

TAFE SA Higher Education

Associate Degrees in Engineering

Admission Criteria

In this document you will find information about the entry requirements for TAFE SA's Associate Degrees in Engineering, an overview of the profile of students who commenced study in 2022, and where to go to find further information.

The TAFE SA Associate Degrees in Engineering include the:

- Associate Degree in Electronic Engineering
- Associate Degree in Biomedical Engineering
- Associate Degree in Electrical Engineering
- Associate Degree in Civil and Structural Engineering (Design Drafting)
- Associate Degree in Civil and Structural Engineering (Site Management)

The information in this document applies to domestic students. If you are an international student, please visit [TAFE SA International](#).

Student profile

The table below indicates the admission profile of students who commenced an Associate Degree in Engineering at TAFE SA during Semester 1, 2022.

Applicant background	Sem 1, 2022 intake	
	Number of students	Percentage of all students
(A) Higher education study (Includes a bridging or enabling course)	9	16.7%
(B) Vocational education and training (VET) study	8	14.8%
(C) Work and life experience (Admitted on the basis of previous achievement not in the other three categories)	<5	N/P
(D) Recent secondary education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admitted solely on the basis of ATAR (regardless of whether this includes the consideration of adjustment factors such as equity or subject bonus points) • Admitted where both ATAR and additional criteria were considered (e.g. portfolio, audition, extra test, early offer conditional on minimum ATAR) • Admitted on the basis of other criteria only and ATAR was not a factor (e.g. special consideration, audition alone, schools recommendation scheme with no minimum ATAR requirement) 	N/A	N/A
	<5	N/P
	N/A	N/A
International students	33	61.1%
All students	54	100%

Notes: "<5" – the number of students is less than 5

N/A – Students not accepted in this category

N/P – Not published: the number is hidden to prevent calculation of numbers in cells with fewer than 5 students.

Admission criteria

A. Applicants with higher education study

You will be eligible for admission into an Associate Degree in Engineering at TAFE SA if you have previously completed part or all of an Engineering-related higher education course at university or another Higher Education Provider.

There is no time limit on when your previous study was commenced or completed.

You may also be eligible for credit for your previous higher education studies, which can decrease the time it takes to complete your degree at TAFE SA. Credit for previous higher education study is assessed on a case-by-case basis at the time of enrolment.

B. Applicants with Vocational Education and Training (VET) study

If you have completed a Certificate III level course or higher in an Engineering-related field, you will be eligible for entry into an Associate Degree in Engineering.

C. Applicants with work and life experience (includes those who left secondary education more than 2 years ago)

Academic results

You may still use your year 12 results for entry to an Associate Degree in Engineering, even if you completed secondary education more than two years ago and have not undertaken VET or higher education study since then.

You must have:

- > Met the requirements for the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) or its equivalent, or completed the International Baccalaureate (IB)

AND

- > Achieved a minimum ATAR of 60, or equivalent

AND

- > Passed Year 12 Specialist Mathematics OR Mathematical Methods OR General Mathematics, or their equivalent.

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

If you have not completed secondary education, did not achieve a high enough ATAR, or have not previously completed VET or higher education study, you may gain entry into an Associate Degree in Engineering by achieving a minimum score of 140 in the STAT.

The STAT is a two-hour, multiple choice test that assesses your ability to study at a tertiary level.

Further information about the STAT can be found on the [SATAC website](#).

D. Applicants with recent secondary education (within the past two years)

Australian Year 12 students

If you have completed year 12 in Australia within the past two years, you will be eligible for entry into an Associate Degree in Engineering if you:

- > Met the requirements for the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) or the interstate equivalent, or completed the International Baccalaureate (IB)

AND

- > Achieved a minimum ATAR of 60, or equivalent

AND

- > Passed Year 12 Specialist Mathematics OR Mathematical Methods OR General Mathematics, or their equivalent.

Overseas or non-standard secondary education

If you have completed your secondary education overseas or in a non-standard program, your academic results will be assessed to determine their equivalence.

TAFE SA uses raw ATAR scores for admissions purposes. The table below details the ATAR scores of applicants who received offers for Semester 1, 2021.

	ATAR
Highest rank to receive an offer	<5
Median rank to receive an offer	<5
Lowest rank to receive an offer	<5

Note: "<5" – the number of students is less than 5

Additional information

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

TAFE SA's [Aboriginal Access Centre \(AAC\)](#) provides support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Domestic applicants with overseas qualifications

SATAC will assess overseas qualifications at the time of application to determine their Australian equivalent. Please see the information about the application process on the [SATAC website](#) for further details.

How to apply

Applications for TAFE SA higher education courses are made online via the [SATAC website](#).

Where to find further information

- > [Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency \(TEQSA\) National Register](#) - for information on the status of registered Higher Education Providers in Australia
- > [Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching \(QILT\) website](#) – helps you to compare study experiences and employment data from Australian higher education institutions
- > [SATAC website](#)
- > General information on [higher education at TAFE SA](#).
- > [How to Apply and Enrol](#) for TAFE SA courses.