

Deakin Accelerate - Frequently asked questions



When do applications for Deakin Accelerate open?

Applications for the 2021 Deakin Accelerate program open on August 1 and close at 11.59pm on 4 December 2020. Once applications are open there will be a link to the Application Portal at the top of the Deakin Accelerate webpage. Follow the link and you'll be taken to the portal where you can download the application pack and find more information about how to apply.

I am currently in Year 10 – can I apply next year?

The Deakin Accelerate program is designed for students in their final year of VCE to complement their Year 12 studies. You can apply for the program when you're in Year 11, going into Year 12.

I am completing my HSC, QCE, WACE, NTCE, TCE or SACE – am I eligible?

While we'd love to offer this program to students all over Australia, it's only available to students completing their Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). We'd recommend checking out your state's universities to see if there are similar programs available to high-achievers.

I am an international student living in Victoria – am I eligible?

Absolutely – the program is available to onshore international students completing VCE.

I am completing my International Baccalaureate Diploma Program – am I eligible?

Unfortunately, the program isn't available to students completing IB. It's only available for students completing the VCE.

What is a 'high-achiever' and how do I know if my grades are sufficient?

Deakin Accelerate is designed to challenge high-achieving students, so it may not suit everyone. We encourage students who have achieved a minimum grade average of 65% across all of their Year 11 subjects to apply for the program.

At what location do I study the program?

When you join Deakin Accelerate, you can choose to study on campus, online or through a combination of both. Study at one of Deakin's four campuses in Burwood, Geelong (Waterfront or Waurn Ponds) or Warrnambool – or if you need choice and flexibility for your studies, jump online at our Cloud Campus, our innovative online learning environment.

The only time you'll need to attend in person is for exams. But don't worry, you'll have the choice to sit your exam at a Deakin campus or you can elect to sit it at an approved venue closer to home.

I like the sound of a few of the study areas and don't want to pick just one. Can I pick and choose my units?

All of our units have been handpicked to give you a taste of that particular study area. All Deakin Accelerate study areas and its related units have been approved by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). This means you're only able to complete one study area and pair of units. If you're not sure which study area would be best for you and your career goals, get in touch with us and we can give you more information so you can make a well-informed decision.

What supporting documentation should I provide with my application?

Supporting documentation can help to strengthen your application by demonstrating your academic and personal achievements. The documentation should be relevant and specific and can include a certificate of achievement, a school certificate or a letter of reference from your teachers or part-time job.

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Will late applications be considered?

We can't consider your application if it's submitted after the closing date. The closing date for applications is 4 December 2020 at 11.59pm.

How does Deakin assess applications and select who to make offers to?

Deakin is committed to providing opportunities to students from diverse backgrounds. Successful applicants will be selected on the basis of academic performance, responses to the student supporting statement questions, school and parent/guardian endorsement and available places in the program. Make sure you meet all requirements and complete the application pack to the best of your ability to give yourself a greater chance of success.

When will I find out if I am successful in getting an offer to study as part of the program?

Once applications close, we'll review all applications and decide who to make offers to. Offers will be made via email (to the email address you supply in your application) in early January 2021. You'll then have one week to formally accept your offer and enrol in the program.

What happens if I decide to withdraw from the program during the year?

If it all becomes a bit much and you need to focus on your VCE studies, or just life in general, you can withdraw from the program. However, you won't be eligible for a higher education study increment in your ATAR calculation regardless of your performance in the program.

How does the program contribute to my ATAR?

If successfully complete both units, meet any co/pre-requisites, and subject to the restricted study combinations outlined in Victorian Tertiary Entrance Requirements (VICTER), the program can contribute to your ATAR as a fifth or sixth study via an increment listed in the following table.

Average mark across both Accelerate units	ATAR aggregate contribution	Equivalent VCE study score
90-100%	5.0 points	50
80-89.5%	4.5 points	45
70-79.5%	4.0 points	40
60-69.5%	3.5 points	35
50-59.5%	3.0 points	30

Please note, if you undertake two higher education studies VTAC will count only one study towards your increment.

How do I know which Deakin courses I'll be able to put my units towards once I finish the program?

You'll gain credit on successful completion of your Accelerate units, which you can put towards a related Deakin course – that's two units ticked off your degree before you even start university.

The 2021 Deakin Accelerate brochure is a good place to look if you're not sure which courses you can get credit for. In the 'Related Deakin course' column on the study areas pages, you'll find a list of some of the courses you can put your credits towards.

Just remember, even if your Deakin course is unrelated to your Accelerate units, in many cases you'll still be able to put the credit you've earned towards electives. This means you can lighten your study load or fast-track your degree and finish earlier.

If you don't find your dream course in the Deakin Accelerate brochure, and aren't sure if you'll be able to get credit, please get in touch with us and we can confirm your options.