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**Information for Year 12 students, 2025** 



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## Who is TISC and what do we do?

- TISC calculates scaled scores and ATARs.
- We also broadly manage the undergraduate university admission process, particularly for WA Year 12s.
- We publish the TISC Guide and other brochures.
- We conduct information presentations like this one for school groups.
- We run the Skills for Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT).
- Owned by the four public universities but are a neutral body.
- Aim to enhance participation in Higher Education.







# **Entry requirements**





**ATAR** 

**IB** Diploma

VET studies – Certificate IV or higher Portfolio or experience-based entry

Enabling programs





# University Admission Requirements (WA Year 12 Students)

- ➤ WACE or IB Diploma
- > English
- > Prerequisites
- ➤ ATAR *or* Selection Rank *or* IB Admissions Score





## **English Language Competence (ELC)**



# ATAR English (or Literature or EALD)

Scaled score of 50.00 or higher – *ELC for all universities* 

Near miss – TISC may **concede** ELC for one or more unis

Final school grade of C or higher – *ECU, Curtin and UWA* 

Any result (with Yr 12 completion) – Murdoch and Notre Dame

If scaled score <50, will be invited to sit STAT in January for English competence.



# General English (or Literature or EALD)

Any result (with Yr 12 completion) – *Murdoch and Notre Dame* 

Final school grade of A – Curtin.

Final school grade of A **and** a Certificate IV – *ECU* (Experience-based Entry pathway only)

UWA – you will need to have a letter giving you permission to sit STAT for English competence. You won't be permitted to sit before the WACE exams end.





# English Language Competence for VET students

- AQF Diploma: will meet ELC for all WA universities
- AQF Certificate IV plus ATAR English (or Literature or EALD):
  - Will meet ELC for Murdoch and Notre Dame
  - Will meet ELC for Curtin and ECU if you get a final school grade of C or higher *or* a final scaled score of 50.00 or higher.
  - Will meet ELC for UWA if you achieve a final scaled score of 50.00 of higher but may not meet their minimum entry requirements contact UWA for details.
    - Will be able to book STAT Written English in January if ELC not achieved.





# English Language Competence for VET students

- AQF Certificate IV plus General English (or Literature or EALD)
  - Will meet ELC for Murdoch and Notre Dame.
  - Will meet ELC for ECU's Experience Based Entry Scheme if your final school grade is A.
  - Will meet ELC for Curtin if your final school grade is A (or B for Portfolio Entry).
  - Will not meet ELC for UWA.
  - You may be permitted to sit STAT Written English after the completion of WACE exams to meet ELC for Curtin and ECU.
    - If you want to study at UWA, you will need written permission from UWA to sit the full STAT.



# English Language Competence – Enabling Programs

- In most cases, successful completion of a university enabling program (eg UniReady, UniPrep Schools, UniPath, TLC Learning for Tomorrow or FlexiTrack High) will also satisfy university English competence requirements.
- There may be some exceptions TISC recommends checking with the university where you wish to study for confirmation.
- If you don't meet ELC via your enabling program, the requirements for ATAR/General English will still apply.





# **International Baccalaureate (IB)**

- To apply for university in WA, register as a new user on TISCOnline.
- Declare your IB studies under the Secondary Studies question (choose "IB" as your location, not "WA")
- It's important to give us your correct IB personal code (format abc123)
- Check with your school IB DP Co-Ordinator that your results will be released to TISC.
- We expect IB students to be included in Main Round offers again this year.





# What's an IB Admissions Score?

- Your IB score is reported as a whole number (max. 45).
- However, you will also receive a finer-grained conversion to an IB Admissions Score (IBAS). This utilises more data points to give a more accurate picture of your performance within the IB score band.
- Tertiary Admission Centres (TACs) like TISC will then convert these to a Combined Rank according to an agreed national schedule.
- The Admissions Requirements brochure for IB students gives more information.
- If you apply through TISC, TISC will inform you of your IBAS.





# What's an IB Admissions Score?

### Conversions are examples only.

### Old system

| 37  | $\rightarrow$ | 94.90 |
|---|---------------|-------|
| ( <b>high</b> in each subject band)             |               | 74.70 |
| 37  |               | 04.00 |
| (average to above average in each subject band) | $\rightarrow$ | 94.90 |
| 37  |               |       |
| ( <b>below average</b> in each subject band)    | $\rightarrow$ | 94.90 |
| 37  | $\rightarrow$ | 94.90 |
| ( <b>low</b> in each subject band)              |               | 74.70 |
|   |               |       |

### Using IBAS

| 37  |               | 05.45 |
|---|---------------|-------|
| ( <b>high</b> in each subject band)             | $\rightarrow$ | 95.45 |
| 37  |               |       |
| (average to above average in each subject band) | $\rightarrow$ | 95.20 |
| 37  |               |       |
| ( <b>below average</b> in each subject band)    | $\rightarrow$ | 94.90 |
| 37  | $\rightarrow$ | 94.55 |
| ( <b>low</b> in each subject band)              |               | 74.55 |



