

# Options

CAREER INFORMATION

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# Announcements

## Something to think about

**“You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.” —A.A. Milne**



# Apprenticeships & Traineeships



## How to find and prepare for an apprenticeship

Wanting an apprenticeship or traineeship is one thing, finding one and keeping it is another. Australian Apprenticeships have put together some steps with links, which you can follow that will assist you in preparing for and finding an apprenticeship or traineeship which will suit you and your career dreams. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

1. Do your research
  1. Career opportunities
  2. In-demand skills and occupations
2. Make sure you're prepared
  1. Know what financial support is available to you
  2. Know your rights and responsibilities as an apprentice
  3. Check your literacy and numeracy skills
3. Find and apply for jobs
  1. Contact an Apprentice Connect Australia Provider
  2. Search for a Group Training Organisation
  3. Search for apprenticeship jobs
4. Sign up to start
  1. Sign your contract and enrol

## Support for apprentices and trainees

The Queensland Government provides support for apprentices and trainees to assist in the transition from school to the workplace. The [support includes](#):

- Free tools for first year apprentices - check your eligibility
- Support services
- Apprenticeship Info app
- Financial help
- Travel and accommodation allowance
- Disability support
- Learning support
- Help for cancelled apprentices and trainees

## Want an apprenticeship in 2025 - Begin your search now!

Year 12s don't wait until you finish school to start looking for an apprenticeship. Start now as many employers are recruiting now for 2025. But which apprenticeship? The Queensland Department of Employment, Small Business and Training [website](#) has a list of Queensland apprenticeships. Click on the apprenticeships you are interested in for more information about the job. Also, talk to people already in the job and/or do work experience to help you with your decision.



## Australian Defence Force (ADF) Work Experience

Thinking of applying for the ADF when you finish school? You need to explore this career and lifestyle option thoroughly. Visit the Defence Work Experience Program [website](#), click *Placements, Queensland*, work experience opportunities. Placements fill quickly and you will have to talk with your school Guidance Counsellor/Officer before applying.

## Australian Defence Force Updates

- 06/08/2024 [Cairns Defence Careers Information Session](#)  
[Toowoomba Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 07/08/2024 [Beaudesert Defence Careers Information Session](#)  
[Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session](#)  
[Brisbane Trade Careers Information Session](#)  
[Gold Coast Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 13/08/2024 [Cairns Army Reserve Information Session](#)  
[Hervey Bay Defence Careers Information Session](#)  
Maroochydore [ADFA Careers Information Session](#)
- 15/08/2024 [Roma Defence Careers Information Session](#)  
Brisbane [Defence Careers Information Session](#)  
[Toowoomba Navy Careers Information Session](#)
- 16/08/2024 [HMAS Canberra Navy Experience](#)
- 18/08/2024 [Kingaroy Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 20/08/2024 [Maroochydore Navy Careers Information Session](#)  
[Gold Coast Army Reserve Information Session](#)

## Study and Trades

Through the Australian Defence Force (ADF), you can get your degree fully or partially paid for or learn a trade in a dynamic environment, all while earning a great salary from day one. Through the ADF you can:

- Get a degree - ADFA located in Canberra
- Use your degree - join using your skills
- Learn a trade - complete your trade through the ADF
- Use a trade - join using your trade skills
- Other ways to join:
  - Gap year
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander entry pathways

Click [here](#) for more information.

## Thinking about the Air Force?

If you join the Air Force you will be part of a diverse and supportive team that alongside the Navy and Army, defends our nation, our people, our values and our way of life. This is achieved by controlling the air, acquiring intelligence through reconnaissance and surveillance, providing air mobility for all operational needs, and supporting combat missions through strike capability. Click [here](#) and find out more about:

- What we do
- Aircraft
- Peak strategic capability
- A force for protection, rescue and disaster relief
- Working with world leading technology

# Career Exploration



## Alternative pathways to higher education

If you're considering university studies but think that you won't qualify for entry, there are a range of programs and different pathways available. Although people think that the ATAR pathway is the only way to Uni, other pathways to university are:

- Enabling courses
- Enabling outreach courses
- Bridging courses
- Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT through QTAC)
- Vocational education and training (VET) and TAFE pathways
- Credit for recognised learning (CRL)
- Portfolio entry
- VET in schools

Read about the alternative entry points [here](#) that may assist you to access university. Most Australia universities offer a range of 'alternative entry pathways' so check them out.

## Career Quiz

The Skillsroad Career Quiz is a self-assessment tool that will help identify key personal skillsets and help you understand your work values in order to help you find careers best for you. The quiz takes about 7 minutes to complete so click [here](#) to find out more.

