

Undergraduate fact sheet 7:

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)



1 About STAT

The Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) is a series of tests designed to assess a range of competencies considered important for success in tertiary study. STAT assesses your ability to think critically and analyse the material given, rather than testing your knowledge of specific academic subjects.

STAT is used by many tertiary institutions in Australia as part of their admissions procedure for certain categories of applicants. It is used in addition to any other information available when assessing your application for admission. If you have no formal qualifications on which to base your application to a tertiary institution, you may be eligible to be considered for entry to a course by sitting STAT.

Note: The University of Sydney no longer requires applicants to sit STAT for B Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

2 Sitting STAT through UAC

To sit STAT in NSW or the ACT, register through UAC – read section 10. If you wish to sit STAT interstate or overseas, you cannot register with UAC – read section 9.

UAC administers two STAT versions – Multiple Choice and Written English.

STAT Multiple Choice is a two-hour test with 10 minutes reading time. It consists of 70 questions – half verbal and half quantitative. Verbal questions require you to interpret and understand ideas in language. Quantitative questions require you to comprehend and apply information presented in scientific and mathematical contexts.

STAT Written English is a one-hour test with five minutes reading time. You need to produce two pieces of writing in response to two different themes. Four prompts are given for each theme from which you must choose one. The test assesses your ability to communicate effectively in writing.

To find out whether STAT is accepted at the institutions/course/s you are considering and which STAT versions you need to sit, refer to the 'Institutions that accept STAT' table, or contact the admissions office at the relevant institution. UAC can't advise you on whether or not to sit STAT.

Download the free **ACER STAT Candidate Information Booklet** from ACER's website at <http://stat.acer.edu.au/preparation/candidate-information-booklet>. It contains sample questions and information to help you prepare for STAT.

3 Restrictions on sitting STAT

You can sit the STAT Multiple Choice and the STAT Written English only **once** in the STAT testing year, which is from 15 April 2015 to 14 April 2016. For example, if you sat the STAT Multiple Choice on Saturday 30 May 2015, you cannot sit the STAT Multiple Choice again until the next test available after 14 April 2016. Refer to section 5 for information on STAT dates and venues.

If you register to sit the STAT Multiple Choice or the STAT Written English more than once in the STAT testing year (15 April 2015 to 14 April 2016), your registration will be cancelled and you will not be entitled to a refund. STAT registration fees are not refundable under any circumstances, except as required by law, and cannot be transferred from one STAT testing year (15 April to 14 April the following year) to another.

4 Institutions that accept STAT

Refer to the 'Institutions that accept STAT' table to check which institutions accept STAT, how long STAT results remain valid, and for information on age or other restrictions that may apply at each institution.

Note that STAT is no longer a requirement for B Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Sydney.

If you have sat STAT more than once, within the restrictions outlined in section 3, contact the admissions office at the relevant institution to check which STAT result will be used in the assessment of your application.

Read 'Results and offer rounds' under the 'STAT dates and venues' table to check the availability of STAT results for UAC's offer rounds.

If you apply through UAC for tertiary study you must include details of all your STAT sittings in your application – read section 16. If you apply directly to a NSW or ACT institution or to an interstate institution, you must advise the admissions centre or institution that you have sat STAT in NSW or the ACT.

5 STAT dates and venues

STAT sittings are usually held in May and from September to January each year. Refer to the 'STAT dates and venues' table for specific STAT dates and venues in the September 2015 to January 2016 testing period, and to check the availability of STAT results for UAC's offer rounds. Refer to section 3 for STAT sitting restrictions.

Saturday 28 November 2015 is the last test date to sit STAT to guarantee processing of results for inclusion in the Main Round (January Round 2) of offers.

Visit UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/stat for STAT venue maps. Note that a \$20 on-site parking fee may apply at the Surry Hills test venue.

STAT information and test session details for the May 2016 testing period will be available from April 2016 on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/stat.

UAC reserves the right to vary or cancel a test date, venue or session.

Register early as all test sessions have a limited number of places available.

6 STAT registration fees

One test (either Multiple Choice or Written English)	\$135.00
Both tests on same day	\$203.00
Both tests on different days	\$270.00
Change of registration fee (see section 14 for conditions)	\$56.00
All STAT fees and charges shown include GST.	

Fees include the supply of written test materials, the arrangement and provision of test venues and supervisors and a STAT result notice.

For alternative sitting registration fees, read section 7.