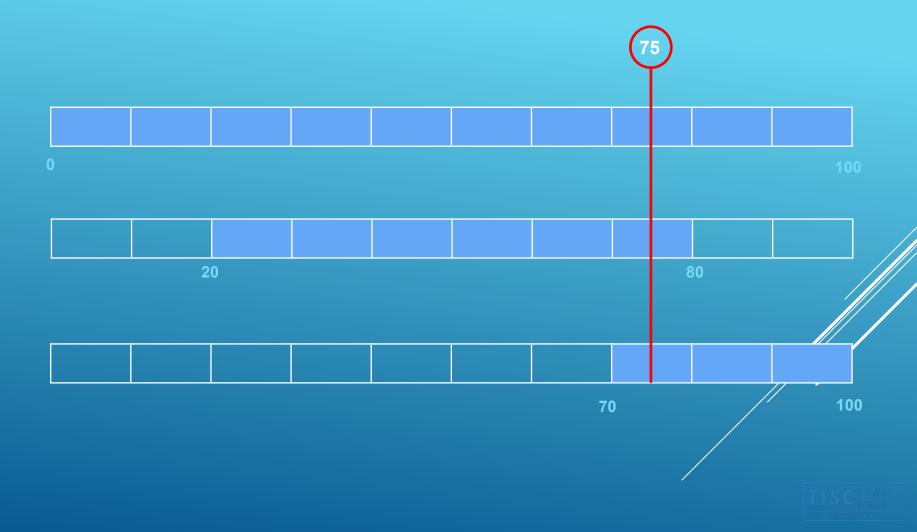




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# ATAR

**Australian Tertiary Admission Rank** 





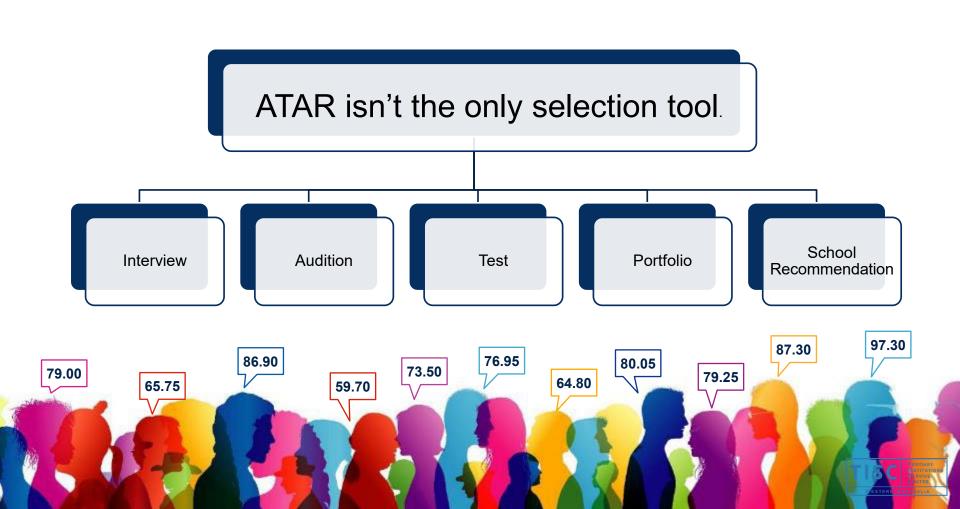
A way to compare the results of thousands of students for university entry purposes.

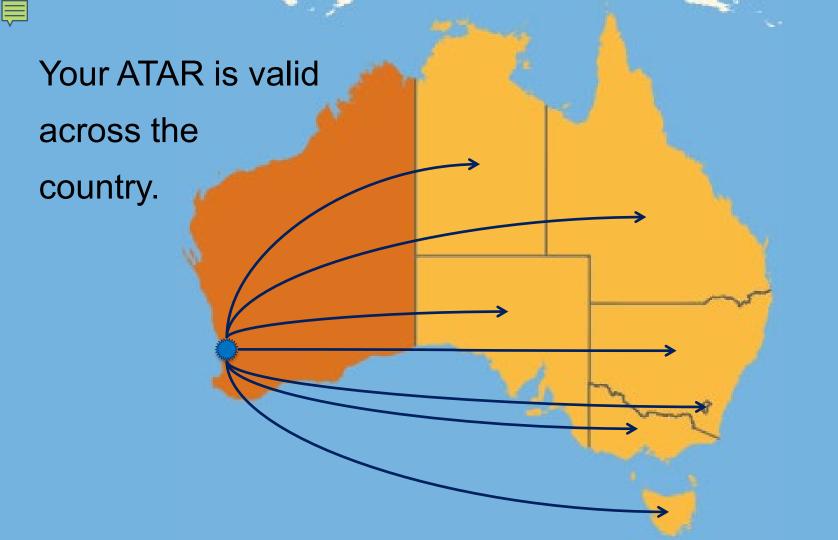
Rank position in the total WA Year 12 school leaving age population.

75.00 means you have performed better than 75% of all the Year 12 school leaving age people in WA.













