I’ve found out my ATAR: what are my options?
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Now that results have been released, you may have questions about what your options are from here.

First thing’s first: don’t panic. If you haven’t received the ATAR you expected, there are other ways to get into the course you always wanted to do.

Many institutions offer alternative pathways in study programs.

If you have a subject that interests you or a preferred course or institution you wish to attend, you can call the institution and chat with a Pathways Counsellor about your options.

Pathway programs are designed to be another entry into tertiary study; you can enter from various points and exit when you have achieved your desired goal.

A list of Pathways Counsellors can be found on VTAC’s Facebook page.

Talk to your school careers counsellor.

They may be able to provide you with some ideas or suggestions that you haven’t thought about. Your careers teacher will be able to offer you some guidance.

You may decide to change direction.

You may choose to take a different route altogether, by taking a gap year to travel, work or explore other options. You can then choose to apply for further study at a later date as a Non Year 12 Applicant.

The most important thing is not to give up on something you are truly passionate about; there are always other options available to you.