

EXPLAINING ASSESSMENT TCE AND ATAR. WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

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TASC: Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification
<http://www.tasc.tas.gov.au>

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

TCE: Tasmanian Certificate of Education

Five standards need to be achieved

- 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 – these are known as Complexity Points
- Basic standards of Literacy, Numeracy and ICT skills have to be demonstrated
- Students often gain these competencies through their enrolled subjects

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

OR they may complete a skills test in Literacy, Numeracy or ICT

Subjects

TASC – Level 1, 2 and 3/4

- Level 1
- Level 2 (sometimes referred to as foundation subjects)
- Level 3/4 (pre-tertiary subjects that contribute to a Tertiary Entrance Score)

Vocational Subjects

- Certificate I and II

How Subjects are Assessed

- Criterion Based
- Standards: A, B, C, t, Z
- Weighting and timing of tasks
- Final ratings
- Internal v External
- Algorithm (see example)

Tertiary Pathway

- Students choose four subjects per year plus Personal Pathway Planning
- 5 Line timetable, includes a study line
- Extra study support is offered through scheduled tutorials
- In grade 11 we usually suggest students study three pre-tertiary subjects
 - Choose pre-tertiary subjects based on strengths, interest, alignment with future pathway
 - May need choose a combination of foundation subjects at Level 2 as stepping stones to prepare for academic success at Level 3/4 in Year 12

ATAR- Australian Tertiary Admission Rank

- To be eligible for an ATAR, a student must satisfactorily complete a minimum of four pre-tertiary subjects, preferably five – with at least three being completed in Year 12. Students must also gain their TCE.
- A maximum of five pre-tertiary subjects will be used to calculate their Tasmanian Tertiary Entrance Score.
- The Tasmanian Tertiary Entrance Score is calculated by adding the **best three** subject scores from pre-tertiary subjects satisfactorily completed in Year 12, together with the **next two best** scores from either year.
- TE scores are then converted to ATAR

Pre-tertiary Student Pathway Example 1

Year 11	English 3	CA	9.2	
	Maths General 3	HA	16.3	
	Art Production Foundation 2 – Mixed Media			
	Business Studies 2			
Year 12	Art Production 3 - Photography	HA	17.4	
	Accounting 3	HA	18.0	
	Economics 3	CA	10.2	
	Computer Science 3	CA	13.0	
		TE Score	74.9	ATAR 83.2

Pre-tertiary Student Pathway Example 2

Year 11

Maths Methods 3	CA	14.8	
Physical Sciences 3	EA	20.3	
English 3	CA	10.2	
Food and Nutrition 3	EA	21.4	

Year 12

Physics 4	SA	12.9	
Chemistry 4	HA	21.4	
Biology 3	EA	21.0	
Maths Specialised 4	CA	18.4	

TE Score 102.9 ATAR 96.85

Vocational Student Pathway Example

Year 11

Work Readiness 2
Design and Production Wood 2
Workplace Maths 2
Music Studies 2

Year 12

Certificate 1 Construction (two lines)
Design and Production Metals 2
Electronics 2

Questions?



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