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1 MATHEMATICS ATAR COURSES: TEA BONUS

Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University and The University of Western Australia have recently announced the introduction of a Tertiary Entrance Aggregate bonus to encourage students to undertake the more challenging Mathematics ATAR course options, Mathematics Methods and Mathematics Specialist.

The bonus will apply to the calculation of the Tertiary Entrance Aggregate (TEA) **from 2017 onwards**. Ten percent of the final scaled score/s in Mathematics Methods ATAR and Mathematics Specialist ATAR will be added to the TEA, from which the ATAR is derived. Bonuses from both courses may be counted and will apply even if the scaled scores from the courses are not one of the student's best four scores.

The universities agreed that the bonus would not be implemented for the 2016 TEA calculation, as the announcement was made after the opportunity to change current Year 12 enrolments had passed.

The brochure on *University Admission 2018 (for 2017 School Leavers)* has been updated to reflect the introduction of the bonus and is now available from the TISC website: <http://www.tisc.edu.au/static-fixed/guide/slar-2018.pdf>

2 MATHEMATICS ATAR COURSES: UNACCEPTABLE COMBINATION RULES

Current rules on calculation of the Tertiary Entrance Aggregate state that no more than two Mathematics scaled scores can be used in the calculation of the ATAR. This will continue to apply for 2016 and 2017 school leavers (current Year 12 and Year 11 students).

However, for **2019 university admission (2018 school leavers)**, unacceptable combination rules will apply to Mathematics ATAR courses:

- Mathematics Applications ATAR and Mathematics Methods ATAR will become an unacceptable combination.
- Mathematics Applications ATAR and Mathematics Specialist ATAR will also become an unacceptable combination.

Only one scaled score from the unacceptable combination can be used in the calculation of the ATAR.

Scores from Mathematics Methods ATAR and Mathematics Specialist ATAR may both be used in the calculation of the ATAR.

3 2019 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2018 SCHOOL LEAVERS

These changes will be included in the *2019 Admission Requirements* brochure (for 2018 School Leavers) which will be published on the TISC website in the next few weeks. Subscribers to TISOnline will be notified when the document is available.

4 SUMMARY OF CHANGES 2016-2018

The following table summarises when the changes outlined in this Circular will be introduced.

2016 school leavers (2017 university entry)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No changes from previously published requirements.• No Mathematics TEA bonus.• Any two Mathematics scaled scores may contribute to the ATAR calculation.
2017 school leavers (2018 university entry)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of TEA bonus for Mathematics Methods ATAR and Mathematics Specialist ATAR.• Any two Mathematics scaled scores may contribute to the ATAR calculation.
2018 school leavers (2019 university entry)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TEA Mathematics bonus continues.• Unacceptable combination rules introduced:<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Mathematics Applications ATAR and Mathematics Methods ATAR♦ Mathematics Applications ATAR and Mathematics Specialist ATAR.

5 TISC WEBSITE REDEVELOPMENT

A project is currently underway to redevelop the TISC website. We aim to have the redeveloped site live in time for the opening of applications in early August.