Worried you won’t get the ATAR to get into your desired course? It is important to always have a plan B just in case. Read over the following information to develop your plan and to understand your pathway options.

The following information concerns all Universities - you will find information about these pathways directly on the Universities website.

**ARTICULATED PATHWAYS**

Many Universities have ‘articulation arrangements’ in place with TAFE and Private Providers. You can gain access into eligible Bachelor Degrees by completing the pathway course through the TAFE or College (usually Diploma or Advanced Diploma).

You can often gain between .05 – 2 yrs credit off your degree. For example, if you complete the Certificate IV in Enrolled Nursing at Wodonga TAFE, you will be guaranteed entry into the Bachelor of Registered Nursing at La Trobe University Wodonga with 1 year of credit.

**SINGLE UNIT STUDY**

If you don’t receive the ATAR to get into your desired degree, you can enrol in single units out of the first year of your desired course.

When you complete the units and apply for the degree program, the University will take into consideration the marks you receive and may also give you credit.

**INTERNAL TRANSFER**

You can start a degree related to the degree you would like to study that has a lower ATAR and then transfer to your desired degree at the same University with credit - i.e., Bachelor of Arts at La Trobe into Bachelor of International Relations.

You may also be able to transfer between campuses, as often some will have lower ATARs for the same course, i.e., Bachelor of Arts at La Trobe Wodonga and Bachelor of Arts at La Trobe Bundoora.

**EXTERNAL TRANSFER**

You can start a degree which has a lower ATAR at one University and then transfer to your desired degree at the University you would like to study at. You will be selected based on your Grade Point Average from your first year of studies.

**APTITUDE TESTS**

Some Universities allow students to undertake aptitude tests like UniTest and the STAT, which can be used as additional selection criteria where the student doesn’t get the required ATAR score for their desired course.

**ASSOCIATE DEGREES**

For some courses, you can start your degree as an Associate Degree, which runs for two years. Once you have completed the two years, you can often articulate into the full degree by completing the final 1 or 2 years. Often Associate Degrees have lower ATAR cut-offs than Bachelor Degrees.

**OTHER**

Many Universities add bonus points to your ATAR or take into consideration other factors to improve your chances of selection. You can get bonus points based on things like middle banding, having studied certain subjects, completed your VCE in a regional/rural school etc.

You can also obtain special consideration for factors such as refugee status, indigenous, financial, disability/long term illness, family factors, rural etc.

Several Universities have early entry, which can boost your chances of gaining access to your desired course. These include Charles Sturt, La Trobe, Australian Catholic Uni and Uni of Ballarat etc.
TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE UNIVERSITY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN....

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Alternative Pathways

Wodonga TAFE Career Direct

Guaranteed articulated pathways with advanced standing exist in several course areas. Scholarships are also available. Go to www.wodongatafe.edu.au/careerdirect

Riverina Institute of TAFE

Integrated Diploma to Degree programs exist in several course areas. To find out more, call 02 6058 2800 or visit their pathways page www.rit.tafensw.edu.au

CSU Pathway Program

Students enrol concurrently at the Wodonga Tafe and Charles Sturt University (CSU). They complete the Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation at Wodonga Tafe, and the Certificate of University Studies and up to four units out of their desired degree at CSU. After 12 months, they can progress into their desired degree (not all degrees eligible)

- For more information, go to www.csu.edu.au/study/pathways/

General Degrees

You can apply for one of the Universities four ‘generic degrees’ in business, educational studies, liberal arts and general studies. You can use these as pathways to apply for your desired course.

