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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 9pm on Thursday 16 January 2014 through UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au. In addition, if you’ve received an offer, your name and offer will be published on Friday 17 January 2014 in The Sydney Morning Herald and The Daily Telegraph, with local subsets in The Canberra Times and The Newcastle Herald. You’ll also be able to download your offer letter from UAC’s website.

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 2014. 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. Information is available online when you check your offer details on UAC’s website.

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

Yes. In January Round 3 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 January Round 3 offer, you can either accept your January Round 3 offer and withdraw from your Main Round offer, or keep the Main Round offer and not accept the January Round 3 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 the information provided by the institution with your offer.

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, and in the newspapers publishing the offers on Friday 17 January.

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 UAC’s website which will tell you why you didn’t receive an offer. Your preferences will be considered again in January Round 3. To be considered for other courses, you must change your preferences. Offers in January Round 3 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, and in the newspapers publishing offers on Friday 17 January. 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.

Do I need to change my preferences for January Round 3?
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 using Check & Change on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au. You can change your preferences for January Round 3 from 9pm on Thursday 16 January until midnight on Thursday 23 January.

Will cut-offs change in January Round 3?
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 January Round 3?
You can include any of the courses available through UAC for consideration in January Round 3. 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 in Part 2 of the UAC 2013–14 Guide or in the course descriptions through the course search on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au.

When are January Round 3 offers released?
January Round 3 offers are released at 9pm on Thursday 30 January 2014.

Can I still apply to study at university in 2014?
Yes. You can apply through UAC for first semester study until Friday 21 February 2014 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 Friday 18 July 2014. 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
Australian Catholic University 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228)
Australian College of Applied Psychology Freecall 1800 261 320
Australian Maritime College Admissions Office 1300 363 864
Australian National University Freecall 1800 620 032 or (02) 6125 5594
Billy Blue College of Design 1300 851 245
Charles Sturt University Freecall 1800 DEGREE (1800 334 733)
CQUniversity 13 CQ UNi (13 27 86)
Griffith University Freecall 1800 677 728 or (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 9790
Mildura campus (03) 5051 4000
Macleay College 1300 939 888
Macquarie University Student Connect Freecall 1800 351 117 or (02) 9850 6410
MIT Sydney (02) 8267 1400
Southern Cross University Freecall 1800 626 481
University of Canberra Freecall 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
University of New England Student Central Freecall 1800 818 865 or (02) 6773 4444
University of New South Wales Enrolment Support Centre (02) 9385 1110
Australian Defence Force Academy (02) 6268 6000
College of Fine Arts (02) 9385 0684
University of Newcastle Enquiry Centre (02) 4921 5000
University of Sydney University Helpline 1300 362 006 or Admissions Office (02) 8627 8210
University of Technology, Sydney Student Centre 1300 ASK UTS (1300 275 887)
University of Western Sydney 1300 897 669
University of Wollongong 1300 367 869
William Blue College of Hospitality Management 1300 851 237

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