



Higher education admission information is improving!

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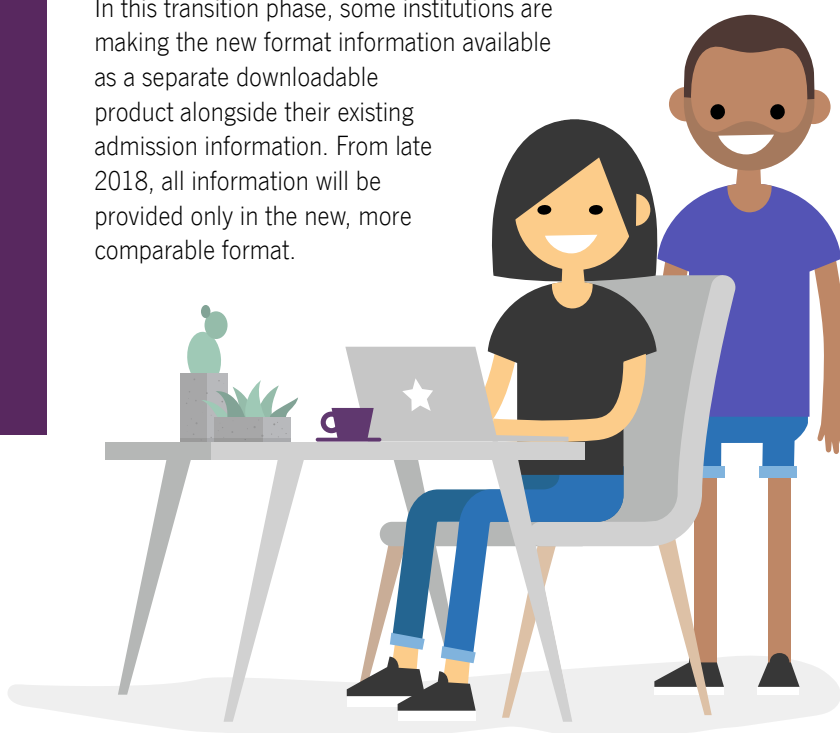
What's happening?

The Australian Government, in partnership with higher education institutions, is making changes to the way universities and other providers explain their admission processes. These changes are intended to make the processes for applying to study higher education easier for students to understand, and to compare.

Some changes are already in place, with more coming in 2018, to support students enrolling in 2019.

How will I benefit from these changes?

Students are now able to make informed decisions on where and how to apply for university based on all the facts. Admission information is now available on all university websites, set out in a way that is consistent across the board, so it is easier for students to understand and compare. In this transition phase, some institutions are making the new format information available as a separate downloadable product alongside their existing admission information. From late 2018, all information will be provided only in the new, more comparable format.



Later in 2018 a new website will be launched, similar to a 'hub' that will bring together, in one place, relevant admission information for available university undergraduate courses. This will enable prospective students to compare the admission requirements and processes for all Australian universities in one place.

The website will provide information such as:

- course entry requirements – including any minimum ATAR required for entry, portfolio, interview or additional test requirements
- details of special considerations available – such as ATAR-related adjustment factors (e.g. "bonus points"), school recommendations, work experience, etc.
- course pre-requisites – what other study you need to have already completed and any bridging courses that may be available to help you meet these requirements
- how previous students gained entry to a particular course/university – including the spread of ATARs with which past students were offered places in the course.

By 2019, all universities and other higher education institutions in Australia will be consistent in the way they describe their admission information by using the same terminology and language for their entrance requirements.

Where to get help and advice

- General information on the changes is available at www.education.gov.au/admissions-transparency-implementation-working-group-0.
- If you are still at school, you can talk to your school support contacts, such as career advisers and teachers for advice on tertiary study opportunities.
- Check out the following websites:
 - www.myfuture.edu.au – for all types of career assistance
 - www.qilt.edu.au – to compare experiences of past university students
 - www.studyassist.gov.au – for information on financing your tertiary study
- Contact the admissions staff at universities or other higher education institutions directly about course options and career opportunities.
- Contact your local Tertiary Admission Centre (if applicable) www.actac.edu.au for further information about higher education study, and the application and offer process.

Where can I get help if I am an international or postgraduate student?

For information on how these changes will affect you, please contact the admissions staff at the relevant Tertiary Admission Centre, university or other higher education institution you wish to apply to.

