



**Information for  
Year 12 students, 2024**

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# Who is TISC and what do we do?

- TISC calculates scaled scores and ATARs.
- We also broadly manage the undergraduate university admission process, particularly for WA Year 12s.
- We publish the TISC Guide and other brochures.
- We conduct information presentations – like this one – for school groups.
- We run the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT).
- Owned by the four public universities but are a neutral body.
- Aim to enhance participation in Higher Education.

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# Entry requirements



# Pathways to university

ATAR

IB Diploma

VET studies –  
Certificate IV or  
higher

Portfolio or  
experience-  
based entry

Enabling  
programs

A blurred background image showing the backs of several graduates wearing black academic caps with red tassels. They are standing in a line, likely at a graduation ceremony, with green foliage visible in the background.

# University Admission Requirements (WA Year 12 students)

- ✓ WACE *or* IB Diploma
- ✓ English
- ✓ Prerequisites
- ✓ ATAR *or* Selection Rank *or* IB Admissions Score

# English Language Competence (ELC)



## ATAR English (or Literature or EALD)

Scaled score of 50.00 or higher –  
*ELC for all universities*

Near miss – TISC may **concede** ELC  
for one or more units

Final school grade of C or higher –  
*ECU*

Any result (with Yr 12 completion) –  
*Murdoch and Notre Dame*

If scaled score <50, will be invited to  
sit STAT in January for English  
competence.



## General English (or Literature or EALD)

Any result (with Yr 12 completion) –  
*Murdoch and Notre Dame*

Final school grade of A **and** a  
Certificate IV – *ECU* (Experience  
Based Entry pathway).

*Curtin and UWA* – you will need to  
check with the university later in the  
year to see if you have permission  
to sit STAT for English competence.  
You won't be permitted to sit before  
the WACE exams end.



# English Language Competence for VET students

- AQF Diploma: will meet ELC for all WA universities
- AQF Certificate IV **plus** ATAR English (or Literature or EALD):
  - Will meet ELC for Murdoch and Notre Dame
  - Will meet ELC for ECU if you get a final school grade of C or higher *or* a final scaled score of 50.00 or higher.
  - Will meet ELC for Curtin if you achieve a final scaled score of 50.00 or higher. This will also meet ELC for UWA, but may not meet their minimum entry requirements – contact UWA for details.
  - Will be able to book STAT Written English in January if ELC not achieved.

# English Language Competence for VET students

- AQF Certificate IV **plus** General English (or Literature or EALD)
  - Will meet ELC for Murdoch and Notre Dame.
  - Will meet ELC for ECU's Experience Based Entry Scheme if your final school grade is A.
  - Will not meet ELC for Curtin (except Portfolio Entry) or UWA.
  - You may be permitted to sit STAT Written English after the completion of WACE exams to meet ELC for Curtin and ECU.
  - If you want to study at UWA, you will need *written permission* from UWA to sit the full STAT.

# What's an IB Admissions Score?

- Your IB score will still be reported as a whole number (max. 45).
- However, you will also receive a *finer-grained conversion* to an **IB Admissions Score**. This utilises more data points to give a more accurate picture of your performance within the IB score band.
- Tertiary Admission Centres (TACs) like TISC will then convert these to a **Combined Rank** according to an agreed national schedule.
- The Admissions Requirements brochure for IB students gives more information.

# What's an IB Admissions Score?

**Conversions are examples only.**

*Old system*

37 ( <b>high</b> in each subject band)	→	<b>94.90</b>
37 ( <b>average to above average</b> in each subject band)	→	<b>94.90</b>
37 ( <b>below average</b> in each subject band)	→	<b>94.90</b>
37 ( <b>low</b> in each subject band)	→	<b>94.90</b>

*Using IBAS*

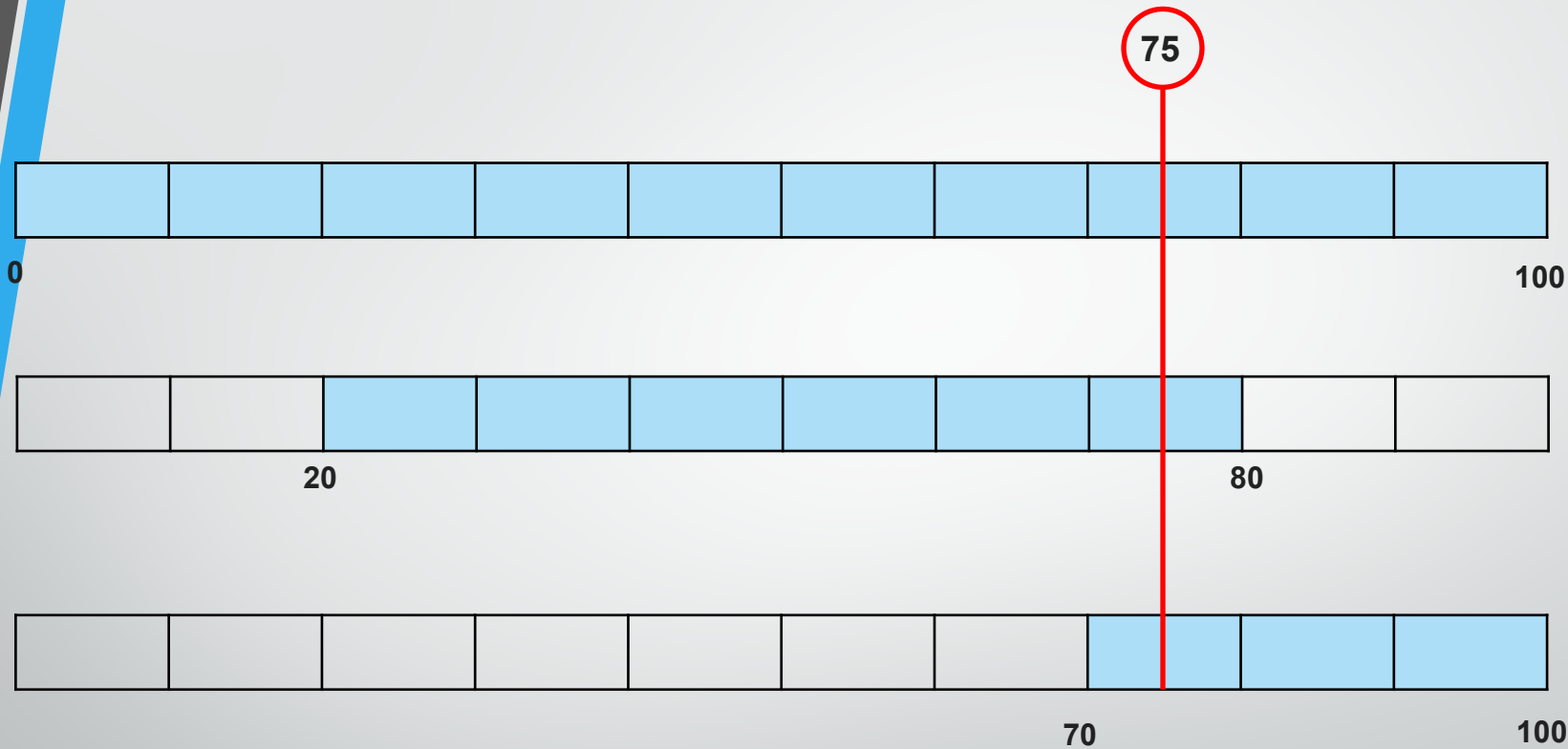
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37 ( <b>below average</b> in each subject band)	→	<b>94.90</b>
37 ( <b>low</b> in each subject band)	→	<b>94.55</b>

# The ATAR



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# ATAR

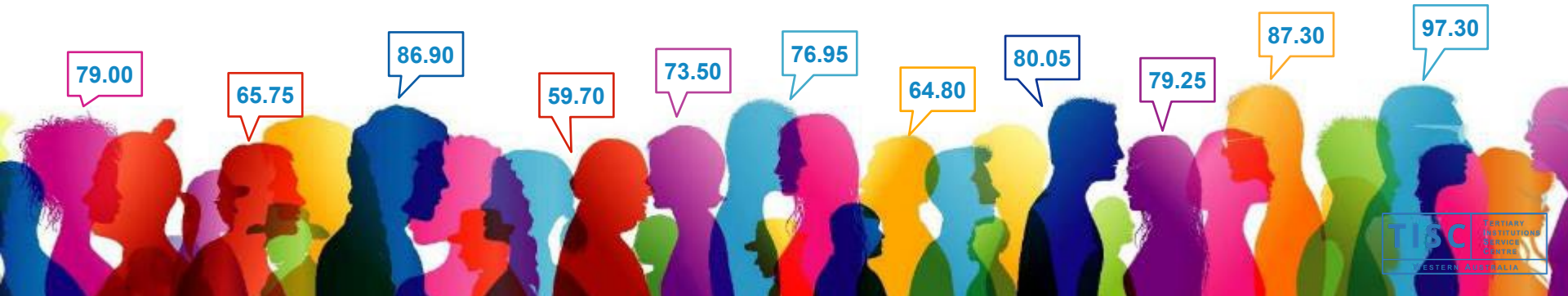
Australian Tertiary Admission Rank



A way to compare the results of thousands of students for university entry purposes.

