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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](http://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 **2020 UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (2019 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 2015 for the 'best four', subject to unacceptable combinations, and for the LOTE bonus. The maximum TEA in 2019 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 2020 University Admission Requirements, go to <http://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/admission-req-index.tisc>.

The admission requirements brochures are continually updated to reflect courses added or deleted since the original date of publication.

### **3 2021 UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (2020 YEAR 12)**

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

The admission requirements brochures are continually updated to reflect courses added or deleted since the original date of publication.

### **4 2022 UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (2021 YEAR 12)**

The 2022 University Admission Requirements brochure (for 2021 School Leavers) is now published and is available on the TISC website, at <http://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/admission-req-sleaver.tisc>

### **5 2019 YEAR 12 POWERPOINT PRESENTATION AND VIDEO RESOURCES**

A revised Power Point presentation, with notes, with information for 2019 Year 12 students will be available from 3 June at <http://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/download.tisc>.

A number of explanatory videos are available at: <http://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/video.tisc>. These will be refined further during this year, breaking up the information into shorter segments for ease of access.

### **6 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 our office on 9318 8000.

TISC's Executive Officer will be visiting the following country areas in 2019:

Great Southern	22-26 July
Kalgoorlie	8 August
South West	19-23 August

If you have not yet booked in your TISC presentation for 2019, we suggest you do so without delay, as the calendar is filling fast.

### **7 2020 TISC GUIDE – REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL COPIES**

The TISC Guide for 2020 university admission is currently in production, with a refreshed format, in response to feedback received through a survey of previous Year 12 students, parents and teachers.

Schools are provided with enough copies of the guide for all Year 12 students completing four ATAR subjects. However, we appreciate that some students on different senior secondary pathways will also be considering university study.

To accommodate this, we have ordered some additional copies this year, which we will provide on request for schools.

If you have additional Year 12 students who are not completing four ATAR subjects, but who are seriously considering university study, you can request additional copies of the guide by emailing [info@tisc.edu.au](mailto:info@tisc.edu.au) with your school details and the number of extra copies required.

Once we have received all the orders, we will despatch additional copies with your standard delivery. We will endeavour to satisfy all requests, however our ability to do so completely for every school may depend on the total number of additional copies ordered.

Please submit your order for additional copies of the TISC Guide to [info@tisc.edu.au](mailto:info@tisc.edu.au) by close of business on Friday 5 July.

## **8 COURSE SEEKER WEBSITE**

Universities and Tertiary Admissions Centres have been working together with the Commonwealth Department of Education to improve the consistency and usefulness of information about admission to courses across the country.

The Course Seeker website ([www.courseseeker.edu.au](http://www.courseseeker.edu.au)), launched last year, allows you to search and compare entry requirements for undergraduate courses from universities and many other higher education providers in Australia. More providers will be joining during 2019, and information for 2020 course offerings is expected to be finalised in August.

## **9 SUBSCRIBE TO TISCUupdates**

TISC emails subscribers when school circulars or new information about university admission are published on TISC's website. To subscribe, click the link under the Resources menu on the home page of [www.tisc.edu.au](http://www.tisc.edu.au).