- For more information, go to www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/liberal_studies/course-overview

Regional Bonus Points

Regional students receive 5 bonus points added to their ATAR. Go to www.csu.edu.au/rbp

Campuses: Albury – Wodonga, Bathurst, Orange, Wagga Wagga, Canberra, Dubbo, Goulburn, Manly & Parramatta

Contact: 1800 ASK CSU (1800 275 278), http://www.csu.edu.au/contacts
Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTS)

- Prepares students for pathways into selected degrees such as nursing, arts, science, art and design, business, commerce, IT, education.
- If student successfully completes the DoTS, they will be able to enter the second year of their desired degree (not all degrees eligible).
- Available at the Gippsland and Berwick campus.
- Must have a minimum ATAR of 50, a 30 in English ESL or 25 for any other English and meet selection criteria of the faculty would like to study at in the future. Application direct to Monash, not through VTAC.
- For more information, go to http://arts.monash.edu.au/samss/dots/

“Special Admissions Scheme- Bonus Points”

- If you have applied for a category of disadvantage through SEAS, you may be eligible for bonus points added on you ATAR aggregate. To find out more, go to www.adm.monash.edu.au/admissions/special-admissions-scheme.html

Monash College

- Articulated Diploma to Degree pathway programs in areas such as Art and Design, Arts, Business, Engineering and IT.
- If student successfully completes the 1-year Diploma, they can articulate directly into the second year of their desired course. Not all degrees are eligible.
- Students who have not completed year 12 can undertake the two-year program at Monash College before articulating to Monash University.
- Apply via VTAC or through direct application
- For more information, go to www.monashcollege.edu.au

Single Unit Study

- If you don’t get the required ATAR or you aren’t sure which degree you would like to apply for, you can undertake single units in areas that interest you.
- For more information, go to http://www.adm.monash.edu.au/admissions/single-unit-enrolment.html

Aptitude Tests

- Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)- If you have completed VCAL or a non-assessed VCE pathway (completed your VCE but didn’t sit exams), you can sit the STAT test. This may assist your application to several eligible degrees at Monash. www.vtac.edu.au/admissions/tests/stat

- General Achievement Test (GAT)- Monash will take into consideration your GAT score through Middle Banding. The consideration for a good GAT score will take the form of a bonus of up to five points added to applicants’ VCE aggregate score for the purposes of selection.
- Go to www.adm.monash.edu.au/admissions/aptitude-tests.html for more information about both tests
Alternative Pathways

“Learning Pathways”

Victoria University (VU) has articulation and credit transfer pathways set up with numerous TAFEs, Private Colleges and Universities across Australia.

- To find out where you can undertake a pathway course to get into your desired University degree at VU, go to the link below and follow the prompts [http://www.vu.edu.au/courses/study-pathways](http://www.vu.edu.au/courses/study-pathways)
- You can also search for your degree via the ‘course search’ link and then click on ‘study pathways’. This will bring up pathway courses.

“VU TAFE to Undergraduate”

VU has a TAFE and a University division. If you have studied certain TAFE courses at VU you can gain both entry and credit into some of their bachelor degrees.

- To find out if your desired degree has a TAFE course you can undertake first to enable you to articulate into your course, search for your degree via the ‘course search’ link and then click on ‘study pathways’. This will bring up all TAFE pathway courses.
- Go to [www.vu.edu.au/courses/search](http://www.vu.edu.au/courses/search)

“Foundation Studies”

Articulated Foundation Studies program to Degree pathway programs in areas such as health science, engineering and science. If student successfully completes the 1-year Foundation Studies program, they can articulate directly into their desired course. Not all degrees are eligible.

- Students don't need an ATAR. Apply direct to Victoria Uni, not through VTAC.
- For more information, go to [www.vu.edu.au/courses/foundation-studies-jcfs](http://www.vu.edu.au/courses/foundation-studies-jcfs)
Alternative Pathways

“Pathways”

RMIT has a TAFE and a University division. If you have studied certain TAFE courses at RMIT you can gain both entry and credit into some of their bachelor degrees.

- To find out if your desired degree has a TAFE course you can undertake first to enable you to articulate into your course, go to http://mams.rmit.edu.au/t3nwb2kf00hdz.pdf

“Single Courses”

If you can't gain entry directly into your desired degree, you can undertake single units called 'single courses' which may boost your chances. For example, if you don’t have the ATAR to gain entry into the Bachelor of Applied Sciences, you may be able to complete single courses in science units.

