence.</td>
<td>Approx $400</td>
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<td>Australian Maritime College</td>
<td>Phone: 1300 363 864 (AMC)</td>
<td>Bridging units in Maths, Physics and Chemistry through the University of Tasmania Transition and Enabling Program. <a href="http://www.futurestudents.utas.edu.au">www.futurestudents.utas.edu.au</a></td>
<td>Various.</td>
<td>No fee for some enabling subjects.</td>
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<td>Charles Sturt University</td>
<td>Phone: 1800 275 278</td>
<td>Study-Link short courses to boost skills in areas such as Physics, Chemistry, essay writing and more. <a href="http://www.csu.edu.au/student/studylink">www.csu.edu.au/student/studylink</a></td>
<td>Various times /self-paced, online.</td>
<td>No fee for enrolled CSP students.</td>
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<td>University of Canberra</td>
<td>1800 UNI CAN</td>
<td><strong>Science Prep:</strong> Science Prep is an online self-paced course to help build science skills and confidence. It offers support in the concepts and practices of chemistry, biology and mathematics used in all science based degrees at university. Science Prep can be used as an additional study tool during 1st year or as a preparation tool before commencing your degree at UC. <a href="http://www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/courses/pathways/science-prep">http://www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/courses/pathways/science-prep</a></td>
<td>1 year access from date of subscription.</td>
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<td>UNE</td>
<td>Ph: (02) 6773 3600</td>
<td><strong>Academic Skills Office</strong> offers a range of services for students on matters relating to academic studies. One popular course for newly admitted students to an undergraduate degree who feel they may not be prepared for university level study is <a href="mailto:asohelp@une.edu.au">tUNEup</a>.</td>
<td>It is offered before the commencement of the teaching periods.</td>
<td>FREE two week course for enrolled UNE students.</td>
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<td>Ph: (02) 6773 5022</td>
<td><strong>At the discretion of the School of Science and Technology, UNE may offer a Chemistry Bridging Course.</strong> <a href="mailto:admin-st@une.edu.au">mailto:admin-st@une.edu.au</a></td>
<td>At the commencement of a given trimester.</td>
<td>FREE – two weeks to admitted UNE students.</td>
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<td>University of Newcastle</td>
<td>English Language &amp; Foundation Studies Centre</td>
<td>Various introductory courses, e.g. Mathematics, Computing Skills, Chemistry, Science, Research Skills and Essay Writing. Also offer one online UON Prep Bridging course, Academic Survival Skills Online. <a href="http://www.newcastle.edu.au/future-students/uonprep-bridging-courses/about-uonprep-bridging-courses">http://www.newcastle.edu.au/future-students/uonprep-bridging-courses/about-uonprep-bridging-courses</a></td>
<td>January, February and July.</td>
<td>These one week refresher courses are available at no cost to enrolled University of Newcastle students.</td>
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Private Provider Entry Pathways - Universities and Colleges

Entry requirements may vary for Year 12 students with different tertiary private providers/institutions but will often include one or more of the following criteria:

- NSW HSC or equivalent
- Your ATAR
- Certificate IV in a relevant discipline
- Successful admission interview with optional submission of creative portfolio.

Unique Student Identifier (USI)
From 1 January 2015, all students doing nationally recognised training need to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). This includes students doing Vocational Education Training (VET) in schools. A USI is a reference number made up of numbers and letters. Creating a USI is free. It creates a secure online record of your nationally recognised training that you can access anytime and anywhere, and it's yours for life. It makes it easier for training organisations to assess students' pre-requisites, credit transfers and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET)
http://www.acpet.edu.au

ACPET includes private education and training providers offering qualifications at all levels—from basic short courses to postgraduate degrees.

Increasingly, institutions that offer Certificate and Diploma courses also provide accredited degree alternatives, or guaranteed pathways to degree courses at partner universities. The course finder on the ACPET website includes over 1,000 courses, and is a good starting point for investigating private and direct entry education and training options.

