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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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 Diploma of General Studies at CSU. After 12 months, they can progress into their desired degree with guaranteed entry (not all degrees eligible)

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

Single Subjects

You can undertake single subjects through direct entry to CSU. Successful completion of the subjects may boost your chances of gaining entry into your desired degree

- For more information, go to http://www.csu.edu.au/distance-education/study-options/single-subject-study

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, Melbourne, Ontario, Parramatta, Port Macquarie, Sydney, Wangaratta

Contact: 1800 ASK CSU (1800 275 278), http://www.csu.edu.au/contacts
Alternative Pathways

Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTS)

- 12-month course. Prepares students for pathways into the following selected degrees- nursing, arts, business, and 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 Peninsula and Berwick campuses.
- Must have a minimum ATAR of 50, and meet prerequisite subject requirements. Application direct to Monash, not through VTAC.

“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](http://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](http://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.

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](http://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](http://www.adm.monash.edu.au/admissions/aptitude-tests.html) for more information about both tests

Tafe to University


Campuses: Berwick, Clayton, Caulfield, Peninsula, Parkville, Malaysia, South Africa, China, India

Contact: 03 9902 6000, future@monash.edu.au  [www.monash.edu.au](http://www.monash.edu.au)
Alternative Pathways

“Pathways and Credits”

Victoria University (VU) has articulation and credit transfer pathways set up with numerous TAFEs, Private Colleges and universities across Australia and they have a TAFE division, where you can articulate between TAFE to university courses.

- 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/study-with-us/your-study-options/pathways-credits/credit-for-skills-past-study](http://www.vu.edu.au/study-with-us/your-study-options/pathways-credits/credit-for-skills-past-study)
- 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 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, [www.vu.edu.au/courses/foundation-studies-jcfs](http://www.vu.edu.au/courses/foundation-studies-jcfs)

“Diploma into a Degree”

- Victoria University offers five higher education diplomas, each providing a streamlined pathway straight into the second year of the bachelor degree, with full credit for the first year of the degree
- Available in the following areas: Business, Creative Industries, Education, Information Technology and Arts (Community Development)

Campuses: City (King, Queen, Flinders, Flinders Lane), Footscray (Nicholson & Park), Melton, Newport, St Albans, Sydney, Sunshine & Werribee, Contact: 03 9919 6100, [www.vu.edu.au](http://www.vu.edu.au)
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/

“Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation”

- Specialising in a selected stream of engineering, science or media studies, completion of this program provides a pathway into many RMIT TAFE Diploma programs. From the TAFE programs, you may then be able to articulate into degree courses with credit.
- For students who didn’t receive the ATAR required or don’t have the confidence to go straight into university study.
- There are no prerequisites, apply via VTAC. http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=C4327

Campuses: Brunswick, Bundoora and City Campus, Vietnam, Barcelona
Contact: 03 9925 8111, enquiries@rmit.edu.au, www.rmit.edu.au
Alternative Pathways

“Guaranteed Entry”
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 [http://www.future.swinburne.edu.au/pathways/tafe-to-degree/](http://www.future.swinburne.edu.au/pathways/tafe-to-degree/)

“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.


“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


“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. 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/](http://www.future.swinburne.edu.au/apply/unit/)

“UniLink to Degree”
UniLink diplomas are accredited as an award-level higher education diploma and provide a direct academic pathway to second-year university. They are equivalent to first-year university and will prepare you for second-year entry to your chosen bachelor degree. They are available in Design, Business, IT and Engineering.


Campuses: Croydon, Hawthorn, Melbourne, Wantirna, Sarawak Malaysia
Contact: 1300 275 794, study@swinburne.edu.au, www.swinburne.edu.au
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.

Go to [http://www.latrobe.edu.au/mature-age/apply/credit-for-previous-studies](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/mature-age/apply/credit-for-previous-studies)

**“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 La Trobe Bundoora and 10 bonus points for regional campuses.


**“Regional Diploma Courses”**: You can undertake a Diploma in Business, Arts, or Health Sciences at selected regional campuses. Once completed, you may be able to go directly into second year of approved degrees.


**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.


**“La Trobe Melbourne”**: You can undertake Diploma level courses in: Bioscience, Business, Health Science, IT and Mass Media & Communications. Completion guarantees you entry into second year of the approved La Trobe University course. Courses can be expensive compared to first year university study and TAFE Diplomas.

Go to [http://www.latrobemelbourne.edu.au/](http://www.latrobemelbourne.edu.au/)
Alternative Pathways

Bonus Point Schemes & AccessACU

- **Subject Bonus**: You may be eligible for up to 5 bonus points if you achieve highly in certain subjects.
- **School Relationship Bonus**: You may be eligible for 5 automatic bonus points if your school is registered under this school.
- **Campus Bonus**: This is similar to the School Relationship Bonus, and if your school is eligible, you will automatically receive 5 bonus points.
- **Regional Schools Bonus**: If your school is eligible, you will receive up to 5 bonus points.
- **Educational Access Scheme (UAC) and Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS)**: You may receive bonus points if you have experienced disadvantage during your education and you have applied for EAS via UAC or SEAS through VTAC.

Note: 

http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternate_entry/accessacu

Pathway Programs

You can undertake certificates, diplomas and associate degrees, which may enable you to articulate into your desired degree


VET to University

- ACU offers VET courses in areas such as exercise science, nursing, and aged care. Completion of courses may boost your chances of gaining entry into your desired degree

Note: 


Campuses: Ballarat, Melbourne, Canberra, Strathfield, North Sydney & Brisbane

Contact: 1300 275 228, www.acu.edu.au futurestudents@acu.edu.au
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 prerequisites to gain a place in your desired degree, you should apply for the Diploma in General Studies which you can undertake at one of the following locations- Dookie, Wodonga, Wangaratta, Benalla or Seymour. You must have an ATAR of at least 50 and a study score of at least 30 EAL or 25 for all other English.

- For more information, go to [www.dookie.unimelb.edu.au/generalstudies/](http://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

“Guaranteed Entry Pathway”

If you think you will get over 94 for your ATAR, the University may be able to guarantee you access to eligible graduate programs.

- 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](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/entry-requirements/guaranteed-entry)

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

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


“Deakin at Your Doorstep”

Rural and regional students can access Deakin courses at several locations across Victoria. You can enrol in selected Associate or Bachelor Degree

- For more information, go to http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/doorstep/index.php

“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.

- Go to www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/mibt-students.php

“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

“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


Associate Degree of Arts, Business and Science

This qualification doesn’t have a minimum ATAR and once completed, you can articulate into selected Bachelor Degrees with credit. Offered at several campuses across Victoria- http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/study-options-and-pathways

Campuses: Burwood, Geelong Waurn Ponds, Geelong Waterfront, Warrnambool and several regional locations

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/schools/ub-college/prepare-to-study-or-work/fast-program](http://www.ballarat.edu.au/schools/ub-college/prepare-to-study-or-work/fast-program)

“TAFE to University”

The Federation University 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 TAFE Institutes such as Wodonga TAFE.

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