

Updated TEA calculation

Effective from no earlier than 2027



The Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC) is updating the way it calculates the Tertiary Entrance Aggregate (TEA) to increase consistency and fairness for all students in Western Australia.

This update means the 10% bonus provided to students who have scaled scores in the following Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) courses will no longer apply: Mathematics Methods, Mathematics Specialist, and a student's highest Language other than English (LOTE).

The change will not take place any earlier than 2027 (that is, students who are in Year 9 in 2024).

What does this mean?

Year 12 students	How the TEA is calculated	Highest possible TEA
Currently	4 x ATAR course scaled scores of 100 + 3 x 10% bonuses if applicable (from Mathematics Methods, Mathematics Specialist, and the highest LOTE)	= 430
After update (no earlier than 2027)	4 x ATAR course scaled scores of 100	= 400

Why has this change been made?

This change will bring WA in line with other Australian states, given WA is the only state that provides a bonus of this type for ATAR scaled scores for selected Year 12 courses. This will also level the playing field for those students who may not have the option of, or interest in, studying one or more of the ATAR courses that currently attract a bonus.

How will this impact ATAR calculations?

This change does not affect the way that TISC applies moderation, standardisation, and scaling processes across all subjects. There will also be no change in the methodology of translating the TEA to an ATAR, except that the TEA distribution used in the calculations will range from 0 to 400 instead of from 0 to 430. The impact on individual ATARs cannot be calculated in advance, as the ATAR in any year is determined by the distribution of overall results in that year.

Where can I find more information?

Information can also be found at www.tisc.edu.au.

About TISC

TISC is a not-for-profit organisation which processes applications for WA universities, conducts the Special Tertiary Admission Test (STAT), administers the Western Australian Universities Foundation Program (WAUFP), scales Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) results and calculates the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) for WA students. The TISC Board is made up of five Directors, one from each of the four primary members (Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University and the University of Western Australia) and an independent Chair.