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Frequently asked questions about Main Round offers

How do I find out if I have received a Main Round offer?
Offers are released at 6pm on Wednesday 20 January 2016 on UAC’s new mobile app, My UAC, or through UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au. You’ll be able to download your offer letter from 7.30am on Thursday 21 January through Check & Change on UAC’s website. Offers are no longer printed in the newspapers.

What do I do when I receive an offer in the Main Round?
UAC advises you to accept your offer so you don’t lose the chance for tertiary study in 2016. 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 by following the institution’s instructions. Most institutions require you to accept your offer online; however, each institution has particular instructions.

If I accept my Main Round offer, can I get an offer in a later round?
Yes. In February Round 1 you will be considered for any of the preferences listed higher than the preference offered in the Main Round. You can also be considered for other courses, but you must change your preferences (see below). If you want to be considered for lower preferences than the course you have been offered in the Main Round, you must remove the offered course from your preferences. If you receive a February Round 1 offer, you can either accept your February Round 1 offer and withdraw from your Main Round offer, or keep the Main Round offer and not accept the February Round 1 offer.

Can I defer my offer?
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 with the institution.

How do I find out what the cut-offs were?
Details of the cut-off 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?
Institutions allocate bonus points in some circumstances. Examples include performance in relevant HSC subjects, living or attending school in an area defined by the institution and applying for consideration through an Educational Access Scheme.

If institutions give bonus points, your ATAR does not 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 equals their ATAR, but for students who are given bonus points their selection rank equals their ATAR plus 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.

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What if I don't receive an offer in the Main Round?
You’ll be able to download correspondence from Check & Change on UAC’s website which will tell you why you didn’t receive an offer. Your preferences will be considered again in February Round 1. To be considered for other courses, you must change your preferences. Offers in February Round 1 will be made to courses that still have vacancies (see below).

How do I know if there are any courses with vacancies after the Main Round?
A list of courses with vacancies is available on UAC’s website at the same time as offers are released. Courses that have a ‘(V)’ next to the course code have vacancies. There may be vacancies in courses other than those specified with a ‘(V)’, but only if Main Round offers aren’t accepted. Contact the institution for further information.

Do I need to change my preferences for February Round 1?
Change your preferences only if you want your courses to be considered in a different order to the Main Round 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 and that courses listed below an offered course will not be considered.

How do I change my preferences?
You can change your preferences on My UAC, UAC’s new mobile app, or Check & Change on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/check-change. You can change your preferences for February Round 1 from 6pm on Wednesday 20 January until midnight on Wednesday 27 January.

Will cut-offs change in February Round 1?
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.

Which courses can I include for February Round 1?
You can include any of the courses available through UAC for consideration in February Round 1. Institutions, however, don’t always make offers in all courses so check which courses have vacancies (see ‘How do I know if there are any courses with vacancies after the Main Round?’ above) make sure you are eligible for any new courses you list in your preferences. Some courses have special entry requirements, course prerequisites and/or early application closing dates. Check the course descriptions by using the course search on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au.

When are February Round 1 offers released?
February Round 1 offers are released at 6pm on Tuesday 2 February 2016.

Can I still apply to study at university in 2016?
Yes. You can apply through UAC for first semester study until Friday 12 February 2016 but be aware that not all institutions will make offers in later rounds and not all courses will still have places for semester 1 (fees and conditions apply). Visit UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au for more information. You can also apply through UAC for admission to university in semester 2. Applications for semester 2 courses are open until Tuesday 12 July 2016. Check UAC’s website.

Where can I get more information about my study options?
For more information contact the relevant institutions on the numbers below.

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APM College of Business and Communication 1300 880 610
Australasian College of Natural Therapies 1300 017 267
Australian Catholic University 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228)
Australian College of Applied Psychology Freecall 1800 261 320
Australian Maritime College 1300 363 864
Australian National University (02) 6125 5594, freecall 1800 620 032
Billy Blue College of Design 1300 851 245
CATC Design School 1300 661 111
Charles Sturt University Freecall 1800 DEGREE (1800 334 733)
CQU University Call (07) 5552 8933, freecall 1800 677 728
Griffith University Freecall 1800 677 728, (07) 5552 8933
International College of Management, Sydney Freecall 1800 110 490
Jansen Newman Institute Freecall 1800 777 116
La Trobe University Student Administration Albury–Wodonga campus (02) 6024 9791
Macleay College 1300 939 888
Macquarie University (02) 9850 6410
MIT Sydney (02) 8267 1400
National Art School (02) 9339 8651
SAE Creative Media Institute, Australia Freecall 1800 SAE EDU (1800 723 338)
SIBT (02) 9850 6222
Southern Cross University Freecall 1800 626 481
The Hotel School (02) 8249 3200
University of Canberra Freecall 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
University of New England Freecall 1800 818 865
University of Newcastle Newcastle campus, Callaghan (02) 4921 5000
Central Coast campus, Ourimbah (02) 4348 4000
Port Macquarie campus (02) 4921 5000
University of Sydney Freecall 1800 SYD UNI (1800 793 864)
University of Technology Sydney 1300 ASK UTS (1300 275 887)
University of Wollongong 1300 367 869
UNSW Australia (02) 9385 8500
UNSW Canberra at ADFA (02) 6268 6000
Western Sydney University 1300 897 669
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