Rank position in the total WA Year 12 school leaving age population.

75.00 means you have performed better than 75% of all the Year 12 school leaving age people in WA.



# ATAR isn't the only selection tool.

Interview

Audition

Test

Portfolio

School  
Recommendation

79.00

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86.90

59.70

73.50

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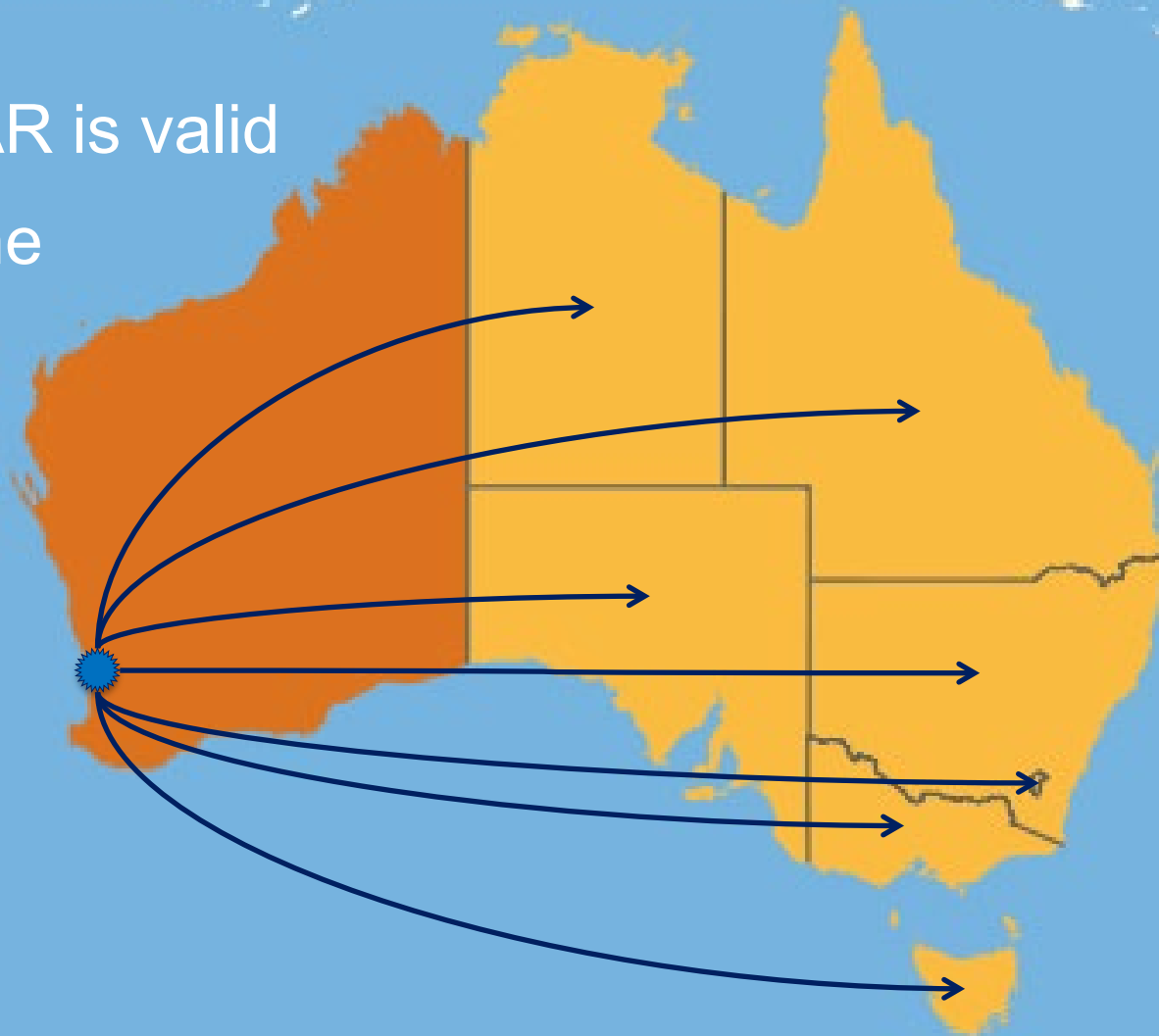
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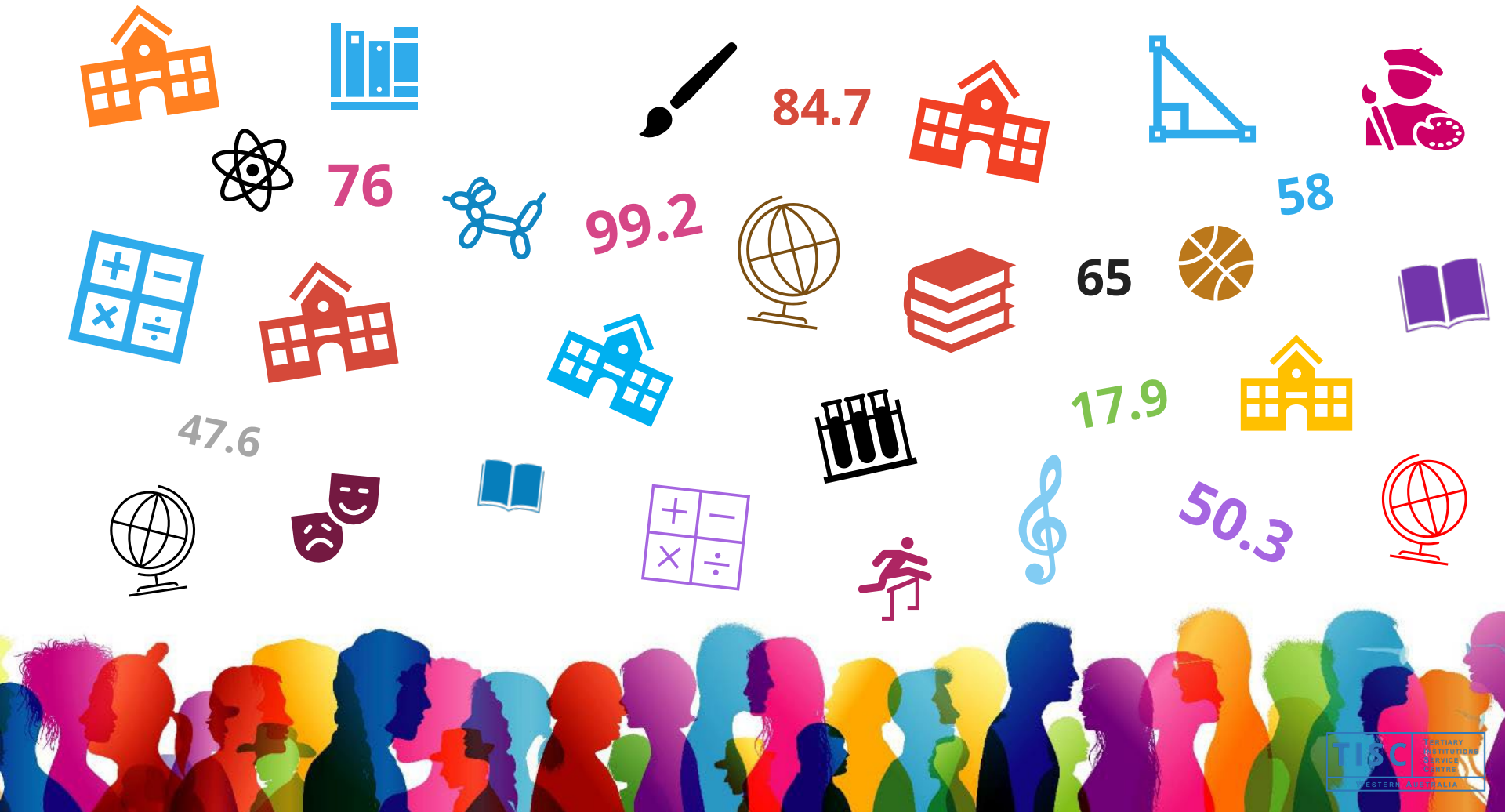
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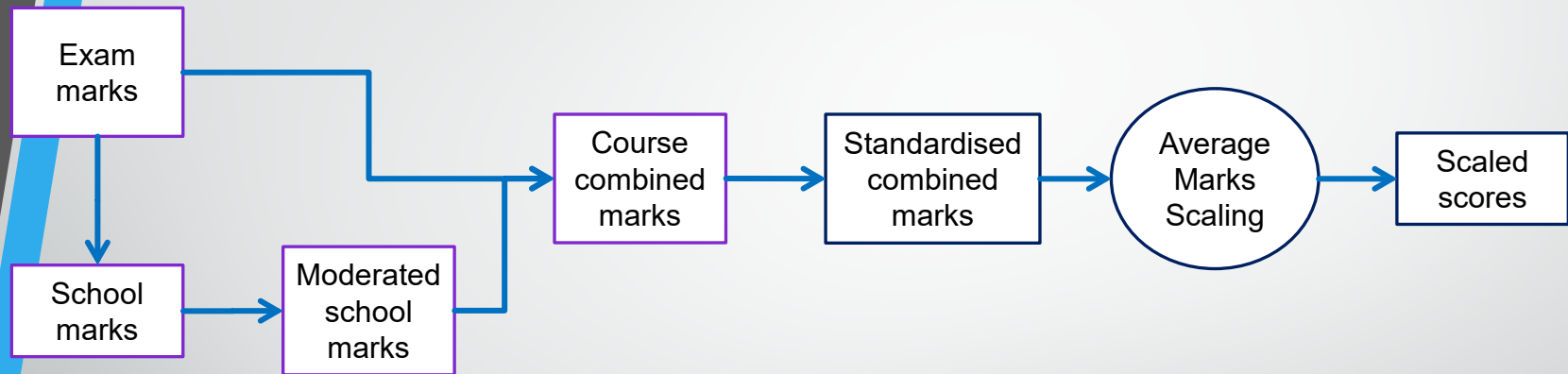


