



Procedure: Admissions

Purpose

To provide a clear statement of the University's coursework student admissions procedure, and support transparent and streamlined application processes.

Definitions

Adjustment factors: These are additional points that may be used in combination with an applicant's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) to derive a person's undergraduate program selection rank. Adjustments do not change applicants' ATARs, but change their selection rank for a particular program or programs. Common types of adjustment factors are:

- **Elite Athlete and Performer adjustments:** Adjustments available on the basis of the applicant's sporting or artistic prowess.
- **Equity adjustment:** Adjustment available on the basis of characteristics associated with disadvantage.
- **Subject adjustment:** Adjustment available on the basis of the particular relevance to the academic requirements of a higher education program of a secondary subject that the applicant undertook.
- **Maximum adjustment:** The maximum total adjustments possible to an applicant's Selection Rank from the combination of all adjustments they are eligible for.

ANU coursework study: ANU coursework study includes undergraduate, honours, graduate coursework, non-award and cross-institutional studies.

ANU Extension Program: ANU Extension is a program for domestic secondary school students that allows them the opportunity to enrol in an ANU academic award program for which they are eligible for credit on their enrolment in tertiary studies. Students enrolling in the program must have a concurrent full-time enrolment at an ACT College or school (whether Government or non-Government).

ANU Honours Program: ANU Honours Program is an advanced degree for those applicants who can do independent research on a chosen topic. It may be structured following a three-year bachelor pass degree or four year's direct admission from secondary school studies.

ANU Pathway Programs: The ANU Pathway Programs offer applicants, who do not meet the direct entry requirements of the University, some alternative pathway options, such as the Diploma Programs, and the Enabling Program.

ANU Selection Rank (see also Final ANU Selection Rank): The ranking that the University uses to assess for a conditional offer to an undergraduate program under the direct Admission, Scholarships and Accommodation application process. The ANU Selection Rank is calculated using an applicant's Year 11 school results and any adjustment factors. This is the score that will be used for **conditional** ANU offers.

ANU Undergraduate Supplementary Admission Schemes: The ANU Undergraduate Supplementary Admission Schemes allow eligible applicants to be considered on other criteria together with their ATAR scores. These schemes include: National Access Scheme, Elite Athletes Scheme and Special Consideration.

Applicant: Applicant means a person who has already lodged an application to study a specific program. This can include applications through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC); direct applications and program transfer.

Applicant background: The following grouping is used to help prospective students, family and others easily find the admission information most relevant to their circumstances.

- **Higher education study:** Applicants whose highest level of study enrolment since leaving secondary education is a higher education program, whether at a university or non-university provider.
- **Vocational education and training (VET) study:** Applicants whose highest level of study enrolment since leaving secondary education is a VET course.
- **Work and life experience** (includes less recent secondary results or where selection rank is below the minimum requirement): Applicants who left secondary education more than two years previously and have not undertaken VET or higher education study since then. Extended time limits from completion of secondary education may apply to the experience based entry scheme.
- **Recent secondary education:** Applicants whose admission is based mostly on secondary education undertaken at school, TAFE or other VET or higher education provider (Australian or overseas equivalent) that was completed (or will be) in the current year or within the previous two years.

Assessable qualifications accepted at ANU: For admission to undergraduate programs at ANU, the following qualifications from an approved institution will be considered when assessing applicant's eligibility:

- Australian Year 12 or international equivalent
- Completed Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) level 5 or higher
- Minimum 1 year of full time enrolment (1.0 FTE) in a single bachelor program study

For admission to graduate programs at ANU, applicants are usually required to have at least a completed Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) level 7 or higher, or international equivalent when assessing applicants' eligibility.

ATAR and minimum ATAR scores accepted at ANU: The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) provides a measure of a student's overall academic achievement in the Higher School Certificate (HSC) in relation to other students.

Bridging course: A course which assists students to gain knowledge in specialist areas that are a core component of the course. If a course requires a prerequisite in an area that students have not studied or worked with before, a bridging course will help students to bridge the gap in that knowledge and gain admission. Bridging courses offered at ANU are Maths Bridging and Chemistry Bridging.

Co-curricular or Service requirement: The Co-curricular or Service requirement is a new admissions requirement for all domestic school leavers applying through the direct Admission, Scholarships and Accommodation (ASA) application or through Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). It requires domestic secondary students who aspire to come to the ANU to engage in co-curricular or service activities. The requirement operates as a threshold and does not competitively rank students. Co-curricular and service activities are collated in the Co-curricular or Service Schedule.

