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Admission Requirements for students completing the Diploma of the International Baccalaureate in 2026

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FOREWORD

The following information is issued on behalf of TISC's participating institutions: Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University, The University of Notre Dame Australia (Fremantle campus), and The University of Western Australia. Its aim is to inform 2026 students completing The Diploma of the International Baccalaureate (IB) about the universities' admission requirements and application procedures.

This information is correct as at the time of publishing. It is relevant only for admission in 2027 and is subject to change without notice. It should be read in conjunction with the information under *Admission Requirements – School Leavers 2027* on TISC's website www.tisc.edu.au, and the *2027 TISC Guide.*

GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS DOCUMENT

ACTAC: Australasian Conference of Tertiary Admissions Centres
ATAR: Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank
HL: Higher Level
IB: International Baccalaureate
IBAS: International Baccalaureate Admissions Score
IBO: International Baccalaureate Organisation (the governing body)
SL: Standard Level
TISC: Tertiary Institutions Service Centre

UNIVERSITY APPLICATION PROCEDURES

You can only apply through TISC if you're an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or you've been approved or granted Australian permanent resident status. If you're applying for permanent residence, you **aren't eligible to apply through TISC** until your permanent residence status has been approved or granted. Contact the International Centres of the respective universities for advice.

NOTE: If you have a subclass 457 visa, you aren't eligible to apply through TISC, but must apply direct to the International Centre of the relevant university(ies).

Residency Status Information

You must provide correct details of your current residency status when you apply. If an offer is made to you, and university checks find that you've provided incorrect residency status information, the university concerned will withdraw your offer in accordance with its policies and procedures.

TISC Guide

The 2027 TISC Guide will be a digital-only publication, available as a full PDF download or embedded flip book on the TISC website from early August. You can find details of university requirements, how to make an application, offers and other information relevant to your application in the Guide or on TISC's website. Make sure that you've read and understood this information so that your application is correct, reflects what you want to apply for and gives you the best chance of receiving an offer of a place.

The *2027 TISC Guide* provides more information about available courses, guaranteed and minimum selection ranks, applications and offers than is provided in this publication.

If you don't understand any of the information provided, contact TISC or the Admissions Centre at any of the five WA universities.

TISCOnline (www.tisc.edu.au)

Apply via TISCOnline. Check details of how to apply in the *2027 TISC Guide* or on TISC's website.

As an IB student, you need to begin by registering as a new user on TISC's site. This will generate your User ID, which you then use to apply. You choose your own password. ***This procedure is different from that followed by WACE students.***

As part of your application, you're asked for details of your Year 12 schooling. Answer 'No' to part 1 of the *Secondary School Studies at Year 12 level* question, as this applies to WACE students. You'll need to answer part 2 of the *Secondary School Studies at Year 12 level* question, to let TISC know that you're doing the IB. Select 'International Baccalaureate' from the dropdown list as your location. Also provide your IB personal code (for example abc123) in the space provided when you answer this question.

Interstate IB students

If you are studying the IB Diploma in another Australian state, you are welcome to apply for university in Western Australia through TISC.

Simply select 'International Baccalaureate' from the dropdown list – not your home state – and provide your IB personal code. Remember to ensure that you have requested your IB results be released to TISC.

WA IB students applying interstate

If you are studying the IB Diploma in Western Australia, you may wish to apply for university in another state, either in addition to or instead of applying in Western Australia.

If you wish TISC to send you your IBAS, you must still request that the IBO release your results to TISC, in addition to any interstate Tertiary Admissions Centres where you may be applying. Otherwise, your IBAS will still be calculated, but TISC will not be able to tell you what it is.

Overseas IB students

If you are studying the IB Diploma overseas, but meet the residency requirements to apply through TISC, you are welcome to apply for university in Western Australia through TISC.

Select 'International Baccalaureate' from the dropdown list – not 'Overseas' – and provide your IB personal code.

