

Understanding the changes to the ATAR



From 2025 there are changes to the way the ATAR is calculated for students completing the Tasmanian Certificate of Education. Your ATAR shows a university how your results in senior secondary school compare with your peers.

What has changed?

Right now, your ATAR is calculated using your best subject results, however three of these subjects must come from your final year of study together with the best score(s) of up to two other eligible* subjects in that year or one other year.

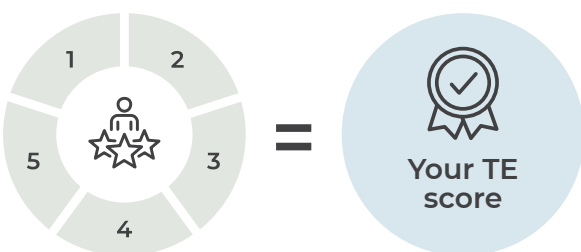
This may be challenging for students for many different reasons, some students perform better in year 11 than year 12, or some don't complete as many subjects in Year 12, and this makes it harder to achieve the highest possible ATAR.

How do I get an ATAR?

-  Achieve the Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE)
-  Achieve at least a Satisfactory Achievement or better in at least four (maximum of five) eligible* Level 3 or 4 courses

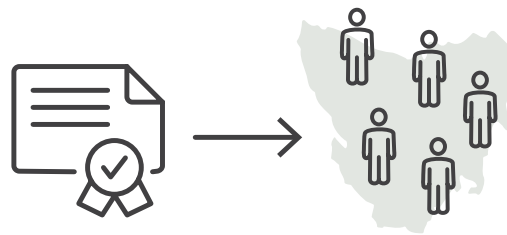
How will my ATAR be calculated?

Your best four–five eligible* Level 3 or Level 4 results from any two years of study = Tertiary Entrance (TE) Score

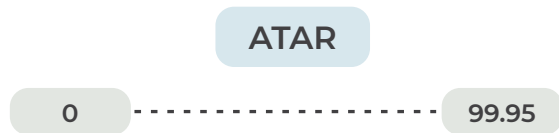


*Eligible courses are TASC accredited Level 3 and Level 4 courses

Your TE score is then compared with the TE scores achieved by your peers.



You are then issued with an ATAR which shows where you rank in your year group.



How do I gain entry to the University of Tasmania?

We recommend applying for early entry through the Schools Recommendation Program (SRP), which uses your teachers' recommendations to assess your application. Applications open at the end of June and offers are released from September through to November.

Your ATAR is still important because it may allow you to qualify for more study options. It will also ensure you are assessed for academic merit-based scholarships. If SRP or your ATAR doesn't get you into your preferred course, we have pathway programs to give you the skills and knowledge needed to succeed.

No matter what happens, we have a place for you.

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