Some private providers have government funding for some courses. Student fees vary a great deal and are not always higher than public education alternatives. Visit:

Tertiary Institutions – Other Information

**Deferment** means that a student has received an offer to enrol in a course but they have been given permission by the institution to delay the start of their course for a fixed period, usually six months to a year. This means that if you receive an offer to study in 2016 and defer for one year, you will start your studies in 2017. All deferments are granted subject to the course being offered the following semester or following year. 
Refer to Table 6 – Deferment Policies, Page 144-146 UAC Guide 2015-2016.

**International Students**

**Student Visa requirements**
To study in Australia as an international student, you need to apply for a student visa. To be eligible for a student visa, you need to meet the conditions set by the Australian Government’s Department of Immigration and Border Protection. Visit: [http://www.immi.gov.au/students/](http://www.immi.gov.au/students/).

**Students under 18 years of age**
Before you are granted a student visa, the Australian Government must be satisfied that you have appropriate accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements in place for the period that you will be under 18 years of age while in Australia. Each institution decides whether they will accept responsibility for welfare arrangements for international students who are under 18 years of age.

**Australian Defence Forces (ADF)**
In order to serve in the Australian Defence Force, you need to be an Australian citizen with the appropriate citizenship documents. There are a number of other ADF eligibility requirements. To be considered for entry into the ADF you must be at least 16 years and 6 months old to apply with parental or guardian consent, and at least 17 years old at the time of enlistment.

The Defence Jobs website [http://www.defencejobs.gov.au](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au) allows you to complete your entire job application online. Alternatively, you can also apply over the phone on 13 19 01. After submitting your initial application you will attend a Your Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) Session at a Defence Force Recruiting Centre. The YOU Session includes an Aptitude Test, a Medical Interview and an Interview with a Careers Counsellor, to establish the job roles you are most suited to and your eligibility.

Once you have successfully completed a YOU Session and submitted all of the required documentation, you will attend an Assessment Session. This will include a Medical Assessment, a Psychological Interview and a Defence Interview. All successful applicants must attend their Enlistment/Appointment day, which is held at a Defence Force Recruiting Centre. Here, they will undergo a final medical check. The Officer Selection Board is an extra step for officer applicants, designed to test leadership skills, teamwork and other individual abilities considered critical to the role of an officer.

**UNSW Canberra at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)**
Admission to the Australian Defence Force Academy is based on a dual application process. Students need to complete a Defence Force Recruiting process to receive a job offer for the Australian Defence Force in the Navy, Army or Airforce. Applicants start this process by contacting Defence Force Recruiting on 13 19 01.

All applicants must also meet the minimum tertiary entrance requirements for the degree that they wish to study at UNSW Canberra at ADFA.
All applicants must submit an application to **UNSW Canberra at ADFA through UAC** at [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au). For further information visit: [www.unsw.adfa.edu.au](http://www.unsw.adfa.edu.au). For all enquiries contact the Student Recruitment Officer on (02) 6268 8201.
Commonwealth Government Financial Assistance

Income support eligibility changes
From January 2015, new jobseekers up to 30 years of age applying for Newstart or Youth Allowance will participate in job search and employment activities which are funded by the Government for six months before receiving the payment.

Young people who do not have a full capacity to work (i.e. their capacity is less than 30 hours), are in full time education or training, or have a significant disability will all be exempt from these requirements, as will those with parenting responsibilities. After six months, the jobseeker will be required to participate in at least 25 hours per week of Work for the Dole activities and will be eligible to receive income support for six months.

Youth Allowance
Youth Allowance provides financial help for people aged 16 to 24 years who are studying full-time, undertaking a full-time Australian apprenticeship, training, looking for work or sick. You may be able to get Youth Allowance if you are:

- Full-time students and Australian Apprentices aged 16-24, or students who are temporarily incapacitated for full-time study
- Job seekers, aged 22 years, looking for work or combining part-time study with job search, or undertaking any other approved activity, or temporarily incapacitated for work or study
- Young people under 22 years of age without a Year 12 or equivalent qualification will usually need to:
  - Participate in education and training full-time or
  - Participate full-time (at least 25 hours per week) in part-time study or training, in combination with other approved activities, until they complete Year 12 or an equivalent Certificate Level II or above qualification
- Secondary students under 18 years of age can access Youth Allowance only if they live away from home or are classified as independent of their parents.