# From raw marks to scaled scores







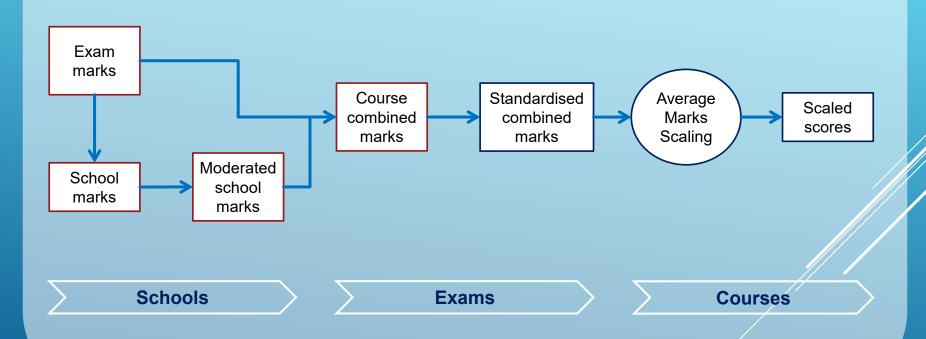
# Marks adjustment processes

| Context | Comparison      |
|---------|-----------------|
| Schools | Moderation      |
| Exams   | Standardisation |
| Courses | Scaling         |





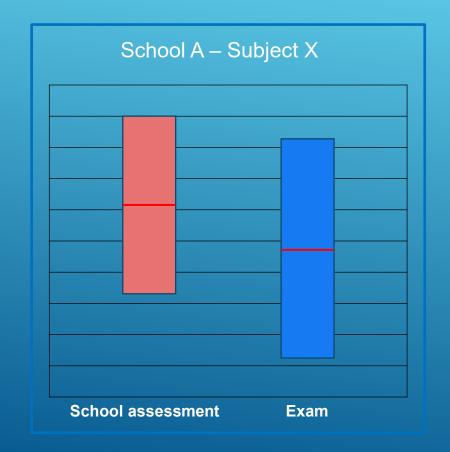
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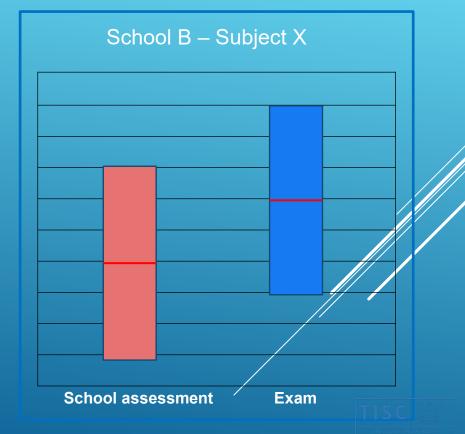






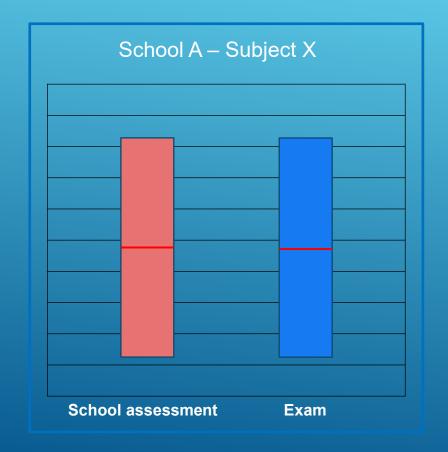
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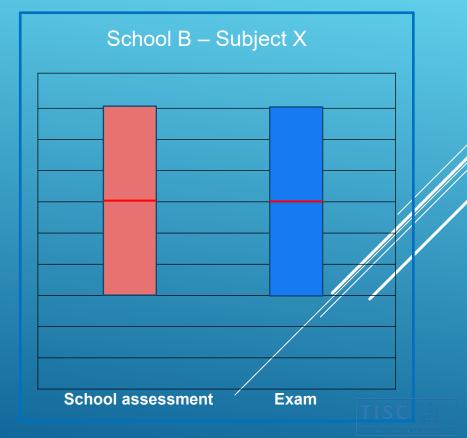






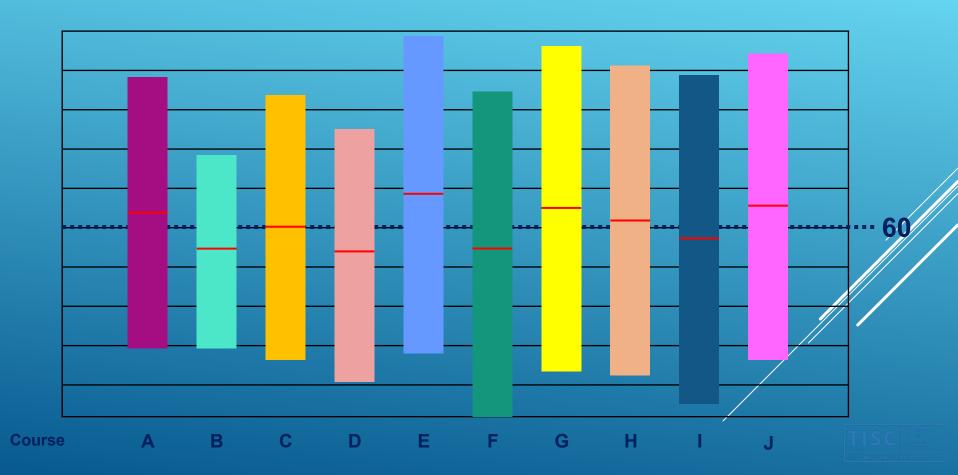
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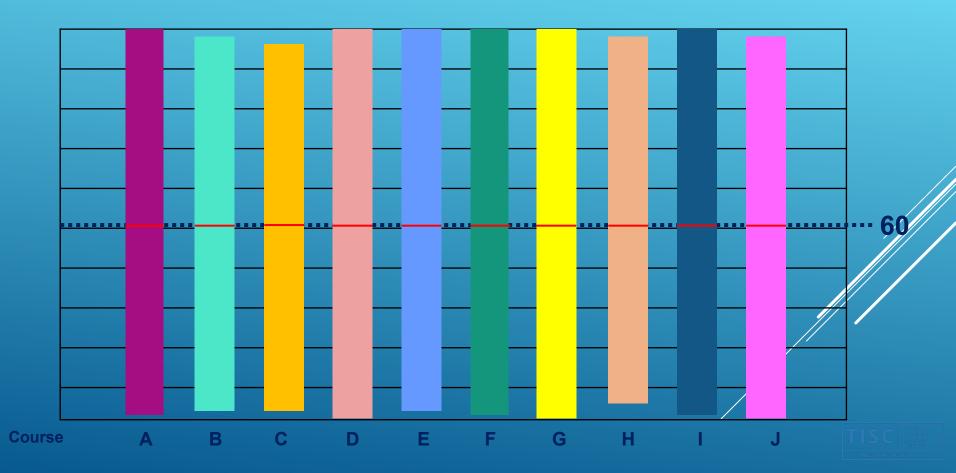