# From raw marks to scaled scores





Context	Comparison
Schools	Moderation
Exams	Standardisation
Courses	Scaling



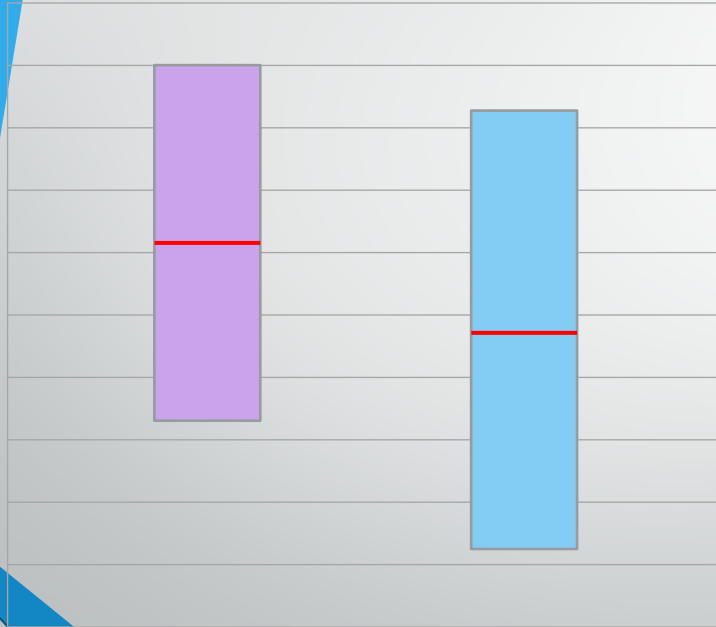
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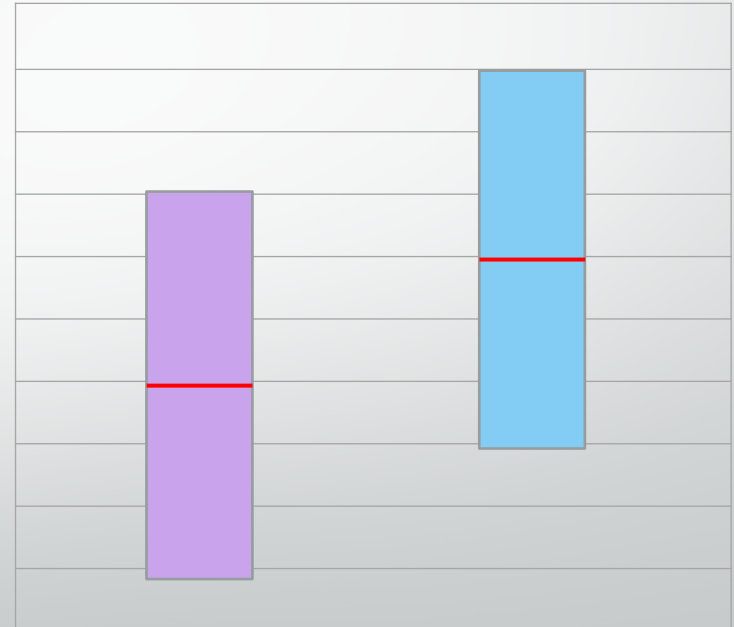
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School assessment

Exam

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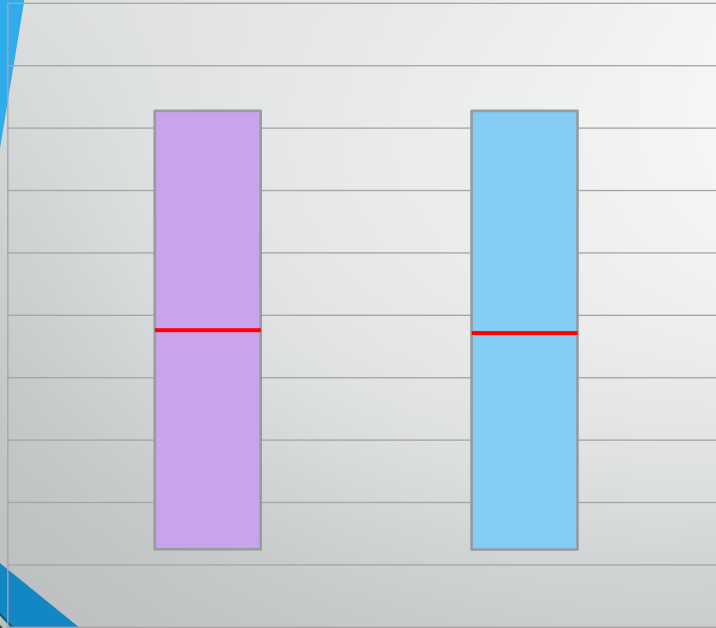