STAT registration fees are not refundable under any circumstances, except as required by law, and cannot be transferred from one STAT testing year (15 April to 14 April the following year) to another. STAT fees increase in April each year.

7 Alternative sittings

If you live in a remote area in NSW and cannot attend a scheduled test session (refer to the 'STAT dates and venues' table), call UAC on 1300 275 822 or (02) 9752 0200 from mobiles, to request an alternative sitting and for details on how to register. **You cannot register for an alternative STAT sitting online. There are also alternative sittings in Batemans Bay (Friday 20 November 2015) and Bega (Wednesday 25 November 2015). Call UAC for further details.**

You must nominate and organise an appropriate test supervisor and venue for an alternative sitting (other than in Batemans Bay and Bega as above), but these must be approved by the Senior Admissions Test Officer before you can sit the test. An appropriate supervisor is someone who holds a responsible position at a school, TAFE college or university and will typically be in a position equivalent to a head of department. The supervisor must not be a relative, someone you work closely with, or a teacher of any candidate likely to be sitting the test.

Your proposed test date must be between Monday 24 August 2015 and Thursday 14 January 2016. However, to be considered for Main Round offers, your test date must be no later than Saturday 28 November 2015.

The registration fees for an alternative sitting are:

One test (either Multiple Choice or Written English)	\$190.00
Both tests on the same day	\$266.00

Fees include the supply of written test materials, arrangement of the test and a STAT result notice. The fees do not include any venue hire or supervision costs that may apply at the nominated venue – these must be paid by you.

Submit your STAT registration with your supporting documents to: STAT, UAC, Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128 to arrive at UAC at least three weeks before your intended test date and no later than Friday 11 December 2015. Alternative sittings are at the discretion of UAC.

8 Candidates with a disability/special needs

If you have a disability/special needs, which may hinder your ability to sit STAT in the standard manner, and require special conditions or arrangements for your STAT (including wheelchair access), call UAC on 1300 275 822 or (02) 9752 0200 from mobiles to request a special needs sitting and for details on how to register. **You cannot register for a special needs STAT sitting online.** Refer to the 'STAT dates and venues' table for test session information.

You'll need to provide UAC with a current medical certificate/report (not more than one year old) explaining your condition and how it affects your ability to sit STAT.

Submit your STAT registration with your supporting documents to: STAT, UAC, Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128 to arrive at UAC at least three weeks before your intended test date and no later than Friday 11 December 2015. Once your registration has been processed, UAC will contact you regarding any necessary arrangements.

9 Interstate and overseas STAT sittings

If you wish to sit STAT in Queensland, South Australia, Victoria or Western Australia, contact the admissions centre in that state for registration details. Candidates in the Northern Territory should contact SATAC. Candidates in Tasmania should contact VTAC. You cannot register with UAC. Visit www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/apply/applying-interstate.shtml for contact details of interstate tertiary admissions centres.

If you wish to sit STAT overseas, visit the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) website at <http://stat.acer.edu.au> and register online. You cannot register with UAC.

If you are a UAC applicant you must include details of all your STAT sittings in your application – read section 16.

10 Registering for STAT

Step 1: Complete the online STAT registration on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/stat.

If you require an alternative or a special needs sitting (read sections 7 and 8), you cannot register for these STAT sittings online; call UAC on 1300 275 822 or (02) 9752 0200 from mobiles, for details on how to register.

Ensure that you:

- register using your full formal name and correct date of birth, as these details must be identical to those shown on a current photographic identification to be admitted to the test/s – read section 13
- enter your UAC application number, if you are a UAC applicant
- select the test session/s you wish to sit; refer to the 'STAT dates and venues' table
- keep a copy of your STAT candidate number for your records.

Step 2: Pay your STAT registration fees by credit/debit card (Mastercard or Visa) or by PayPal. Your registration cannot be accepted if you do not pay the STAT registration fee.

Step 3: Submit your STAT registration to UAC by the test registration closing date; refer to the 'STAT dates and venues' table.

If you request an alternative or special needs sitting, your registration must be received at UAC at least three weeks before your intended test date and no later than Friday 11 December 2015.

Register early as all test sessions have a limited number of places available.

11 Confirmation of test session/s and updating contact details

Once you register online, print your STAT Registration Confirmation and Admittance Notice. You must bring this notice with you to your test session/s together with the other required test items – read section 13. Candidates who cannot register online will be mailed copies of these documents.

