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 3 August and close at midnight on Friday 30 September. Raters can start rating applicants via SRS Schools progressively from Thursday 4 August as students apply. All SRS ratings must be finalised by Wednesday 12 October. |

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

| 10 areas of study | Agriculture  
Commerce  
Creative Arts  
Education  
English/Humanities/Social Sciences  
Health  
Languages  
Mathematics  
Science  
Technology |

| 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

#### Rating scale:

- Exceptional
- Very Good
- Good
- Adequate
- Inadequate

### 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.

The forthcoming booklet, *Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) for Year 12 Students*, available at [www.uac.edu.au/srs/schools](http://www.uac.edu.au/srs/schools) contains detailed information on how each institution will determine their SRS offers.