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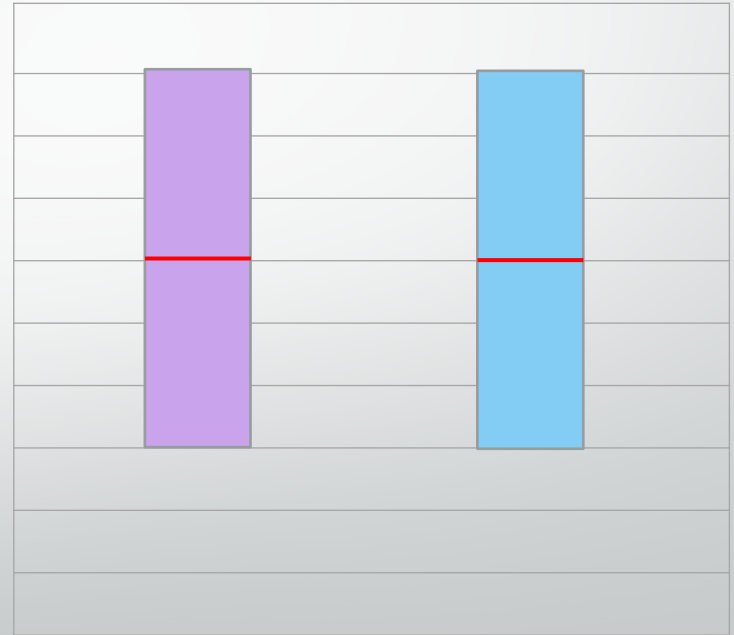
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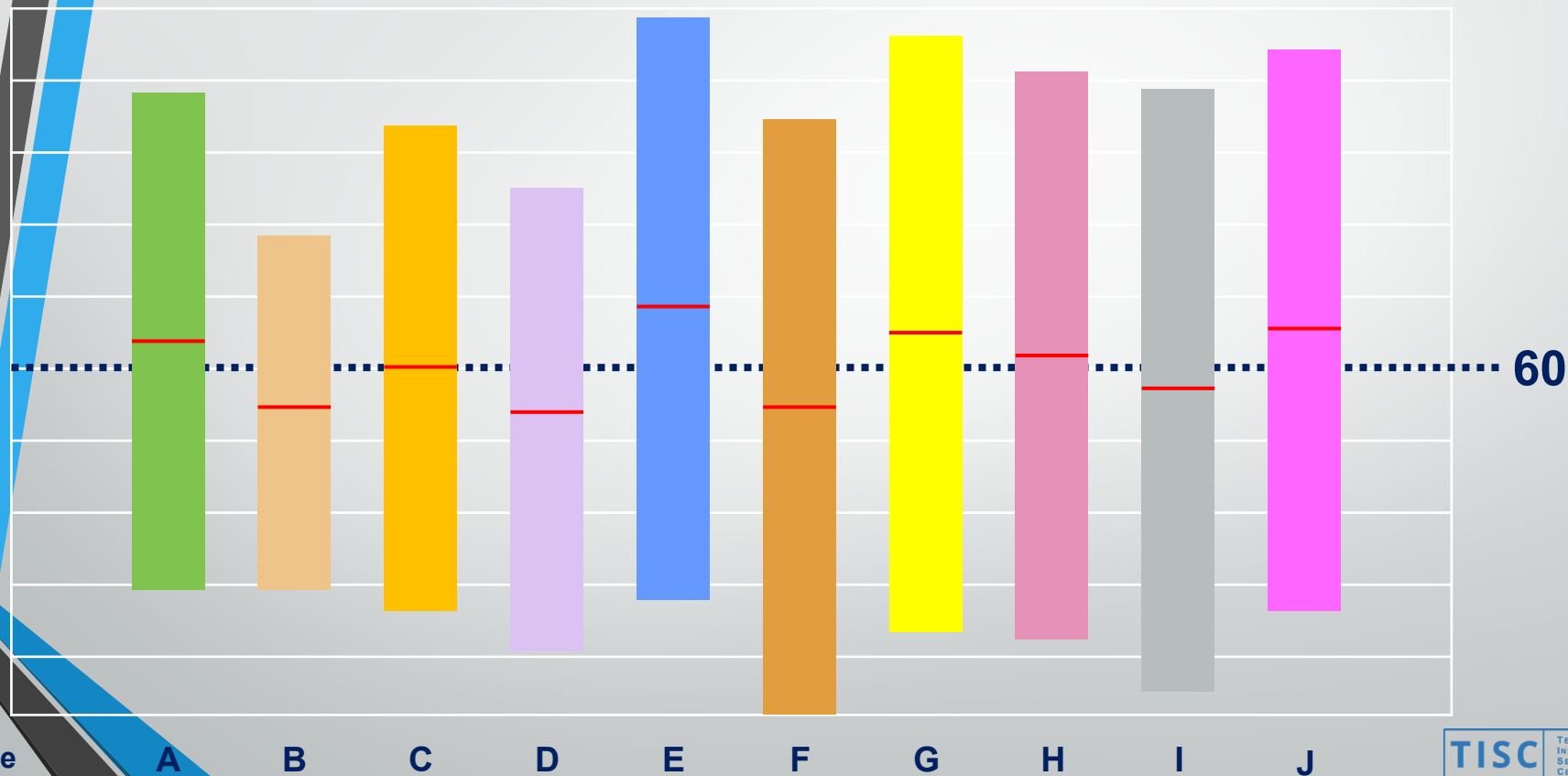
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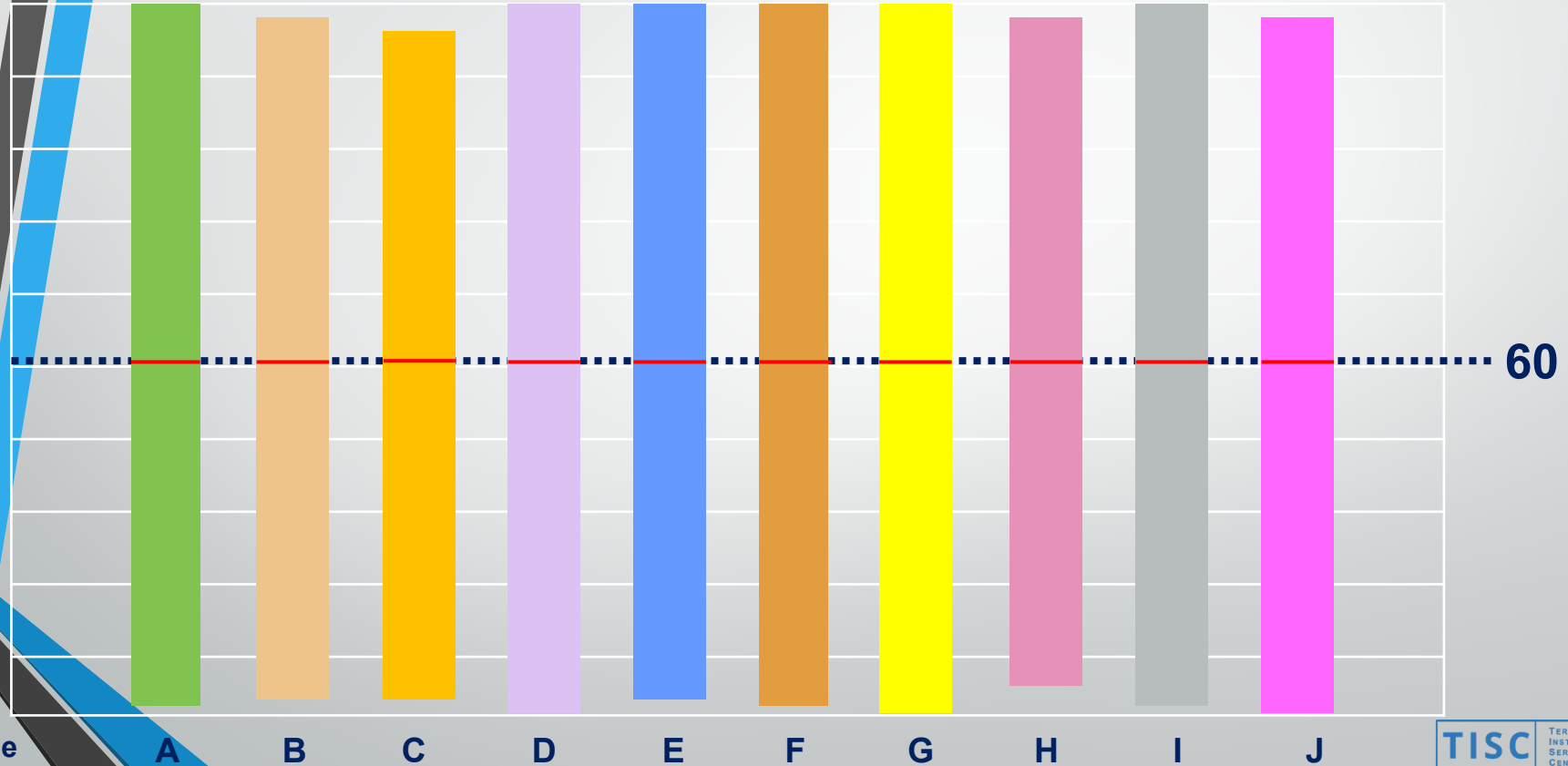
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# Combined Marks before Standardisation



