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ATARs released today

MORE than 70,000 NSW HSC students will today find out their Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) – the rank NSW and ACT universities use to select school leavers for their courses.

Students can view their ATARs from 9am. They’ll be able to access their ATAR on UAC’s new mobile app (available for free in iOS and Android) or on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au. They’ll need their Year 12 student number (or UAC application number) and UAC PIN. ATAR Advice Notices will also arrive in the mail from Friday.

Statistics for this year’s ATAR include:

- 55,734 students were eligible for an ATAR. This is 252 more than in 2014.
- 46 students received the top ATAR of 99.95. Of these students, 21 were female and 25 were male; they came from a mix of government and non-government schools and studied a wide range of courses.
- 16.5 per cent of students received an ATAR of 90.00 or above, 32.7 per cent received an ATAR of at least 80.00 and 48.1 per cent at least 70.00.
- The median ATAR was 68.7 this year, slightly lower than in 2014. To achieve a middle ATAR, students generally need to be in the middle of their courses and receive HSC marks between 70 and 80. However, because of the large percentage of students with marks between 70 and 80, the ATARs of students with HSC marks around 80 will often be very different from the ATARs of students with HSC marks around 70.
- The median ATAR for females was 70.75 whereas the median ATAR for males was 66.35.

Students with questions about their ATAR can:

- read the All About Your ATAR booklet sent to them by UAC recently and available on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/publications/undergraduate
- visit www.uac.edu.au/atar to read information about the ATAR and about the scaling of the 2015 NSW HSC and to watch our 5-minute video ‘All About Your ATAR’
- call UAC’s ATAR Enquiry Centre on 1300 MY ATAR (1300 692 827) or from mobiles on (02) 9119 5012 on the following days:
  - Thursday 17 December: 8.30am–6pm
  - Friday 18 December: 8.30am–4.30pm
  - Monday 21 December: 8.30am–4.30pm
  - Tuesday 22 December: 8.30am–4.30pm
  - Wednesday 23 December: 8.30am–4.30pm
  - Thursday 24 December: 8.30am–noon

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