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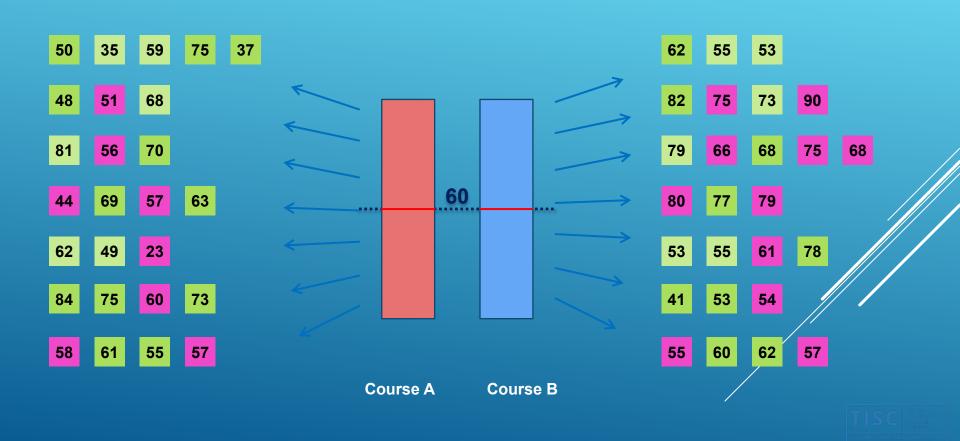


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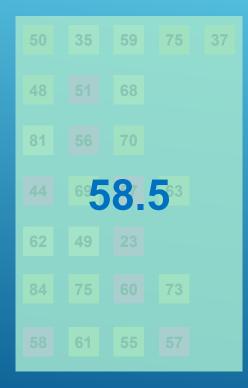


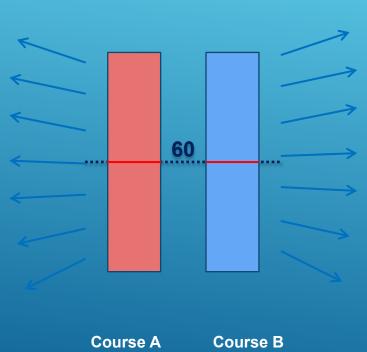
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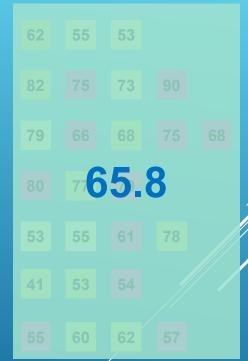




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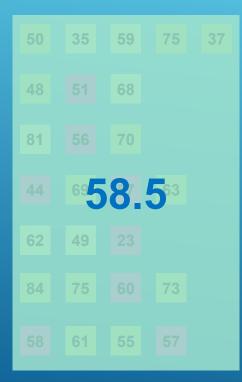


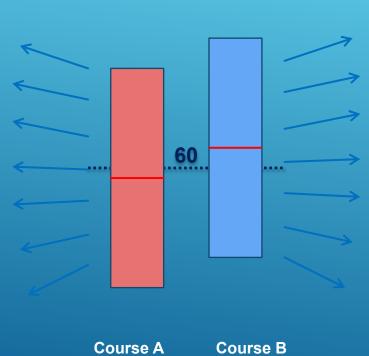


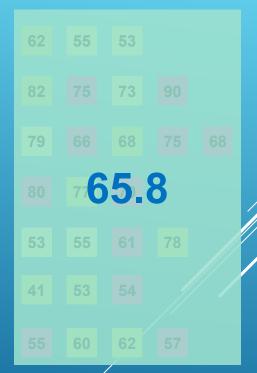




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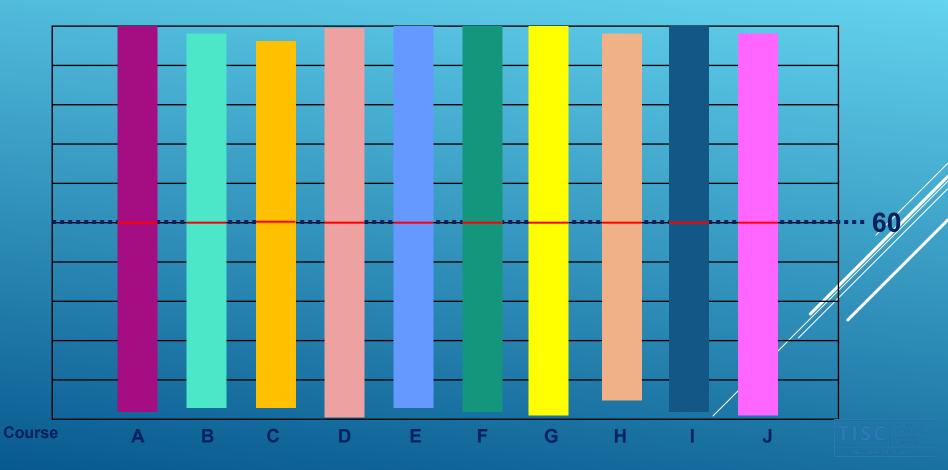




