### 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 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

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### 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.

### 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 contains detailed information on how each institution will determine their SRS offers.