

POLICY

NTCET RESULTS RELEASE POLICY

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This policy should be read in conjunction with [NTCET Results Release procedures](#).

1 POLICY

The Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET) results are released via the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) Board of South Australia in December of each year.

The SACE Board provides details of the top NTCET student, the top NTCET Aboriginal student, and the top twenty NTCET students.

The top twenty NTCET students are NTCET completers for the first time in that particular school year and are determined from their University Aggregate. The top twenty NTCET students are ranked by their University Aggregate. If the final rank contains more than one student then the top twenty may include additional students.

Also recognised in the Northern Territory (NT) News and on the Department of Education website are students who gain an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) equal to or above the 20th students' ATAR, and who have gained an ATAR for the first time.

Students can gain a Subject Merit in a Stage 2 Board-accredited subject if they meet the following two criteria:

1. gain an overall subject grade of A+ for that subject, *and*
2. be selected by a panel, appointed by the SACE Board, as demonstrating exceptional achievement in the subject. Typically, fewer than 2% of the subject cohort would meet this criterion.

Subject Merits will be reported on the student's SACE Record of Achievement as 'A+ with Merit'. The student will receive a parchment-style document that will attest to them being awarded a SACE Merit in a Board-accredited subject.

Students who have been approved as 'private candidates' in a subject are not eligible for a Subject Merit.

The Northern Territory Board of Studies (NTBOS) awards a number of sponsored subject awards as well as prizes sponsored by Charles Darwin University for students gaining the top 10 ATARs. The criteria and awards are reviewed and updated annually by NTBOS.

This policy applies to both government and non-government schools.

2 BUSINESS NEED

In previous years the media has requested additional information during NTCET results release. In 2009 the NT News requested the full publication of individual NTCE results (all student names and results) and again asked the question “why do other jurisdictions publish the full certificate of education results yet the Northern Territory will not?”

Students have not consented to the release of this information. This policy is in line with the practices of other Australian state or territory educational bodies.

3 SCOPE

This policy relates to all students who are enrolled in a NTCET subject within an NT school. It does not apply to students enrolled in the International Baccalaureate.

4 DEFINITIONS

University Aggregate is obtained by qualifying for an NTCET. The aggregate is calculated from the best scaled scores from three 20 credit tertiary admission subjects (TAS) plus the best 30 credits of scaled scores or scaled score equivalents from the:

- scaled score of a 20 credit TAS
- scaled score of one or more 20 credit TAS
- scaled score of one or more 10 credit TAS
- scaled score equivalents for Recognised Studies to the value of 10 or the maximum of 20 credits.

The university aggregate is the best possible score calculated from the above options, subject to counting restrictions and precluded combinations.

5 RELATED POLICIES, LEGISLATION AND DOCUMENTS

- [SACE Board Freedom of Information and Confidentiality Policy Statement](#)
- Communication with personnel at Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority, Queensland Studies Authority, Australian Capital Territory Board of Senior Secondary Studies, Curriculum Council of Western Australia, Board of Studies New South Wales, Tasmanian Qualifications Authority and SACE Board of South Australia.

6 EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed each year following NTCET results release.