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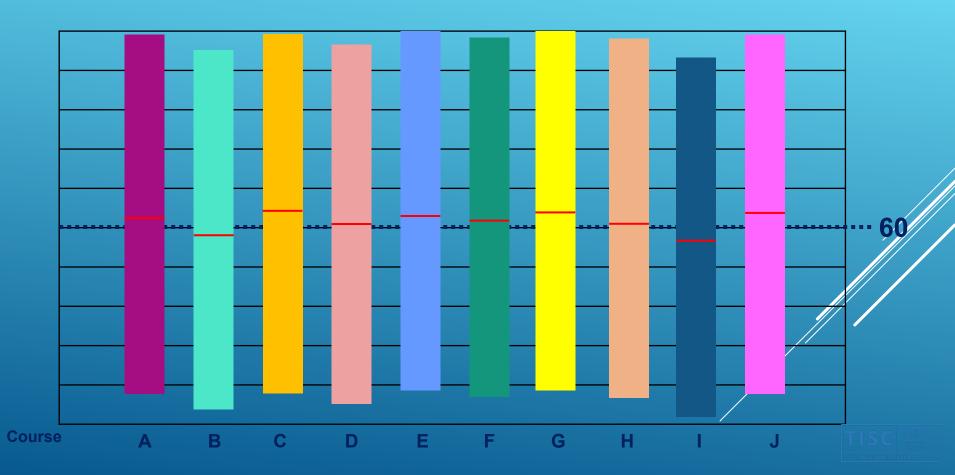


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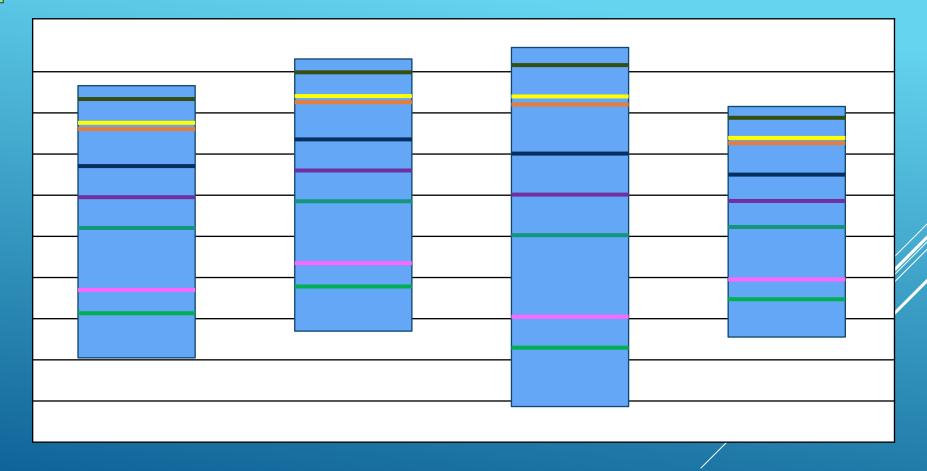




## After Scaling









### Calculating the ATAR

- Tertiary Entrance Aggregate (TEA)
- TEA = best 4 scaled scores
  - + 10% of a Language Other Than English
  - + 10% of Maths Methods and Maths Specialist
- Maximum TEA = 430





| Course                      | Scaled Score |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Physics ATAR                | 67.6         |
| Italian ATAR                | 66.5         |
| English ATAR                | 55.4         |
| Modern History ATAR         | 41.5         |
| Mathematics Methods ATAR    | 41.0         |
| Sub-total                   | 231.0        |
| LOTE bonus                  | 6.7          |
| Maths bonus                 | 4.1          |
| Tertiary Entrance Aggregate | 241.8        |



| 421.3 | 393.0 | 382.4 | 376.2 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 420.6 | 391.8 | 382.3 | 375.6 |
| 420.4 | 391.5 | 382.1 | 375.4 |
| 417.4 | 390.8 | 381.9 | 375.3 |
| 416.9 | 390.5 | 381.8 | 375.0 |
| 415.6 | 390.1 | 381.7 | 374.5 |
| 414.6 | 389.8 | 381.5 | 374.2 |
| 413.2 | 389.5 | 381.4 | 374.0 |
| 412.0 | 388.9 | 381.3 | 373.9 |
| 410.0 | 388.5 | 381.1 | 373.7 |
| 408.5 | 388.4 | 380.8 | 373.4 |
| 407.7 | 388.3 | 380.7 | 373.0 |
| 406.8 | 388.2 | 380.6 | 372.9 |
| 403.7 | 387.9 | 380.5 | 372.8 |
| 403.0 | 387.2 | 379.9 | 372.1 |
| 402.9 | 387.1 | 379.2 | 372.0 |
| 402.5 | 387.0 | 379.0 | 371.9 |
| 401.5 | 386.9 | 378.5 | 371.8 |
| 400.6 | 386.5 | 378.4 | 371.6 |
| 400.5 | 386.2 | 378.3 | 371.1 |
| 399.7 | 386.1 | 378.1 | 370.6 |
| 398.3 | 385.8 | 378.0 | 370.4 |
| 397.1 | 385.6 | 377.9 | 370.2 |
| 396.0 | 384.8 | 377.8 | 370.1 |
| 395.9 | 384.6 | 377.6 | 369.9 |
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| 394.4 | 383.8 | 376.9 | 369.1 |
| 393.9 | 383.5 | 376.7 | 369.0 |
| 393.5 | 382.7 | 376.6 | 368.9 |
| 393.3 | 382.6 | 376.4 | 368.8 |
|       |       |       |       |