- Some single courses have pre requisites and completing units will not guarantee you entry into your desired course.
- For more information, go to www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au/

Campuses: Hamilton, Brunswick, Bundoora and City Campus

Contact: 03 9925 8111, enquiries@rmit.edu.au, www.rmit.edu.au
Alternative Pathways

“Guaranteed Entry Scheme”

Swinburne University has a TAFE and a University division. Guaranteed articulation arrangements exist between selected TAFE and degree programs. This means that if you complete eligible TAFE programs, you will be guaranteed entry into the degree program with credit.

- For more information and to find out which programs are eligible, go to www.future.swinburne.edu.au/pathways/ges.

“Pathways Direct”

If the degree program you want to enter doesn’t have a TAFE pathway through the Guaranteed Entry Scheme, you can undertake a Diploma or Advanced Diploma TAFE program at Swinburne that is related to your degree. Once you are in your final year of the course, you can apply directly through Swinburne for your desired degree and your TAFE course may assist you in gaining entry.

- Faculty of Higher Education, Lilydale offers guaranteed entry to Swinburne TAFE students who completed an Advanced Diploma or Diploma.
- To find out more, go to www.swinburne.edu.au/hed/direct/

“TAFE to University”

This is similar to Pathways Direct, but is for students who are completing a TAFE course at another institution. Some guaranteed articulation arrangements exits with other institutions like Wodonga TAFE

- For more information, go to www.future.swinburne.edu.au/pathways/programs/

“Single Units of Study”

If you can’t gain entry directly into your desired degree, you can undertake single units of study, which may boost your chances. For example, if you don’t have the ATAR to gain entry into the Bachelor of Commerce, you may be able to complete single first year commerce units.

- Some single courses have pre requisites and completing units will not guarantee you entry into your desired course.
- For more information, go to www.future.swinburne.edu.au/apply/unit/
Alternative Pathways

**TAFE to University**: La Trobe University has articulation arrangements in place with Tafe and Private College institutions. If you complete an eligible course at one of these institutions, you will be guaranteed credit towards the eligible degree. In some cases, you may be eligible for up to 2 years credit off your desired degree.


**“Single Subject Studies”**: If you can’t gain entry directly into your desired degree, you can undertake single units of study, which may boost your chances.


**“Rural and Regional Student Access Scheme”**: You will receive 5 bonus points through Middle Banding if you have completed your VCE in a regional school and apply for a course at a La Trobe regional campus. You don’t need to apply for this. You can receive additional bonus points through VTAC SEAS for being a rural student as well.


**“Guaranteed Entry Scheme”**: Some courses through La Trobe advertise a Guaranteed Entry ATAR in the 2013 course guide. If you achieve this ATAR when your results are released in mid December, you can relax over summer knowing you are in the course.


**General Achievement Test (GAT)**: La Trobe will take into consideration your GAT score through Middle Banding. The consideration for a good GAT score will take the form of being slightly ranked up. Applicants with a good GAT score may be ranked up and receive an offer La Trobe wouldn’t otherwise make.


**Campuses**: Albury-Wodonga, Bundoora, Mildura, Shepparton, Bendigo, Franklin St, Sydney

**Contact**: 1300 135 045, [www.latrobe.edu.au/study](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study)
Alternative Pathways

“AccessACU- Entry Bonus Scheme”

You may be awarded up to 10 bonus points if you have performed particularly well in specific year 12 subjects that are relevant to the course for which you are applying.

- To view the list of eligible courses and subjects and how many bonus points apply, please go to [www.acu.edu.au/188301](http://www.acu.edu.au/188301)

“Educational Access Scheme (EAS)”

If you apply for a course based in NSW through UAC, you may be eligible to apply for special consideration through EAS if you have a disadvantaged background that has affected your education (i.e., financial hardship). ACU may give you bonus points based on your EAS application.

- For more information, go to [www.acu.edu.au/221027](http://www.acu.edu.au/221027)

UniAccess Program

You can undertake a non-award diploma in an area such as educational studies, liberal studies, guiding meditation, study of Islam and theology. Once you complete the diploma in a year, you can apply for admission to a Bachelor degree (not all degrees are eligible).

- For more information, go to [www.acu.edu.au/71495](http://www.acu.edu.au/71495)

Associate Degree

You can undertake a two year Associate Degree and then articulate into the final 1 or 2 years of the corresponding Bachelor Degree. You apply direct to ACU, not through UAC or VTAC.