Co-curricular or Service Schedule: The Co-curricular or Service Schedule outlines out-of-class activities that ANU will recognise as satisfying the co-curricular or service requirement for admission. Each activity is mapped against 7 skills. As part of their application, domestic school leaver applicants will select the activities they have undertaken and provide appropriate evidence. The skills attained will then be calculated in accordance with the schedule, and assessed against a minimum threshold requirement of 3 out of 7 skills.

Domestic applicants: For the purposes of admission at ANU, domestic applicants are: Australian or New Zealand citizens (including dual citizenship holders of either country); Australian permanent residents; and holders of an Australian humanitarian visa.

Domestic school leaver applicants: For the purposes of applying through the direct domestic Admission, Scholarships and Accommodation system, a school leaver is someone who is due to complete an Australian Year 12 or International Baccalaureate Diploma (November session), where the study took place within Australia, in the current year.

Enabling Program: A program designed to provide students with skills needed for success in further study, to assist in the transition to tertiary education. Enabling program at ANU refers to the University Preparation Program.

Experience based entry scheme: Experience based entry scheme is a selection method to assess and select students who may not have assessable qualifications accepted at ANU for admission to a program but who have other relevant work and life skills and experience that make them a suitable candidate. Applicants with work and life experience are considered via Special Tertiary Admission Test (STAT) or work experience.

Final ANU Selection Rank (see also ANU Selection Rank). This is calculated using the applicant's ATAR and any adjustment factors. This is the score that will be used for **full** ANU offers.

Gathered field: Applicants who have submitted an application by the application closing date are assessed for meeting minimum requirements. Those meeting minimum requirements are ranked and the top ranked candidates are offered places until vacancies in the program are full.

GTE: The genuine temporary entrant (GTE) requirement is an integrity measure used by the Department of Home Affairs to ensure the student visa program is used as intended and not as a way for international students to maintain ongoing residency in Australia.

International applicants: For the purposes of admission at ANU, international applicants are applicants who are not domestic applicants.

Mature Age Entry: Mature-age entry at ANU refers to domestic undergraduate applicants who are 21 or over and do not have assessable qualifications or whose qualifications do not meet the University's normal entry requirements.

Program Transfer: Coursework students currently enrolled in a program who have completed a minimum of one course who have not graduated and are not eligible to graduate at ANU, apply via the program transfer process if they are applying to transfer into an ANU program at the same career level, e.g. undergraduate to undergraduate degree including within or to a flexible double degree. Applications are submitted within the deadlines specified by the Division of Student Administration and Academic Services (DSAAS). Program transfers exclude honours (as a plus one degree) as a destination degree. Program transfers are an act of admission.

Prospective student: A prospective student is a person who is considering lodging an application to study a particular program who has not yet submitted an application.

The Admission, Scholarships and Accommodation (ASA) system: The direct domestic ASA system is an ANU-branded application system that covers applications for admission, scholarships and accommodation under one application process for domestic school leavers only.

Procedure

General Procedure

1. All applicants must meet ANU admission requirements. With the exception of offshore programs where the entire program is taught and examined in a language other than English, all applicants must meet the ANU English language requirements. The [English language requirements for admission policy](#) outlines approved methods for meeting the English language requirements. Documents supporting an application for admission must comply with current standards and may be subject to a back to source audit.
2. Eligibility for admission into a program does not guarantee selection into a program. Entry to all awards at ANU are on a competitive basis in line with the strategic plan.
3. ANU has final discretion on admitting applicants.
4. Applicants meeting the eligibility criteria for admission may be denied admission on the basis that:
 - a program or diversity target has reached the maximum number of students;
 - an applicant is deemed by the university not to meet the GTE requirements specified by the Department of Home Affairs;
 - suitable supervision is not available for an applicant seeking admission to a degree of Bachelor Honours (honours year program) or Master Advanced program.
5. The University places restrictions on the admission of students under the age of 18. For information please refer to the [Underage student management policy](#).
6. Any breaches in admissions standards, including conflict of interest (refer to the [Conflict of interest and commitment policy](#)) are reported to the Academic Quality and Assurance Committee, Academic Board and the Vice Chancellor.

Undergraduate domestic applicants (non-program transfer)

7. Domestic school leaver applicants apply to the University via the direct Admission, Scholarships and Accommodation application.

