

# TCE and ATAR what is it all about?

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# **TASC:** Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification

Ensure national and state standards for senior secondary education, vocational education and training and higher education are monitored and met.

# How subjects are assessed

Non pre-tertiary subjects: Teacher gives internal ratings on the criteria and the number of As, Bs etc determines the final award.

Pre-tertiary subjects: Internal ratings and external assessment (exams, folios of work, Individual Projects)

Syllabuses contain **algorithms** showing the minimum requirements for Exceptional Achievement (EA), High Achievement (HA), Commendable Achievement (CA), Satisfactory Achievement (SA) and Preliminary Achievement (PA) final awards.

# TCE: Tasmanian Certificate of Education

Requires minimum standards of literacy, numeracy and ICT skills

Requires a minimum amount and standard of learning

Requires evidence of pathway planning

# TCE requirements

120 Credit Points overall (typically 60 points per year)

At least 80 of the Credit Points must be at Level 2 or higher

Requires minimum standards of literacy, numeracy and ICT skills

Pathway planning needs to be demonstrated

# TCE requirements

Basic standards of Literacy, Numeracy and ICT skills have to be demonstrated.

Students do this by including subjects in their enrolment which allow them to demonstrate the basic standards.

**OR** they may complete an Essential Skills course in Literacy, Numeracy or ICT

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**TE:** Tertiary Entrance score

Students will gain Tertiary Entrance (TE) points for their pre-tertiary subjects determined by the number of As, Bs, Cs etc they receive.

# How is the TE calculated?

***Best three scores in final year of study*** (Year 12 or 13) will be counted in the calculation of a student's TE score PLUS the ***next best two scores***.

This gives the raw score of TE points eg 87



# ATAR: Australian Tertiary Admission Ranking

The TE score is converted to an ATAR. This ranks students in order of achievement Australia wide.

A student with a TE score of 87 in 2015 received an ATAR of 90. This means they were in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile, in the top 10% of students.