



**GROUP
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Transparency in Admissions at Go8 Universities

The Group of Eight (Go8) has endorsed key principles for enhancing transparency in admissions across its eight member universities. The importance of transparency in the use of the “Australian Tertiary Admission Rank” (ATAR) at each and across all Go8 universities will be underscored by the following principles.

At Go8 universities, the high ATAR attained by a student is a very good predictor of a successful outcome in their degree program. Ensuring we are clear and open with our prospective students and their families on the requirements for entry, is therefore a fundamental part of ensuring we have the best students and the right students.

The three pathways of entry to Go8 university, and the methods for enhancing transparency for each, are set out below.

1. **ATAR-only pathway:**

Students admitted through this pathway are admitted solely on the basis of their ATAR achievements. To aid transparency, Go8 universities will maintain and publish the following information for admissions made under this pathway:

- a minimum ATAR and quartiles of the ATAR distribution for students (or minimum and median ATAR for cohorts of 20 or fewer); and
- number of students and proportion of total admitted cohort entering via this pathway

2. **ATAR plus other criteria pathways:**

Students admitted through this pathway are admitted on the basis of their ATAR achievement plus additional information. This additional information may include specific subject choice and/or results, indicators of personal or educational disadvantage, additional selection tests such as standardised tests, or auditions and portfolios.

To enhance transparency, Go8 universities will maintain and publish the following information for admissions made under this pathway:

- number of students and proportion of the total admitted cohort entering via each designated pathway;
- additional admission criteria, instruments and indicators used for each designated pathway;
- any rules or principles used to make admission decisions for each designated pathway (i.e. details of bonus point schemes); and minimum ATAR and quartiles of the ATAR distribution for students admitted for each pathway.

3. **Other pathways:**

Students admitted under this pathway are admitted to Go8 universities in a manner that is independent of ATAR achievement.

To facilitate transparency and better information for prospective students under this pathway, Go8 universities will, where applicable, publish the following information:

- additional admission criteria, instruments and indicators used for each designated pathway;
- any rules used to make admission decisions for each designated pathway; and
- number of students and proportion of total admitted cohort entering via each designated pathway for that university.

All Go8 universities commit to the ongoing monitoring of the progress and success of students admitted under each of these pathways.

This is designed to ensure that the admission pathways that are set remain appropriate and relevant, and that appropriate student support services are in place.