

Changes for 2018 admissions



THERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR 2018 ADMISSIONS THROUGH UAC:

The number of course preferences is being reduced from 9 to 5

Offers were rarely made to preferences 6 to 9 in the old system and applicants can change their preferences as many times as they wish, so it's up to 5 preferences per offer round.

There will be an offer round after ATAR release and before Christmas

This is so that ATAR-based offers can be made to Year 12 students earlier than January.

The early January round and the mid-January round will be combined into one round in the second week of January

This is so that more offers can be made earlier in January.

Offers may not be made to all courses in December

Some universities may wait until January to make offers to highly competitive courses. Consequently, those courses will be excluded from the December offer round. Details of courses that will not be included in the December round will be available on UAC's website in November 2017.

Universities will not exhaust their quota of offers in December

While universities will be able to make offers to NSW HSC students in December, they will still be waiting for the results of other significant groups of students, such as IB students, interstate Year 12 students and current tertiary students. Consequently, universities will not fill the quota for any course in December; they will reserve sufficient offers to make offers to eligible students in January. The cut-off for entry in January Round 1 will not be higher than the December cut-off.

There will be no "Main Round"

As more offers will now be made in December, there will no longer be the concept of a January Main Round. We expect most offers will be made in December *and* January.

All offer rounds will be named using the convention of month and sequence (eg December Round 2, January Round 1 etc.).

There will be no restrictions on making offers in the early offer rounds

All offer rounds will be treated equally. Offers can be made to the highest eligible preference to any applicant in any round.

The SRS offer round will be in November

Offers to Year 12 students based on Schools Recommendation Schemes applications will be earlier; now mid-November.

These changes simplify the process for applicants and institutions, allowing offers to be made earlier in the cycle, where possible, while still giving applicants plenty of choice and without disadvantaging those applicants who will still need to wait until January to receive their offer.

KEY DATES FOR 2018 ADMISSIONS:

2 August 2017	applications open
31 August 2017	August Round 1 offers released
14 September 2017	September Round 1 offers released
28 September 2017	September Round 2 offers released
29 September 2017	on-time closing date for applications
12 October 2017	October Round 1 offers released
26 October 2017	October Round 2 offers released
16 November 2017	November Round 1 (SRS) offers released
23 November 2017	November Round 2 offers released
7 December 2017	December Round 1 offers released
15 December 2017	ATARs released
17 December 2017	change of preference closing date for December Round 2
21 December 2017	December Round 2 offers released
3 January 2018	change of preference closing date for January Round 1
12 January 2018	January Round 1 offers released
24 January 2018	change of preference closing date for January Round 2
31 January 2018	January Round 2 offers released
8 February 2018	February Round 1 offers released
15 February 2018	February Round 2 offers released



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