



Tertiary Entrance Statement

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This statement is issued by the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC).

SATAC calculates the scores and ranks used for tertiary entrance selection, including the university aggregate and the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

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

University Entrance

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

University aggregate

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

Your university aggregate is 75.50

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank

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

Your ATAR is 88.90

TAFE SA Entrance

Some TAFE SA courses have Course Admission Requirements which applicants must meet to be eligible for selection. Course admission requirements can include one, or a combination of: entry assessment, SACE completion, presentation of a portfolio, audition, or prior vocational certificates.



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What is the Tertiary Entrance Statement?

The Tertiary Entrance Statement shows information relevant to university and TAFE SA entrance.

Your Tertiary Entrance Statement

Your Tertiary Entrance Statement is issued by SATAC (South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre) on behalf of Flinders University, the University of Adelaide, University of South Australia and TAFE SA.

It records any university aggregate or ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) you have achieved.

Scaled scores for Tertiary Entrance

Your university aggregate and ATAR are calculated using scaled scores.

Scaling is a mathematical process which provides the basis for comparing student performance in different SACE/NTCET Stage 2 subjects.

Every SACE/NTCET subject is unique; it has its own curriculum, learning goals and assessment criteria. Scaling means that the university aggregate and ATAR calculated for students who have completed different SACE study patterns can be directly compared in the selection process for entry to university courses.

Scaled scores are expressed numerically but are calculated from the same individual assessment results the SACE Board uses to derive your final subject grades.

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

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

Scaled Scores for Tertiary Entrance

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Stage 2 SACE subjects	Credit Value	Scaled Score
2020 Biology	20 credits	17.10
2020 Chemistry	20 credits	17.30
2020 Geography	20 credits	15.90
2020 Mathematical Methods	20 credits	15.70
2019 Research Project B	10 credits	9.50

Understanding your Tertiary Entrance Statement

Calculation of your university aggregate

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

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

The Flexible Option, or final 30 credits, is the best 30 credits of scaled scores from:

- the scaled score of a 20 credit TAS
- half the scaled score of one or more 20 credit TAS
- the scaled score of one or more 10 credit TAS
- scaled score equivalents for Recognised Studies to the value of 10 or the maximum of 20 credits.

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

Important notice

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

For some students this may mean that you are not yet eligible for an ATAR because the Recognised Studies results are not yet processed. For others, the calculations will not have taken the Recognised Studies into account.

Once your Recognised Studies results have been processed by the SACE Board your tertiary entrance information will be recalculated and you will be issued with a new Tertiary Entrance Statement.

Course information and advice

Flinders University call 1300 354 633 (option 1)
askflinders@flinders.edu.au
flinders.edu.au

The University of Adelaide call (08) 8313 7335 or 1800 061 459
future.ask.adelaide.edu.au
adelaide.edu.au

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

TAFE SA call 1800 882 661 (freecall)
tafesa.edu.au/about-tafesa/contact-us
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Calculation of your university aggregate

First 60 credits			Flexible Option
2020 Chemistry 17.30	2020 Biology 17.10	2020 Geography 15.90	2019 Research Project B 9.50
Sub-total: 50.30			2020 Mathematical Methods 15.70
			Sub-total: 25.20
			Total: 75.50

Further information

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

For more information about your Tertiary Entrance Statement contact SATAC on (08) 8224 4000 or 1300 138 440 (local call charge) or visit the SATAC website at satac.edu.au.