If you completed or are completing the IB Diploma in May of the current year, please indicate this in the course description to ensure we retrieve your results when available in July, as the default for IB results retrieval is December, when the November results are released.

TISC fees and charges

There is a flat $95.00 fee to apply through TISC for Semester 1, 2027 admission to WA universities.

For courses at Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University and The University of Western Australia, you need to apply through TISC.

The University of Notre Dame Australia accepts direct applications via their website or you can also apply through TISC.

HOW TO APPLY VIA TISCONLINE

FOR NON-WACE APPLICANTS

1. Register as a new user (unless you have a current STAT candidate number) and create your password.
2. Add contact details (address, email, phone)
3. Answer demographic questions (eg country of birth).
4. Add at least one preference. You can choose up to six.
5. Tell us about your studies or qualifications including Year 12 (Australian or overseas), VET qualifications, any previous uni study - even if incomplete.
6. Check your application is true, complete & correct, then complete Application Declaration.
7. Complete payment. The application won't be considered until you have paid.
8. Print or save your coversheet & check if it asks you for documents.
9. Upload requested documents. You can do this now, or later, but don't miss the closing date.

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Changing preferences

Once you've applied, you can change your university course preferences via TISCOnline as many times as you like, subject to deadlines. There's no charge.

Final closing dates will be published on the TISC website. At the time of publishing, the cut-off for preference changes before the main round of offers is **11:59pm AWST on Sunday, 20 December 2026.** You will not have much time, if any, to change your preferences for main round consideration once your final IB results are released, but preference changes can be made between main and second round.

IB RESULTS

You don't need to submit your 2026 IB results to TISC. We can obtain these electronically direct from the IBO. However, so that we can access your results, you must arrange through your school in advance for your results to be made available to TISC. See the IB co-ordinator in your school to ensure a Results Request is submitted via the IB on your behalf.

If you don't release your results to TISC prior to the IB results release day, additional fees may apply for the IBO to release your results to TISC, and it may prevent you from receiving an offer.

"You also need to supply TISC with your IB personal code, to make sure we can retrieve the results."

You can't view your IB results via the TISC website – you will need to contact IB or your school if you have any concerns about your results.

Ensure your email address is current, and don't use a school email address, as you often lose access to them before January.

REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY ADMISSION

To be considered for university admission in Western Australia as an IB applicant, you must:

1. qualify for The Diploma of the International Baccalaureate (detailed information about the Diploma may be obtained from www.ibo.org); **and**
2. achieve **competence in English** as prescribed by the individual universities (see Table 1); **and**
3. obtain **an IB Admissions Score** that converts to a **sufficiently high equivalent Combined Rank** (see Table 2, 3 and 4) for entry to a particular university and/or course; **and**
4. satisfy any **prerequisites** (see Table 5) or special requirements necessary to be considered for entry to particular courses.

"If you are a student studying IB in a Western Australian school, and you apply for university via TISC, TISC will notify you of your **IB Admissions Score** by email on 18 December 2026."

Non-completion of Diploma

Generally, IB students need to be awarded the IB Diploma to be admitted to university in Western Australia through standard entry pathways.

However, if you do not meet all the requirements to be awarded the IB Diploma, you may be eligible for alternative pathways to entry, such as experience-based entry or portfolio entry. Check the *2027 TISC Guide* for more information or contact the universities directly for advice.

COMPETENCE IN ENGLISH

The following table is a guide to achieving competence in English for university entrance in Western Australia. Find the English subject you are studying, and the level at which you are studying it, and check the grade you will need to meet competence in English for the university/ies of your choice.

Table 1: Competence in English

Select your IB subject and level		You need a minimum grade of				
		Curtin	ECU	Murdoch	UNDA	UWA
English A: Literature	HL	4	4	3	4	3
	SL	4	4	4	4	4
English A: Language and Literature	HL	4	4	3	4	3
	SL	4	4	4	4	4
Literature and Performance	SL	4	4	4	4	4
English B	HL	4	4	3	4	5
	SL	N/A	N/A	4	N/A	N/A

Murdoch University and The University of Notre Dame Australia also accept the completion of two years of senior secondary study (Year 11 and 12) in Australia to satisfy English Language competence requirements, regardless of individual subject results.