8. Domestic non-school leaver applicants apply to the University via University Admission Centre (UAC).
9. Applicants who do not meet the direct entry requirements may be considered for ANU Pathway Programs or apply under the ANU Supplementary Admission Schemes or Experience Based Entry Scheme. Detailed information about each scheme and how to apply is given in
 - Table 1: ANU Pathway Programs;
 - Table 2: Supplementary Admission Schemes; and
 - Table 3: Experience Based Entry Scheme.
10. Applicant Selection Rank for Admissions:
 - Recent secondary education applicants who have not attempted any further studies will be assessed on the basis of their ATAR or ATAR equivalent and any adjustment factors where applicable.
 - Higher education study applicants who have completed a minimum of one-year full time equivalent bachelor studies will be assessed on the basis of their best tertiary results from all assessable qualifications.
 - Vocational education and training (VET) study applicants will be assessed on the basis of their best results from completed VET qualification at AQF level 5 or higher. If the VET qualification is incomplete, applicants will be assessed on the basis of their best secondary study results.
 - Work and life experience applicants will be assessed on the basis of the Experience Based Entry Scheme where applicable.

Table 1: ANU pathway programs

Scheme name	Application process	Relevant links
ANU Diplomas	<p>Applicants are automatically considered for an ANU Diploma if their application is not eligible for a bachelor degree.</p> <p>Applicants must have a valid application in either the Admission, Scholarships and</p>	<p>http://www.anu.edu.au/study/study-options/diplomas</p>

	Accommodation (ASA) system or in University Admission Centre (UAC).	
<p>University Preparation Program (UPP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANU Achieve • ANU Activate • ANU Advanced 	<p>Applicants are automatically considered for the UPP if their application is not eligible for a bachelor or sub-bachelor degree.</p> <p>Applicants must have a valid application in either the Admission, Scholarships and Accommodation (ASA) system or in University Admission Centre (UAC).</p>	<p>https://www.anucollege.edu.au/courses/pathway-to-university/university-preparation-program</p>

Table 2: Supplementary entry schemes

Scheme name	Application process	Relevant links
National Access Scheme (Adjustment Factors)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ANU considers adjustment factors for applicants who have undertaken Australian Year 12 or International Baccalaureate. Applicants' program Selection Rank will be adjusted based on the approved ANU Adjustment Factors Schedule. 2. Adjustment factors are only awarded to domestic applicants who have not attempted tertiary study before. 	<p>http://www.anu.edu.au/study/apply and</p> <p>http://www.anu.edu.au/study/apply/national-access-scheme</p>

	3. Applicants apply for admission to the ANU via the approved admission process	
Home Schooled Students	<p>Home-schooled applicants submit either the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) (including both the Multiple Choice and Written English components) or the American Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). The test will be assessed in conjunction with a portfolio by the ANU Admissions Office.</p> <p>1. The portfolio includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Information on the subjects undertaken and curricula for each subject; b. Sample of works, in particular an example of an essay; c. transcripts of results, if available (e.g. if following a structured program from a private college); d. results from any further education courses undertaken at TAFE or Open Universities Australia; e. results from any subject competition undertaken (e.g. Australian Schools Science Competition). 	domestic.admissions@anu.edu.au
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<p>Extension Program</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. students email anu.extension@anu.edu.au for application information. 3. Selection of students is based on the information provided in the application, the result of the selection test and in some cases, information obtained from the applicant's school. 4. On successful completion of the program, applicants are considered for an offer from the University and up to 6 credit points towards their bachelor degree program. 	<p>http://extension.anu.edu.au/</p>
<p>Special consideration</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicants have an assessable qualification, which meets entry requirements. 2. Applicants with no tertiary study who are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Domestic school leaver applicants apply via the direct Admission, Scholarships and Accommodation (ASA) application. b. Domestic non- school leaver applicants apply through the EAS administered by Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). c. Applicants applying for consideration on the basis of tertiary study alone (ignore part of tertiary study) have 	<p>http://www.anu.edu.au/study/apply/special-consideration</p>

	<p>d. completed at least one year of full-time tertiary study and apply through the ANU Admissions Office, after submitting an application via UAC</p>	
<p>Elite Athletes</p>	<p>Candidates apply for admission to the ANU via the approved admission process.</p> <p>a. Domestic school leaver applicants apply via the direct Admission, Scholarships and Accommodation application.</p> <p>b. Domestic non- school leaver applicants apply through Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).</p> <p>Candidates then submit additional documentation to support their application. The documentation needs to demonstrate status as an elite athlete.</p>	<p>http://www.anu.edu.au/study/apply/elite-athlete-friendly-university-eafu-entry-scheme</p>