## Casual and short-term work can build your employability skills

Think your casual job isn't a 'real' job? Think it doesn't really count towards your career? Think again! Having a casual job or other short-term work while you study can actually give you a massive edge when you apply for jobs in the future. Why? Because having previous work experience shows employers you have the [employability skills](#) to succeed in their workplace. Employability skills are the essential skills, personal qualities and values you need at work. They include things like teamwork, problem solving skills and communication skills. Click [here](#) and read about how to make the most of a part-time job including:

- Combine study and any kind of work
- Combine study and work in your chosen field
- Make a short-term compromise

## Explore Your Career

If you're looking for career ideas the [Your Career](#) website, developed by the *National Careers Institute*, can assist. It includes:

- Career quizzes to explore possible future careers
- Fee-Free TAFE
- Future initiatives
- Top hiring occupations
- VET study options
- What's next

## Explore careers through Seek

Learn about thousands of careers, from Accountant to Zookeeper. Click [here](#) to search for careers to learn about what they're like, job trends, requirements and more including:

- Career change ideas
- Compare salaries
- Browse careers by industry
- Job and salary trends
- Careers with high job satisfaction
- Careers by industry
- Job and salary trends

## Olympic Fever and Jobs!

While the athletes are in the spotlight at the Paris Olympics, there are many professionals working behind the scenes to keep the games on track. These careers include event planning, coaching and medical support to name just a few. Click [here](#) and find out what qualifications you'll need and how much you could make in the roles that make the Olympics happen.

## The High Five of career development revisited

The High Five principles of career development are five concepts that are very important for managing your career in today's rapidly changing world of work. You can access videos that explain the High Five concepts by using the following links. It's a good place to start your exploration.

- [Change is constant](#)
- [Learning is ongoing](#)
- [Focus on the journey](#)
- [Know yourself and follow your heart](#)
- [Access your allies](#)

## myfuture - a great career exploration tool

The myfuture [website](#) provides resources to assist you to explore career pathways and develop self-knowledge that help with career decision-making. You can use their tools to discover your interests, values, skills and see how they relate to career and study options. To make navigating their site easier, they have put together some user guides with videos including:

- Signing up to myfuture - It's free - Learn how to sign up via myfuture
- My career profile - Discover more about yourself and learn how your interests, values and skills relate to career paths.
- Occupations - You can search and explore hundreds of occupations. Watch an Occupations video [here](#).
- Industries - Access information including employment prospects, for each industry
- Career bullseyes - Learn how occupations relate to school learning areas.
- Courses - You can research and explore current higher education and vocational education and training courses.
- Career articles - Practical information to support your career exploration.
- Job seeker resources -resume and cover letter templates and other resources



## Competitions

### **Griffith Uni's Legal Essay Competition now open**

Griffith Uni is looking for Year 12 students who have a strong case to make about a current legal issue. With cash prizes, this is the perfect opportunity for students to showcase their passion for law and social change in a fun, competitive environment. Click [here](#) for more information and entry details. Competition closes on 16 August at 5pm.

### **myQCE student competition**

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority are giving senior students the chance to win a MacBook Air or one of three Sony wireless noise cancelling headphone sets. The Give Away competition is open to students in Years 10 to 12 with access to the Student Portal. The competition closes on Friday 13 September. Click [here](#) for more information and entry details.



# Disabilities



## Employment support

Support is available to help you with finding and keeping the right job. The Australian Government helps people with disability, mental illness, chronic illness and injury to find and keep meaningful work by delivering services through Centrelink that meet a person's individual needs.

- [Disability Employment Services](#) help job seekers with disability and mental illness find work. You can search for a Disability Employment Services provider online.
- [BuyAbility](#) are commercial businesses that employ people with disability. You can find a Disability Enterprise in your local area.
- Other employment assistance is available, including Jobs in Jeopardy, which helps people at risk of losing their job because of disability, support with workplace modifications and other services and programs. Information about these services is provided on the Centrelink [website](#).

## Student disability and Accessibility at Griffith Uni

Student Disability and Accessibility at Griffith Uni support students with disabilities, injuries or health conditions who are studying through Griffith University, [Griffith College](#) and Open Universities Australia. They also aim to improve participation, retention and success of students with disabilities, including access to learning environments. Click [here](#) to find out more about their services and support for students including:

- Who they support
- Services and resources
- How to make an appointment
- Future student specific information

## Vision Australia Further Education Bursaries

Each year, Vision Australia awards Further Education Bursaries to a select number of students who are blind or have low vision. The bursaries provide adaptive technology to help students fully participate and succeed in their chosen studies. Assistive technology can eliminate barriers to education and enhance access to information. It enables students to read course material, conduct research and improve their student life. Applications close on 15 September 2024. Click [here](#) for more information and details on how to apply.

## Employment, Job and Labour Market Info



### ABS Labour Force Data - June 2024

The Australian Bureau of Statistics have released the [Labour Force Data for June 2024](#):

- Unemployment rate remained at 4.0%
- Employment increased to 14,402,500
- Underemployment rate remained at 6.5%
- Participation rate remained at 66.8%
- Employment to population ratio remained at 64.1%
- Monthly hours worked increased to 1,967 million

### Attitude V Experience - which is more valuable?

Looking for a job while at school or after school can be hard work especially when you are needing to record your 'experience' in your resume. It can even turn you off applying. Having a good attitude and a willingness to learn can make you more attractive to employers than someone who has plenty of experience but comes across as bored, jaded or disinterested. [Seek has put together a short article](#) about how a good attitude can matter more than experience. They talk about:

- Most employers choose passion over experience
- Your positive attitude can transform a workplace
- Employers are looking for people who add to the culture
- How to build a positive attitude
- How to demonstrate a great attitude to employers

Being job ready and successful in gaining a job takes time, research and personal reflection. Start the process now so when you are in the right place for a great job you are ready to shine at the interview!