COMBINED RANKS

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is the basis of admission to most university courses. Applicants are ranked in order of merit based on their ATAR. All states in Australia calculate an ATAR for eligible students studying their state-based senior secondary certificate (in WA, the WACE).

Students studying the IB Diploma are given an IB score by the IBO, in whole numbers up to a maximum of 45.

So that the universities can rank IB students on the same basis as other Australian Year 12 students, TISC uses a combined conversion table prepared annually by the Australasian Conference of Tertiary Admission Centres (ACTAC) to convert IB scores to **Combined Ranks**. For background on how this table is constructed see 'Admission Requirements – International Baccalaureate and Interstate Students' on TISC's website. An extract from the table to be used for 2027 admissions follows.

Table 2: IB Diploma score to Combined Rank

2026 IB Diploma Score	*Combined Rank for entry in 2027*	*2026 IB Diploma Score*	*Combined Rank for entry in 2027*
45	99.95	**34**	89.00
44	99.75	**33**	86.65
43	99.35	**32**	84.20
42	98.65	**31**	81.70
41	97.80	**30**	79.30
40	96.85	**29**	77.10
39	95.80	**28**	74.65
38	94.65	**27**	72.25
37	93.60	**26**	69.55
36	92.25	**25**	66.95
35	90.75	**24**	64.60

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE ADMISSIONS SCORE

In 2022, the Australasian Conference of Tertiary Admissions Centres (ACTAC), which includes TISC, introduced a new conversion mechanism to help convert IB scores more precisely to ATAR equivalents.

ATARs are allocated on bands at 0.05 intervals (for example, 99.95, 99.90, 99.85 and so on), while IB scores are only reported at whole number intervals (45, 44, 43 and so on). This means the IB score is a "coarse" comparison measure, with relatively few data points.

For Australian-based IB students, the IBO will provide ACTAC with finer-grained data about your performance in each subject, in addition to the IB score so that a more precise conversion is possible.

ACTAC will use this data to assign an **International Baccalaureate Admissions Score** (IBAS) which will then be used with the conversion table to generate a Combined Rank.

How is my IBAS calculated?

This more detailed information allows us to determine where your mark falls within the grade. For example, if the boundaries for Grade 6 in Chemistry HL are marks between 60 and 69, and your mark is 68, we can determine that your position within that grade is high. We will do this for every subject and calculate an average position from across your six subjects. The result will then be rounded using intervals of 0.25. This final number will be your **IB Admissions Score**.

The IBAS adds more detail within each level of diploma scores but does not change the score. The IBAS will always start with the same number as your IB Diploma score. For example, if you have a diploma score of 35, your IB Admissions Score will be **35**.xx. It will not be **36**.25 or **34**.75.

Table 3 shows how your IBAS will then be converted to a Combined Rank.

Students completing the IB overseas, even if they are Australian citizens/residents, will not receive an IBAS. The IB Diploma score to Combined Rank table will apply to these students (see Table 2).

How will I find out my IBAS?

TISC is responsible for advising Western Australian IB students of their IBAS. If you have applied through TISC, you will receive an email on 18 December 2026 advising you of your IBAS. This is not an official results document and does not replace results issued by the IBO.

If you are a WA IB student and have not registered with TISCOnline, we do not have access to your email address and consent to contact you. Therefore, if you want to receive your IBAS by email, we ask that you register with TISCOnline and complete the application process up to the Application Declaration, but do not complete payment. You will need to insert at least one preference, but without payment this application will not be considered by any of the universities.

If you apply through TISC but are completing your IB studies in another Australian state, you need to check with the Tertiary Admissions Centre in your home state how they plan to inform you of your IBAS.

