Admission and application

Admission

All applicants for undergraduate courses must fulfill Monash University entry requirements and course specific requirements. The entry requirements for Monash may be subject to change from time to time. If you do not meet the academic requirements listed in this section, you may be able to meet the entry requirements through other means – see page 18. The latest information is available at www.monash.edu/study/

Entry requirements

Academic entry requirements

Victorian Certificate of Education

Completion of the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or an equivalent qualification is the most common way to secure admission to undergraduate courses at Monash University. The minimum requirement for entry to Monash can be met by satisfactory completion of the VCE, including a study score of at least 30 in Units 3 and 4 of English (ESL) or 25 in any other English. In 2011, the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) replaced the Equivalent National Tertiary Entrance Rank (ENTER). All Australian states and territories (except Queensland) adopted this nationally agreed name for their tertiary entrance ranks. This was a change in name only. There was no change to the calculation.

International students

You are an international student if you are not an Australian or New Zealand citizen, an Australian permanent resident or a holder of other types of permanent Australian visa. International students who are not studying for an Australian Year 12 qualification (e.g. VCE, HSC) or International Baccalaureate (IB) in Australia should refer to the Undergraduate Course Guide for International Students.

 Interstate and New Zealand qualifications

Interstate applicants may satisfy entry requirements on the basis of comparable Year 12 qualifications completed in other states of Australia. Applicants who have satisfied the entry requirements of a recognised Australian university outside Victoria are required to have undertaken an accredited Year 12 subject in English (any) or (for Northern Territory, South Australia or Tasmanian applicants), another English-rich Year 12 subject. The study score requirement for English as a Second Language (ESL) is higher than for general English subjects. Queensland applicants are given a notional Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR – previously ENTER), which is derived from the OP and can be found in the table of OP to ATAR equivalents at www.qcat.edu.au/ Applying—CurrentYr12/ InterstateAdmissions.html.

New Zealand applicants may be considered for entry on the basis of satisfactory completion of the NCEA including:
—satisfactory completion of a least 80 credit points at level 3 in a list of approved subjects, and
—satisfactory completion of at least 18 credit points at level 3 in English or an English-rich NCEA subject.

For the list of approved NCEA subjects and the list of English-rich NCEA subjects, see www.adm.monash.edu/admissions/undergrad/entryrequirements/year-12.html.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Monash University accepts the successful completion of the International Baccalaureate diploma with a score of 4 in English SL or 3 in English HL as satisfying the academic requirements for admission to undergraduate courses. Some courses have higher requirements. For example, the Bachelor of Biomedical Science and Bachelor of Engineering double degree requires a score of 5SL or 4 HL. Students completing the IB diploma will receive a notional ATAR and will be selected alongside VCE students. Refer to the specific entry requirements for particular courses listed in this guide and Course Finder (www.monash.edu/study).

Post-secondary qualifications

Minimum entry requirements for Monash University can also be satisfied by:
—completion of the full first year of a certificate or diploma (Certificate IV level or above) offered by a TAFE institute or registered training organisation with scored or graded results, or
—an a minimum of two semester-length units of a course or non-degree studies taught by Monash, another Australian university or Open Universities Australia.

Aptitude tests

Applicants who do not have other qualifications that can be considered for entry may be considered for admission to courses in information technology or nursing on the basis of an approved aptitude test such as the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT). For information on the availability of STAT sittings, go to www.vtac.edu.au.

English language requirements

All Monash applicants must satisfy the minimum English language requirements of the university. The English entry requirements for undergraduate courses can be met in one of the following ways:
1. Year 12 (VCE) English (any) and ESL
---a score of 25 in units 3 and 4 of VCE English, VCE English Language or VCE Literature, or
---a score of at least 30 in units 3 and 4 of VCE English as a Second Language (ESL).
Some courses have a higher requirement. For example, the Bachelor of Biomedical Science and Bachelor of Engineering double degree requires a score of 30 for English or 35 for ESL.
Other qualifications or test results may meet the English entry requirements subject to approval by the University.