### Australian Government School Leaver Program - One year job opportunity

The [Australian Government School Leaver Program](#) is a 12-month career development program. It's a full-time job with a competitive salary, paid holidays and superannuation. You'll build your skills on the job at one of the many Australian Government departments and agencies participating in the 2025 program. If you find you love the job, you can stay on and continue your career in the Australian Public Service (APS). Applications open on 7 August 2024 for the 2025 program which begins in February 2025. [Register](#) your interest to receive updates on the Program and future opportunities. Click [here](#) for more information including:

- Participating agencies
- Who's eligible?
- One application, multiple opportunities

## How should I factor AI into my decision about what to study after school?

The Conversation had an article talking about how many young adults may be fretting about how to factor AI into their decision about what to study after school. Don't panic, they unpack what AI means for the future careers of today's school leavers as well as:

- Tech skills in demand – but that's not the whole story
- Comprehension, communication and articulation
- Critical thinking is crucial
- So, what's a school-leaver to do?

## Soft skilling for the future

Did you know soft skill-focused jobs will account for two-thirds of all jobs by 2030? Although a lot about the future is uncertain now, we know that the demand for soft skills is predicted to grow. For example, studies in Australia show that 63% of businesses reported that young people coming into work lack essential soft skills. If you want to stand out in the job market, get working on your soft skills. To keep up with the ever-changing professional environment, keep reading all about the soft skills that will help you flourish in any job. Click [here](#) to read more about:

- Empathy
- Emotional Intelligence (EQ)
- Integrity
- Adaptability
- Mindfulness

## Specific occupation information - Tourism and hospitality and veterinary science

Great career decisions are made when you do your research! The following links provide valuable information:

### Tourism and Hospitality

- [Queensland Tourism Industry Council](#)
- [Australian Travel Careers Council](#)
- [Workforce Australia](#)

### Veterinary Science

- [What's it like to be a veterinarian?](#)
- [A career in veterinary science](#)

## Transferable skills checklist

Transferable skills are a core set of skills and abilities that go beyond a particular job or organization – you can use them in almost any role. Great people skills, for example, will be valuable to your work whether you're a [customer service representative](#) or a [carpenter](#), a senior executive or an intern. Transferable skills can help you stand out to employers in your job search or even make a career change – so knowing just what your skills are can help you take that next step. Click [here](#) to read Seek's article in full including information on:

- Organisational and execution skills
- Communication skills
- People skills
- Leadership skills

## Unsure what to study next year?

The Guardian reports that as Year 12 students begin Term 3, they will be thinking increasingly about what to do next year. Throughout August, [many universities](#) have open days as students investigate different courses and options for study. This is a significant time for young people as they navigate study pressures with decisions about what to do beyond school. If you are still making up your mind (and there is still plenty of time!), you might like to [read](#) about the following 6 things:

1. There are lots of options
2. High school subjects are not quite the same as uni
3. Think about your uni as well as your course
4. Don't forget there are options with how you study
5. The ATAR is not everything
6. It's OK to change your mind

## What should you know when you start a job?

The Fair Work Ombudsman [website](#) has many resources that can help. You can find information on the following which is essential knowledge for successfully managing your work:

- Pay and wages
- Leave
- Starting employment
- Employment conditions
- Workplace problems
- Ending employment
- Latest articles

## Financial Assistance & Scholarships



### Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) 2025 scholarships

AFTRS have a variety of financial support options including AFTRS Scholarships, AFTRS Special Finance Assistance and Government support, FEE-HELP, Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy. Applications for the 2025 Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production scholarship is now open and closes on 4 November. [Click here](#) to find out more including available scholarships and application process.

### Griffith Uni's Scott Reid Memorial Scholarship

Griffith University's Scott Reid Memorial Scholarship rewards an eligible Papua New Guinean student applying to study law at Griffith in 2024. The scholarship includes a one-month paid law clerkship annually (up to a maximum of four years), providing practical experience, progressive skills growth and mentorship. Selection criteria include:

- Demonstrated capacity for leadership, initiative and service to your community
- Epitomise Scott's approach to life – 'Laugh a lot, stand strong and keep it all in perspective'
- Seeks to use your law degree to make a difference.

Find out more information [here](#) including the eligibility, award's value, duration, level of study and application details. Scholarship applications close on 13 October 2024.

### QUT Excellence Scholarships (Academic)

QUT Excellence scholarships are scholarships for students with outstanding academic achievement. The scholarships available include:

- scholarships valued at up to \$30,000 each for study in any discipline
- scholarships valued at up to \$30,000 each for study in the faculty of Science and Engineering only.
- scholarships valued at \$10,000 each for study in any discipline.

