

## Press Release (15 January 2003)

### University Offers for 2003

University offers will be despatched to applicants from WA's four public universities from Thursday 16 January. Applicants can phone TISCLine, 1901 191 091, (82.5c per minute) from anywhere in Australia to hear details of their offer or view their offer information on the web at [www.tisc.edu.au](http://www.tisc.edu.au).

Total applications have increased by 14% with applications from TEE students increasing by more than 6%. However, a larger increase (22%) in applications came from those with qualifications other than TEE in 2002. The universities have offered to 775 more applicants than last year.

A summary of the numbers of applicants and offers is attached.

The Executive Officer of the Tertiary Institutions Service Centre, Mr Steve Hoath said that 70% of applicants had received an offer and of these 69% 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.

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 is still taking new applications for university places in 2003 at Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University (except Law, Veterinary Studies and Chiropractic Science) and country campuses of Curtin University of Technology, from people who haven't already applied. New applications close on 24 January.

Existing applicants have until Friday 24 January at 11.00 pm to change their preferences on TISCLine or the web.

### Summary of University Offers After First Round

<b>Applications</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
TEE students	10,400	9,771
Non TEE	10,949	9,006
TOTAL APPLIED	21,349	18,777
<b>Offers</b>		
TEE students	7,066	7,334
Non TEE	7,854	6,811
TOTAL OFFERS	14,920	14,145
<b>Percentage of applicants receiving an offer</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>75%</b>