Table 3: IB Admissions Score to Combined Rank

2026 IBAS	*Combined Rank for entry in 2027*	*2026 IBAS*	*Combined Rank for entry in 2027*
45.75	99.95	**34.75**	89.45
45.50	99.95	**34.50**	89.00
45.25	99.90	**34.25**	88.40
45.00	99.85	**34.00**	87.85
44.75	99.80	**33.75**	87.25
44.50	99.75	**33.50**	86.65
44.25	99.65	**33.25**	86.05
44.00	99.55	**33.00**	85.45
43.75	99.45	**32.75**	84.80
43.50	99.35	**32.50**	84.20
43.25	99.20	**32.25**	83.60
43.00	99.00	**32.00**	82.95
42.75	98.85	**31.75**	82.35
42.50	98.65	**31.50**	81.70
42.25	98.45	**31.25**	81.10
42.00	98.25	**31.00**	80.50
41.75	98.00	**30.75**	79.90
41.50	97.80	**30.50**	79.30
41.25	97.55	**30.25**	78.75
41.00	97.35	**30.00**	78.20
40.75	97.10	**29.75**	77.65
40.50	96.85	**29.50**	77.10
40.25	96.60	**29.25**	76.50
40.00	96.35	**29.00**	75.90
39.75	96.05	**28.75**	75.25
39.50	95.80	**28.50**	74.65
39.25	95.50	**28.25**	74.05
39.00	95.25	**28.00**	73.45
38.75	94.95	**27.75**	72.85
38.50	94.65	**27.50**	72.25
38.25	94.40	**27.25**	71.60
38.00	94.15	**27.00**	70.90
37.75	93.85	**26.75**	70.25
37.50	93.60	**26.50**	69.55
37.25	93.25	**26.25**	68.90
37.00	92.95	**26.00**	68.25
36.75	92.60	**25.75**	67.60
36.50	92.25	**25.50**	66.95
36.25	91.90	**25.25**	66.35
36.00	91.50	**25.00**	65.80
35.75	91.15	**24.75**	65.20
35.50	90.75	**24.50**	64.60
35.25	90.30	**24.25**	64.50
35.00	89.90	**24.00**	64.40

UWA bonus selection rank

The University of Western Australia will offer a selection rank adjustment to International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma students, based on the final IB score and the Combined Rank conversion. This is in recognition of completion of language and mathematics subjects. The bonus is incorporated into UWA's selection rank (see table) and is automatically applied to all IB graduates.

Table 4: UWA Selection Ranks

2026 IB Diploma score	*2026 Combined Rank*	*UWA Selection Rank*
45	99.95	99.95
44	99.75	99.75
43	99.35	99.50
42	98.65	99.00
41	97.80	98.50
40	96.85	98.00
39	95.80	97.50
38	94.65	97.00
37	93.60	96.00
36	92.25	95.00
35	90.75	94.00
34	89.00	92.00
33	86.65	91.00
32	84.20	90.00
31	81.70	88.00
30	79.30	86.00
29	77.10	84.00
28	74.65	82.00
27	72.25	80.00
26	69.55	79.00
25	66.95	77.00
24	64.60	75.00

GUARANTEED AND MINIMUM RANKS

The universities have listed Guaranteed ATARs/Selection Ranks for most of their courses. If you achieve the Guaranteed Selection Rank (or IB Admissions Score) and any other academic prerequisites of the course, you are guaranteed to be eligible for an offer in that course. Remember, though, that the actual offer you receive will depend on your preference order. Guaranteed ATARs/Selection Ranks are included with the Course Codes for 2027 Admission in the *TISC Guide* and on TISC's website. Some courses have no Guaranteed ATAR/Selection Rank listed, as they use additional selection criteria (such as UCAT, audition, or interview) and/or have limited places available.

Minimum ATARs/Selection Ranks have also been provided by the universities for most of their courses. Minimum ATARs/Selection Ranks show you the rank needed to be considered for entry to a course. However, obtaining these ranks is not a guarantee of being selected for a place in these courses. Some courses will have N/A for the minimum ATAR/Selection Rank, where an ATAR/Selection Rank is not applicable due to emphasis on other eligibility criteria.