## **TEA/ATAR Summary Table 2024**

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| Minimum TEA | ATAR  |
|-------------|-------|
| 402.5       | 99.95 |
| 393.0       | 99.90 |
| 376.4       | 99.70 |
| 345.1       | 99.00 |
| 324.6       | 98.00 |
| 313.0       | 97.00 |
| 303.7       | 96.00 |
| 296.4       | 95.00 |

| Minimum TEA | ATAR  |
|-------------|-------|
| 269.4       | 90.00 |
| 251.4       | 85.00 |
| 241.8       | 81.70 |
| 237.3       | 80.00 |
| 231.0       | 77.15 |
| 226.6       | 75.00 |
| 216.4       | 70.00 |
| 206.9       | 65.00 |



## Best 4 average in 2024

| Average | ATAR  | Average | ATAR  |
|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| 50      | 61.40 | 55      | 71.85 |
| 60      | 80.95 | 65      | 87.50 |
| 70      | 92.35 | 75      | 95.50 |
| 80      | 97.60 | 85      | 98.75 |
| 90      | 99.40 | 95      | 99.75 |





## **Adjustment Factors**

These are added to your ATAR by universities to give you a **Selection Rank** for that particular university.

#### Criteria include:

- School attended
- Home address
- Family background

| ATAR  |   | <b>Adjustment Factor</b> |   | Selection Rank |
|-------|---|--------------------------|---|----------------|
| 75.50 | + | 5.00                     | = | 80.50          |

The University of Notre Dame grants adjustment factors individually, and this may not be reflected in your TISC Selection Rank.





If you have experienced educational disruption in Year 11 and/or 12, for example due to health issues, family violence or financial circumstances, you can apply for consideration under the EAS.

- Evidence will be required
- Adjustments, if granted, are given on an individual basis and will NOT show as an adjusted Selection Rank on your UAAL
- Intended for students achieving an ATAR non-ATAR students should contact the university/ies for pathway information
- Will not override English competency or pre-requisite requirements

# Education Access Scheme









## **Apply Through TISC**









Except WAAPA courses



Except Young Achievers
Early Offer Program

International students: apply direct to unis





## **Apply direct: Associate Members**



- Specialising in engineering
- Bachelor degrees, undergraduate certificates, VET diplomas.

## Why might you consider EIT?

- Specialist institution
- Small class sizes
- Online options available
- Affordable FEE-HELP options
- Brand new campus in West Perth



## **Apply direct: Associate Members**



Sheridan offers a caring and supportive environment where students are inspired to reach their full potential.

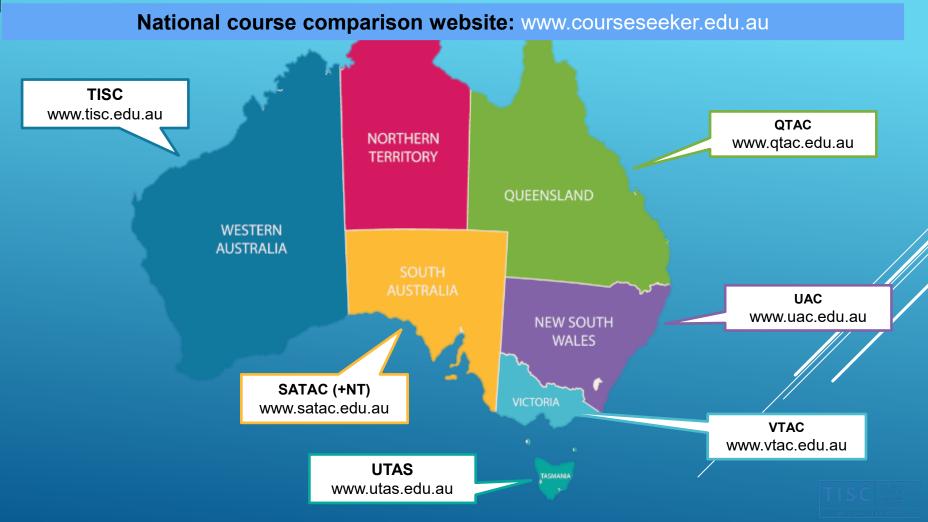
- Bachelor of Business
- Diploma of Business
- Postgraduate options

## Why might you consider Sheridan?

- Small class sizes
- Pastoral care focus
- Central location
- Pathway agreements with ECU & Murdoch
- Affordable payment plan options