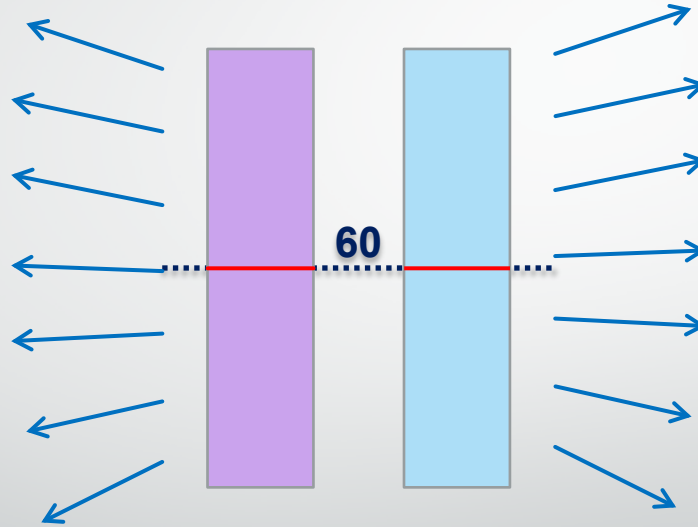


# Combined Marks after Standardisation



# Average Marks Scaling Process

50	35	59	75	37
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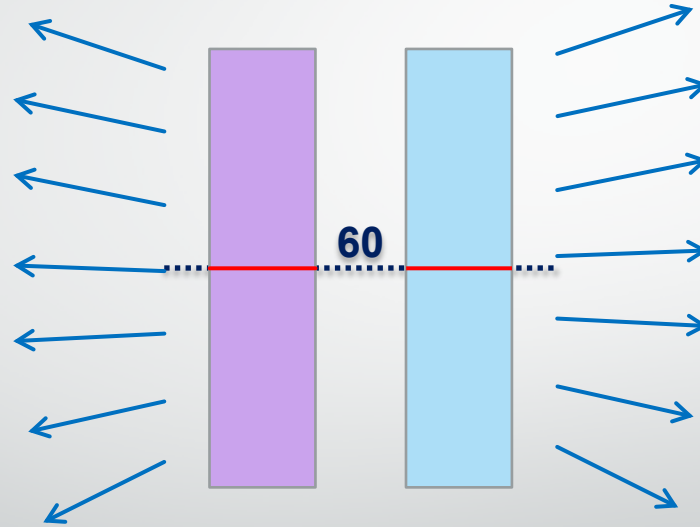
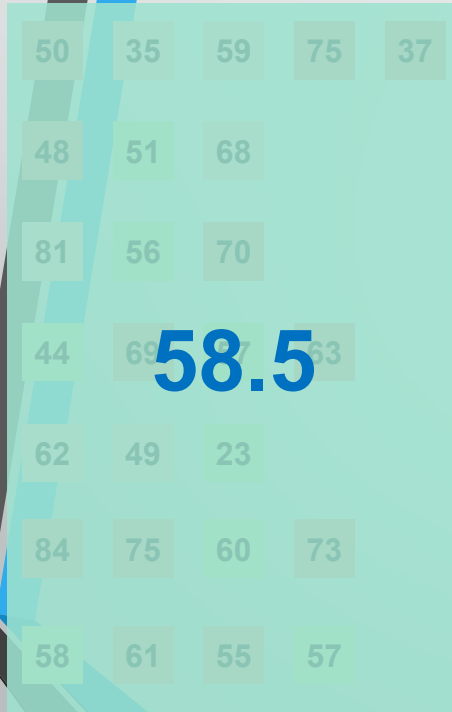


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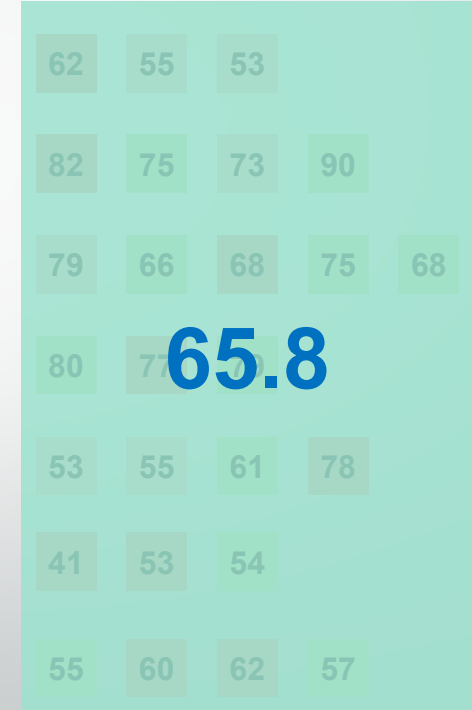
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53	55	61	78	
41	53	54		
55	60	62	57	

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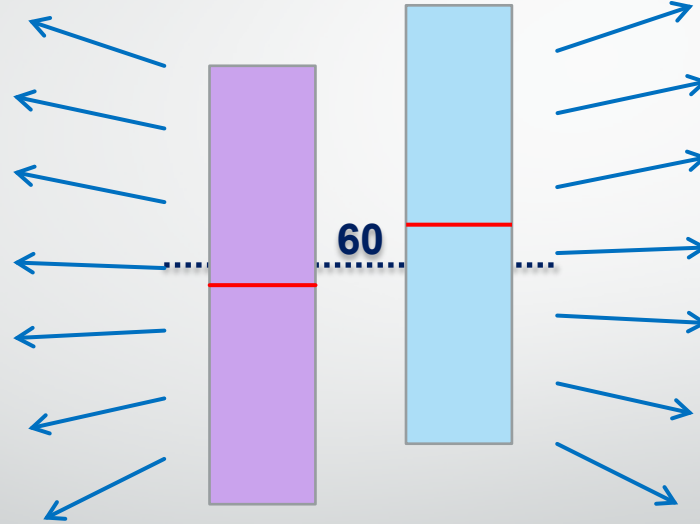
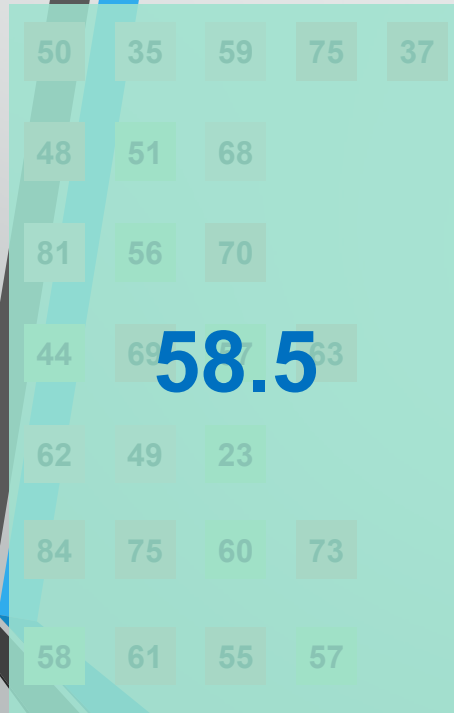


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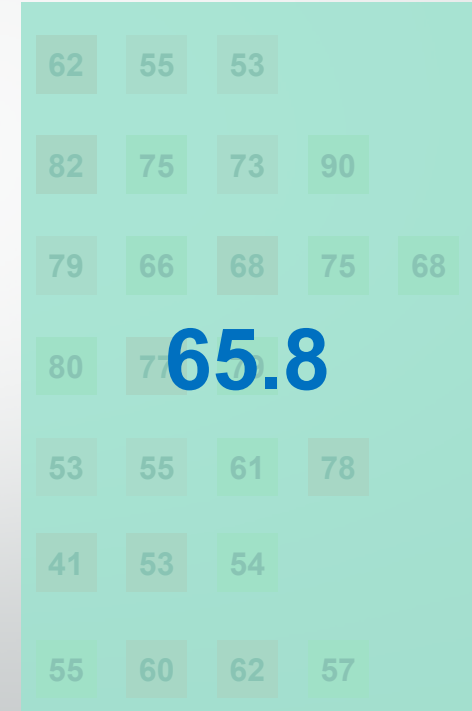


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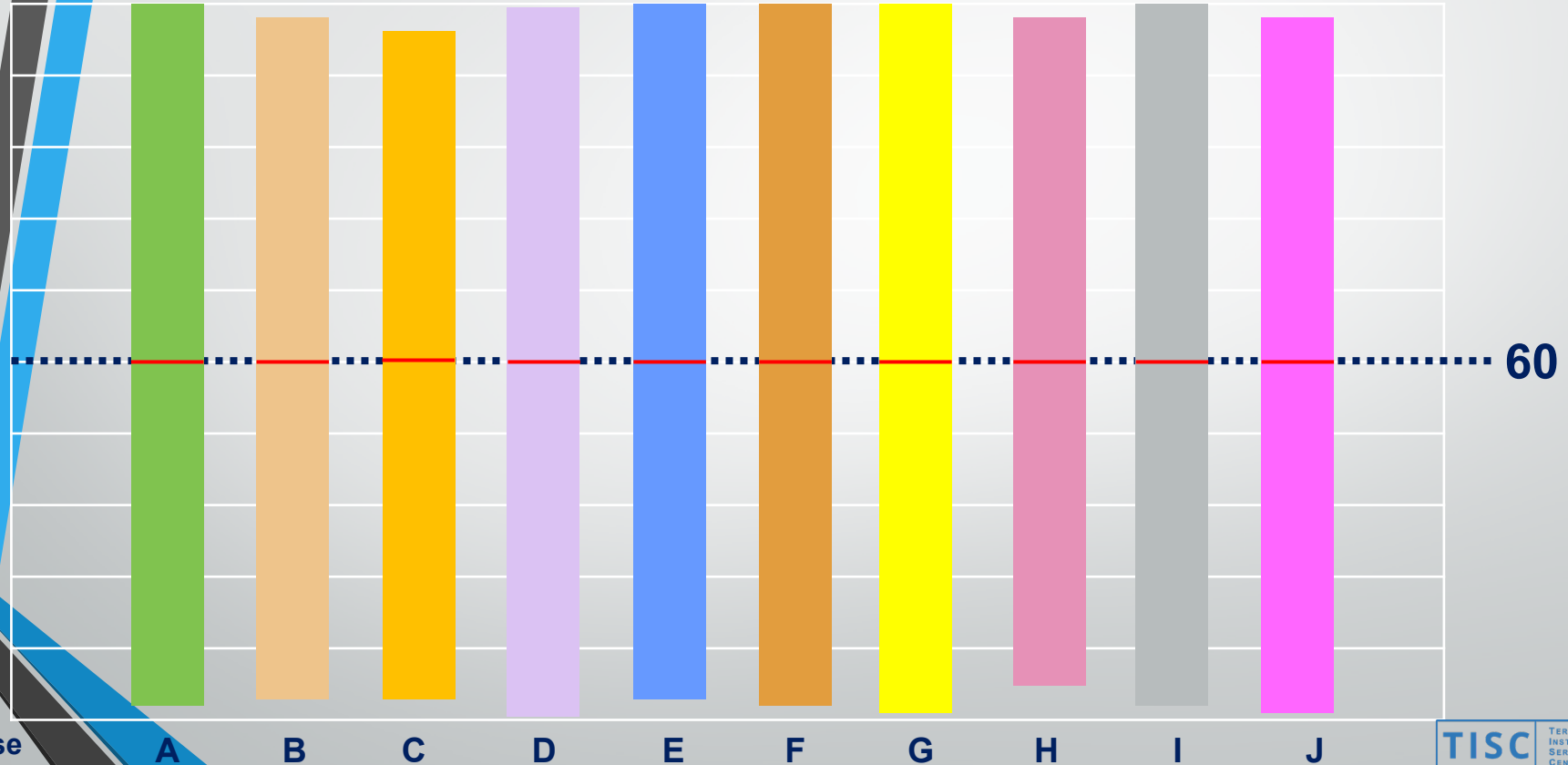