Payment rates for Youth Allowance
The following Youth Allowance payment rates are a guide only. An income test and an assets test will be used to work out how much you will be paid. If you are not independent, the parental-means test will also usually apply.

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Youth Allowance can now be claimed on-line. Register at my.gov.au. Appointments may be necessary in some circumstances e.g. proof of identity. For further information visit: http://www.humanservices.gov.au/youthallowance.

**ABSTUDY** helps with costs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians who are studying or undertaking an Australian Apprenticeship.

You may be eligible if you are:

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Australian
- Able to meet residence requirements
- enrolled in an approved course or undertaking a full-time Australian Apprenticeship, and
- not receiving any other government assistance to study or do an apprenticeship.

For further information contact Centrelink [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au) or phone 1300 136 380
Smart and Skilled

Smart and Skilled is a reform of the NSW Vocational Education and Training (VET) system. From 1 January 2015, Smart and Skilled provides eligible students with:

1. an entitlement to government-subsidised training up to and including Certificate III level qualifications, and select traineeships and all apprenticeships.
2. training in higher-level courses (Certificate IV and above) in targeted priority areas.

The student eligibility criteria means you must be:

- Aged 15 years or older
- No longer at school
- Living or working in NSW and
- An Australian citizen, permanent resident, humanitarian visa holder or New Zealand citizen.

Students need to confirm with their preferred training provider that they have places available in their chosen Smart and Skilled course at the time they wish to do it. Please also note that Smart and Skilled fees are set for the whole qualification, regardless of the duration of training. They are not annual fees. Ph: 1300 772 104 or Visit: www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled http:// and http://www.smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au.

The NSW Skills List defines the qualifications eligible for government funding under Smart and Skilled. It covers:

- Certificate II to Advanced Diploma qualifications
- Select Foundation Skills Courses
- All apprenticeships and selected traineeships
- Part qualifications for key groups and sectors.

The NSW Skills List is reviewed annually to make sure the changing skill needs of industry are met. TAFE NSW and other providers can deliver courses that are NOT on the Skills List as fee-for-service training.

Student Fees

Under Smart and Skilled, students pay the same fees at any approved training provider for a government subsidised qualification. Smart and Skilled fees vary depending on the course you study. This reflects differences in the cost of training and the course level. In general, lower level courses have lower fees.

- Concessions. Fee concessions are available for students enrolled in qualifications at Certificate I, II, III and IV levels who are Commonwealth welfare recipients and their dependents.
- Exemptions. These are available for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students, and students with a disability and their dependants.

Studying at TAFE NSW

‘TAFE’ means ‘Technical and Further Education’. TAFE in New South Wales comprises 10 Institutes which cover different geographic areas of the state. Altogether, there are over 130 campuses across NSW. TAFE NSW is Australia’s largest training provider, with over 500,000 enrolments every year.

TAFE NSW offers you a range of courses with a choice of qualification levels, industry areas, learning styles and durations to suit your needs. Whether you’re looking for a pathway straight into the career of your choice or to a higher level university qualification, TAFE NSW is able to assist.

TAFE NSW is proud of its strong industry partnerships and history of providing training to help businesses become more competitive. We provide the best skills training to ensure you, your employer and the state of NSW prosper.

Check out the www.tafensw.edu.au website or speak to a TAFE NSW counsellor who will make sure you have all the information you need to make the right decision.

TAFE NSW Entry Requirements

● For entry to most TAFE NSW courses, you will need to have completed at least Year 10 of secondary education (or its equivalent). For entry to some TAFE NSW courses, you’ll need to have completed the NSW Higher School Certificate (Year 12).
● Selection for most TAFE NSW courses is not based on your ATAR.
● For some TAFE NSW courses, you’ll need to be able to demonstrate knowledge and skills you learned while completing your HSC subjects. For these courses your knowledge of a subject may be assessed. This will help ensure that you are enrolling in the correct qualification level and have the required skills and knowledge to succeed on your chosen pathway.
● Some qualifications at diploma level and above have prerequisite units of competency, experience or qualifications. Specific requirements are listed in each course description. A TAFE NSW counsellor is also able to provide you with further information.
● Some courses do not have entry requirements but have other eligibility criteria which may determine how much you will need to pay to complete your chosen course.
● You must be at least 15 years of age to enrol in a course at TAFE NSW.
● TAFE NSW will offer recognition of prior learning (RPL) where you are able to demonstrate you have already acquired skills and knowledge in your chosen qualification.

