



UNIVERSITY of
TASMANIA

Year 12 FAQs

What is the University of Tasmania's School's Recommendation Program?

The School Recommendation Program enables Year 12 students to receive an early offer for their chosen degree, after midyear assessments.

We will assess applications holistically, based on a number of factors. This means it is not just about how you have gone in your formal assessments. Factors include your Year 11 subject performance, and a set of success indicators to be agreed with by your school.

Quota courses in Medicine, Nursing and paramedicine are excluded from early offers through this process. However, we will take expressions of interest for these to help prioritise Tasmanian Year 12 applications.

What will the program mean for my ATAR?

This entry program operates as an alternate means of entry alongside the ATAR and the TCE. The University is working in partnership with TASC to ensure that adverse circumstances are taken into consideration when your ATAR is calculated.

Please see [here](#) for updates on the ATAR and TCE from TASC.

We recommend you continue with your planned course of study, as your ATAR result may enable you to qualify for a greater range of study options.

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must be:

- In Year 12 in 2020
- Completing the TCE, or the International Baccalaureate (IB) at a Tasmanian High School or Secondary College
- Be intending to complete their final year of study, undertaking exams, where offered, for all your chosen subjects

If you do not meet the criteria for an early offer, you may be offered a pathway program. These programs will ensure you are well supported to complete your chosen bachelor's degree in the same timeframe.

We will contact you to discuss your options after your application has been assessed.

What important dates do I need to know?

Applications open after the Easter Holidays with the deadline for 1st round offers being the 30th May. First round offers will be sent around mid-July. Applications received after the 30th May will aim to be processed within 8 weeks of receipt.

How do I apply?

Please apply online [here](#).

If you need any assistance or have any questions about the process, please contact the University, details provided below.

Once you submit your application, you will be provided the contact details of a person as your single point of contact throughout the remainder of the year and can answer any questions you or your parents may have.

Please note: Please use an email address you check regularly that is not a school allocated account, school accounts usually expire at the end of the year and we don't want you to miss out on important information.

What is a quota course and if I'm interested how can I apply and be considered?

Quota courses currently include:

- Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
- Bachelor of Nursing (including Fast Track)
- Bachelor of Paramedic Practice
- Bachelor of Laboratory Medicine
- Bachelor of Exercise Science
- Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science
- Bachelor of Health Science (Medical Radiation Science)

You can indicate an expression of interest in these courses through the School's Recommendation Program. We will keep you up to date on intakes for these courses, prioritising applications for Tasmanian students.

How many preferences can I select?

You can select five preferences within the program. These can include any combination of courses that will be eligible for early offers and quota courses. Quota courses are not applicable for an early offer. However, by registering your interest, you will receive information on the application processes as these are formalised.

What are the assessment criteria for offers in the School's Recommendation Program?

No one knows you like your teachers. We have great respect for them and their dedication to your studies. As the people closest to your schooling, their insights are very important to us. They will help us provide the best overall evaluation, taking into account more than just formal assessments that would calculate your ATAR.

Criteria for the program will include factors such as your Year 11 results, and an assessment of capabilities and the perspective of those who have taught the student most recently.

FAQs (cont.)

What subjects are most important for specific degrees?

For some of our courses, there may be prerequisites. However, we will obtain what we need from the school's recommendation. That means we will only make you an offer for a course where this has been satisfied.

If you are applying in a course such as Music, Fine Arts or Theatre and Performance, you may need to provide a portfolio or undertake an online audition. Your University contact will be in touch to discuss this.

How will I know if I'm successful? When will I receive an offer?

Successful applicants will receive their official offers from July, once recommendations have been received from your school. If you are not successful for your first preference, you will be considered for another preference or will receive an offer to a pathway program.

Your University contact will contact you to discuss your options.

Can I receive an offer for all my preferences?

Yes, you may be able to receive an offer for all applicable preferences. You will need to notify your university contact as to what preference you intend to take. Please do this as soon as possible, so that we know what places are available for other applicants.

Will my offer come with any conditions?

You will need to finish your year 12 studies. Outside of this, there will be minimal conditions applied to offers. Your university contact will be able to discuss these with you.

Will I be studying online?

We offer a range of courses on campus and online. However, due to COVID-19, all possible classes are currently being delivered online.

When possible, this will revert to on-campus courses being delivered on a physical location.

Do I need to apply for accommodation and scholarships separately?

Yes, the usual processes for accommodation and scholarships will apply. Applications for accommodation and scholarships will open at the start of August. Your university contact is a great person to help you with these applications.

Can I defer my Early Admission place if I am successful?

Yes, deferrals are available, on a request basis, through your University contact. They are valid for 1 year.

I am a parent. How can I find out about my child's application?

Due to Australian privacy laws, information about a student's School Recommendation Program will not be disclosed to a third party without written and signed consent.

As part of the application, applicants (year 12 students) can enter the name of a person who they authorise to act on their behalf. If they choose to name someone, that person can be given information about the student's application.

If you are a parent seeking information regarding your child's application, and you are not listed as an authorised person on their application, you will need to ensure a 'consent to release' form is completed before we are able to respond.

Please contact the University for a copy of this form.

Do you have a question that's not listed here?

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