You can also access STAT Candidate Services at www.uac.edu.au/stat to view or print your STAT confirmation package, or to update your address or telephone number. You'll need your STAT candidate number and STAT PIN, which is the first four digits of your date of birth.

Visit UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/stat for STAT venue maps.

If you wish to change your registered test session/s, read section 14.

12 Preparation for STAT

Download the free ACER STAT Candidate Information Booklet from ACER's website at <http://stat.acer.edu.au/preparation/candidate-information-booklet>. It contains sample questions and information to help you prepare for STAT.

The ACER STAT practice tests 1 and 2 are additional booklets that can be purchased from ACER. Visit <http://stat.acer.edu.au/preparation/practice-questions>.

Some organisations run STAT preparation workshops throughout the year to help you prepare for STAT. For contact details, visit www.uac.edu.au/stat/after-you-register.shtml.

13 Required test items

You must bring the following items with you to your registered test session/s:

- ✓ your UAC STAT Admittance Notice
- ✓ current photographic identification, such as an Australian driver's licence, passport, NSW Photo Card, workplace photographic identification card, or a statutory declaration together with a photo that has been signed on the back by the witness to the statutory declaration. The witness should be independent of the person making the declaration. **Your identification must contain your full formal name (as entered on your STAT registration), date of birth, signature and a recent photograph (embedded in the card, not laminated, and must be a recognisable likeness of you at the time of sitting the test – a group photograph or a childhood photograph in a passport is not acceptable)**
- ✓ pencils (B, 2B or HB), an eraser and sharpener for the STAT Multiple Choice
- ✓ pencils (B, 2B or HB) and black or blue ballpoint pens for the STAT Written English.

No other equipment is allowed in the tests. **You must present a current photographic identification as specified above to be admitted to the test/s.**

14 Changing your registered test session/s

If you registered to sit STAT either in the May 2015 or the September 2015 to January 2016 testing period, and wish to add a test session or change your test date, time, venue or version to another test session in the September 2015 to January 2016 testing period (refer to the 'STAT dates and venues' table for other sessions), call UAC on 1300 275 822 or (02) 9752 0200 from mobiles, to check for vacancies at the test session/s you are considering and to confirm any costs involved in changing your registration. Changes to initial registrations are not guaranteed and are subject to availability.

If you didn't sit your registered test/s due to personal illness or an emergency and you can provide a medical certificate and/or other supporting documents, you can request to change your test session/s without paying the change of registration fee.

If you can't provide supporting documents or your absence was for other reasons, you'll need to pay the change of registration fee. If you are changing from one test session to another, the fee is \$56.

Download the 'Request to Change Test Sessions' form on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/stat. Post the completed form together with your payment or supporting documents to: STAT, UAC, Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128. **Do not submit another STAT registration.** Refer to section 3 for STAT sitting restrictions.

Your written request and payment/documents must be received at UAC by the test registration closing date – refer to the 'STAT dates and venues' table. Written requests received without the correct payment cannot be processed. If your request is approved, you will be issued with a new STAT Admittance Notice, which you must bring with you to your new test session/s.

15 If you are ill during your test

If you are ill during your test and believe that your test performance has been adversely affected, you may be able to apply for special consideration at the institution/s to which you are applying. For information about submitting a special consideration request, contact the admissions office at the relevant institution/s. You may need to provide medical evidence to support your request. Do not submit medical evidence to UAC.

16 STAT results

UAC will post your STAT result notice to you about three weeks after you sit the test/s. Ensure that your postal address on your STAT registration is up-to-date by accessing STAT Candidate Services at www.uac.edu.au/stat. You'll need your STAT candidate number and STAT PIN, which is the first four digits of your date of birth. Results cannot be issued over the telephone or by email.

Most STAT scores are reported as a mark between 100 and 200, however scores below 100 and greater than 200 are possible. The percentile rank indicates the percentage of candidates who obtained a STAT score less than your STAT score. It is population-dependent and can therefore be expected to vary slightly from year to year.

Read 'Results and offer rounds' under the 'STAT dates and venues' table to check the availability of STAT results for UAC's offer rounds. For information on offer rounds, visit UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au.

If you apply through UAC for tertiary study, you must include details of all your STAT sittings (both current and previous) in your application.

If you apply interstate or directly to a NSW or ACT institution, you must provide a verified copy of your STAT results directly to the admissions centre/s or institution/s. If you apply to an external organisation (eg NSW Police) you must provide a verified copy of your STAT results directly to that organisation.

