New policies

Discontinuation of Higher Education Increments for the IB notional ATAR

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Higher education extension studies are explicitly designed for credit towards the VCE. At its meeting in December 2015, the VTAC Scaling Committee confirmed that as of December 2018, a Higher Education Increment will no longer be available for IB students.

Existing policies

Contribution of VFE Block Credit towards the ATAR

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The rule regarding the use of VCAA granted VFE Block Credit, at unit 3-4 level, was first implemented in December 2011. It stated that:

When calculating an ENTER for a student who has previously been awarded an ENTER, previously obtained VCE and VCE VET results will take precedence over later VFE Block Credit results.

The rule was reviewed in 2013 by the VTAC Scaling Committee because of perceived unfairness and unnecessary complexity. As an example, two students with the same results apart from the year of their VFE block credit could receive different ATARs. Similarly, two students with identical results but in a different order may also receive different ATARs. This situation was considered unfair.

In 2013, the VTAC Scaling Committee simplified the rule so that it did not depend on the existence of a previous ATAR or the order in which studies results were achieved. It now states that:

VCE and VCE VET results will take precedence over VFE Block Credit results.

The amended rule will come into effect for the calculation of 2015 ATARs.

Under the new conditions, VFE block credit can still be used in the calculation of the ATAR. However, it can only be used in the calculation of an ATAR if there are fewer than 6 VCE or VCE VET studies available. If there are 6 or more VCE or VCE VET studies available, a VFE block credit result cannot be used.

Reminders

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The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) is a selection requirement for some applicants to the following courses:

La Trobe University
Health Sciences in Dentistry/Master of Dentistry
Oral Health Science

Monash University
Medicine

The UMAT is held once a year only. Prospective applicants for the above courses are advised to read the information on the UMAT website and contact the institutions to confirm whether they are required to sit the UMAT.

UMAT2016 will be held at various locations around Australia on Wednesday 27 July 2016.

Registrations are now open and will close at 5pm on Friday 3 June 2016. Late registrations will be accepted until 5pm Friday 17 June 2016 and will incur a late fee.

For more information visit umat.acer.edu.au, or contact the UMAT office on (03) 8508 7643 or at umat@acer.edu.au.