



**UAC**

**UNIVERSITIES  
ADMISSIONS  
CENTRE.**

# The ATAR and applying through UAC

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Information for Year 11/12 students

# WHAT IS UAC?

Applications

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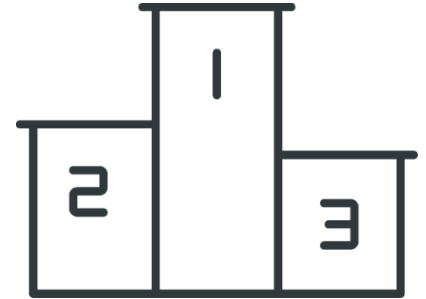
ATAR

**THE ATAR**



# HSC vs ATAR

- **Performance vs Position.**
- HSC marks = **performance** against the standards.
- ATAR = **position** against all other students in NSW.
- Good performance does not guarantee a high position.
- The only thing **YOU** can control is your **performance**.



Like your **position**  
in a race

# WHAT IS THE ATAR?

The **Australian Tertiary Admission Rank** is...

- Is a **RANK** not a mark out of 100.
- It's about **POSITION**.
- A number between 0.00 and 99.95.
- Used by universities to rank and select students.

# THE ATAR AND SCALING

- **Scaling is the first step in calculating the ATAR.**
- Marks need to be adjusted before we can calculate the ATAR because of the many different patterns of study and the many different students
- This is done so no student is neither advantaged or disadvantaged because of their subject choice
- UAC doesn't scale courses, we scale the students academic abilities within the course.

# THE ATAR AND SCALING

- The **scaled mean** of a course tells us about the **strength** of the competition.
- High scaled mean = high achievers
- Low scaled mean = varied abilities
- The scaled mean of a course doesn't automatically lead to a high or low ATAR.
- It doesn't matter what courses you study, you just have to do well!
- **Remember the ATAR is about POSITION!**

# ATAR CALCULATION

- The ATAR is calculated using the scaled marks of 10 units of ATAR courses:
  - The best 2 units of English
  - The best 8 of the remaining units  
(can include up to 2 units of Category B courses)





# 2019 HSC

This tables show data for selected courses from the 2019 HSC.

Category A Subject	Median Band	Median Mark	HSC Mean	Scaled Mean	Max. ATAR
Industrial Technology	3	69	68.6	34.2	98.25
Business Studies	4	74	72.6	48.0	99.95
English Advanced	5	82	81.2	63.8	99.95
Visual Arts	5	82	80.2	44.6	99.80
Mathematics	5	79	78.4	62.2	99.95
Physics	4	75	73.6	61.0	99.95

Category B Subject	Median Band	Median Mark	HSC Mean	Scaled Mean	Max. ATAR
Hospitality	4	74	72.8	38.6	97.65