Other benefits may include:

- early access to research opportunities
- membership of the QUT [College of Excellence](#)

Check out the [link](#) to find out more about eligibility and other excellence scholarships. You do not need to complete a scholarship application for the QUT Excellence Scholarship (Academic). All eligible students who

complete a QTAC application within QTAC key dates and with a QUT course as their first preference, will be considered. Other scholarships at QUT may require you to complete a separate application form. For further information, refer to the scholarships listed above or [view our scholarships](#). Application preparation is an important key to a successful outcome.

## Real Futures Grant

The [Real Futures Grant](#) is an annual Australian program that has been running since 2016. The Real Futures Grant provides the winner with a \$5,000 grant and is awarded to a student studying for a certificate, diploma, degree or traineeship in one of the following fields:

- Healthcare
- Medicine
- Business
- Finance

Click [here](#) for more information and how to enter. Entries close on 31 October.

## Scott Reid Memorial Scholarship for Papua New Guinea at Griffith Uni

Griffith Uni's Scott Reid Memorial Scholarship, is offered in partnership with MinterEllison Gold Coast. Scott Reid devoted much of his life to the development of AFL in Papua New Guinea. The Scott Reid Memorial Scholarship rewards a Papua New Guinean student applying for Law who meets the selection criteria:

- Be a citizen of Papua New Guinea or demonstrate affinity with the Papua New Guinea community. In the event of there being no such applicant, applicants of Pacific Islands heritage or affinity will be considered.
- Have applied to study an eligible law program at Griffith's Gold Coast campus by the scholarship application closing date.
- Satisfy all academic and English language entry requirements for the Bachelor of Laws (Hons), Bachelor of Laws (Hons)/double degree or Juris Doctor program.
- Be a full-time student starting in Trimester 1 2025.

The scholarship includes a one-month paid law clerkship annually (up to a maximum of 4 years), providing practical experience, progressive skills growth and mentorship. Click [here](#) for more information and application details. Applications close on 13 October 2024.

## Tertiary Access Payment

The Tertiary Access Payment (TAP) is a one-off payment of up to \$5,000 to help eligible students with the cost of moving to study after Year 12. To get the payment you need to meet some rules. These include:

- moving from a regional or remote area for tertiary study
- starting tertiary study in the year after finishing year 12 or equivalent.

Regional areas are places that aren't in or near a major city. You can check if your [family home](#) is in a regional or remote area using the Student Regional Area Search. You can claim this payment in your first year of tertiary study only. Click [here](#) to find out more.

## Tips for applying for university scholarships

The following are tips to help you maximise your chance of gaining a scholarship:

- Apply for all the scholarships you are eligible for
- Read the information on the university or institution's scholarship web page
- Follow the directions exactly and answer all parts of each question
- Include all documents requested
- If written make sure applications are readable and provide examples to back up attributes and achievements
- Start preparing your application early
- Collect ideas for your application over time – start with dot points
- Keep a list of personal achievements, extra-curricular activities you are involved in, both at school and in the wider community and any awards you have received
- Do drafts of your application – get feedback (see your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor)
- Ask referees for supporting statements early, not at the last minute.
- Have someone else carefully proofread your application before submitting it
- When required, include examples of personal attributes and achievements such as:
  - Awards gained
  - Leadership (including coaching)
  - Volunteering and other community participation
  - Teamwork (sport, work, etc).
  - Initiative
  - How you may give back to the university.
  - Include your career aspirations and how the university course can help you achieve them
  - Submit your application by the due date.

## UQ Scholarships

At UQ, there is a wide range of scholarships that you can apply for which will provide financial support as you study. Click [here](#) to find out about the wide range of scholarships available at UQ.

## UQ Sporting scholarships

UQ's Sporting Scholarships currently support International, National and State representatives in more than 17 different sports with these athletes benefiting from the outstanding sporting facilities and services the University and the UQ Sport Elite Athlete Program has to offer. Click [here](#) to check out the benefits that all sporting scholarship holders receive.

## University of Southern Queensland scholarships

Thinking of going to UniSQ? Explore what scholarships are available and those coming soon. You can apply for more than one, so be sure to apply for all that you're eligible for. Find out more about:

- [Indigenous Student Success Program \(ISSP\)](#) - To assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students experiencing financial hardship who are commencing or continuing an undergraduate or postgraduate program at UniSQ
- [UniSQ Residential College Scholarship](#) - To support students residing at UniSQ Residential Colleges in Toowoomba either commencing or continuing their studies in an undergraduate program
- [More scholarships available for future students](#)



## First Nations Peoples



### **Aurora Education Foundation: Indigenous Scholarships**

In addition to helpful guides for Going to Uni and How to Get a Scholarship, the Aurora Education Foundation provides a dedicated [Indigenous Scholarships Portal](#) that lists scholarship opportunities for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students across universities, TAFEs and private institutions. Click on Scholarship Search tab and then the drop down arrows.

### **Indigenous employment with ANZ**

ANZ offers several employment opportunities to Indigenous students. These include part-time school-based traineeships, full-time traineeships and graduate programs for students who complete a university degree. Visit the [ANZ website](#) for details.



