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1 REMOVAL OF UNACCEPTABLE COMBINATION – ENGLISH/LITERATURE

Universities have approved the removal of the unacceptable combination rule for English ATAR and Literature ATAR, effective for the 2020 ATAR calculation onwards.

This means that, if a student takes English ATAR and Literature ATAR, scaled scores from both courses can count towards their Tertiary Entrance Aggregate and ATAR.

2 ENGLISH COMPETENCE REQUIREMENT: 2019 WACE STUDENTS

Competence in English for university admission is normally achieved by a scaled score of 50 in an English course. For students whose scaled score is less than 50, universities will also consider their examination mark or moderated school assessment in determining competence in English.

The following table shows the proportion of students who satisfied the English requirement through their English, Literature or EALD studies.

Course	Scaled score	Conceded	Total
Literature ATAR	90.2%	5.1%	95.3%
English ATAR	73.0%	4.1%	77.1%
EALD ATAR	71.0%	3.1%	74.1%

3 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.

4 2021 UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (2020 YEAR 12)

School Leavers 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 requirement for all universities. If any of your Year 12 students completed Year 11 overseas or interstate, your school will need to liaise with SCSA 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. The maximum TEA in 2020 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.

For detailed 2021 University Admission Requirements, go to <http://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/admission-req-index.tisc>.

5 2022 UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (2021 YEAR 12)

The 2022 University Admission Requirements brochure (for 2021 school leavers; current Year 11s) is available on the TISC website, at <http://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/admission-req-sleaver.tisc>

6 2023 UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (2022 YEAR 12)

The 2023 University Admission Requirements brochure (for 2022 School Leavers; current Year 10s) will be published and available on the TISC website early in Term 2, at <http://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/admission-req-sleaver.tisc>

7 2020 YEAR 12 POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

A revised Power Point presentation, with notes, with information for 2020 Year 12 students will be available from Monday 24 February at <http://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/download.tisc>.

8 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 (Phone: 9318 8038. Email: robynd@tisc.edu.au).

TISC's Executive Officer will be visiting the following regional areas in 2020:

Geraldton	Wednesday 24 June
Great Southern	Monday 20 to Friday 24 July
South West	Monday 17 to Friday 21 August
Kalgoorlie	Wednesday 2 September

If you have not yet booked in your TISC presentation for 2020, we suggest you do so without delay, as the calendar is filling fast.

9 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
- *2021 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.

10 SUBSCRIBE TO TISCUpdates

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.