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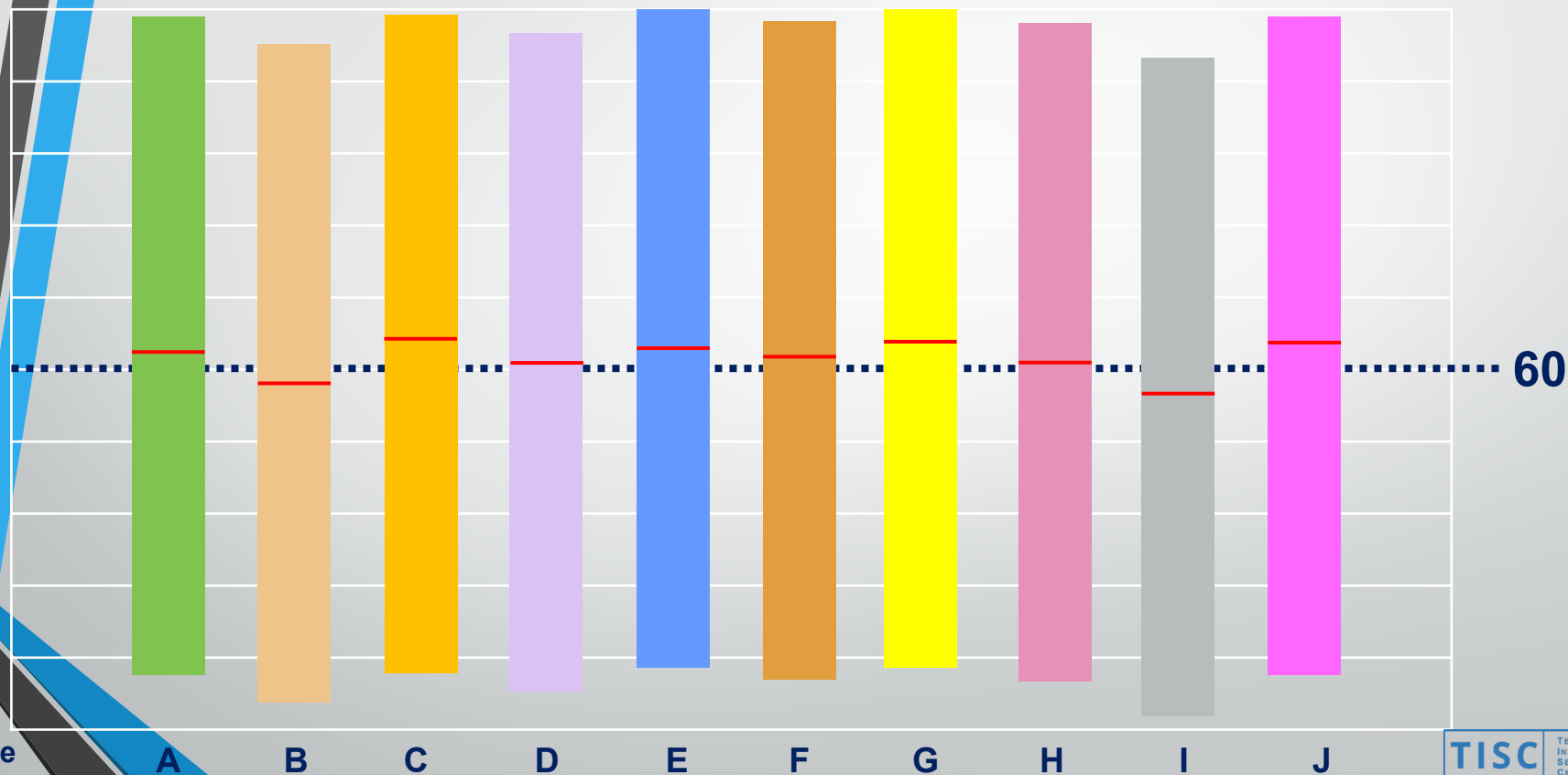
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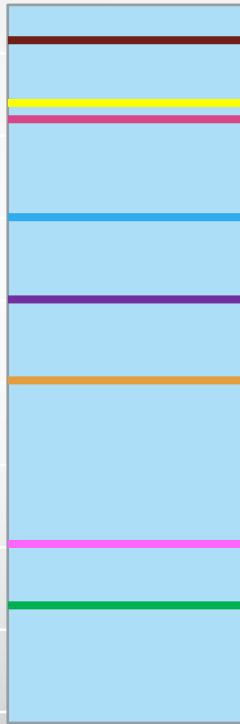
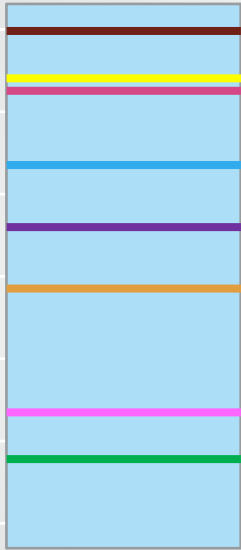
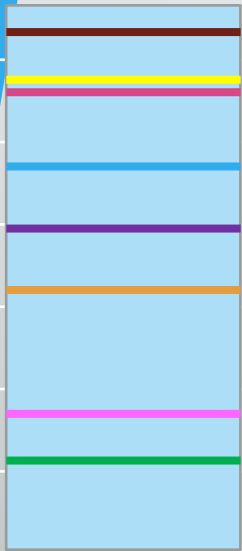
## After Standardisation, before Scaling



## After Scaling







# Calculating the ATAR

- Tertiary Entrance Aggregate (TEA)
- TEA = best 4 scaled scores
  - + 10% of a Language Other Than English
  - + 10% of Maths Methods and Maths Specialist
- Maximum TEA = 430



Course	Scaled Score
Physics ATAR	67.6
Italian ATAR	66.5
English ATAR	55.4
Modern History ATAR	41.5
Mathematics Methods ATAR	41.0
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>231.0</b>
LOTE bonus	6.7
Maths bonus	4.1
<b>Tertiary Entrance Aggregate</b>	<b>241.8</b>



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# TEA/ATAR Summary Table 2023

*FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY*

Minimum TEA	ATAR
402.5	99.95
393.4	99.90
373.3	99.70
346.0	99.00
327.4	98.00
313.4	97.00
303.6	96.00
295.2	95.00
288.5	94.00
282.8	93.00
277.8	92.00

Minimum TEA	ATAR
272.9	91.00
268.7	90.00
264.7	89.00
260.7	88.00
257.3	87.00
254.2	86.00
251.4	85.00
248.3	84.00
245.5	83.00
242.9	82.00
<b>241.8</b>	<b>81.60</b>

Minimum TEA	ATAR
240.3	81.00
237.8	80.00
235.4	79.00
232.7	78.00
231.0	77.25
230.3	77.00
228.1	76.00
225.9	75.00
223.7	74.00
219.5	72.00
215.7	70.00



## Best 4 average in 2023

Average	ATAR	Average	ATAR
50	62.25	55	72.20
60	80.90	65	87.75
70	92.45	75	95.55
80	97.50	85	98.70
90	99.45	95	99.75

# Adjustment Factors

These are added to your ATAR by universities to give you a **Selection Rank** for that particular university.

Criteria include:

- School attended
- Home address
- Family background

ATAR		Adjustment Factor		Selection Rank
75.50	+	5.00	=	80.50

The University of Notre Dame grants adjustment factors individually, and this may not be reflected in your TISC Selection Rank.