## Gap Year Program News

### **Southern Cross-Cultural Exchange**

Southern Cross-Cultural Exchange provides high school student exchange programs for Australian students. Click [here](#) to find out more about exchange destinations, program options, support and safety and how to submit an application for a 2025 program. You can also register to attend their upcoming information webinar sessions [here](#). Make sure you check out any Gap Year organisation fully before signing up.

### **World Education Program Student Exchange**

If you want to be a WEP exchange student, check [here](#) for more information. Thoroughly check out all Gap Year organisations before signing up.

## Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



### Open Days and Career Expos in August

- 11 August 2024      [Griffith Uni Open Day](#) Nathan and Gold Coast campuses  
[University of Southern Queensland](#) Springfield and Ipswich campus
- 17 August 2024      [Christian Heritage College](#)      Check website for more details  
[Australian Defence Force Academy](#) Open Day Online and In-person
- 18 August 2024      [CQ University](#) (Rockhampton) 9am - 12pm  
[University of Queensland](#) (Gatton Campus) 9am - 3pm  
[University of Southern Queensland](#) Toowoomba
- 22 August 2024      [CU University](#) (Gladstone) 4pm - 6pm
- 21 & 28 August 2024 [TAFE Queensland](#) (Gold Coast Online)
- 24 August 2024      [SAE University College](#) Open Day
- 29 August 2024      [Cairns Youth and Career Expo](#) 8:30am - 4:00pm
- 4 September 2024      [TAFE Queensland](#) (Loganlea)

### UQ Gatton Campus Open Day

UQ is hosting its Gatton campus Open Day on 18 August from 9am - 3pm. Click [here](#) to find out:

- What to expect on the day
- Open Day program
- Getting to Gatton
- Register to attend

# Private Provider Updates



## Griffith College

Griffith College may be a great pathway to a Griffith Uni course if you don't meet the required ATAR for the course you are wanting to enter, you are ATAR ineligible, your VET tertiary rank is insufficient and/or you need a prerequisite subject. By studying at Griffith College, you will be learning right along side first year uni students but with ongoing support, smaller class sizes and assistance come assignment and exam time. A completed diploma will usually see you enter second year of your relevant degree course or you can move into employment. You can study a:

- [Foundation course](#)
- [Diploma courses](#)
  - Business
  - Criminology and Criminal Justice
  - Design
  - Educational Studies
  - Engineering
  - Health Care
  - Health Sciences
  - Information Technology
  - International Tourism and Hotel Management
  - Science
  - Social and Psychological Science
- [Associate Degree in Business](#)

## QUT College

QUT College pathway programs will give you the skills and confidence you need to pursue your chosen degree at QUT. Courses are suitable for both Australian and International students who are looking for a pathway to university. They offer diplomas and undergraduate certificates in a range of study areas, as well as bridging programs in Maths, Physics and Chemistry. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- [Pathway Programs](#)
- [Bridging programs](#)
- [Apply now](#)



## QTAC & Tertiary Entry

### 2025 QTAC admissions is now open

Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) manage all Queensland university (including University of New England), TAFE Queensland (Diploma courses) and some private providers' admissions process. If you are wanting to compete for a place in a university, TAFE Queensland or some private provider course/s, you will need to apply through QTAC. The first step in the process is to register on the QTAC site. To do this you will need your personal email address (DO NOT USE YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL) and your LUI number. Your school will give this to you.

To register :

1. Go to the QTAC [website](#)
2. Click on *QTAC Website*
3. Scroll down and click on *QTAC Application*.
4. Click on *Apply Here*
5. *Click on Create Account*

You will now be able to log in and start your QTAC course application process.

### A reminder of 2024 fixed closing dates

Some courses have fixed closing dates. These are usually courses that require separate application forms (as well as a QTAC application), interviews, folios and/or auditions. It is essential that you do not miss these closing dates. Each for the following universities have some fixed course closing dates which can be found [here](#) or on pages 19 and 20 of the current QTAC Guide:

- Bond University
- Central Queensland University
- Griffith University
- James Cook University
- Queensland University of Technology
- TAFE Queensland
- The University of Queensland
- University of Southern Queensland
- University of the Sunshine Coast

## ATAR FAQs

QTAC are the organisation that calculates Year 12 ATARs at the end of the year. Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority send your final results to QTAC who then calculate your ATAR. Click [here](#) (scroll down) to find answers to the following questions:

1. Who needs to register in the AtAR Portal?
2. How can I receive/view my ATAR?
3. I'm applying interstate, do I need to sign up?
4. How can I get my ATAR if I am unable to register on the QTAC ATAR Portal?
5. Am I still eligible for an ATAR if I don't register on the QTAC ATAR Portal?
6. What do I need to know about being 'ATAR ineligible'?
7. Will my school be able to see my ATAR?
8. Does a school need to register their students to have an ATAR issued?
9. Where can I find my QCE results? They are not in the ATAR Portal
10. I am completing Year 12 in 2024 and I have an ATAR account from 2023. Do I need to register for a new account in 2024?

