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MEDIA RELEASE: University Offers for December 2019

Thousands of WA students will soon receive offers from WA's four public universities. Offer information is now available to applicants on TISC's website www.tisc.edu.au.

People who have been made an offer will receive an email from the university concerned. Applicants who have not received an offer in the December round will be notified by TISC.

For the second year, the first major round of offers for Year 12 students has been made before Christmas.

Wayne Betts, Executive Officer of TISC, said "People have different opinions on the best timing for offers to Year 12s. Our trial of pre-Christmas offers last year was warmly welcomed by most students. This timeline gives country students longer to prepare if they're moving to Perth, and certainly ends the suspense of students waiting for their offer. But we do appreciate it's all happening close to Christmas."

The number of applications from 2019 WACE students was less than last year (11,532 compared to 12,016 last year). However, the number of non-WA Year 12 applications (including interstate and mature-age applicants) through TISC, rose slightly.

Around 89% of 2019 WACE students who applied to university received an offer in the December round (90% for Main Round last year).

Some students, who have not yet satisfied the universities' English competence requirements through their WACE results, have been invited to sit a second-chance English test to do so in the couple of weeks and will be eligible for consideration for the next major offer round, on 16 January.

A summary of the numbers of applicants and offers is on the next page. Detailed course by course statistics are available at www.tisc.edu.au>About us>Reports and Statistics.

Mr Betts said that, of the 79% of applicants who had received an offer, around 71% had been made an offer for their first preference. Mr Betts said that applicants are still able to keep their options open into the January round. Students who weren't offered their first preference can reserve that offer through to the January round, and be considered for a higher preference in that round via TISC's automatic 'safety net'. The 'safety net' was also available to applicants who moved their first preference offer further down their preferences in the hope of being offered something different in the January round. The options are explained on the TISC website.

Mr Betts also encouraged students who didn't receive a December offer not to despair. "If you know why you didn't get an offer," he said, "and can sort out what the problem was, you should be fine for an offer in the January round. For instance, if you still need to satisfy the English requirement and will be sitting the 2nd chance English test, that should fix that for most people. But, if you don't know why you didn't get an offer, you should get some advice from the universities or from TISC, so you know what your options are. The universities and TISC have people available to help you."

Applicants can rearrange preferences or add new courses to their preferences from 8.00 am on Monday 23 December to 11.00 pm on Wednesday 8 January. University and TISC contact details and opening hours are available on the TISC website.

There are also still opportunities for anyone who has not yet applied for a university place. Most courses are still open and TISC will take applications until 8 January.

SUMMARY OF UNIVERSITY OFFERS AFTER MAIN ROUND/DECEMBER ROUND

Applications	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
WACE students	8,058	12,512	12,420	12,327	12,016	11,532
Other	5,504	5,313	5,570	4,965	3,989	4,167
Total	13,562	17,825	17,990	17,292	16,005	15,699

Offers*						
WACE students	7,305	11,610	11,036	11,192	10,756	10,232
Other	4,255	4,130	3,647	3,170	2,277	2,183
Total	11,560	15,740	14,683	14,362	13,033	12,415

Percentage of applicants receiving an offer						
WACE students	90.7%	92.8%	88.9%	90.8%	89.5%	88.7%
Other	77.3%	77.8%	65.5%	63.8%	57.1%	52.4%
Total	85.3%	88.3%	81.6%	83.1%	81.4%	79.1%

* Total offers include 1,956 offers for general university preparation/enabling courses (previously 2,056 for 2018/19, 2,204 for 2017/18, 2,075 for 2016/17, 2,063 for 2015/16) and early offers made through the TISC system.