Table 3: Experience based entry schemes

Scheme name	Application process	Relevant links
<p>Mature age or adult entry Scheme: Special Adult Entry Scheme</p>	<p>Mature age entry at ANU refers to domestic undergraduate applicants who are 21 or over and do not have assessable</p>	<p>http://www.anu.edu.au/study/apply/special-adult-entry-scheme</p>

(SAES)	<p>qualifications or whose qualifications do not meet the University's entry requirements. Applicants are selected on the basis of their performance in two Special Tertiary Admission Tests (STAT):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple choice; • Written English. 	
Work Experience	<p>Applicants are considered for admission to the ANU on the basis of work experience. Work experience must meet the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) scale, with a minimum skill level of 2 and with a minimum duration of five years' work experience or higher. Work experience is not considered for all programs. Applicants must provide a statement of service for each work experience.</p>	<p>http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/employment.shtml</p>

Admissions procedures for undergraduate international applicants

11. Admission to most undergraduate coursework programs is on a competitive basis. Applicants are assessed, and where applicable ranked, by the delegated authority in accordance with the admissions requirements as published at <http://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/>.

12. The university will consider academic achievement, English language ability and diversity targets, outlined in the University's strategic plan, when ranking students for selection.

Type of applicants	Application method	Relevant links
<p>International applicants completing an Australian Year 12, an International Baccalaureate in Australia or a New Zealand NCEA Level 3 in the current or the year prior to admission.</p>	<p>Applicants apply through UAC International.</p>	<p>http://www.uac.edu.au/international/</p>
<p>International applicants who are currently completing an International Baccalaureate outside Australia</p>	<p>Applicants apply through UAC International</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Apply direct through ANU Admissions Office.</p>	<p>http://www.uac.edu.au/international/</p> <p>http://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/</p>
<p>International applicants who hold a qualification other than an Australian Year 12 or International</p>	<p>Applicants apply direct through ANU Admissions Office.</p>	<p>http://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/</p>

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Table 4: International ANU pathway programs

Scheme name	Application process	Relevant links
ANU Express	Applicants apply through ANU College	https://www.anucollege.edu.au/apply/application-form http://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/
ANU Diplomas	Applicants apply through ANU College.	https://www.anucollege.edu.au/apply/application-form http://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/

Undergraduate Program Transfer

13. Applicants applying for a program transfer are assessed by the delegated authority as follows:

- If applying for program transfer with less than 1 year of full time equivalent enrolment (1.0 FTE) at ANU in an undergraduate program, applicants are assessed on the selection rank, excluding adjustment factors that were used for admission to the University.
- If applying for a program transfer with 1 year of full time equivalent enrolment or greater (1.0 FTE), applicants are assessed on the basis of this study.

14. Students eligible to apply for a program transfer have:

- a. completed at least one course in their current program at ANU; and
- b. met the conditions of sponsorship which do not prevent a program transfer, if applicable; and
- c. no outstanding fees.

15. Program transfer applications are submitted through ANU ISIS by the published deadline.

Admission procedures for Honours applications

16. Applicants apply direct via [ANU Admissions Office](#), including any additional research portfolios as instructed.

Admission procedures for domestic Graduate coursework applications

17. Admission to most postgraduate coursework programs for domestic applicants is on a competitive basis. Applicants are assessed and ranked by the delegated authority in accordance with the admissions requirements as published at

<http://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au>

18. Domestic applicants apply through UAC at <http://www.uac.edu.au/postgraduate/>, except in the following circumstances:

a. Applicants apply directly to the [ANU Admissions Office](#) for the following programs:

- Master of Legal Practice
- Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice
- Master of Science Communication Outreach

a. Applicants applying to Doctor of Medicine and Surgery apply through GEMSAS

- All domestic graduate coursework programs offered by the [Crawford School of Public Policy](#)

Admission procedures for international Graduate coursework applications

19. International applicants apply directly to the [ANU Admissions Office](#).

20. Admission to most postgraduate coursework programs is on a competitive basis.

Where ranking is applied, applicants are assessed and ranked by the delegated authority in accordance with the admissions requirements as published at

<http://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/>

21. The university will consider academic achievement, English language ability and diversity targets, outlined in the University's strategic plan, when ranking students for eligibility.

22. International qualifications are assessed according to the ANU approved admission assessment manual. In lieu of an approved admissions assessment manual applicants will be assessed using the ANU Grade Point Average calculator tool.

