

SALT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

What's the scheme's purpose?

SALT provides access to La Trobe University for students from schools with proximity to a La Trobe campus, where either:

- the proportion of the Year 12 cohort enrolling at university has averaged 50 per cent or less over the past two years (as defined by 'on-track' survey data in Victoria or similar data in NSW) or
- the school is in a low socio-economic status area as defined by ASES postcodes.

Where can students get application forms?

From the VTAC website. For those applying through UAC, a [SALT application form](#) is available online.

How do students know whether their application's been successful?

The University writes to all applicants to advise them of the outcome of their application.

When is the closing date?

The SALT application deadline is 5.00pm on Friday 10 October, 2008 for both VTAC and UAC applicants.

When should the school set its internal closing date?

Schools should set an internal closing date well before the VTAC closing date to ensure all forms are delivered well before the SALT closing date.

How many places will go to SALT applicants?

Each course is allocated a number of SALT places. The number of places varies from course to course.

When will students and schools be informed?

Students will be notified November/ early December.

What is the VTAC administration process?

VTAC collects and collates the information on behalf of La Trobe University. For further information on the VTAC administration process, contact VTAC directly.

Can students get additional offers?

Yes, provided they have courses in their VTAC preference list. Students will only receive one offer.

When will schools be notified?

Students will be sent a letter in November/December and Schools will be sent a report notifying them of the outcomes of SALT applications. This is done simultaneously.

Can schools also get a copy of the letters sent out to students?

Schools will be sent a copy of the proforma letter sent to students.

Does this mean at COP they will know for sure they have a place?

Yes, if they have a conditional offer and meet the prerequisites and minimum ENTER (if stated).

What does N/A mean?

No minimum ENTER.

Do they need an ENTER to get an offer? E.g. do they need to sit have sat the exams.

Yes on both counts. Students must meet the minimum VCE requirements as outlined by VTAC.

How did faculties arrive at minimum ENTER for courses?

SALT ENTERS are not the Clearly-in ENTER from the previous year. Faculties determine the ENTER based on a combination of factors including number of places, accessibility and demand.

Does the application need to be handwritten or typed?

Applications can be typed or handwritten; handwritten applications must be clear and legible.

Do you want additional information, supporting documentation like work experience or evaluations?

Only if it's relevant to the student's chosen course. For example, there's no point writing about work experience in an insurance company if you're applying to a course in, say, archaeology or social work. In other words, it's not about providing a character reference, it's about supporting your claim to be passionately interested in a particular subject area and/or to have an aptitude for that subject area. It's also important to be clear and concise in personal statements – outlining key points rather than writing an expansive essay.

Will schools receive a report on the number of applications, offers, and enrolments per school?

Yes – every school will receive notification of all student outcomes.

Can students defer their SALT place?

Yes.