### Background
A rater is permanent member of staff nominated by the principal to provide their professional assessment of each SRS applicant’s:
- ability in, or suitability for, an area of study
- aptitudes.

### Rater schedule
SRS applications open on Wednesday 5 August and close at midnight on Wednesday 30 September.
Raters can start rating applicants via SRS Schools progressively from Wednesday 5 August as students apply.
All SRS ratings must be finalised by Wednesday 14 October.

### What ratings cover
Raters will be asked to provide assessments of each applicant in:
- 10 areas of study
- and
- 5 aptitude categories.

### 10 areas of study
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#### Rating scale:
- Exceptional
- Very Good
- Good
- Adequate
- Inadequate
- Not Applicable

### How to rate areas of study
**Commerce, Education and Health:**
While applicants may not currently be studying these areas, the participating institutions are looking for your ratings on the suitability of students to undertake courses in these fields.

**English/Humanities/Social Sciences:**
Complete your ratings according to a student’s performance in their strongest subject within this area of study.

**‘Not Applicable’ rating:**
Use this rating if a student is not studying an area of study.
If you rate one or more areas of study as ‘Not Applicable’, this will not disadvantage your student, as long as a rating other than ‘Not Applicable’ is provided for at least one area of study.
## 5 aptitude categories

- Capacity for abstract thought and analysis
- Ability to organise ideas and articulate a position orally and in written form
- Ability to work and learn independently
- Motivation to achieve long-term goals
- Capacity for tertiary study

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### Rater Template

In order to assist schools in collating their ratings, a **Rater Template** is available at [www.uac.edu.au/srs/schools/](http://www.uac.edu.au/srs/schools/)

### How ratings are used

Institutions will use ratings and other information to determine which applicants they will make SRS offers to.