## Applying for Educational Access Scheme (EAS)

[The Educational Access Scheme](#) (EAS) can help you if you have experienced circumstances that have negatively affected your most recent studies. If you are assessed as eligible for an adjustment to your ATAR or QTAC selection rank under EAS, it will be combined with other adjustments you may be eligible for. Check with the institution/s you are interested in for the maximum adjustments allowable. If you are eligible for the [Financial Hardship category](#), you may also get financial assistance from institutions, such as scholarships or bursaries. This category applies to your current and recent personal and/or family financial circumstances.

You apply for EAS when you are applying for tertiary study through QTAC. You must complete a cover sheet for each category that you feel you are eligible for and provide written evidence to support your application. EAS will not be able to compensate you for things such as not completing secondary school, changing school subjects by choice or missed time from school for activities that are a personal choice (for example, sport, musical, holidays or cultural activities) etc. The EAS eligibility categories are:

- Financial Hardship
- Home Environment and Responsibilities
- English Language Difficulty
- Personal Illness or Disability
- School Environment

If you nominate to apply to EAS **and DO NOT** go ahead with your application, you **MUST** enter your application and untick the EAS option otherwise QTAC will think your application is incomplete. It is suggested that you only tick to apply for EAS, once you have gathered all the necessary documentation.

## Be organised before applying to QTAC

QTAC's online application for tertiary courses commencing in Semester One 2024 is now open. This doesn't mean you must apply immediately! You need to do some preparation before you are ready to apply.

- Know your LUI number. You will need this as part of your application so QTAC can access your results when they are released by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) in December
- Check your QCAA student learning account to see if all your qualifications/study program/s are there, especially if you have completed courses outside of school that are recognised by the QCAA
- The application will ask if you want to authorise someone to represent you if you are unavailable to respond to a course offer or you want more information from QTAC about your application. Most students nominate one of their parents or guardians. You will need their full name, date of birth (including year of birth) and contact details.
- Are you going to apply for QTAC's Educational Access Scheme (EAS)? If so, which category or categories are you going to apply under? Speak to your Guidance Officer or School Counsellor for assistance.
- How are you going to pay the \$65 application fee? By credit card (yours or your parent's/guardians), BPay or Direct debit/credit card/money order at the QTAC office? Your application will only be activated once QTAC receives the funds in their bank account. If you have trouble paying the \$65, see your Guidance Officer or School Counsellor.
- Select and order your course preferences. This means you need to research courses and make some decisions about what you want to apply for.
- Check closing dates for specific courses on Page 19 and 20 of your QTAC Guide.
- Be aware of the closing dates for 2025 applications, preference changes and document submission (Page 19 QTAC Guide).

## Key Diary Dates in 2024/2025

Things are starting to ramp up for Year 12 students and it is easy to miss key dates. Below is a list of some key dates that you should check and put in your diary so that you don't miss out on key opportunities. You will also need to check out closing dates for early entry programs and scholarship applications. You can find these on the individual TAFE and university websites.

### August

01/08/2024 QTAC applications open for 2025 courses

ATAR account registration opens (Qld Yr 12s)

Early closing dates for some courses. [Check](#) QTAC website for more information.

**September** Early closing dates for some courses. [Check](#) QTAC website for more information.

**October** Reminder to get EAS and supporting documents submitted

21/10/2024 External assessment period commences

**November** QTAC offer rounds commence

- 08/11/2024 Due date to apply & submit documents for 15 November offer round
- 12/11/2023 External assessment period finishes
- 15/11/2023 Graduation day for Year 12

## December

- 08/12/2024 Due date to apply & submit documents for December 23 offer round
- 09/12/2024 Due date to apply & submit documents for 16 January 2025 offer round
- 13/12/2024 Qld ATAR and QCE released
- 18/12/2024 Due date to change preferences for 23 December offer round
- 23/12/2024 December offer round

## January

- 07/01/2025 Due date for change of preferences prior to 16 January offer round
- 16/01/2025 January offer round

Check on the QTAC [website](#) for more information and any changes to these dates.

## Make use of your 2025 Guide Year 12!

Year 12 students should have received their 2025 QTAC Guide or you can get the Guide [online](#). This book is full of important information to assist you in choosing your tertiary pathway for 2025. You will find key information on Applying to QTAC on pages 1 -25. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU CHECK ALL YOUR PREFERENCES ON THE QTAC WEBSITE as the guide was only accurate as of the date of publishing. This is particularly relevant for those wanting to apply for Teaching/Education.

## Ordering your preferences

You can apply for up to six courses through your QTAC application. The order in which you place the courses is very important. QTAC advises the following plan (like a 'recipe') to help you make sound decisions.

- **Preferences 1 and 2:** Desired courses - the courses you most want to study even if you are not sure you will get an offer.
- **Preferences 3 and 4:** Back-up courses – less competitive courses or courses at other institutions that you are prepared to study if you don't get your higher preferences. They could be used to upgrade to your higher preference courses in the future.



- **Preferences 5 and 6:** Admission Pathway courses - courses that are not competitive and will help you upgrade to your higher preference courses in the future. These are safety net courses.

