

# Admissions

## Getting into Deakin

### How to apply

The majority of undergraduate applications for Deakin University are submitted online through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)\*.

When applying through VTAC, lodge your application online at [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au). VTAC applications open in August of each year and timely applications close at the end of September. VTAC will continue to accept late applications up until mid-December.

### Who can apply?

You should make an online application via VTAC if you are currently a:

#### School leaver

- » VCE student
- » interstate Year 12 student
- » New Zealand applicant
- » International Baccalaureate (IB) student.

#### Non-Year 12 applicant

- » TAFE/VET student
- » private provider student
- » in the workforce
- » gap year student
- » university student
- » mature-age applicant
- » MIBT student.

VTAC produces copies of the *VTAC Guide 2012* which is available from most newsagencies in July. It contains details on how to apply, Deakin University on-campus courses, prerequisites, extra requirements, selection modes and other important information.

Additional application information can be obtained online by visiting [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au) or phoning VTAC on 1300 364 133.

\* Exceptions include applications for the Graduate Diploma of Education (Applied Learning) and the Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery, and those courses with a mid-year intake, where application is direct to the University. See individual course listing for more information.

### Special consideration

Deakin is committed to providing equity and access for individuals and groups who might not otherwise enjoy the benefits that flow from participation in higher education.

To apply for entry under Deakin's Access and Equity Program, submit an application through VTAC's Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS).

The following designated groups are recognised by Deakin:

- Category 1: Mature-age consideration
- Category 2: Non-English speaking background
- Category 3: Recognition as an Indigenous Australian
- Category 4: Difficult circumstances
- Category 5: Disadvantaged financial background
- Category 6: Applicants from rural or isolated areas
- Category 7: Under-represented schools
- Category 8: Women in under-represented disciplines
- Category 9: Disability or medical condition
- Category 10: Refugee background.

Deakin also offers a range of generous scholarships for students from recognised equity groups to support them in their studies at the University. For more information on scholarships, please see page 103.

For more information about Deakin's Access and Equity Program please visit [www.deakin.edu.au/access-equity](http://www.deakin.edu.au/access-equity).

### International students

If you are an international student, please refer to the International Future Students web site for details about courses and application processes at [www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/international](http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/international).

### When are offers made?

Deakin University begins making offers to successful applicants via VTAC in January each year. Offers are also available to view on the VTAC web site via *MyInfo*, and first round offers are published in the press provided you have granted the necessary permission.

### Can I defer my course?

Deakin has recently made deferring your studies a whole lot easier. Most courses now allow you to postpone your studies to work or travel, but still retain your University place, for **up to two years**.

You can apply for deferment after you have received an offer, using the form at [www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/accept-your-offer/defer](http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/accept-your-offer/defer). You must lodge this form within five days of receiving your offer.

For more information, phone 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733).

### Applying for Deakin's Gap Year Program

You can apply for Deakin's Gap Year Program after you have received an offer, using the deferral form provided at [www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/accept-your-offer](http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/accept-your-offer), within the specified time.

If your gap year plans change, you may be able to begin your studies in Trimester 2 or 3. This option is subject to the availability of places and unit choice, contact your course adviser to find out more.

For more information, phone 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733).



## Types of applicants

### School leaver

#### Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) Students

The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) is a certificate that recognises the successful completion of Year 12 in Victoria. The VCE can provide a pathway to university studies, TAFE and employment.

### Interstate students

Interstate Year 12 students will have their ATAR (or equivalent ranking for Queensland students) assessed to ascertain their suitability for a nominated course. Please refer to the *VTAC Guide 2012* or the VTAC web site, [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au), for the key dates regarding your application as, for some states, the dates and timelines are different from Victorian applications.

### New Zealand applicants

Please refer to the *VTAC Guide 2012* or the VTAC web site [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au), for the key dates regarding your application. New Zealand students are eligible for a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP).

Please refer to [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au) for more information.

### International Baccalaureate (IB) students

The International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma is an internationally recognised, comprehensive two-year program of study designed for university entrance. For detailed information, please visit the International Baccalaureate Organisation at [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org).

A table that enables you to convert IB scores into the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) ATAR is available at [www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/applications-enrolments/applications/international-baccalaureate.php](http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/applications-enrolments/applications/international-baccalaureate.php).

When looking at Deakin courses, make sure you have met the requirements to ensure you are eligible for selection in your chosen course. Requirements may include:

- » prerequisites
- » extra requirements
- » audition
- » DULSAT/ALSET.