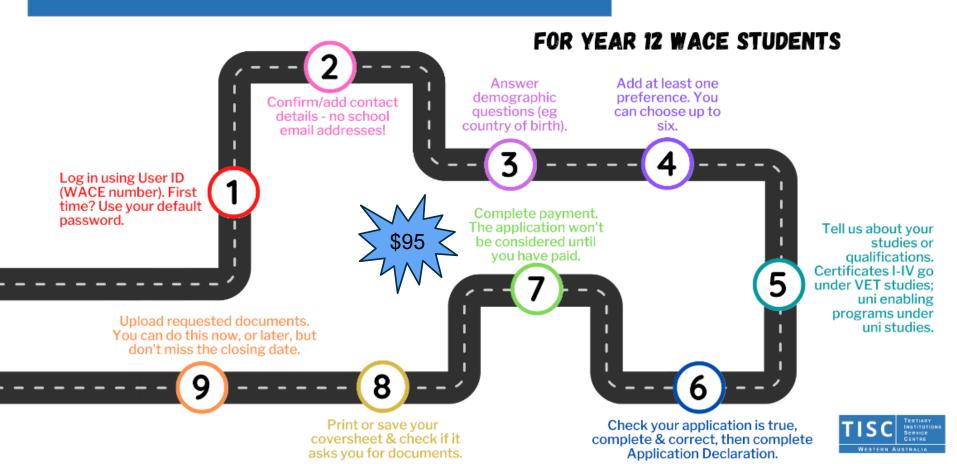


## **Important Dates – 2025/26**

Subject to change – check TISC website for updates

| 3 June 2025  | Applications open  |      |
|--------------|--|------|
| Early July   | TISC Guide published   |      |
| 31 August    | Final closing date for Vet Science at Murdoch                            |      |
| 1 September  | First round of Early Offers  |      |
| 30 September | Final closing date for Medicine/Dentistry (Curtin/UWA/UNDA)              |      |
| 28 November  | Closing date for EAS applications/documents (main round)                 |      |
| 19 December  | ATARs and scaled scores released for WACE students                       |      |
| 20 December  | Applications/preference changes close for main round                     |      |
| 24 December  | Main round offers released – applications re-open                        |      |
| 9 January    | Final closing date for EAS applications/documents                        |      |
| 14 January   | Applications/preference changes close                                    |      |
| 19 January   | Second round offers released  TISC  WESTERN AUSTRALIA  WESTERN AUSTRALIA | IONS |

#### **HOW TO APPLY VIA TISCONLINE**





### **Online Application – Tips**

- Don't forget your qualifications ATAR or General subjects are automatically available, but any VET qualifications, university enabling programs etc must be declared by you.
- Additional submissions some courses require things like a declaration or statement. TISC will advise you of these, either during the application process or by email.
- Don't use a school email address.
- Please provide at least one phone number, preferably a mobile phone.





## **Preferences**

| Preference | Course             | University   |
|------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1          | Dream course 1     | University A |
| 2          | Dream course 2     | University B |
| 3          | Confident choice 1 | University C |
| 4          | Confident choice 2 | University D |
| 5          | Fall back choice 1 | University A |
| 6          | Fall back choice 2 | University C |





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## **Method of Study & Entry**

| Pref<br># | Course           | University   | Experience<br>Based Entry?    | Method of<br>Study |
|-----------|------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1         | Engineering      | University A |                               | Full-time          |
| 2         | Engineering      | University B |                               | Full-time          |
| 3         | Science          | University A | $oldsymbol{oldsymbol{arphi}}$ | Full-time          |
| 4         | Science          | University B | lacksquare                    | Full-time          |
| 5         | Enabling Program | University A |                               | Full-time          |
| 6         | Enabling Program | University B |                               | Full-time          |







# Results (for WACE ATAR students)





#### TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS SERVICE CENTRE LTD 2025 UNIVERSITIES ADMISSION ADVICE

Student Name: Miss Jenny A Student Student Number: 30000000 Category: School Leaver



AUSTRALIAN TERTIARY ADMISSION RANK (ATAR) 66.15

COURSE DATA

| Year | Course/Subject           | Scaled Sco |
|------|--------------------------|------------|
| 2024 | Modern History           | 60.0       |
| 2024 | Human Biology            | 53.4       |
| 2024 | English                  | 46.8       |
| 2024 | Mathematics Applications | 43.4       |
| 2024 | Accounting and Finance   | 38.1       |
|      |                          |            |

WACE: Achieved



Competence in English: Achieved - on the basis of ATAR/Selection Rank: 66.15 your letter grades

On the basis of these results you cannot be considered for direct entry to degree courses at Curtin University.

You may consider applying via the Portfolio Entry pathway for select courses: curtin.edu/Portfolio-Entry, you must submit a portfolio to be considered for this pathway.

You may be considered for the Curtin UniReady Enabling program, which can be used as a pathway into Tertiary studies at Curtin University: curtin.edu/uniready.



Competence in English: Achieved-on the basis of ATAR/Selection Rank: 70.00 Z

On the basis of your results you are eligible to be considered for admission to degree courses at ECU via ECU Access.

On the basis of your results you are eligible to be considered for admission to degree courses at ECO via ECO Access

For information on ECU Access go to www.ecu.edu.au/degrees/pathways.

Z Indicates you have been assigned an ECU Access Selection Rank for ECU



Competence in English: Achieved - on the basis of ATAR/Selection Rank: 70.00 R your successful completion of secondary studies

On the basis of your results you are eligible for the Murdoch RISE bonus and therefore are eligible to be considered for admission to courses at Murdoch University.