# Educational Access Scheme

If you have experienced educational disruption in Year 11 and/or 12, for example due to health issues, family violence or financial circumstances, you can apply for consideration under the EAS.

- Evidence will be required
- Adjustments, if granted, are given on an individual basis and will NOT show as an adjusted Selection Rank on your UAAL
- Intended for students achieving an ATAR – non-ATAR students should contact the university/ies for pathway information
- Will not override English competency or pre-requisite requirements

# Applications & Offers

# Apply through TISC



*Except WAAPA courses*



*Except Young Achievers  
Early Offer Program*

**International students: apply direct to unis**

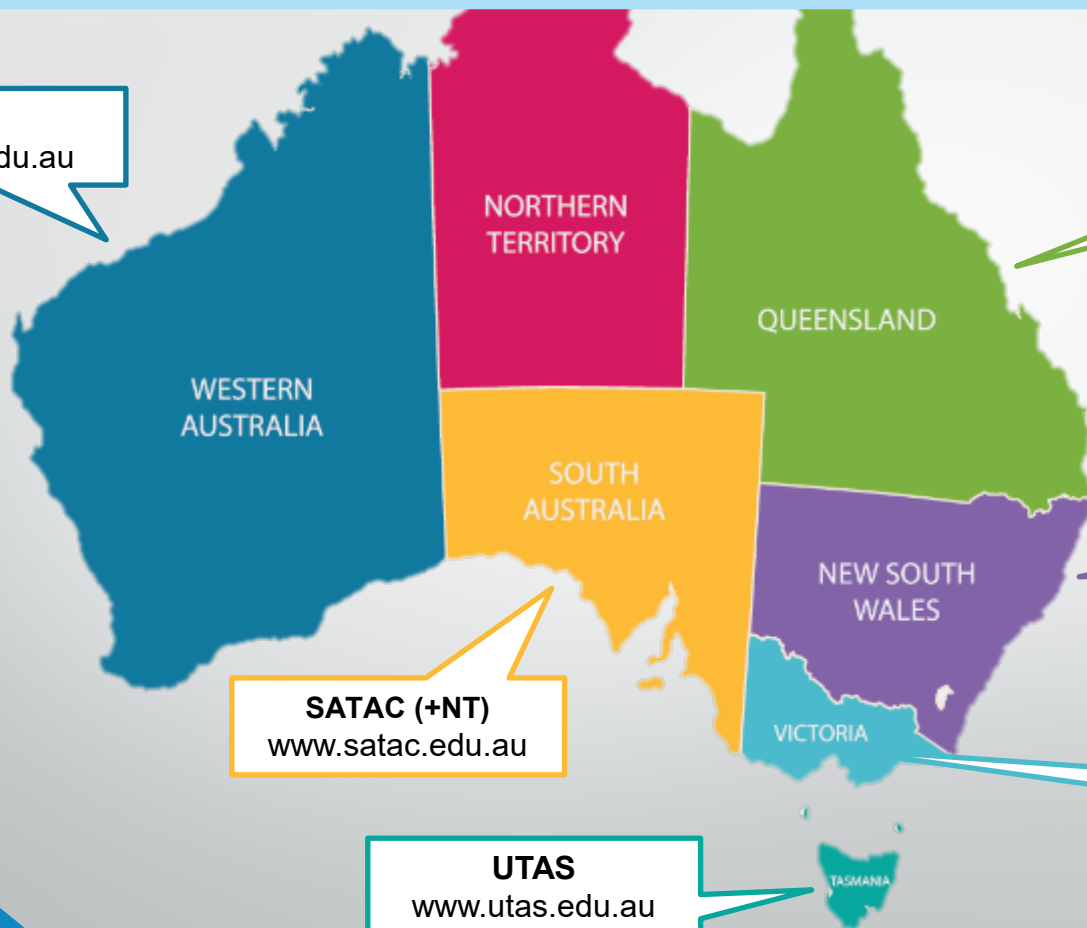
# Apply direct (Associate Members)



- Specialising in engineering
- Bachelor degrees, undergraduate certificates, VET diplomas.

## Why might you consider EIT?

- Backup to your university options
- Small class sizes
- Online options available
- Affordable FEE-HELP options
- Brand new campus in West Perth



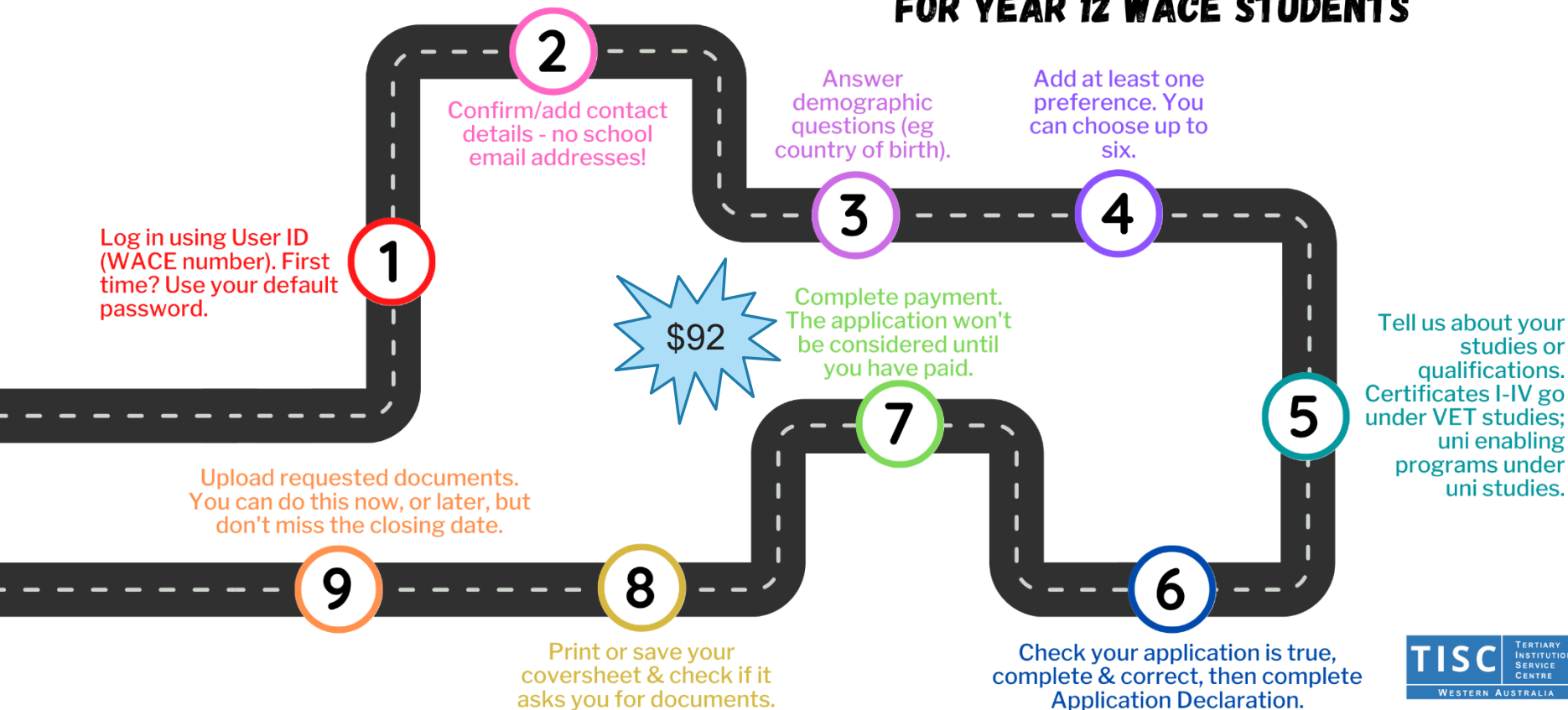
# Important Dates – 2024/25\*

\*To be confirmed – check TISC website for updates

<b>1 May 2024</b>	Applications open
<b>Late July</b>	TISC Guide issued to Year 12s
<b>2 September</b>	First round of Early Offers
<b>30 September</b>	Final closing date for some courses (Medicine, Dentistry)
<b>29 November</b>	Closing date for EAS applications/documents (main round)
<b>30 November</b>	Final closing date for Vet Science at Murdoch
<b>15 December</b>	ATARs and scaled scores released for WACE students
<b>17 December</b>	Applications/preference changes close for main round
<b>21 December</b>	Main round offers released – applications re-open
<b>10 January</b>	Final closing date for EAS applications/documents
<b>15 January</b>	Applications/preference changes close
<b>21 January</b>	Second round offers released

# HOW TO APPLY VIA TISCONLINE

## FOR YEAR 12 WACE STUDENTS



# Online Application - things to look out for

- Don't forget your qualifications – ATAR or General subjects are automatically available, but any VET qualifications, university enabling programs etc must be declared by you.
- Supporting documents:
  - Check Application Coversheet for documents to submit.
  - Additional submissions – TISC will email you.
- Don't use a school email address.
- Please provide at least one phone number, preferably a mobile phone.



