

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES

- New Zealand citizens (passport holders) have the same entry rights as Australian citizens and Australian permanent residents to Australian Universities. New Zealand Permanent Residents are treated as International Students.
- Like Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens can apply for Commonwealth supported place (CSP) courses or Domestic fee-paying (DFEE) courses.

The Australian Government allocates a number of undergraduate places to each University. If a student is granted a “Commonwealth Supported Place” (CSP) they only make a contribution towards the cost of their education while the Australian Government contributes the majority of the cost. These places are usually based on secondary school results and most students attending universities are in a CSP.

- Students who are New Zealand citizens are **ineligible for loans** and even if they are in a CSP they must pay the entire remaining contribution upfront and receive no discount. The fees are similar to those in New Zealand so you will have to be able to pay all of these plus your living costs yourself – approximately \$20,000 - \$25,000 per year in total, including fees, accommodation, travel etc.
- Students who do not receive a CSP are able to obtain a full fee-paying place as long as their qualifications exceed a certain minimum.
- Australian Universities can directly access your NCEA results. When you are applying you need to supply your correct NSN number and the Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre or University will request NZQA to release your results record.

You do not need to contact NZQA to send a copy of your results record. In early January of the year following the completion of your Level 3 external examinations, NZQA will release your results’ record directly to where you have applied.

- If you are doing CIE the school needs to supply your candidate code number to a central website (See Careers) or you need to send results direct to the university.

For information on how Australian Universities access your NCEA results go to the Ministry of Education website (it also provides the addresses for all of the Australian Admission Centres). Search “Entrance to Australian Universities” on NZQA website.

- To apply to an Australian University you must have completed NCEA Level 3 in at least three approved subjects or CIE and expect to gain University Entrance.
- The Australian Universities will use your top 90 Level 3 credits (preferably from University Approved subjects) to calculate your ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank).

Each University has their own methods of calculating this so it is very difficult to five scores required for different courses. You will have to contact each University you wish to study at.

- **You must check carefully the application requirements** of your selected Universities, particularly the requirements for completing an English course at an appropriate level. Some Australian Universities require the equivalent of final secondary year study in English e.g. **ALL** courses at Melbourne University require you to have taken Level 3 NCEA or AS English. Check the websites of individual universities for this information.
- You need to apply to each Australian University for which you wish to be considered for entry, however if you wish to apply to Universities in NSW and the ACT, apply to the relevant University Admission Centre (UAC). This is a central agency which processes all applications to Universities in these states.
- The following resources will assist you in finding information:

1. www.studiesinaustralia.com

2. UAC

- A comprehensive guide to Undergraduate University courses in NSW and the ACT.
- An application form is enclosed.
- The web site is www.uac.edu.au where you can apply online. International students go to www.uac.edu.au/international
- Gives admission requirements and selection details.
- Gives application dates.
- Course descriptions.
- Subject pre-requisites.

3. VTAC

This provides similar information to the UAC, except it is for the Universities in Victoria, Australia. It is available online at the following website: www.vtac.edu.au

4. Health Science Courses

Students who are considering applying to study these courses in Australia in most cases are required to sit a UCAT test the year before they apply for entrance.

The UCAT information booklet, an explanation of the test, application forms and the annual date for sitting the test are available on the Australian Council of Educational Research (ACER) website: www.ucat.edu.au

To give you an understanding of the style of questions in the test, a Practice Questions Booklet is available for purchase on the ACER website.