

## New admissions terminology

Effective 1 June 2018

Please see below a list of common terms that have been affected by recent Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) transparency updates, and their definitions. This new terminology will be used in emails, forms, future publications and on the corporate website.

(Source: Australian Government Higher Education Standards Panel (2018), *Improving the transparency of higher education admissions: Phase two common terminology and important sets*)

### Previous terminology:

Alternative entry

### New terminology:

Admission pathway

Any one of the options available to prospective higher education students that will enable them to meet the admission criteria of their chosen courses.

Pathways include:

- Early Offer Year 12 Scheme (E12)
- Future Leaders Scheme
- Broadway Scheme
- Cadigal Program
- Mature-age Entry Scheme
- Elite Athletes and Performers Scheme
- Special Consideration for Admission Scheme.

Concession points

Adjustment factors

Additional points that may be used in combination with an applicant's ATAR. Adjustment factors do not change the applicant's ATAR, but change their Selection Rank for a particular course or courses.

Entry requirements

Admission criteria

Qualifications, skills, knowledge and experience required to gain admission into a particular course.

**Previous terminology:**

**New terminology:**

Fixed ATAR

Guaranteed ATAR

The minimum ATAR you need to guarantee entry into a course.\*

\*Subject to any non-ATAR criteria being met, such as prerequisite study or English language proficiency.

Future student

Prospective student

An individual who is considering studying at the University of Sydney.

N.B. Not to be confused with 'applicant'.

Maximum ATAR

Highest ATAR to receive an offer

The highest ATAR of an applicant who received an offer in the relevant year or year-to-date.

Minimum ATAR

Lowest ATAR to receive an offer

The lowest ATAR of an applicant who received an offer in the relevant year or year-to-date.

**The following terms have also been used to explain student profiles on our ATAR explained website:**

**Previous terminology:**

**New terminology:**

Maximum Selection Rank

Highest rank to receive an offer

The highest rank of an applicant who received an offer in the relevant year or year-to-date (**this includes** the consideration of any adjustment factors the applicant may have been eligible for).

The following terms have also been used to explain student profiles on our [ATAR explained website](#):

**Previous terminology:**

**New terminology:**

Minimum Selection Rank

Lowest rank to receive an offer

The lowest rank of an applicant who received an offer in the relevant year or year-to-date (***this includes*** the consideration of any adjustment factors the applicant may have been eligible for).