What is an ATAR?

An Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) represents your rank amongst all the other year 12s in Western Australia. For example, an ATAR of 75 means you have performed better than 75% of year 12s in WA.

ATARs from every state except Queensland are equivalent. So an ATAR of 75 in WA would still be 75 in NSW.

What does an ATAR determine?

Each course has a minimum ATAR that must be achieved in order to qualify and apply. Murdoch also offers other pathways that can help you get into the course you want to study.

How is my ATAR calculated?

Your ATAR is calculated by using your Tertiary Entrance Aggregate (TEA) score as the basis and comparing it against every other TEA score achieved by Year 12 students in your year group. Your TEA is calculated by adding the best four scaled scores from your WACE exams. If your school is a part of Murdoch’s ATAR RISE program, then your ATAR could be scaled up by as much as ten points.

Have you considered OnTrack or OnTrack Sprint? OnTrack Sprint is ideal if you’re a school leaver and just missed out on the ATAR score you need for entry. OnTrack can qualify both school leavers and non-school leavers for most courses at Murdoch.

Certain bonuses, such as the Language Other Than English (LOTE) bonus, will affect the ATAR that you get from your TEA score.

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