Graduate Coursework Admission based on Professional Experience

23. Where a case for admission includes informal and non-formal learning gained through professional experience, applicants provide:

- a. a curriculum vitae clearly identifying periods of full-time and part-time professional experience;
- b. the contact details of two referees who can verify the experience;
- c. a statement addressing the relevant learning outcomes of the program as specified in Policy: Recognition of Prior and External Learning;
- d. A statement from the employer confirming relevant experience, alternative evidence verifying the professional experience or a statement why such a statement cannot be provided.

24. Programs that require applicants to provide alternative documentation to that listed in 23(a)-(c) publish details of the allowable alternative documentation in the Admission Requirements section for the program on Programs and Courses (<https://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/>).

25. The University may request additional information and evidence for the admission assessment.

Graduate Program Transfer

26. Applicants applying for a program transfer are assessed by the delegated authority in accordance with the admission requirements as published at <http://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/>.

27. Students eligible to apply for a program transfer have:

- a. completed at least one course in their program at ANU; and
- b. met the conditions of sponsorship which do not prevent program transfer, if applicable; and
- c. no outstanding fees.

28. Program transfer applications are submitted through ANU ISIS by the published deadline.

Non-Award Study

29. Undergraduate and graduate coursework applicants apply for non-award study using the Application for [Non-Award Admission form](#).

Cross Institutional Study

30. Cross institutional study occurs when a student undertakes courses at one institution (the host provider) while formally enrolled for an award at another institution (the home provider), where there is an arrangement for recognition of study by both institutions.

31. Students from other institutions wishing to study at ANU submit an [Application for Cross Institutional Studies](#) to the ANU Admissions Office. Applicants applying for cross institutional study must meet the ANU minimum admission requirements.

Notifying Admission Outcomes

32. Applicants receive a formal notification of the outcome of their application. The notification, sent by e-mail, will be a full offer, a conditional offer, or a letter indicating an unsuccessful application.

33. If applicants apply through UAC, the notification will be sent from UAC on advice from the University.

Offers

34. A summary of accepting, deferring or declining an offer is outlined below.

Type of applicants	Accepting an offer	Deferring an offer/requesting reassessment for a future intake	Declining an offer
Direct Domestic Admission, Scholarships and Accommodation Applicants	<p>Conditional Offer: Applicants accept the conditional direct domestic offer and pay the accommodation deposit (if applicable) by the acceptance deadline</p> <p>Unconditional Offer: Applicants meet the conditions of the offer and accept their offer in the Admission, Scholarships and Accommodation (ASA) system by the published deadline.</p>	<p>Undergraduate programs (excluding one year honours programs): Applicants defer an admission offer in the ASA system. Offers for scholarships and accommodation are not able to be deferred.</p> <p>Applications are reassessed for scholarships and accommodation for a future intake on submitting a new application.</p> <p>Undergraduate programs (one year honours programs): Applications are made in writing to domestic.admissions@anu.edu</p>	<p>Applicants decline an offer by ticking the relevant fields in the ASA system.</p> <p>ASA Offers lapse after the acceptance date on the letter of offer has passed.</p>

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Domestic UAC applicants	Applicants meet any outstanding conditions of the offer and complete the relevant online acceptance form by the published deadline	<p>Undergraduate programs (excluding one year honours programs): Applicants defer an offer by completing the relevant online form.</p> <p>Undergraduate one year honours programs: Offers for admission to one year honours programs are not able to be deferred. Applicants submit a request via online form to be assessed for a future intake.</p> <p>Graduate programs: Offers of admission to graduate programs are not able to be deferred. Applicants submit a request via online form to be reassessed for a future intake.</p>	<p>Applicants decline an offer by completing the relevant online form.</p> <p>Offers lapse after the acceptance date on the letter of offer has passed.</p>
International applicants	Applicants meet any outstanding conditions of the offer, complete the acceptance declaration and payment advice and the financial declaration form and pay their tuition fee deposit. http://students.anu.edu.au/ap	International applicants are not able to defer offers of admissions. Applicants may apply for consideration in a future intake.	<p>Offers of admission lapse after the expiry date on the letter of offer.</p> <p>Offers of admission may lapse before the expiry date</p>

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Excluded Students

35. Applicants apply to the University after the expiration of the period of exclusion. Periods of exclusion may be up to 5 years according to the [ANU Academic Progress Rule](#), or indefinitely according to the [ANU Discipline Rules](#). Applicants must disclose details about their exclusion in their application and demonstrate that they have successfully completed an assessable qualification for admission to ANU, following the exclusion decision.

Review of Decisions and Appeals

36. Appeals are considered in accordance with the [ANU Coursework Awards Rule](#).

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