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1 **ADVICE OF UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

TISC prepares and publishes admission requirements (available for downloading from TISC's website www.tisc.edu.au) on behalf of the universities each year. TISC's policy is not to endorse any of the summaries which may be prepared by schools or others. This avoids the possibility of unnoticed ambiguities or inaccuracies misleading prospective students.

The universities have asked TISC to inform schools that the **only** official notification of changes to admission requirements are those made direct from the university(ies) concerned, or through TISC's website on behalf of the universities.

2 **2019 UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (2018 YEAR 12)**

School Leavers (including those repeating Year 12) must meet the following requirements for direct entry to degree courses at Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University and The University of Western Australia.

a) *Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE)*

Achievement of WACE is a mandatory requirement for all universities. If any of your Year 12 students completed Year 11 overseas or interstate then your school will need to seek credit from the School Curriculum and Standards Authority to ensure these studies count towards achieving WACE.

b) *Competence in English*

Competence in English is usually achieved by a scaled score of at least 50 in English ATAR, English as an Additional Language Dialect (EALD) ATAR for eligible students, or Literature ATAR.

The universities will also concede competence in English on the basis of exam marks or moderated school assessments in these courses.

English General, Literature General and EALD General **will not satisfy** standard university competence in English requirements.

c) *Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)*

A Tertiary Entrance Aggregate is calculated by adding a student's best four scaled scores + 10% of the best LOTE scaled score + 10% of the scaled score/s in Mathematics Methods and Mathematics Specialist. Only ATAR courses contribute to the TEA calculation. No course can be counted more than once. Students can accumulate scaled scores from past courses from 2014 for the 'best four', subject to unacceptable combinations, and for the LOTE bonus. The maximum TEA in 2018 is 430. The ATAR is derived from the TEA.

d) *Prerequisites*

For some university courses it is also necessary to meet prerequisite requirements. Generally, a scaled score of 50 or more in a specified ATAR course is required for prerequisite purposes.

Further Information

For detailed 2019 University Admission Requirements, go to <http://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/admission-req-index.tisc>.

3 UNACCEPTABLE COMBINATION - MATHEMATICS

Schools are reminded that, commencing in 2018, Mathematics Applications is an unacceptable combination with Mathematics Methods and also with Mathematics Specialist.

This means that, if a student takes Mathematics Applications and Mathematics Methods, or Mathematics Applications and Mathematics Specialist, only one of the unacceptable combination scaled scores (the highest) will count towards their ATAR.

Mathematics Methods and Mathematics Specialist can both be used in the TEA/ATAR calculation.

4 2020 UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (2019 YEAR 12)

The 2020 University Admission Requirements brochure (for 2019 School Leavers) is available on the TISC website, at <http://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/admission-req-sleaver.tisc>

5 2021 UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (2020 YEAR 12)

The 2021 University Admission Requirements brochure (for 2020 School Leavers) is now published and available on the TISC website, at <http://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/admission-req-sleaver.tisc>

6 2018 YEAR 12 POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

A revised Power Point presentation, with notes, with information for 2018 Year 12 students is now available at <http://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/download.tisc>.

7 TISC VISITS TO SCHOOLS

TISC has staff available to visit schools to explain procedural matters relating to university admission, including how to apply, calculation of the ATAR, preference system, etc. Feedback from students, parents and staff indicate that these sessions are greatly appreciated.

If you would like a TISC staff member to visit to speak to your Year 12 students, parents or staff, please contact Robyn (9318 8038).

TISC's Executive Officer will be visiting the following country areas in 2018:

Great Southern	16-20 July
Kalgoorlie	15 August
South West	20-24 August

If you have not yet booked in your TISC presentation for 2018, we suggest you do so without delay, as the calendar is filling fast.

8 TISC PUBLICATIONS AND DESPATCHES TO SCHOOLS

Online publications

- School Circulars
- Admission Requirements for School Leavers
- University Admission – Information for International Baccalaureate (IB) students

TISC emails TISCUpdates subscribers when this information is published or updated. As this is the only notification that will be sent, please ensure that at least one person from your school is a subscriber (see item below for details about how to subscribe).

Despatches to schools

- University prospectuses
- *2019 TISC Guide*

These publications are distributed to schools. Despatches to schools are always addressed to the Principal, but are intended for distribution to Year 12 students.

9 ADMISSIONS TRANSPARENCY

Universities have been working together to ensure that information about admission to courses is consistent across the country. Additional information is also being published to improve transparency around admissions processes.

A summary of the changes is available at: <http://www.tisc.edu.au/static/misc/admissions-transparency.tisc>, together with quick reference guides for Students/Parents and Career Advisers/Schools.

10 NATIONAL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION PLATFORM SURVEY

TISC, together with its partner institutions in the Australasian Conference of Tertiary Admissions Centres (ACTAC), is working with the Australian Government and universities to provide a national higher education admissions information platform, which will allow prospective students to search for degree courses and compare entry requirements from multiple institutions. The site will commence in August this year.

We are seeking opinions on a suitable name for the site through an online survey. The survey is available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JXNQ88W>.

The survey should take only a minute to complete, so we would really appreciate your input as well as that of your students. Please feel free to forward the link to as many of them as possible.

11 SUBSCRIBE TO TISCUpdates

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