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ATARs released today

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 the My UAC mobile app (available for free in iOS and Android) or on UAC’s website at uac.edu.au. They’ll need their HSC student number (or UAC application number) and UAC PIN. ATAR Advice Notices will also arrive in the mail from Monday.

Statistics for this year’s ATAR include:

- 55,956 students were eligible for an ATAR. This is 220 more than in 2015.
- 46 students received the top ATAR of 99.95. Of these students, 13 were female and 33 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, 32.6 per cent received an ATAR of at least 80.00 and 48.0 per cent at least 70.00.
- The median ATAR was 68.65 this year, slightly lower than in 2015. 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.
- Since the ATAR measures a student’s position in their school leaver age cohort, the median ATAR has declined slightly over the last few years as the proportion of the school leaver age cohort receiving an ATAR has grown. Similarly, the increased numbers of students entering university in the last few years under the demand driven system is also reflected in lower median ATARs for students in most courses at most institutions.
- The median ATAR for females was 70.45 whereas the median ATAR for males was 66.55.

Students with questions about their ATAR can:

- visit uac.edu.au/atar to read information about the ATAR and the scaling of the 2016 NSW HSC and to watch our five-minute video ‘All About Your ATAR’
- call UAC’s ATAR Enquiry Centre on 1300 MY ATAR (1300 692 827) or on (02) 9119 5012 from mobiles on the following days:
  - Friday 16 December 2016, 8.30am–6.00pm
  - Saturday 17 December 2016, 8.30am–4.30pm
  - Monday 19 December 2016, 8.30am–4.30pm
  - Tuesday 20 December 2016, 8.30am–4.30pm
  - Wednesday 21 December 2016, 8.30am–4.30pm
  - Thursday 22 December 2016, 8.30am–4.30pm

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