## **VICTORIAN COURSES**

# **CHANGE OF PREFERENCE**

#### INTRODUCTION

This information is for Year 12 students who have applied for vocational and/or university courses through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).

Change of Preference (CoP) gives you the chance to add, delete and reorder your preferences. If you receive an offer, you will be offered the course highest on your preference list you are eligible for (you have met the ATAR and selection criteria requirements). It is also the last chance you have to make sure your preference list reflects what you would like to study in the future.

#### When can I apply?

You can apply to change your preferences any time until 12.00pm (noon) Wednesday 19 December. You will be able to change your preferences again after the main round of offers on Wednesday 16 January, but most course offers are made in this round. NB: CoP will be closed between 7am - 11am on Friday 14 December (the day ATARs are released).

#### How do I apply?

You can change your preferences as many times as you like during the CoP period. If you delete certain courses you will not be able to add them into your preference list again (e.g., medicine).

- 1. Using your VTAC ID number and pin, login to your VTAC account at www.vtac.edu.au
- 2. In your VTAC Account, click on the Change Undergraduate Preferences link.
- 3. Change your preferences and click submit.

#### **Tips and hints**

- Research your options. Go to CoP information sessions at the institutions of your choice. Use the course search link on the VTAC website.
- New courses: If adding any new courses, make sure you meet the prerequisites and have not missed any important dates to hand in supplementary forms or book interviews.
- Order correctly: Put in the courses that you really want to get into at the top
  of your preference list. The ATAR cut-offs won't be determined until January
  2019, and could go below the 2018 cut-offs.
- Plan B: Add in plan B courses as backups in case you don't achieve the ATAR you need. Research TAFE to university pathway courses, foundation and pathway programs at each university and courses with lower ATAR cut-offs, which can provide a possible second year transfer.



### **CONTACTS AND DATES - DECEMBER**

#### **Deakin University**

- Contact information: Change of Preference hotline 1800 693 888. Website (contains key information, contacts, Live Chat link, one-to-one booking service), http://bit.ly/2gl1gVf
- Information Sessions: Melbourne Burwood Sunday 16th, 11am 2pm. Geelong Waterfront Monday 17th, 5 7pm.
- Walk and Talk Tours: Geelong Waurn Ponds- Monday 17th, 11am 1pm.
   Warrnambool Tuesday 18th, 11am 1pm.

#### **Monash University**

- Contact information: Phone: 1800 666 274. Website (contains key information and contacts), http://bit.ly/1GHz3tl
- Change of Preference Expo: Caulfield campus- Monday 17th, 3pm 7pm

# Australian Catholic University

- Contact: Ph: 1300 275 228, https://bit.ly/2DTyOiM
- Know Your Options Information Sessions: Melbourne and Ballarat campuses-Monday 17th. Melbourne: 12 – 2.30pm, Ballarat: 4 - 6pm, http://bit.ly/2zQHD7c

## Federation University Australia

- Contact: Ph: 1800 333 864. Website (contains key information and contacts), https://bit.ly/2S9Kgdh
- Info Day: Mt Helen, Berwick and Gippsland campuses, Monday 17th, 2 7pm.

#### **Swinburne University**

- Contact: Ph: 1300 275 794. Website (contains key information and contacts), https://bit.ly/2S9NfSU
- Change of Preference Expo: Hawthorn campus, 17th, 10am 3pm.

#### **Victoria University**

- Contact: Ph: 1300 842 864. Website (contains key information and contacts, live chat link, book one-to-one consultation etc.), https://start.vu.edu.au/2019
- Change of Preference Expo: Footscray campus, Monday 17th, 3 6pm

#### **Charles Sturt University**

- Contact: Ph: 1800 334 733.
- Book an appointment face to face or via Skype, http://bit.ly/2iP4AnJ

#### **RMIT**

- Contact: Ph: 03 9925 2260. Website (contains key information and contacts), https://bit.ly/2EkD8sp
- Change of Preference Expo: City campus, Monday 17th, 2 5pm.
- Visit Info Corner Cnr Swanston and La Trobe Streets, Melbourne.





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#### **Melbourne University**

- Contact: Ph: 13 6352. Website (contains key information, contacts, Live Chat link etc.), https://bit.ly/2OAjw3n
- Course Information Day: Parkville campus, Monday 17th, 10am 2.30pm

#### La Trobe University

- Contact: Ph: 1300 135 045. Website (contains contacts, Live Chat, one-to-one booking link, etc.), https://bit.ly/2zHbUXv
- Advisory Days: will be held at each campus on Saturday 15th. Melbourne will hold a second Advisory Day on Sunday 16th.

## CHANGE OF PRERERENCE STEPS

#### 1: Assess your preferences

- December 14 December 19: Assess your preferences in light of your results
- Attend a Change of Preference information day at the institutions you would like to attend. Use the Change of Preference Calendar as a guide for dates and contacts
- Contact the institutions you would like to study at for advice.
- Firm up your preference list by Wednesday 19 December,
   12pm (noon) via your VTAC account.
- 'How to' videos: https://bit.ly/2MFsD1O

#### 2: Offers

- Main round offers will be released on 16th of January.
- There will be several offer rounds and you can change your preferences between rounds http://bit.ly/1GSssp8
- Ensure you accept the offer you receive in the main round. This will have no impact on your ability to receive offers in future rounds. For subsequent rounds, you should still have your wish list above your offer in your preference list. If you receive another offer in subsequent rounds and prefer this course, accept it and contact the university or TAFE to cancel the offer/s you have accepted.
- 'How to' video http://bit.ly/2ivNNp0



IT'S JUST A NUMBER
It's what you do with it that counts