Support Services
TAFE NSW has a range of support services and staff to make sure you are equipped to meet your learning needs and goals. This includes career counsellors and specialist staff, known as Teacher/Consultants, to ensure students with disability have equal access to training. Visit: https://www.tafensw.edu.au/services/disability.

TAFE NSW Fees
All TAFE NSW fees and charges are reviewed on a yearly basis and are subject to change.

Beginning in 2015, all training providers in NSW, including TAFE NSW, charge the same prices for courses the NSW Government has listed on its annual NSW Skills List. This is part of the NSW Government’s reform of the way it manages and resources vocational education and training in NSW. The reform strategy is known as ‘Smart and Skilled’.
Under Smart and Skilled:

1. Fees are identified as qualification fees and are for the full period of study, rather than an annual-based fee.
2. TAFE NSW will continue to offer fee concessions and exemptions in its support of people from disadvantaged groups, including Aboriginal people, people with disability and the long term unemployed.
3. Fee concessions will also be available for students enrolled in qualifications at Certificate I, II, III and IV levels who are Commonwealth welfare recipients and their dependents.
4. Still at school? School-based apprentices, school-based trainees and TVET students are covered by separate funding and fee arrangements.
5. Some courses are offered on a fee for service basis. Contact your local TAFE NSW Institute for specific fee information.
6. International students and Temporary Visa Holders may also pay different fees.

TAFE NSW Credit Transfer and Recognition of Prior Learning
You may be able to obtain recognition for subjects and courses you've studied at school to gain credit towards your TAFE NSW qualification and fast track your course.

School subjects for which you could gain recognition include TVET classes with:
- nationally recognised units from accredited Training Packages
- nationally recognised courses from accredited Training Packages.

You’ll need to provide 'current' evidence i.e. show that you have successfully completed the relevant HSC course within the last five years. You can then discuss with TAFE staff possible credit in the course you’re interested in.

For advice on credit for your school studies:
- contact your local campus and speak to the Course Information Officer
- talk to a TAFE NSW Counsellor.

You may be able to use your previous study and other evidence of your knowledge, skills and experience to gain Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). RPL is an assessment of your formal and informal learning to determine whether you’ve achieved required competency. Visit: https://www.tafensw.edu.au/courses/rpl/.

Higher Education Studies at TAFE NSW
There are specific entry requirements for TAFE Higher Education courses. No ATAR is necessary but there are additional course specific entry requirements besides the NSW Higher School Certificate or equivalent qualification.

1. Associate Degree of Accounting
2. Associate Degree of Applied Engineering (Renewable Energies)
3. Bachelor of Art and Animation
4. Bachelor of Applied Finance (Financial Planning)
5. Bachelor of Design (Interior Design)
6. Bachelor of Early Childhood and Care (Birth-5)
7. Bachelor of Fashion Design

First round applications for these courses are accepted until 5 December 2015, with late applications accepted if places are still available.
Don't forget to obtain your Unique Student Identifier (USI)
Remember that, from 1 January 2015, all students studying a nationally recognised vocational qualification in Australia will need to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI) before they will be issued with a credential. We will assist you to obtain your USI when you enroll at TAFE NSW. Continuing students will also need to have a USI to re-enrol for 2015.

A USI is a Commonwealth issued number made up of 10 letters and numbers. Your USI will give you access to an online account where you can see all your student records and results of nationally recognised training from all providers in one place. To find out how to create a USI visit: www.usi.gov.au or talk to your local campus about creating a USI for you.

For further information:

Please contact your local TAFE NSW Institute for information about all available courses.

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Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Australian Apprenticeships encompass all apprenticeships and traineeships. They combine time at work with training and can be full-time, part-time or school-based. They can lead to a nationally recognised qualification and are available to anyone of working age. They do not require any entry qualifications.

To learn about Australian Apprenticeships and find your nearest Australian Apprenticeship Network Provider Centre, phone the **Skilling Australia Information Line** on 13 38 73 or visit: [http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au](http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au).