For example, to be eligible for selection in the Bachelor of Engineering you must have achieved VCE units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 25 in English (ESL) or 20 in any other English and one of mathematical methods (either) or specialist mathematics.

For more information on these additional requirements see page 102.

### Non-Year 12 applicants

If you are an Australian or New Zealand resident and fall into one of the following categories, you need to apply through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) as a non-Year 12 applicant:

- » currently enrolled at a tertiary institution and wish to transfer to a course at Deakin
- » currently studying at TAFE
- » currently studying at a private provider
- » a TAFE graduate
- » looking to move into university study from the workforce
- » returning to study after a break.

To accompany your VTAC application, there may be extra requirements you will need to complete in order to be eligible for entry into your chosen course. These may include:

- » VTAC Personal information (Pi) form
- » STAT (Special Tertiary Admissions Test)
- » audition
- » DULSAT (Deakin University Law School Admission Test)
- » ALSET (Australian Law Schools Entrance Test)
- » interview.

It is important to read and complete the extra requirements for each course you wish to apply for to maximise your chances of receiving an offer.

For more information on these additional requirements see page 102.

### Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)

Deakin acknowledges that many commencing students come from backgrounds other than secondary school, such as TAFE, other universities and the workforce, and offers extensive credit transfer arrangements for most courses. This can reduce the number of units you need to take to be awarded the Deakin qualification.

A list of recognised post-secondary institutions and possible course credit is available on the Deakin web site at [www.deakin.edu.au/courses/credit](http://www.deakin.edu.au/courses/credit).



# Admissions terms explained

## Audition

Some Deakin degrees require the completion of an audition to assess your skills and ability to succeed in a particular course. The audition process usually consists of a one day audition/workshop in December. You will need to register your attendance for the audition in November and will not be eligible for selection if you have not attended the audition/workshop.

International and interstate applicants can contact the School of Communication and Creative Arts on 03 9251 7652 and apply to audition on video.

## Deakin University Law School Test/ Australian Law Schools Entrance Test (DULSAT/ALSET)

The DULSAT is an aptitude test developed and marked by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) and is equivalent to the ALSET. The purpose of DULSAT/ALSET is to assess your ability to think critically about issues and understand the material given.

The DULSAT/ALSET is compulsory for most non-Year 12 applicants applying for entry into any of Deakin University's undergraduate Law degree programs: Laws (off campus), Laws (on campus), Arts/Laws, Commerce/Laws, Criminology/Laws, Laws/International Studies, Science/Laws and Management/Laws.

If you are unsure whether or not you need to sit the DULSAT you should contact the School of Law at Deakin directly on 03 5227 1277. Only the School of Law has the authority to advise applicants whether they are required to sit the test.

For more information on non-Year 12 additional entry requirements visit [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au).

## Extra requirements

Extra requirements are requirements that you must meet, in addition to minimum tertiary entrance requirements, to qualify for a course. This information is listed in the *VTAC Guide 2012* and in Victorian Tertiary Entrance Requirements (VICTER) publications.

## Prerequisite

Prerequisites are the VCE subjects or other requirements that both current Year 12 and non-Year 12 applicants must complete to be eligible to be selected for a course. This information is listed in this guide, the *VTAC Guide 2012* and in VICTER publications.

## Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

As part of Deakin's admission requirements some students are required to sit a STAT which is administered by VTAC.

You will need to sit the STAT if it is listed as a course requirement in the *VTAC Guide 2012* (under NONY12 selection mode).

There are two types of STATs: Multiple Choice and Written English. However Deakin University only requires prospective students to sit the STAT Multiple Choice. These are aptitude tests designed to assess a range of competencies commonly considered important for success in tertiary study. To find out whether your course of study requires a STAT, please visit [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au) or refer to the *VTAC Guide 2012*.

## VTAC Personal information (Pi) form

The VTAC Pi form allows you to provide any information relevant to your application and can be accessed online once you have registered with VTAC. You can only submit one Pi form – therefore you should address all your course preferences and provide details to support your application, such as relevant work experience and your reasons for applying.

It is also important that you submit the form by the specified VTAC Pi form closing date at [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au).

In most cases you must complete and submit a VTAC Pi form only if it is listed under extra requirements for any of the preferences on your VTAC course application.

For additional key terms, see page 108.