FACT SHEET:

I didn't receive a main round offer

WHY DIDN'T I RECEIVE AN OFFER?

Without looking at your application, we can't tell you specifically why you didn't receive an offer. However, there are a few common reasons – one of these may apply to you. Remember, some courses have very high demand for a limited number of places. These courses may prioritise certain categories of applicants in the main round and offer more places in the second round.

You were completing your secondary studies in 2026 and your final results haven't yet been released

New Zealand NCEA results and Cambridge International A Level results have not yet been released. If you provided TISC with your correct candidate number on your application, we will retrieve these for you in January and you will be considered for the second round.

If you completed any interstate secondary studies or the International Baccalaureate, we should have these results, but it's possible you did not release them to TISC or provided incorrect details – check your emails to see if TISC has sent you an email.

Your ATAR – or other academic qualification/results – was not high enough for a place in your chosen course(s) OR you did not meet another requirement for your chosen course(s), such as English Language competence, pre-requisites or non-academic entry requirements

Information on guaranteed and minimum selection ranks is available in the TISC Course Search and the 2027 TISC Guide.

A guaranteed rank means that if you achieved this rank or higher, and met other course requirements, you are guaranteed an offer of a place. A minimum rank means that if you achieved this rank or higher and met other course requirements, you are **eligible**, but the course has limited places and places are offered to the highest-ranking applicants until the quota is filled.

If your ATAR or Selection Rank was under the minimum or guaranteed rank for all your chosen courses, you should consider adding some preferences with a lower requirement. The universities can give you advice on what courses you might want to add that can give you a pathway to your dream course.

If your ATAR or Selection Rank was above the minimum, it's a good idea to consider adding a backup preference that has a guaranteed rank. Again, the universities can give you advice on course selection. Generally, you should leave your dream course/s on your preference list for second round, but use your preferences wisely.

If you did not meet the English language competence requirements for your chosen university/ies, you may be eligible to sit the Skills for Tertiary Admissions Test. We suggest you seek advice from TISC or the university/ies before booking.

You did not supply requested documents to TISC.

Some courses have additional document requirements, or you may have been asked to submit proof of a qualification. If you didn't do this, this may be why you didn't receive an offer. Check with TISC if you are unsure and we can advise you what document/s are required.

I ALREADY RECEIVED AN EARLY OFFER, WHAT HAPPENED TO IT?

Most Early Offers to Year 12 students were conditional, so it is possible that you didn't meet the conditions of your Early Offer. We recommend you check with the university that issued the offer if you think there has been a mistake.

WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

Ask for advice, especially if you're not sure why you didn't receive an offer. Contact TISC or the universities for help. Please have your TISC ID ready before you contact us.

All unsuccessful main round applicants will be automatically reconsidered in the January round, but you may need to take some action to give yourself the best chance of success.

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