2. Applicants whose secondary schooling was entirely in English
Applicants for undergraduate courses whose secondary schooling was entirely in an English medium school may fulfill the English language entry requirements by one of the following:
A. Gaining the required score in a VCE English subject as stated in 1 above, or an equivalent result in an equivalent Year 12 or university foundation English subject.
B. Successfully completing a sufficient period of tertiary study at a sufficiently advanced level.
The applicant must have completed satisfactorily the equivalent of a standard full-time year of either:
---university study, or
---study in a TAFE or VET diploma program (some but not all certificates IV meet the requirement), or
---study in a program that has been assessed as being taught at a level equivalent to Monash University undergraduate study.
C. Satisfactorily completing two units in a university where English is the language of instruction and assessment, provided that at least one of the units is English-rich.
For more detailed information visit www.adm.monash.edu/admissions/undergrad/entry-requirements/english-requirements.html.
D. Satisfactorily completing a certificate IV that has been approved by the university as requiring sufficient English skills to meet the English entry requirements.

English language policy
Read the full text of Monash University’s English language policy at www.policy.monash.edu/policybank/academic/education/admissions/admissionscoursework-courses-units-of-study-procedures.html. Some courses have higher English language requirements.

3. Applicants whose secondary schooling was not entirely in English
Applicants for undergraduate courses whose secondary schooling was not entirely in an English medium school may fulfill the English language entry requirements by one of the following (any result or qualification listed must have been gained or completed within the two years prior to commencement of the course in which enrolment is sought or within five years for a completed bachelor's-degree level):
A. Gaining the required score in a VCE English subject as stated in 1 above, or an equivalent result in an equivalent Year 12 or university foundation English subject.
B. Successfully completing a sufficient period of study, at a sufficiently advanced level, in an English medium institution, or substantial English medium school or department within a larger institution. The applicant must have completed satisfactorily the equivalent of a standard full-time year of either:
---study in a university undergraduate award program, or
---study in a TAFE or VET diploma program, or
---study in a program that has been assessed as being taught at a level equivalent to Monash University undergraduate study.
C. Gaining the required result in one of the following tests of English language:
---a minimum overall IELTS test score of at least 6.5 with no individual band scores less than 6.0
---a TOEFL minimum test score of either:
---in the paper-based TOEFL, 580 with a Test of Written English (TWE) score of at least 4.5
---in the internet-based TOEFL, an overall score of at least 90 with at least 22 in the written section, and no less than 20 in any section.
---Pearson Test of English (Academic) with a Minimum overall score and No PTE communicative skills score below 50.
The Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English and Certificate of Proficiency in English are also accepted for most courses. For entry requirements, refer to www.monash.edu/study/international/application-requirements-english.html.
D. Successful completion of the English Language Bridging Program, at the appropriate level, at the Monash University English Language Centre or another program approved as equivalent. Graduate courses and some specific undergraduate courses have higher English requirements. For more information, visit Course Finder online to view the specific course requirements for any Monash University course: www.monash.edu/study/coursefinder.

Don’t meet the English language requirements?
For students who do not currently meet the English language requirements, the most effective pathway is to undertake an English course at the Monash University English Language Centre. The centre is one of Australia’s largest and most prestigious language centres. It offers the English Language Bridging Program (ELBP) to students who satisfy the Monash academic and age requirements but narrowly miss the English requirement. The program provides skills and strategies to successfully complete academic tasks and improves English language proficiency. For students who are not eligible for the ELBP, the centre also offers the English for Academic Preparation course and an IELTS preparation course. For more information, visit www.monash.edu/englishcentre.

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Additional entry requirements
Age requirement
Students at Monash University must normally be 17 years of age at the date of enrolment in the course. Applicants aged 16 may be admitted if they have excellent Year 12 results (an ATAR of 95 or better), or the approval of the dean of the faculty. Applicants aged below 16 are only permitted to enrol in exceptional circumstances. Some additional information about the age requirement and exceptions is available at www.monash.edu/study/applications/undergraduate/age.html.

Specific course admission requirements
As well as satisfying the minimum entry requirements outlined above, applicants must satisfy any course-specific entry requirements to be eligible for selection. These requirements are outlined in individual course entries in this guide and in the VTAC Guide 2013.

UMAT
Domestic students applying for any of the following courses at Monash University in 2013 must apply to sit the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) in 2012 as part of the admission requirements:
---Bachelor of Medicine
---Bachelor of Surgery
---Bachelor of Physiotherapy
UMAT is developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). The test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level.
For more details, including registration dates, visit the UMAT website at www.umat.web.acer.edu.au or contact the UMAT Office at the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), telephone 03 8508 7643 or email umat@acer.edu.au.