For detailed information on Australian Apprenticeships in New South Wales, including information to help you with on-the-job training, your employer, rules and regulations, job descriptions, competencies, trade certificates and more, go to:

**New South Wales**
State Training Services NSW  
NSW Department of Industry  
Locked Bag 53  
Darlinghurst NSW 1300  
Phone: 13 28 11 (NSW callers) or (02) 9561 8000 (interstate callers).  
Group Training Organisations

Group Training Organisations (GTOs) are Australia’s leading employers of Apprentices and Trainees. They are dedicated to providing employment and training opportunities for people throughout New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

Your Group Training Organisation acts as your primary employer. They secure your on-the-job training with businesses known as ‘host employers’, while also organising your off-the-job training with either TAFE or a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). Your GTO also takes responsibility for all paperwork including wages, superannuation and other employee benefits. Most importantly they monitor your progress and offer support throughout the term of your Apprenticeship or Traineeship.

GROUP TRAINING AUSTRALIA
Group Training Australia (GTA) is the national association that represents GTOs. GTA promotes the benefits of the group-training model of apprentice and trainee employment and highlights the contribution of the group training network to skills development. Visit: http://www.grouptraining.com.au.

THE GROUP TRAINING ASSOCIATION OF NSW & ACT
The Group Training Association of NSW & ACT is a not for profit organisation whose objective is to create additional high quality apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities for the purposes of ensuring industry has the skilled workforce it requires. Phone: (02) 9746 9333 or visit: http://www.gtana.com.au.


NSW & ACT GTO BRANCHES
Note: Some Group Training Organisations have expression of interest forms or application forms online or that can be downloaded from their websites, while others want you to send a copy of your resume. Often you will also have to sit a selection test and attend an interview. Many Group Training Organisations focus on serving the needs of a specific industry, while others work with a number of different industries in the region in which they are located. You should contact all Group Training Organisations relevant to you as soon as possible, as the selection process might take some time. www.training.nsw.gov.au/individuals/apprenticeships_traineeships/goto/index.html

Some GTOs focus on serving the needs of specific industries while others service almost every industry within the area in which they operate.

ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY (AES)
http://www.aes.org.au
Level 5, 28 Foveaux Street
Surry Hills NSW 2010
Phone: (02) 8571 0999

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Sydney Metro, Western & North West NSW, Central Coast, Hunter & North Coast.
APPRENTICES TRAINEEs EMpLOYMENT LTD (ATEL)
www.atel.com.au
Suite 5.02, 13-15 Lyon Park Road
North Ryde NSW 2113
Phone: (02) 8875 6100 / 1300 784 787
Email: atel@atel.com.au

Regions Serviced
Albury, Wagga, Sydney & Murray Area, Northern Victoria.

AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY GROUP TRAINING SERVICES (AIGTS)
www.aigts.com.au
51 Walker St
North Sydney NSW 2060
Phone: 1300 761 944
Email: eric.milne@aigroup.asn.au

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AUSTRALIAN TRAINING COMPANY (ATC)
www.austrg.com.au
30-32 Pomeroy St
Homebush NSW 2140
Phone: (02) 9704 1500
Email: jrosman@austrg.com.au

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AUSWIDE SERVICES LTD
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14 Cabarita Place (PO Box 333)
Merimbula NSW 2548
Phone: (02) 6495 5500
Email: reception@auswideprojects.com.au

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South East NSW.

CENTRAL COAST GROUP TRAINING (CCGT)
www.ccg.com.au
6/6 Reliance Drive
Tuggerah NSW 2259
Phone: (02) 4353 2655
Email: recruitment@ccgt.com.au

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Central Coast, Sydney, Newcastle.
ELECTRO GROUP TRAINING
www.egt.com.au
23-27 Marquet Street
Rhodes NSW 2138
Phone: (02) 9741 1300
Email: getajob@egt.com.au

Regions Serviced
Sydney Metro, Canberra, Central Coast, Illawarra.