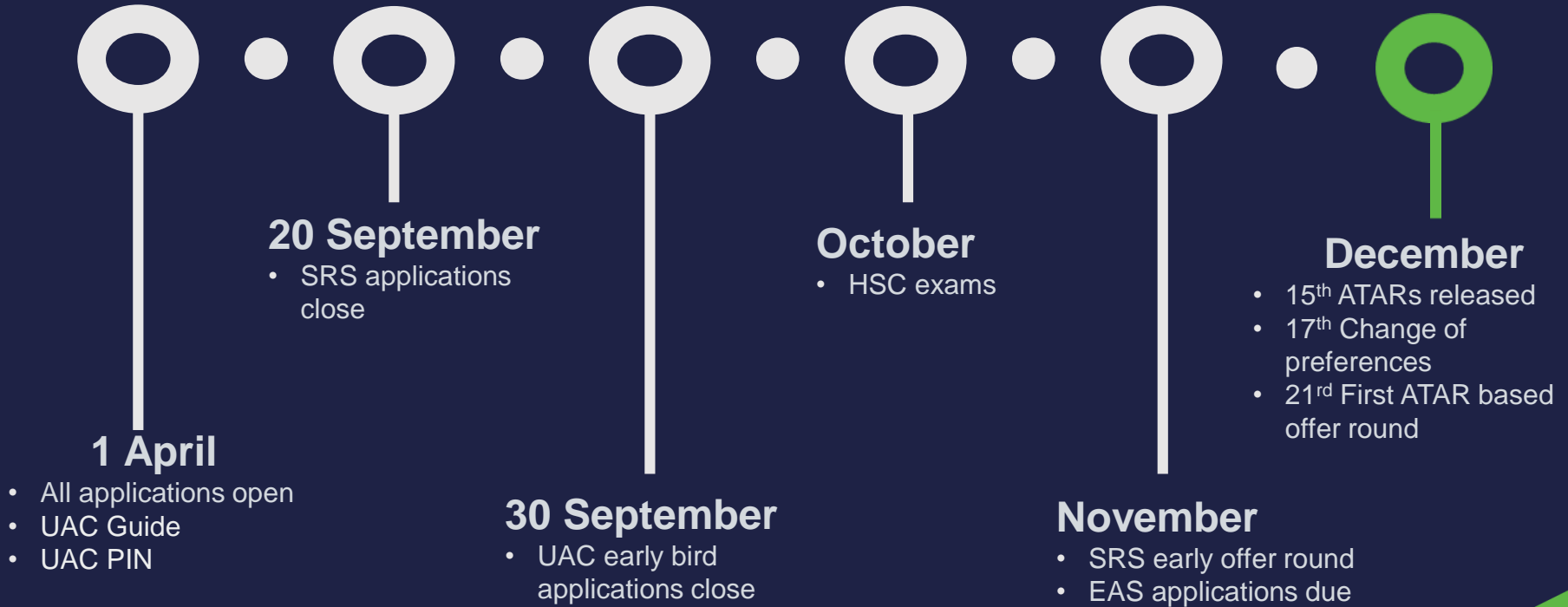
# MEET FRED & LAURA

2019 – Median ATAR 69.75		Fred		Laura	
Course	Median Mark	HSC mark	Percentile	HSC mark	Percentile
Biology	76	70	42	80	71
Business Studies	75	70	41	80	69
English Advanced	82	70	10	80	43
Mathematics	80	70	24	80	54
Modern History	77	70	36	80	63
Visual Arts	82	70	12	80	41
ATAR		58.70		78.70	

**APPLYING THROUGH UAC**



# TIMELINE OF EVENTS



# APPLYING TO UNI

Prepare

Apply

Manage

Accept

# PREPARE



**Research** UAC's courses at [uac.edu.au](http://uac.edu.au), the MYUAC App, University Open Days and Careers Expos!



**Investigate** all course possibilities.



**Check** for additional selection criteria (eg interview or portfolio).

# APPLY

Apply online  
from 1 April

List up to 5  
preferences  
and pay

Apply for  
Access  
Schemes



**Educational Access Schemes**

**Schools Recommendation Schemes**

**Equity Scholarships**





# EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEMES

- For students whose studies were negatively affected as a result of circumstances beyond their control or choosing.
- Apply online
- Documents to be uploaded by Nov 20 to receive eligibility notice before ATAR release.
- Disadvantage lasting **6 months or longer**
- Educational Impact Statement is a statement provided by your school in support of your application.
- If successful under EAS your selection rank may be increased.

# SCHOOLS RECOMMENDATION SCHEMES

- Early offer schemes.
- Online application **opens 1 April, closes 20 September**.
- Submit your undergraduate application first.
- Not all courses are offered through SRS.
- Institutions may use your:
  - Year 11 results
  - school's rating of your aptitudes and abilities
  - EAS application (if applicable).
- Conditional and unconditional offers.

# EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS

- For students who are most in need of financial support while studying.
- Most scholarships are awarded to applicants who receive Centrelink payments and/or who can demonstrate additional types of disadvantage.
- Apply online.
- Submit your undergraduate application first.
- Supporting documents will be needed and can be uploaded online to your application.

# MANAGE

Understand  
your selection  
rank

Research  
adjustment  
factors

When and how to  
change your  
preferences

# SELECTION RANK

- The selection rank is the rank or number that universities use to make offers to students.



# ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

- Used to increase your selection rank.
- **DO NOT** change your ATAR.

Four types:

- Subject adjustments
- Location adjustments
- Equity adjustments
- Elite athlete and performer adjustments

# ADJUSTMENT FACTORS & LOWEST SELECTION RANK

Bachelor of Sandology

6 applicants / 3 places

Applicant	Selection rank
1	<b>89.00</b> (ATAR of 89.00)
2	<b>88.00</b> (ATAR of 87.00 + adjustment of 1 point)
3	<b>87.00</b> (ATAR of 83.00 + adjustment of 4 points)
4	<b>86.00</b> (ATAR of 86.00)
5	<b>85.00</b> (ATAR of 83.00 + adjustment of 2 points)
6	<b>84.00</b> (ATAR of 84.00)

LSR = 87.00

Your ATAR doesn't  
change

# CHANGE OF PREFERENCES

Once you know your ATAR, review your preferences.

Check the  
courses LSR

Be realistic

Monitor  
preference  
closing dates



# OFFERS



# CONNECT WITH US...



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