Check these Guaranteed and Minimum ATARs/Selection Ranks against the conversion tables in this document to give you an idea of the IB score you may need to obtain to receive an offer in the course of your choice.

PREREQUISITES

Some university courses in Western Australia require successful completion of prerequisite courses at Year 12 level for entry to the course. In many cases, applicants without prerequisites won't be admitted. In some cases, bridging courses may be available, but this could extend the length of the course. Contact the individual university(ies) for further information on courses you're interested in. Murdoch University and The University of Notre Dame Australia don't require applicants to have undertaken specific prerequisite courses but provides introductory units to enable its students to become skilled in specific areas in which they may be lacking.

For some university courses special requirements may include interviews, auditions, additional tests (such as the UCAT), etc. Detailed information is available from the individual universities.

TISC publishes the universities' prerequisites in terms of WACE courses, eg Chemistry ATAR. The current IB subjects equivalent to specified WACE courses are detailed in the table below. For a comprehensive list including IB subjects offered in previous years, please visit the TISC website.

Level	Grade required	
	ECU and UWA	**Curtin**
Higher Level (HL)	3 or above	4 or above
Standard Level (SL)	4 or above	4 or above

Table 5: Prerequisite equivalencies

WACE course	IB subject
Applied Information Technology ATAR	Information Technology in a Global Society SL/HL **or** Computer Science SL/HL
Biology ATAR	Biology SL/HL
Chemistry ATAR	Chemistry SL/HL
Computer Science ATAR	Information Technology in a Global Society SL/HL **or** Computer Science SL/HL
Earth and Environmental Science ATAR	Environmental Systems and Societies SL
Engineering Studies ATAR	No direct equivalent
Human Biology ATAR	Biology SL/HL
Marine & Maritime Studies ATAR	Marine Science SL (100671 SL)
Mathematics Applications ATAR	Mathematics: Applications and Interpretations SL The following subjects also satisfy this requirement: Mathematics: Applications and Interpretations HL **or** Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches SL
Mathematics Methods ATAR	All WA universities Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches SL ECU, Murdoch, UWA Mathematics: Applications and Interpretations HL
Mathematics Specialist ATAR	Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches HL Curtin only Mathematics: Applications and Interpretations HL
Physics ATAR	Physics SL/HL
Psychology ATAR	Psychology SL/HL

OFFERS

In previous years, IB results have been released in early January, and therefore they have not typically been considered in the main round of TISC offers, which takes place before Christmas.

This year, the IBO has undertaken to release results **at 9.00pm GMT on 16 December 2026** – **5.00am AWST on 17 December 2026** (correct at time of publishing – check the IB website for any changes). This means that TISC intends to do everything we can to include final IB results in the main round of offers on 24 December. However, there are a number of processes that must take place in a very short period of time following the initial results release, including the calculation of the International Baccalaureate Admissions Score (see page 6). Therefore, we **cannot guarantee** inclusion of these results in our main round of offers.

Any adjustments made based on Enquiries Upon Results will not be considered in time for the main round. The universities expect to have places available in all courses for the January round of offers.

Depending on the university and course for which you are applying, you may be eligible for an early offer based on predicted results – check with the university directly. If this is the case, you need to upload evidence of predicted results to your TISC application for them to be considered.

If you receive a main round offer

Refer to the diagram on the TISC website:

Main Round Offer Flowchart

If you do not receive an offer

TISC may be able to advise you on why you didn't receive an offer, particularly if you had preferences for more than one university.

Possible reasons may include:

- A problem with retrieving your IB results
- Combined Rank not high enough to be competitive or meet minimum entry for the course/s you selected
- Prerequisite/s not met
- Other documentation not submitted.

There is plenty of time to change your preferences between main and second rounds, to improve your chance of receiving a second round offer.

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