Eligibility score
Monash University has set a minimum eligibility score for all bachelors courses based on ATAR scores. A list of the university’s eligibility scores can be found at www.goingtouni.gov.au. Note that the university also has an overall minimum ATAR score of 70.00 for all bachelors courses. Applicants with a score under 70.00 can only make an offer for a course at Monash if they have received a special consideration bonus that lifts their score above 70.00.
Monash Extension

Students undertaking university-level Extension studies as part of their VCE Year 12 program will satisfy tertiary entry requirements in the normal way through the successful completion of VCE. Their full academic record will be taken into account in the ranking process for admission, and the result obtained in the Monash Extension subject can be counted in place of a fifth or sixth VCE study in determining their ATAR.

For more information, contact Onshore Student Recruitment on 03 9903 4756. See www.monash.edu/extension.

Deferment

Monash University generally allows deferment of an offered place for a period of up to one academic year, except where the student intends to study elsewhere. In these cases, the faculty will determine whether the deferment is appropriate. Applications for a deferment longer than one year can be considered in exceptional circumstances. Applications for deferment must be made via the Web Enrolment System (WES) or on a Deferment Application Form and lodged with the relevant faculty prior to the conclusion of the specified enrolment time. See deferment information on the enrolments website at www.monash.edu.au/enrolments/first-time/domestic/decide-offer.html.

For further information, including course outlines, visit www.monash.edu/offcampus/courses.html.

Application

How to apply
www.monash.edu/study/local/how-to-apply.html

The following procedures are in place for Australian citizens and those with permanent resident status, or New Zealand citizens. Note that Australian citizens are not permitted to apply for entry into undergraduate courses at Monash Malaysia or South Africa campuses under current Australian government legislation.

Apply through VTAC

All applicants for undergraduate courses must apply via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre at www.vtac.edu.au, unless specified in this course guide. Applications to VTAC open at the beginning of August and usually close at the end of September.

Direct enquiries to Monash

For initial enquiries about entry to Monash, domestic students should contact faculties, which are listed in this guide, or visit www.monash.edu/future.

Off-campus course enquiries

Monash University courses offered by off-campus learning span a wide range of industries and interest areas and range from undergraduate degrees to postgraduate coursework and doctorates. Applications for courses that offer off-campus learning should be made directly to the university.

For further information, including course outlines, visit www.monash.edu/offcampus/courses.html.

Applicants who have completed VCE

For applicants who are school-leavers, the selection for most courses is based on academic merit as measured by an applicant’s Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR). Selection may involve a two-stage process. First, ATAR alone for those applicants clearly above the minimum required standard. Second, consideration for applicants closer to the minimum required score for passing or achieving a set level of performance in relevant VCE studies. Some courses use other requirements in selection, for example an interview, supplementary application form, audition, folio of work, or admissions test. Applicants should refer to the extra requirements section of their course of interest in the VTAC Guide 2013.

International students undertaking Year 12 or IB in Australia

International students completing an Australian Year 12 qualification or the International Baccalaureate in Australia should apply through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC). Visit www.vtac.edu.au.

Fees

In the Australian higher education system, Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or holders of an Australian permanent visa are classified as domestic students. Monash University offers eligible domestic students a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP). The Australian Government requires students in a Commonwealth Supported Place to contribute to the cost of their education. This means that students pay a proportion of the cost of their course (through a Student Contribution Amount) and the government funds the balance.

The Student Contribution Amount that students pay while enrolled in a Commonwealth Supported Place in 2012 are listed against course offerings throughout this guide. These rates are indicative only and represent an average annual contribution for 2012. Student contribution amounts (SCA) for course commencement in 2013 will be different. Monash’s Course Finder at www.monash.edu/study/coursefinder provides course details and the average annual SCA fees. Students enrolled at Monash University are also required to pay a Student Services and Amenities Fee. Information is available at: www.monash.edu.au/fees/amenities.html

Access Monash

www.monash.edu/access

Access Monash is a program of support, entry pathways, partnerships, scholarships and bursaries providing fair and equitable access to a Monash education. It includes:

—Special Entry Access Scheme*
—Diploma of Tertiary Studies
—Vice Chancellors Access Monash Scholars Program
—Indigenous non-award (pathway)
—single-unit enrolment
—scholarships and bursaries
—student loans.

*Applications are made through VTAC when applying for entry.

Scholarships
www.monash.edu/scholarships

For information about scholarships available at Monash University, see page 16 in this guide.

Student loans
www.monash.edu/financial-assistance

Monash University may be able to provide small interest-free loans to students in genuine financial need. To be eligible, students must be currently enrolled at Monash.