LOTE bonus and the calculation of the 
Tertiary Entrance Aggregate 
for all Universities from 2014 (2013 Year 12)

LOTE Bonus

For 2014 university admissions onwards, Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University and the University of Western Australia wish to advise that they will apply a LOTE (Language Other Than English) bonus for the purpose of determining a student's Tertiary Entrance Aggregate (TEA) and hence Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

The rules for the calculation of the LOTE bonus will be the same as the rules used in 2012 by Curtin and UWA.

Redefined Definition of the Tertiary Entrance Aggregate (TEA)

The rules that determine the TEA for the calculation of the ATAR are based on those conditions that are common to all four universities, such as accumulation over five years and unacceptable combinations. With all four universities having the same LOTE bonus, the rules determining the TEA will be redefined as follows.

A 4 course/subject TEA is calculated by adding a student's best four scaled scores plus 10% of the best LOTE scaled score, if any, based on the following rules:

- For the best four, scaled scores from the previous four years can be accumulated with scaled scores from the current year, with no subject or course counting more than once. 
  (for 2013 Year 12, includes 2009, the last year of TEE subjects)

- Unacceptable combinations as stated in the admissions requirements

- Subject also to allowable combinations, no more than 2 mathematics courses/subjects can count.

- A LOTE bonus of 10% of a LOTE scaled score is added to the aggregate of the best four scaled scores, subject to no LOTE scaled score earlier than 2011 being used. If more than one LOTE has been sat, only one (the best) LOTE scaled score can be used.

- From 2015 Year 12, LOTE scaled score can be from current or previous four years.

- Maximum TEA is 410.

Note: For a current year ATAR to be calculated, the student must have at least one scaled score from the current year used in their ATAR calculation.
For Mature age students a current **2 course TEA** is calculated by adding a student’s best two scaled scores and multiplying by 2, plus 10% of the best LOTE scaled score, if any, based on the following rules:

- All scaled scores used must be from the current year
- Unacceptable combinations as stated in the admissions requirements
- A LOTE bonus of 10% of a LOTE scaled score is added to the aggregate of the best two scaled scores multiplied by 2. If more than one LOTE has been sat, only one (the best) LOTE scaled score can be used.
- Maximum TEA is 410.

Note: A two course TEA is not calculated for International Mature Age students.

**ATAR Calculation**

There is 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 410 instead of 0 to 400.