GROUP TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT SPECIALISTS (GTES)
www.gtes.com.au
161 Hammond Avenue, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650
Phone: (02) 6923 3000
Fax: (02) 6923 3001
Email: admin@gtes.com.au

Regions Serviced
Wagga Wagga, Riverina, Albury, Wodonga, Northern Victoria.

HOSPITALITY TRAINING NETWORK (HTN)
www.htn.com.au
83 Pacific Highway
Roseville NSW 2069
Phone: 1300 139 108
Email: apprenticechefs@htn.com.au

Regions Serviced
Sydney, Wollongong, Central Coast, Newcastle, Hunter Valley, South Coast, North Coast, Blue Mountains, Canberra, Snowfields, Melbourne.

HUNTERNET GROUP TRAINING
www.hunternet.com.au
Level 3, 251 Wharf Road
Newcastle NSW 2300
Phone: 02 4908 7380
Email: info@hunternet.com.au

Regions Serviced
Newcastle, Hunter, Central Coast.

HUNTER VALLEY TRAINING COMPANY (HVTC)
www.hvtc.com.au
30 Spitfire Place
Rutherford NSW 2320
Phone: 02 4932 4222
Email: admin@hvtc.com.au

Regions Serviced
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MARITIME EMPLOYEES TRAINING LIMITED (METL)
www.metl.com.au
Suite B, Level 2,
215 Clarence Street
Sydney NSW 2000
Phone: 02 8296 6384
Email: metl@metl.com.au

MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF NSW
www.mbansw.com.au
52 Parramatta Rd
Forest Lodge NSW 2037
Phone: 02 8586 3555
Email: enquiries@mbansw.com.au

MASTER PLUMBERS APPRENTICES LTD (MPAL)
www.mpal.com.au
2 Percy Street
Auburn NSW 2144
Phone: 02 8789 7050
Email: info@mpal.com.au

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Sydney Metro, Regional & Rural NSW.

MEGT AUSTRALIA
www.megt.com.au
Suite 2, 10 Quay Street
Sydney NSW 2000
Phone: (02) 8078 3398
Email: deb.elmer@megt.com.au

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MG MY GATEWAY
www.mygateway.org.au
Level 2, Suite 206,
4 Hyde Parade
Campbelltown NSW 2560
Phone: 02 4627 1388
Email: jobs@mygateway.org.au

Regions Serviced
All NSW.
MTA APPRENTICES PLUS
www.mtaplus.com.au
8-10 Palmer Street
Parramatta NSW 2150
Phone: 02 9891 6900
Email: info@mtaplus.com.au

Regions Serviced
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NECA GROUP TRAINING (National Electrical and Communication Association)
www.necagt.com.au
Building G, Chullora TAFE (Worth Street Entrance)
Chullora NSW 2190
Phone: (02) 9744 2754
Email: contact@necagt.com.au

Regions Serviced
NSW (Sydney Greater Metropolitan Area), ACT & QLD.

SKILLSET
www.skillset.com.au
341 Havannah Street
Bathurst NSW 2795
Phone: 02 6331 3655
Email: info@skillset.com.au

Regions Serviced
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STE 1300 APPRENTICE
www.1300apprentice.com.au
Level 2, 28 Burwood Rd
Burwood NSW 2134
Phone: 1300apprentice
Email: info@1300apprentice.com.au

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486 Pacific Highway
St Leonards NSW 2065
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Email: info@tabma.com.au

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**WPC GROUP**

[www.wpcgroup.org.au](http://www.wpcgroup.org.au)

Suite 2/190 George Street

Parramatta NSW 2150

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Email: nswreception@wpcgroup.org.au

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Supporting Students and Job Seekers with Disability

Registering with an employment service
The main way people with disability can access employment services is through a referral from Centrelink. Once the young person's capacity for work has been assessed they will be referred to the employment service that best suits their needs. For advice:

- Phone the Centrelink Employment Services 13 28 50 or visit: [http://www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au) for help and workplace solutions for the employment of people with disability.

- Phone a Job Access Adviser on 1800 464 800 or visit: [www.jobaccess.gov.au](http://www.jobaccess.gov.au). Job Access is a free information and advice service about the employment of people with disability. It helps people with disability to access information about services, financial assistance and workplace solutions.