If you sat STAT through UAC, you can obtain a reprint of your STAT result notice by downloading the 'Reprint of STAT result notice' form from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/stat. Post the completed form together with your \$53 payment and a copy of your photo identification to: STAT, UAC, Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128.

17 Collection of personal information

UAC collects personal information and, in some circumstances, information regarding your health, for the purpose of registering you for and administering STAT. UAC will provide your STAT results and other personal information to tertiary education institutions to which you make an application for admission.

If you don't provide personal information where required in your STAT registration, UAC won't be able to register you for STAT.

You are able to gain access to any personal information and health information that is held about you by UAC. To obtain access, or if you have any questions, write to: STAT, UAC, Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128.

18 Further information

If you have administrative enquiries regarding STAT, write to: The Senior Admissions Test Officer, UAC, Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128, call UAC on 1300 275 822 or (02) 9752 0200 from mobiles or visit UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/stat.

If you have specific enquiries relating to course requirements or admission, contact the relevant institution.



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INSTITUTIONS THAT ACCEPT STAT

- Some institutions encourage applicants to sit STAT as an alternative way of qualifying for admission to tertiary study. You may need to complete additional selection requirements. Refer to the institutions' entries on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au.
- Results from the STAT Multiple Choice are accepted by some institutions as proof of English language proficiency. Check UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/elp.shtml for more information.

Institution	STAT version accepted	Accepted for
APM College of Business and Communication [#]	STAT Multiple Choice	■ non-2015 Year 12 applicants, all courses
Australasian College of Natural Therapies ^{^^}	STAT Multiple Choice	■ non-2015 Year 12 applicants, all courses
Australian Catholic University [^]	STAT Multiple Choice	■ 2015 Year 12 applicants from Rudolph Steiner schools ■ applicants who are 21 years or over on 1 January 2016 ■ all courses
Australian Maritime College [^]	STAT Multiple Choice	■ applicants who are 21 years or over on 1 March 2016 ■ all courses except engineering
Australian National College of Beauty ^{^^}	STAT Multiple Choice	■ non-2015 year 12 applicants, all courses
Australian National University [*]	Both STAT Multiple Choice and STAT Written English (mandatory)	■ Special Adult Entry Scheme (SAES) applicants
	STAT Multiple Choice (mandatory)	■ University Preparation Scheme (UPS) applicants
Billy Blue College of Design ^{**}	STAT Multiple Choice	■ non-2015 year 12 applicants, all courses
CATC Design School ^{**}	STAT Multiple Choice	■ non-2015 year 12 applicants, all courses
Charles Sturt University [#]	STAT Multiple Choice	■ all applicants provided that performance in the STAT is not the sole basis upon which admission is sought ■ all courses except B Physiotherapy and B Veterinary Biology/B Veterinary Science
CQUniversity [#]	STAT Multiple Choice	■ applicants who are 18 years or over on 1 January 2016
Griffith University [#]	STAT Multiple Choice	■ applicants who are 21 years or over on 1 January 2016 ■ all courses except B Medical Science and B Oral Health in Dental Science
International College of Management, Sydney [#]	STAT Multiple Choice	■ non-2015 Year 12 applicants, all courses
Jansen Newman Institute ^{^^}	STAT Multiple Choice	■ non-2015 year 12 applicants, all courses
La Trobe University ^{**}	STAT Multiple Choice	■ applicants who are 21 years or over on 1 January 2016 ■ all courses
Macquarie University [#]	STAT Multiple Choice	■ non-2015 Year 12 applicants ■ all courses except Actuarial Studies and its double degrees
MIT Sydney ^{**}	STAT Multiple Choice	■ non-2015 Year 12 applicants, all courses
National Art School ^{**}	STAT Multiple Choice	■ all applicants and courses
SIBT	STAT Multiple Choice	■ non-2015 Year 12 applicants, all courses
Southern Cross University [*]	STAT Multiple Choice	■ non-2015 Year 12 applicants ■ applicants who are 18 years or over on 1 March 2016
University of Canberra [#]	STAT Multiple Choice	■ non-2015 Year 12 applicants, all courses
University of New England ^{**}	STAT Multiple Choice	■ non-2015 Year 12 applicants – all courses except B Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine (Joint Medical Program) and B Pharmacy with Honours ■ current Year 12 applicants undertaking STAT must contact UNE Admissions Unit
University of Newcastle [#]	STAT Multiple Choice	■ non-2015 Year 12 applicants ■ must be 18 years old. Contact the University on (02) 4921 5000 for further information. ■ some courses – for details visit www.newcastle.edu.au/policy/000965.html The University of Newcastle policy is currently under review. Refer to UAC's website for the most up-to-date information.
University of Technology Sydney ^{**}	STAT Multiple Choice	■ applicants who are 20 years or over on 1 March 2016 ■ some courses only. Visit www.uts.ac/admreq2016 for specific faculty admission requirements
University of Western Sydney ^{**}	STAT Multiple Choice	■ non-2015 Year 12 applicants ■ all courses except those with additional selection criteria – read the course descriptions available through UAC's course search at www.uac.edu.au/course-search for details of courses with additional selection criteria
University of Wollongong [#]	STAT Multiple Choice	■ applicants who are 21 years or over on 1 March 2016 ■ all courses except engineering, law, mathematics and physics degrees
UNSW Australia ^{**}	Both STAT Multiple Choice and STAT Written English (mandatory)	■ Applicants who are 21 years or over on 1 March 2016 ■ 422000 B Arts and 429000 B Science only
William Blue College of Hospitality Management [#]	STAT Multiple Choice	■ non-2015 Year 12 applicants, all courses