Alternative Pathways

“Diploma in General Studies”

If you are concerned you won't achieve the ATAR necessary to get into your desired course or if you don't have the pre requisites to gain a place in the science, commerce or environments degrees, you should apply for the Diploma in General Studies which you can undertake at either the University of Melbourne, Wodonga TAFE or GO TAFE.

- For more information, go to www.dookie.unimelb.edu.au/generalstudies/

“Elite Athletes and Artistic Performers Entry Scheme”

This is for students who can demonstrate they are an elite athlete or performer and that your education has been affected by elite level training, competitive practice or performance commitments which had an impact on your academic performance during Year 12.

- You must apply directly to University of Melbourne via a form
- Go to http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/entry-requirements/other-entry-options/elite-athletes-and-artistic-performers

“Guaranteed Entry Pathway”

If you think you will get over 96 for your ATAR, the University may be able to guarantee you access to eligible graduate programs such as Medicine, Architecture, Law, Dentistry, Teaching and Physiotherapy.

- For the ATAR you will need to be guaranteed access into specific programs, go to http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/entry-requirements/guaranteed-entry

Campuses: Parkville, Burnley, Creswick, Shepparton, Dookie, Hawthorne & Werribee

Alternative Pathways


“Deakin at Your Doorstep”

You can enrol in the Associate Degree of Arts, Business and Sciences or into a double qualification, combining the Associate Degree with a Diploma qualification.

Once you complete the Associate Degree, you can articulate into the final year of certain degrees

- The programs are offered at rural campuses and also in partnership with rural TAFEs (Wangaratta, Sunraysia, Chisholm, East Gippsland etc).

“Melbourne Institute of Business and Technology”

Deakin has an agreement with the Melbourne Institute of Business and Technology (MIBT) where you can articulate from a Diploma at MIBT in areas such as commerce, computing, engineering, health sciences, management, media and communication and science into an eligible degree at Deakin.

If you successfully complete the 1-year Diploma, you can articulate directly into the second year of the eligible degree.


“TAFE to University”

Deakin has partnerships with several TAFEs such as Box Hill, Gordon and South West, which allow you to articulate between approved TAFE Diplomas to University Degrees. You can also apply for recognition of prior learning for TAFE Diplomas from other institutions

- To find out what credit you can claim for TAFE studies, go to the following database- [www.deakin.edu.au/courses/credit/search.php](http://www.deakin.edu.au/courses/credit/search.php)

“Regional Rural and Regional Bonus Points Scheme”

Through the bonus scheme, you may be awarded up to 10 bonus points towards your ATAR aggregate score based on: your residential postcode; the postcode your secondary school resides and your secondary schools participation in Deakin’s partnership programs


Campuses: Burwood, Geelong Waurn Ponds, Geelong Waterfront, Warrnambool

Contact: 1800 801 662, [http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/](http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/)
Alternative Pathways

“Foundation Access Studies Program (FAST)”

If you don't meet the ATAR for your desired course, you can complete the FAST Program where you complete a 13-week tertiary preparation program. You must achieve an ATAR of 45. Once you complete the program, you may be eligible to articulate directly into your desired program (not all courses are eligible). You must apply for the program directly to the University, not through VTAC.

- Go to [http://www.ballarat.edu.au/staff/learning-and-teaching@ub/clipp/succeed@ub/fast-program](http://www.ballarat.edu.au/staff/learning-and-teaching@ub/clipp/succeed@ub/fast-program)

“TAFE to University”

The University of Ballarat has a TAFE and a University division. Articulation arrangements exist between selected TAFE and degree programs. You aren’t guaranteed entry into degree programs, but completing a TAFE Diploma will increase your chances.

They also have articulation arrangements in place with TAFEs such as Wodonga TAFE.

- For more information and to find out which programs are eligible, go to [http://www.ballarat.edu.au/future-students/pathways](http://www.ballarat.edu.au/future-students/pathways)

**Campuses:** Ararat, Horsham, Stawell, Ballarat

**Contact:** 1300 225 527, info@ballarat.edu.au, www.ballarat.edu.au