Disability Employment Services
The Australian Government delivers employment assistance for job seekers with disability through Disability Employment Services. These services are able to provide ongoing support in the workplace for as long as it is required.

They are divided into two distinct programs:
- **Disability Management Service** – for job seekers with disability, injury or health condition who require assistance but are not expected to need long term support in the workplace.
- **Employment Support Services** – for job seekers with permanent disability and with an assessed need for more long term, regular support in the workplace.


National Disability Coordination Officer Program
The Australian Government’s National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO) program works strategically to assist people with disability access and participate in tertiary education and subsequent employment, through a national network of regionally based NDCOs. The NDCOs work with stakeholders at the local level to reduce systemic barriers, facilitate smooth transitions, build links and coordinate services between the education, training and employment sectors. Visit: [http://www.ndco.cds.org.au](http://www.ndco.cds.org.au).

The following link has tips, hints and links to help high school students with disability thinking about going to university: [http://pubsites.WSU.edu.au/ndco/getready/](http://pubsites.WSU.edu.au/ndco/getready/) or Ph: (02) 9678 7378.

Australian Disabilities Clearinghouse on Education and Training
The student resources section of the Clearinghouse website has a range of resources that can assist students to become independent learners and job seekers. Areas covered include:
- Transition to post-secondary education
- Disclosure of your disability
- Scholarships
- Careers and Employment.

Enrolling at University
Students with disability, including mental health issues, medical conditions and learning disabilities should be advised to contact disability staff to discuss their condition and any special needs they may have. Even if they are unsure, it is a good idea to make contact and learn how the system works in case they do need help or adjustments.

Enrolling at TAFE
The following link provides advice on how to access support for students with disability. Visit: http://www.tafensw.edu.au/student-services/disability-services.
Supporting Aboriginal Young People into Education, Training and Employment

A number of government programs aim to assist Aboriginal young people in particular circumstances into post-school education, training and employment. These include:

1. **The Indigenous Youth Career Pathways Program** provides school-based traineeships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 11 and 12 (and in some cases Year 10.) The program aims to inspire and support Indigenous students, including younger students, to complete their schooling and make an effective transition to further education or a job. Visit: [https://employment.gov.au/indigenous-youth-careers-pathways-program](https://employment.gov.au/indigenous-youth-careers-pathways-program).

2. **Indigenous Youth Mobility Program**, offers young Aboriginal people from rural and remote communities the opportunity to move to a host location and participate in further education, training or Australian apprenticeships. As part of the of the program, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are provided personal mentoring and case management to help them manage issues that make the move from school to work difficult. Visit: [www.iymp.com.au](http://www.iymp.com.au).

3. **The Sporting Chance Program** uses sport and recreation as a vehicle to increase the level of engagement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to improve their educational outcomes. Visit: [www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au](http://www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au).

4. **Indigenous Employment Strategy**
The objective of the Indigenous Employment Strategy is to increase Indigenous Australians’ employment outcomes and participation in economic activities, contributing to the Government’s commitment to halving the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous employment outcomes. The Strategy supports a broad range of activities that are responsive to the needs of employers, Indigenous Australians and their communities. Visit: [www.aes.org.au](http://www.aes.org.au).

Other useful websites:

**Further study**
TAFE NSW and the universities have programs and policies to facilitate access by Aboriginal students and to cater for their needs once they have enrolled. Check the institution websites or the list under EAS below for information about these programs. Visit: [https://www.tafensw.edu.au/student-services/aboriginal-students](https://www.tafensw.edu.au/student-services/aboriginal-students).

**Commonwealth Scholarships (CS)**
Commonwealth scholarships for Indigenous applicants are a category of government-funded Equity Scholarships that assist financially disadvantaged Indigenous students with the costs associated with higher education, including eligible enabling courses. Information at: [http://www.uac.edu.au/equity/](http://www.uac.edu.au/equity/) and from the universities.
Educational Access Schemes (EAS)
Australian Aboriginal young people may apply for special consideration under the specific schemes at each university, and/or under the EAS scheme. Visit individual university websites or http://www.uac.edu.au/eas/. Relevant information is also included earlier in this resource under Alternative Entry to University: Schemes for School Leavers. See each university listed there for details.