

TER BONUS FOR LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH



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From 2011, The University of Western Australia will offer a TER bonus to WA Certificate of Education students who undertake study of a language other than English in Year 12. This document provides information on how the bonus will affect the calculation of a TER for 2011 Year 12 students.

How will the bonus work?

10% of a student's final scaled score in a Curriculum Council approved language other than English course will be added to that student's Tertiary Entrance Aggregate (TEA). The Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER) will be calculated, based on the improved TEA. (The TEA is the sum of a student's best four scaled scores in WACE courses.)

An example

This student has completed examinations in five Year 12 subjects. Their courses and scaled scores are:

Course	Scaled score
English 3A/3B	63*
Indonesian: Second Language 3A/3B	71*
Mathematics 2C/2D	52
Chemistry 3A/3B	80*
Physical Education Studies 3A/3B	60*

Their TEA, based on their top four scaled scores (indicated with *) is 274.

Based on the 2008 TEA/TER conversion, this equates to a TER of 91.55.

The LOTE bonus is 10% of their Indonesian:Second Language course scaled score (7.1) .

The student's UWA TEA, including the UWA LOTE bonus is therefore 281.1.

Based on the 2008 TEA/TER conversion, this equates to a TER of 93.10.

Will bonuses be calculated for multiple LOTE courses?

Only one LOTE course score can count towards the bonus. If a student completes multiple LOTE courses, the best scaled LOTE course score will form the basis of the bonus.

Which language courses will count towards the LOTE bonus?

The following WA Certificate of Education courses will contribute to the LOTE bonus in 2011:

Aboriginal Languages of WA	Arabic	Chinese: Background Speakers
Chinese: Second Language	French	German
Hebrew	Indonesian: Background Speakers	Indonesian: Second Language
Italian	Japanese: Background Speakers	Japanese: Second Language
Malay: Background Speakers	Modern Greek	

(There may be some additional interstate language courses and examinations available in WA schools in 2011, which may be counted in the TER and therefore be considered for the LOTE bonus. Contact the Curriculum Council for details of availability.)

What about subjects completed prior to 2011?

Only LOTE courses completed in 2011 or beyond attract the LOTE bonus.

Does the LOTE course score need to be part of the TEA for the bonus to be calculated?

No. Even if the LOTE course score is not one of a student's best four scores, 10% of the LOTE score will still be added to the TEA.

Do you need more information?

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LOTE bonus and the calculation of the Tertiary Entrance Aggregate for all Universities from 2014 (2013 Year 12)

LOTE Bonus

For 2014 university admissions onwards, Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University and the University of Western Australia wish to advise that they will apply a LOTE (Language Other Than English) bonus for the purpose of determining a student's Tertiary Entrance Aggregate (TEA) and hence Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

The rules for the calculation of the LOTE bonus will be the same as the rules used in 2012 by Curtin and UWA.

Redefined Definition of the Tertiary Entrance Aggregate (TEA)

The rules that determine the TEA for the calculation of the ATAR are based on those conditions that are common to all four universities, such as accumulation over five years and unacceptable combinations. With all four universities having the same LOTE bonus, the rules determining the TEA will be redefined as follows.

A 4 course/subject TEA is calculated by adding a student's best four scaled scores plus 10% of the best LOTE scaled score, if any, based on the following rules:

- For the best four, scaled scores from the previous four years can be accumulated with scaled scores from the current year, with no subject or course counting more than once.
(for 2013 Year 12, includes 2009, the last year of TEE subjects)
- Unacceptable combinations as stated in the admissions requirements
- Subject also to allowable combinations, no more than 2 mathematics courses/subjects can count.
- A LOTE bonus of 10% of a LOTE scaled score is added to the aggregate of the best four scaled scores, subject to no LOTE scaled score earlier than 2011 being used. If more than one LOTE has been sat, only one (the best) LOTE scaled score can be used.
- From 2015 Year 12, LOTE scaled score can be from current or previous four years.
- Maximum TEA is 410.

Note: For a current year ATAR to be calculated, the student must have at least one scaled score from the current year used in their ATAR calculation.