R Indicates you have been assigned a RISE Selection Rank for Murdoch University



Competence in English: Achieved-on the basis of ATAR/Selection Rank: 66.15

Unfortunately, your academic results do not satisfy the minimum admission requirement for courses at The University of Notre Dame Australia. However, for students who have completed Year 12, we will also consider information from your Individual Factors Form about your personal qualifies and contribution to community life when assessing your application.

Year 12 graduates may be considered for the Notre Dame Tertiary Pathway Program. For information on Tertiary Pathway Program go to www.notredame.edu.au/study/pathways/tertiary-pathway-program.



Competence in English: Not Achieved

ATAR/Selection Rank: 66.15

Year 12 graduates could be eligible for a selection of courses at The University of Western Australia through Experience-based entry or another entry pathway

Visit uwa.edu.au/study/experience-based-entry to check your eligibility and find out what additional documents you need to provide to be considered.

This is not an offer letter. To be considered for most courses you need to have achieved specific selection requirements. These may include a suitable ATAR/Selection Rank, WACE, competence in English and prerequisite(s).

Issued by the Tertiary institutions Service Centre (TISC) in Western Australia.

30 December 2024

If you have completed one or more ATAR subjects you will be issued a Universities Admission Advice Letter (UAAL). It will look something like this.



#### TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS SERVICE CENTRE LTD.

#### 2025 UNIVERSITIES ADMISSION ADVICE

Student Name: Miss Jenny A Student

Student Number: 30000000

Category: School Leaver



#### AUSTRALIAN TERTIARY ADMISSION RANK (ATAR)

66.15

#### COURSE DATA

Year Course/Subject 2024 Modern History 2024 **Human Biology** 2024 English

2024 Mathematics Applications 2024 Accounting and Finance

Scaled Score 60.0 53.4 46.8 43.4 38.1

WACE: Achieved

All your current-year scaled scores will be shown. Previous years' scaled scores will only be shown if they are in your best four.



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Competence in English Achieved on the basis of ATAR/Selection Rank 66.15

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Competence in English: Achieved on the basis of

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Murdoch University Competence in English: Achieved on the basis of ATAR/Selection Rank 70.00 R your successful completion of secondary studies

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These messages are only based on your ATAR/Selection Rank. You may satisfy admission requirements in other ways, but these won't show on your UAAL



## **Early Offers**

- The first round of Year 12 Early Offers takes place on Monday 1 September, followed by Monday 22 September, Monday 13 October, Monday 24 November and Wednesday 3 December.
- Year 12 Early Offers are expected to be conditional conditions will vary.
- Your TISC application is your Early Offer application you will automatically be considered if your first preference is part of the early offer scheme (not all courses are)
- Most Early Offers will be made based on Year 11 results.
- Accepting an Early Offer still allows you to change your preferences – but this may invalidate that early offer.



## Main & Second Round Offers

- TISC offers are usually unconditional, but may be conditional – read the fine print.
- You will have a chance to change preferences between main and second rounds unless you accept your offer – accepting your offer locks your application.
- Check the TISC Guide and TISC website for more information on responding to offers including the TISC Safety Net.
- If you get no offer, use the time between offer rounds to work out why & make any required changes.





## Main Round Offers & the TISC Safety Net



I'm happy with the main round offer! Let's get started. I have a 1st preference offer but I'd like to try for something else. I have a 2nd-6th preference offer & still want to try for a higher preference. I don't want my offered course at all & want to be considered for other courses.



Accept the offer by the deadline to avoid losing it. You may enrol or defer. Don't accept the offer. Move this course to a lower position on your list.



Don't accept the offer. Leave this course in the same place or move it lower.



Don't accept the offer. Remove this course from your list.





No 2nd round offer because you already accepted.

You'll either get offered a higher preference, or get a new offer for the same course. You'll either get offered a higher preference, or get a new offer for the same course. Your 1st round offer is gone. You may or may not receive a 2nd round offer.



### No Main Round Offer



Seek advice



Fix any problems and wait for the second round



Change preferences



Do nothing and hope for a second round offer



It's easier for TISC to help you work out what the problem is if you contact us after main round.



#### **Problems**

English
Language
competency
not achieved

Minimum Selection Rank not met

Quota course, Selection Rank not competitive

Prerequisite not met

Additional submissions not completed

Sit STAT or change preferences

Change preferences, consider alternative pathways

Add preferences, consider pathway courses Add/change preferences, consider pathway courses

Submit the documents before 2<sup>nd</sup> round deadline

**Solutions** 





## **Alternative Pathways**

If you don't meet minimum university entry

- Enabling programs
- Experience Based Entry and/or portfolio entry schemes
- TISC Associate Members may have more flexible entry requirements
- University pathway/Higher Ed Diplomas
- TAFE or other VET providers

If you meet minimum entry, but not the requirements for your dream course

Ask the university for advice – they can usually suggest a 'pathway' course where you can study similar units and apply to transfer after a year.





## Deferral – A Gap Year



Most courses can be deferred.



A small number can't – the university will advise you of this.



Deferral is usually for 12 months but can be for 6 or 24 months depending on course availability.



A deferral is an **acceptance** of your offer – you are saying you definitely want this place, but you don't want to start in Semester 1 2026.



The university will contact you about your deferred place in the second half of 2026.



You will always have the option to change your mind and not study, or apply for a different course.





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