When processing your application, the QTAC computer starts with your preference 1 course. If you are eligible for this course (i.e. you meet all the entry requirements and are at or above that year's entry threshold/tertiary rank/ATAR), you will be offered this course and your other preferences will not be considered.

If you are not eligible for your preference 1 course, QTAC will, in turn, then look at your competitiveness for your second preference and so on until it finds a course you are eligible for or it exhausts your list of preferences. If that happens, you won't receive an offer. **If you follow the plan (the recipe), you will receive an offer. It may not be for your preference 1 but it will be a foot-in-the-door to upgrading, hopefully in one year, to the course you want.** You will find more information [here](#) (with video) or in your QTAC Guide on Page 10 and on their website.

You can change preferences after you submit your application. Only press 'Save' after you make all the changes you want. This is then considered one change session. The first three (3) change of preference sessions are free. Subsequent change sessions cost \$65. Don't change your preferences impulsively. Think carefully about them. See your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor if you need assistance.

## QTAC Remind Me

Keep up to date with what's happening at QTAC by registering with *QTAC Remind Me*. By registering, you will get emails about:

- Reminders for application submission, and prompts to complete application paperwork
- ATAR Portal sign up and ATAR release
- Resources on how to order or change preferences, and where to get more information
- Check-ins to see if you're stuck or need assistance along the way
- Support if you don't get the Year 12 results or ATAR you had hoped for, or are not made an offer during the coming offer rounds
- A survey via email, once you let us know you no longer need Remind Me

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

## Register to get your ATAR result

If you are a Year 12 student and you want your ATAR calculated, you must [register with QTAC](#). ATARs will be released on 13 December 2024. To register, you must have the following personal details ready:

- Full name (as displayed in your QCAA learning account/school enrolment - no nick names or shortened names)
- Date of birth
- LUI number - your school will provide you with your LUI
- Personal email address (do not use school email)

## **Understanding Minimum selection thresholds when ordering course preferences**

Entry to many courses is competitive – the number of places available in the course may be fewer than the number of people applying for entry to the course.

Places for eligible applicants to a course are allocated by eligibility (prerequisites) and then in order of merit (the applicant's entry score ATAR or Rank) until the places are filled. When the last place in the course is filled, the ATAR score and entry rank of the last applicant offered a place becomes the 'lowest selection threshold'. When researching your course options, it's best to base your preferencing decisions on the adjusted lowest 2024 Minimum Threshold or tertiary rank. These take into account adjustment factors that have been allocated to applicants' scores. The QTAC guide shows both the Adjusted and Unadjusted lowest ATAR/Selection rank so be sure you focus on the Adjusted threshold.

**Double check Adjusted minimum ATAR/tertiary ranks on university websites as there are some inaccuracies in the QTAC book.**



## Career pathways

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority has information to help you with your career planning. Click [here](#) to find information on:

- Career planning
- Career expos
- Job hunting
- Useful study and career websites
- Career support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

## External assessment equipment list and Directions for students

The 2024 external assessment equipment list and Directions for students are now available on the [QCAA website](#). They include details of approved equipment for all assessments, including calculators, student devices and subject-specific equipment and the directions students must follow during the exams. Check them out and be prepared!

## External assessment guide

The 2024 external assessment guide for students is now available on the [myQCE website](#). It has advice about preparing for assessments, tips on health and wellbeing and reflections from past students.

## Study Skills and Wellbeing



### Don't Quit - some words of encouragement

Don't quit when the tide is lowest, for it's just about to turn;

Don't quit over doubts and questions, for there's something you may learn;

Don't quit when the night is darkest, for it's just a while till dawn;

Don't quit when you've run the farthest, for the race is almost won;

Don't quit when the hill is steepest, for your goal is almost nigh (within your grasp);

Don't quit, for you're not a failure until you fail to try.

Author unknown

### How to use social media more mindfully and productively

It's easy to spend hours scrolling and liking posts to no advantage to you. It's possible however, to use social media productively and to educate yourself. [Read](#) more about:

- Develop your critical thinking skills and worldview
- Follow the news
- Use your platform
- Follow people that inspire and educate

### Study smarter, not harder

Let's be honest: study, even studying a subject you're in love with, isn't fun. That's doubly true when you're halfway through a subject and realise you don't actually understand it, or when you're overwhelmed by the due dates for several assignments that've all crept up at once. It may seem tempting to [procrastinate](#) or to burn the midnight oil, but there are far better solutions. Click [here](#) to read more about Deakin Uni's 7 tips (helpful for all students) to help you study smarter, not harder including:

1. Fake it 'til you make it
2. Treat it green, keep it keen
3. Bigger is not always better
4. Rinse, repeat
5. Find your happy place

6. Embrace the dryness
7. Get with the century

## Why is emotional intelligence important for students?

Some skills aren't taught in school, but that doesn't stop them from being important. Emotional intelligence (EI) can give you an edge in your academics now and set you up for success in your future career. But why is emotional intelligence important for students specifically? What *is* emotional intelligence anyway? UQ have put together some information which will help you to explore all this and more (including some tips for improving your EI). Click [here](#) to read more including:

- What is emotional intelligence?
- Why is emotional intelligence important for you?
  - Why is emotional intelligence important for students in high school?
  - Why is emotional intelligence important for students in university?
  - Why is emotional intelligence important in the workplace?
- How to develop emotional intelligence
  - How to know if you have emotional intelligence
  - How to raise your emotional intelligence

## Support services for TAFE students

Everyone's journey is different and we all need some extra support from time to time. TAFE Queensland provides student support services that are available for all students, helping to make their experience more successful, manageable and enjoyable. Click [here](#) to check out the support that you can get when studying at TAFE Queensland.

