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Frequently asked questions about February Round 1 offers

How do I find out if I have received a February Round 1 offer?

Offers are released at 6pm on Tuesday 3 February 2015 through UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au. To see if you’ve been made an offer, you can login using your UAC application number and UAC PIN. In addition, if you’ve received an offer you’ll receive a letter through Check & Change on UAC’s website from 7.30am on Wednesday 4 February 2015.

Offers are no longer printed in the newspapers.

What do I do if I receive an offer in February Round 1?

UAC advises you to accept your offer so you don’t lose the chance to start university in semester 1. You may not receive an offer in the later rounds and if you don’t accept by the specified date, the offer will lapse and your position at university will be offered to someone else.

Accept your offer directly with the institution making the offer by the date specified following the instructions on their website. Most institutions require you to accept your offer online; however, each institution has particular instructions.

If I accept my February Round 1 offer, can I get an offer in a later round?

Yes. In the following rounds you’ll be considered for any of the preferences listed higher than the preference offered in February Round 1. To be considered for other courses, you must change your preferences. If you want to be considered for lower preferences than the course you have been offered in February Round 1, you must remove the offered course from your preferences. If you receive a later offer, you can either accept your later offer and withdraw from your February Round 1 offer, or keep the February Round 1 offer and not accept the later offer. Remember that very few offers are made in the following rounds.

Can I defer?

Deferment means delaying the start of your studies for a fixed period, usually one year. Some institutions grant deferment only in special circumstances, so check the information provided by the institution with your offer.

How do I find out what the cut-offs were?

Details of the minimum cut-offs for entry into each course will be published on UAC’s website at the same time as offers are released. Cut-offs are no longer printed in the newspapers.

Why did I get an offer when my ATAR is below the cut-off?

Universities allocate bonus points in some circumstances. Examples include performance in relevant HSC subjects, living or attending school in an area defined by the university and applying for consideration through an Educational Access Scheme.
If universities give bonus points, your ATAR doesn’t change or increase, even if you receive an offer to a course with a higher cut-off. When you are allocated bonus points, your selection rank changes. For most students their selection rank = their ATAR, but for students who are given bonus points their selection rank = their ATAR + bonus points.

The cut-offs include bonus points so that the cut-off for each course is the lowest rank (including any bonus points) required for entry into that course.

**What if I don’t receive an offer in February Round 1?**

You’ll be able to download your offer letter from UAC’s website which will tell you why you didn’t receive an offer. All of your preferences will automatically be considered again in the later rounds, as long as there are vacancies in those courses. To be considered for other courses you must change your preferences.

**Which courses can I include in the later rounds?**

You can include any of the courses still available through UAC for consideration in the later rounds. But remember:

- Institutions may not make offers in all courses. Courses which have a ‘(V)’ next to the course code have vacancies. Vacancies may exist in courses other than those specified with a ‘(V)’, but only if February Round 1 offers are not accepted. Contact the institution for further information.

- Some courses have special entry requirements, course prerequisites and/or early application closing dates. Check the course descriptions in Part 2 of the *UAC 2014–15 Guide* or on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au.

**Do I need to change my preferences for the later rounds?**

Change your preferences only if you want your courses to be considered in a different order for the later rounds and/or if you want to add or substitute other courses. Remember that preferences are considered in the order in which you have listed them on your application, and that courses listed below an offered course will not be considered.

**How do I change my preferences?**

Login to Check & Change on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au. You can change your preferences for later rounds from 6pm on Tuesday 3 February.

**When are the next round of offers released?**

The next offer round is February Round 2, which will be released on UAC’s website at 7.30am on Tuesday 10 February. You need to change your preferences for this round by midnight on Sunday 8 February.

**Will cut-offs change in the later rounds?**

Cut-offs can increase or decrease. Some institutions may have already set the lowest cut-off they will accept for courses, so there may only be a slight chance of more offers being made at a lower cut-off.

**Can I still apply to study at university in 2015?**

You can apply through UAC for first semester courses until midnight on Friday 20 February 2015 (fees and conditions apply). But remember that very few places for semester 1 courses are still available, some courses have already closed and/or have additional selection criteria. You can also apply through UAC for courses starting later in the year until Friday 17 July 2015.

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