# Preferences

Preference	Course	University
1	Dream course 1	University A
2	Dream course 2	University B
3	Confident choice 1	University C
4	Confident choice 2	University D
5	Fall back choice 1	University A
6	Fall back choice 2	University C

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# Preferences

Pref #	Course	University	Experience Based Entry?	Method of Study
1	Engineering	University A		Full-time
2	Engineering	University B		Full-time
3	Science	University A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Full-time
4	Science	University B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Full-time
5	Enabling Program	University A		Full-time
6	Enabling Program	University B		Full-time



# TISC will offer you the highest possible preference.

# Results (for WACE ATAR students)

## 2022 UNIVERSITIES ADMISSION ADVICE

Student Name: Mr Bill Citizen  
 Student Number: 21000000  
 Category: School Leaver

QR  
CODE

AUSTRALIAN TERTIARY ADMISSION RANK (ATAR) 67.65

## COURSE DATA

Year	Course/Subject	Scaled Score
2021	Physical Education Studies	55.5
2021	Mathematics Methods	53.6
2021	Physics	50.6
2021	English	49.4
XXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXX

## WACE: Achieved



Competence in English: Achieved - conceded on  
the basis of your scaled score

ATAR/Selection Rank 70.00 T

On the basis of your results you are eligible to be considered for direct entry to degree courses at Curtin University via the StepUp to Curtin Entry Scheme.

For information on StepUp Entry, please visit [curtin.edu/stepup](http://curtin.edu/stepup).

T indicates you have been assigned a StepUp Selection Rank for Curtin University.



Competence in English: Achieved - conceded on  
the basis of your scaled score

ATAR/Selection Rank 70.00 Z

On the basis of your results you are eligible to be considered for admission to degree courses at ECU via ECU Access.

For information on ECU Access go to [www.ecugetready.com.au](http://www.ecugetready.com.au).

Z indicates you have been assigned an ECU Access Selection Rank for ECU.



Competence in English: Achieved - conceded on  
the basis of your scaled score

ATAR/Selection Rank 70.00 R

On the basis of your results you are eligible for the Murdoch RISE bonus. Murdoch's ATAR RISE helps you towards university entry by boosting your Selection Rank for Murdoch by up to 10 points. If your Selection Rank doesn't meet the entry requirements for a course there are alternative admission pathways available at: [www.murdoch.edu.au/study/undergraduate-students/admissions-pathways](http://www.murdoch.edu.au/study/undergraduate-students/admissions-pathways).

R indicates you have been assigned a RISE Selection Rank for Murdoch University.



Competence in English: Achieved - conceded on  
the basis of your scaled score

ATAR/Selection Rank 67.65

Unfortunately, on the basis of your results, you have not satisfied the admission requirements for courses at The University of Notre Dame Australia.



Competence in English: Achieved - conceded on  
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Unfortunately, on the basis of your results, you have not satisfied the admission requirements for courses at The University of Western Australia. However, if you are eligible through one of UWA's entry pathways, you will be automatically assessed and advised by UWA Admissions of your eligibility to the University.

This is not an offer letter. To be considered for most courses you need to have achieved specific selection requirements. These may include a suitable ATAR/Selection Rank, WACE, competence in English and prerequisite(s).

If you have completed one or more ATAR subjects you will be issued a **Universities Admission Advice Letter (UAAL)**. It will look something like this.

# TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS SERVICE CENTRE LTD

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2021	Mathematics Methods	53.6
2021	Physics	50.6
2021	English	49.4
XXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXX

WACE: Achieved

All your current-year scaled scores will be shown. Previous years' scaled scores will only be shown **if** they are in your best four.





Curtin University

Competence in English  
the basis of your scaled score

Achieved

conceded on

ATAR/Selection Rank

70.00 T

On the basis of your results you are eligible to be considered for direct entry to degree courses at Curtin University via the StepUp to Curtin Entry Scheme.

For information on StepUp Entry, please visit [curtin.edu/stepup](http://curtin.edu/stepup).

T indicates you have been assigned a StepUp Selection Rank for Curtin University.



EDITH COWAN  
UNIVERSITY

Competence in English  
the basis of your scaled score

Achieved

conceded on

ATAR/Selection Rank

70.00 Z

On the basis of your results you are eligible to be considered for admission to degree courses at ECU via ECU Access.

For information on ECU Access go to [www.ecugetready.com.au](http://www.ecugetready.com.au).

Z indicates you have been assigned an ECU Access Selection Rank for ECU.



Murdoch  
University

Competence in English  
the basis of your scaled score

Achieved

conceded on

ATAR/Selection Rank

70.00 R

On the basis of your results you are eligible for the Murdoch RISE bonus. Murdoch's ATAR RISE helps you towards university entry by boosting your Selection Rank for Murdoch by up to 10 points. If your Selection Rank doesn't meet the entry requirements for a course there are alternative admission pathways available at: [www.murdoch.edu.au/study/undergraduate-students/admissions-pathways](http://www.murdoch.edu.au/study/undergraduate-students/admissions-pathways).

R indicates you have been assigned a RISE Selection Rank for Murdoch University.



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
NOTRE DAME  
AUSTRALIA

Competence in English  
the basis of your scaled score

Achieved

conceded on

ATAR/Selection Rank

67.65

Unfortunately, on the basis of your results, you have not satisfied the admission requirements for courses at The University of Notre Dame Australia.



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
WESTERN  
AUSTRALIA

Competence in English  
the basis of your scaled score

Achieved

conceded on

ATAR/Selection Rank

67.65

Unfortunately, on the basis of your results, you have not satisfied the admission requirements for courses at The University of Western Australia. However, if you are eligible through one of UWA's entry pathways, you will be automatically assessed and advised by UWA Admissions of your eligibility to the University.

These messages are only based on your ATAR/Selection Rank. You may satisfy admission requirements in other ways, but these won't show on your UAAL.

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# Early Offers

- The WA universities have adopted recommendations of a recent Federal Government review.
- The first round of Year 12 Early Offers will be on **Monday 2 September**, followed by **Monday 23 September, Monday 14 October, Monday 18 November and Monday 2 December**.
- Year 12 Early Offers are expected to be conditional – conditions will vary.
- Your TISC application is your Early Offer application – you will automatically be considered for your **first preference**.
- Most Early Offers will be made based on **Year 11 results**.

# Main & 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Offers

- TISC offers are usually unconditional, but may be conditional – read the fine print.
- You will have a chance to change preferences between main and second rounds **unless** you accept your offer – accepting your offer locks your application.
- Check the TISC Guide and TISC website for more information on responding to offers.
- If you get no offer, use the time between offer rounds to work out why & make any required changes.





# No main round offer



Seek advice



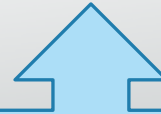
Fix any problems and wait for the second round



Change preferences



Do nothing and hope for a second round offer



It's easier for TISC to help you work out what the problem is if you contact us after main round.



## Problems

English  
Language  
competency  
not achieved

Sit STAT or  
change  
preferences

Minimum  
Selection Rank  
not met

Change  
preferences,  
consider  
alternative  
pathways

Quota course,  
Selection Rank  
not competitive

Add  
preferences,  
consider  
pathway  
courses

Prerequisite  
not met

Add/change  
preferences,  
consider  
pathway  
courses

Additional  
submissions  
not completed

Submit the  
documents  
before 2<sup>nd</sup>  
round  
deadline

## Solutions

# Alternative Pathways

*If you don't meet minimum university entry*

- Enabling programs
- Experience Based Entry and/or portfolio entry schemes
- TISC Associate Members may have more flexible entry requirements
- University pathway/Higher Ed Diplomas
- TAFE or other VET providers

*If you meet minimum entry,  
but not the requirements for  
your dream course*

Ask the university for advice – they can usually suggest a 'pathway' course where you can study similar units and apply to transfer after a year.

# Deferral – a gap year



Most courses can be deferred.



A small number can't – the university will advise you of this.



Deferral is usually for 12 months but can be for 6 or 24 months depending on course availability.



A deferral is an **acceptance** of your offer – you are saying you definitely want this place, but you don't want to start in Semester 1 2025.



The university will contact you about your deferred place in the second half of 2025.



You will always have the option to change your mind and not study, or apply for a different course.

# Where can I find more information?



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Admission  
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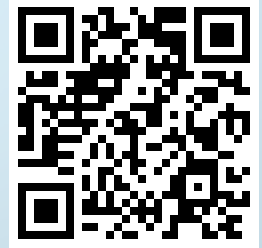
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