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Your 5 Steps
to U.S. Study



Application deadlines

Early Decision (ED)

- You can apply to only one college ED
- You must attend that college, if accepted—it is a binding agreement
- Application deadline is generally between November 1 and November 15
- Outcome released December or January

Early Action (EA)

- You can apply to more than one college EA
- Application deadline is generally between November and December
- Outcome released December or January

Regular Decision (RD)

- Application deadline is generally in January
- Outcome released April 1

Date of Acceptance

- You must accept your offer by May 1. You will often need to pay the deposit by this date

Graduating Year 12s

You should complete and lodge early applications in November and/or December of the year you will be graduating. Ensure you get organized early—you will be competing with other commitments at that time, including your final exams and school closure for summer holidays.

Using ED and EA Applications

If you lodge early applications, you will have the advantage of knowing your application outcome(s) by December–January. This gives you the chance to also consider any offers from Australian universities. Learn more about [Early Acceptance and Early Decision](#)

Note: If you choose to start at an Australian university while waiting on your U.S. application outcome you are best to check if the U.S. college/s you are applying to will still classify you as a freshman student - and not a transfer student. Your status could affect financial aid or scholarship opportunities.

