

## Press Release (16 January 2001)

### University Offers for 2001

University offers will be despatched to applicants from WA's four public universities from Tuesday 16 January. Applicants can phone TISCLine, 1901 191 091, 82.5c per minute from anywhere in Australia to hear details of their offer.

A summary of the numbers of applicants and offers follows.

The Executive Officer of the Tertiary Institutions Service Centre, Mr Steve Hoath said that 76.3% of applicants had received an offer and of these 75.9% had been made a first preference offer. However he also said that this did not mean that students who had been given a lower preference should be unhappy, as everyone who has been offered is getting a course that they want. This is the way that the preference system is designed to work. Overall, 76.3% of applicants received an offer.

In addition, the universities' joint offering process through the Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC) provides a safety net procedure for students who receive an offer that is not their first preference in the first round. Those students can afford to 'sit' on their first round offer and wait until the second round to see if they will be offered one of their higher preference courses.

Unsuccessful applicants are all notified by TISC at the same time as the universities send out the offers. Those who are qualified for a place but are unsuccessful in the first round will automatically be reconsidered in the second round of offers.

TISC will be taking new applications for university places in 2001 at Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University (except Law and Veterinary Studies) and country campuses of Curtin University of Technology, from people who haven't already applied.

New applications close on 25 January. Existing applicants have until Sunday 28 January at 11.00 pm to change their preferences on TISCLine.

### Summary of University Offers After First Round

| <b>Applications</b>                                    | <b>2001</b>  | <b>2000</b>  |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| TEE students   | 9,771        | 9,877        |
| Non TEE  | 7,772        | 7,740        |
| TOTAL APPLIED  | 17,543       | 17,617       |
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| <b>Offers</b>  | <b>2001</b>  | <b>2000</b>  |
| TEE students   | 7,383        | 7,363        |
| Non TEE  | 6,013        | 5,804        |
| TOTAL OFFERS   | 13,396       | 13,167       |
|  |              |              |
| <b>Percentage of applicants receiving an offer</b>     | <b>76%</b>   | <b>75%</b>   |
| <b>Percentage of TEE applicants receiving an offer</b> | <b>75.6%</b> | <b>74.6%</b> |