Length of time STAT results remain valid

- * 10-year validity These institutions will accept STAT results obtained after 2005 for 2016 admissions.
- ** 3-year validity These institutions will accept STAT results obtained after 2012 for 2016 admissions.
- ^ 2-year validity These institutions will accept STAT results obtained after 2013 for 2016 admissions.
- ^^ 1-year validity These institutions will accept STAT results obtained after 2014 for 2016 admissions.
- # These institutions do not have a restriction on the length of time STAT results remain valid.

STAT DATES AND VENUES

Register early as all test sessions have a limited number of places available.

Test dates	Saturday 19 September 2015	Saturday 31 October 2015	Wednesday 11 November 2015 (evening)	* Saturday 28 November 2015	** Saturday 16 January 2016
	Registrations close 13/09/2015	Registrations close 22/10/2015	Registrations close 4/11/2015	Registrations close 19/11/2015	Registrations close 11/01/2016

Test venues	MC = STAT Multiple Choice WE = STAT Written English				
Armidale University of New England		400 MC			
Birrong Birrong Boys High School				610 MC	
Canberra St Edmund's College (Griffith)	320 MC 325 WE			620 MC 625 WE	
Coffs Harbour Southern Cross University				630 MC	
Dubbo Charles Sturt University				639 MC	
Lismore Southern Cross University		440 MC			
Newcastle Newcastle High School (Hamilton South)	350 MC		550 MC	650 MC	
Nowra University of Wollongong (West Nowra)				659 MC	
Penrith Jamison High School		460 MC 465 WE	560 MC	660 MC 665 WE	
Port Macquarie Hastings Secondary College (Westport Campus)				669 MC	
Surry Hills Sydney Girls High School	370 MC 375 WE	470 MC 475 WE	570 MC	670 MC 675 WE	770 MC 775 WE
Wagga Wagga Charles Sturt University				680 MC	
Wollongong The Illawarra Grammar School (Mangerton)		490 MC			
Alternative sittings Read section 7	801 MC 802 WE	Alternative sittings/special needs candidates STAT registrations together with supporting documents must be received at UAC at least three weeks before your proposed test date. For UAC applicants for distance education courses, your proposed test date must be between 24 August 2015 and 19 September 2015.			
Special needs Read section 8	901 MC 902 WE	For all other candidates, your proposed test date must be between 24 August 2015 and 14 January 2016. However, to be considered for the Main Round of offers, your test date must be no later than 28 November 2015. For details of alternative sittings to be held at Batemans Bay and Bega, read section 7.			

XXX MC STAT Multiple Choice. XXX refers to the three-digit session code.

XXX WE STAT Written English. XXX refers to the three-digit session code. Offered only at test sessions indicating 'WE'.

Indicates no test at this location on this date.

Results and offer rounds

* Saturday 28 November 2015 is the last date to sit STAT to guarantee processing of STAT results for inclusion in the Main Round (January Round 2) of offers.

** Saturday 16 January 2016 STAT results will not be considered by UAC for the Main Round of offers; results may be considered for February Round 1 and are guaranteed for inclusion in later offer rounds.

For more information about offer rounds visit UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au.

UAC reserves the right to vary or cancel a test date, venue or session.

STAT information and test dates for the May 2016 testing period will be available from April 2016 on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/stat.



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