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1 TISC APPLICATIONS AND EARLY OFFERS

Year 12 students are reminded that, even if they have accepted an early offer from one of the universities, they are still free to change their mind and apply for other courses. A TISC application allows the greatest flexibility for school leavers to keep their options open right through the admissions cycle, into 2021. Submitting a TISC application does not affect existing early offers. Once an application has been submitted, preferences can be changed at no additional cost, to be considered for additional courses alongside any early offer.

2 EARLY-BIRD CLOSING DATE

The 'early-bird' TISC application deadline is fast approaching.

The application fee for current Year 12 WACE and International Baccalaureate students is \$55 until 11pm on Tuesday 30 September. After this, a processing fee of \$170 applies.

This closing date is also the final deadline to apply for the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery at Curtin University, or a Direct Pathway place into Dentistry, Medicine, Pharmacy and Podiatry at the University of Western Australia.

3 UNIVERSAL STUDENT IDENTIFIER (USI)

Year 12 students who have applied for university through TISC may have received an email asking them to provide their Unique Student Identifier (USI). The USI is a single identifier that helps students keep track of all their education and training. It has been used in vocational education and training since 2015, and from 2021 the Federal Government is expanding it to Higher Education (university study). Students commencing university study in 2021 are encouraged to apply for, or hold a USI, and supply it to their Higher Education Provider as it will be compulsory for university graduation from 2023.

As part of helping WA universities prepare for this, and to make the enrolment process smoother for successful applicants, TISC is requesting that applicants provide their USI to TISC. Many Year 12s will already have one, either because they have been enrolled in VET studies at school, or through completing first aid courses, White Cards, or other similar training. If they don't yet have one, it's free and easy to create at www.usi.gov.au and once created it will stay with them for life.

Students applying now can enter it directly into their TISC application, but if they applied before the collection was implemented in mid-August, the USI will need to be added by TISC. There is a function in the USI Portal to email it directly to TISC, which means TISC will know it is correct. We encourage students to use this feature.

The USI is not a compulsory field and if students choose not to provide it now, it won't affect the outcome of their TISC application.

For more information about the USI in Higher Education, visit <https://www.usi.gov.au/higher-education>

4 TISC VIDEOS

This year, we have produced a range of videos to help school students and parents. These have been well-received by many school communities. Most of the videos are around 5 minutes or less in duration, and cover topics similar to those in the TISC schools presentation.

So far, individual videos cover:

- The ATAR
- Calculating the ATAR
- Entry requirements (ATAR students/Vocational students/IB students)
- Marks adjustment processes overview
- Marks adjustment in detail: moderation
- Marks adjustment in detail: standardisation
- Marks adjustment in detail: scaling
- Early offers

Over the next few weeks, we will be uploading some new videos, which will help students during the application period, results release and offer rounds. Topics will include:

- How to order your preferences for maximum choice and flexibility
- Important dates to keep in mind
- Applying to other states
- How the TISC offer system works (behind the schemes)
- Options if you get offered your first TISC preference in January
- Options if you get offered a lower TISC preference in January
- Options if you don't get any offer in January
- Deferring a place

Videos can be accessed from the [Resources](#) tab on the TISC home page (www.tisc.edu.au).

5 ENGLISH COMPETENCE CONCESSION THRESHOLD – CURTIN UNIVERSITY

Year 12 students who do not satisfy the standard competence in English requirement of a scaled score of 50 or more in either English ATAR, Literature ATAR or English as an Additional Language/Dialect ATAR may have the requirement conceded if their moderated school assessment or written examination mark reaches a designated threshold.

Curtin University has advised that, for 2021 university entry (2020 Year 12 students), competence in English will be conceded if students achieve a moderated numeric school assessment or numeric examination assessment of at least 55 in English ATAR or Literature ATAR [previously 60]. For English as an Additional Language/Dialect ATAR, a moderated written school assessment or written exam mark of at least 60 is required [no change].

6 ENGLISH COMPETENCE REQUIREMENT – MURDOCH UNIVERSITY

Murdoch University has advised that, for 2021 university entry (2020 Year 12 students), the requirement of a pass in ATAR English (or equivalent) as a pre-requisite to entry for domestic students will be removed.

From Semester 1, 2021 Murdoch University will accept two years of VET or two years of Australian Senior School study for domestic students as evidence of meeting English competency for courses with minimum English requirements.

There are courses that may have different requirements for English (eg length of study in English for the Bachelor of Nursing) that will remain on a course by course basis.

The University is implementing additional diagnostic testing for students in their first semester to assist the better deployment of mathematics and English support to ensure students have the best likelihood of success.

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