## TAFE Queensland Pathways to University Course Guide

TAFE Queensland Pathways to University Course Guide outlines all the diploma to degree pathway arrangements that they currently have in place with universities across Queensland. The Guide includes all the degree programs that they offer in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast. It sets out the Diplomas that they offer and the direct access they give to different universities and university courses, including the total time you will need to be studying. Click [here](#) to access the pathways' guide.

## What it costs to go to TAFE

As a TAFE Queensland student, there are a range of concessions, loans and scholarships you may be eligible for to assist you with the cost of your study. Don't guess as to whether you can afford to study after school. Click [here](#) to find out more about student loans, funding options and payments and refunds.

## Adjustment factors applied automatically

Some students receive an offer to a course even though they have an ATAR below the published adjusted selection rank. Often this is because other factors have been taken into consideration in combination with their ATAR and their selection rank for that course has been adjusted (and is higher than their ATAR).

These adjustments are due to factors such as performance in Year 12 subjects, living or attending school in a certain area and applying for consideration through the Educational Access Scheme. Selection rank adjustments are applied differently from institution to institution and from course to course within the same institution. In Queensland we call it/them Adjustment Schemes. Visit each institution's website and/or visit QTAC [here](#) to find out more.

## How to choose the right university for you

While it can be difficult to [choose between universities](#), you will find that there are some key differences between them that can help you make the big decision. The most important thing is to determine what sort of character and focus the university has to ensure that it aligns with your own personality, interests and goals. Every university has its own persona, and here we give you some tips to ensure that you choose one that is the best fit for you. Click [here](#) to read the Good Universities Guide's article that discusses:

- University networks
- Areas of strength
- Vocational options
- Campus community

## How to tackle study as a new student at uni

If you're going to be a first year uni student, you may have a lot of questions such as; Is university hard? What's the best way to approach study? How hard is it to pass first year at university? Sound familiar? Don't worry, you aren't alone! UniSQ have put together some tips to help you navigate your first (and subsequent!) years of study like a pro. So, what's their main advice for first year uni students? Click [here](#) to read more about:

- Time management
- Prioritise tasks
- Note taking
- Study groups
- Time to get started

## Important changes to prerequisites for Education from 2025

The non academic requirements for Teacher Entry (NARTE) often referred to as a Suitability Statement, is no longer a prerequisite for entry into a Bachelor of Education at any university from 2025 entry.

The Science prerequisite has been removed for all Education (Primary and Early Childhood) degrees as from 2025 entry.

From 2025 the admission requirements are as follows:

- Prerequisites:
  - General English, English as an Additional Language, Literature of English & Literature Extension (Units 3&4, C)
  - General Mathematics, Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics (Units 3&4, C)
- Recommended:
  - Secondary Education: Senior studies in chosen teaching areas
  - Chemistry, Physics or Biology require the chosen area to be successfully completed at the senior level

## Things I wish I knew before coming to university

Moataz Hamde shares with ABC's EveryDay the things she wishes she understood/knew about before going to uni. She says that her idea of what to expect from university life came in the form of trashy US college movies. She was gearing up for non-stop debauchery, but the reality was far different — a demanding workload, strict deadlines and the ultimate test of mental, emotional and physical strength. Click [here](#) to read more about her tips for managing and being successful at university including:

- Stress less, no-one cares what your school score was
- Make sure you're studying what you want to learn
- Keep an open mind
- Expand your circle
- Go out and get some real-world experience
- Study hard and work a little bit

## Why do a double degree?

ACU have explained what a double degree is by describing it this way:

- Equivalent of two qualifications with only one extra year of study - 4 years full time study (as single degrees it would take 6 years to complete both)
- A competitive edge to :
  - Acquire a depth of understanding that cannot be obtained in a single degree
  - Be better equipped to work in multidisciplinary teams
  - Job applications stand out in the crowd
- Double degrees are also suited for students who are not clear on the pathway they wish to pursue.



All universities offer double degrees so check them out to see if they suit your current study thinking.

## Australian Catholic University

### ACU Guarantee: early offers and student pathways

Did you miss the [ACU Guarantee scheme](#) webinar? Don't worry because you can access the 35 minute recording [here](#) (scroll down to Qld/NSW recording). ACU Guarantee early offer applications close on 16 September so check it out as it may just what you are looking for!

### ACU Revision Webinars

ACU are hosting a series of [revision webinars](#) for:

19 August 2024: [Biology](#)

20 August 2024: [English](#)

21 August 2024: [General Maths](#)

22 August 2024: [Study of Religion](#)

Options Career Information does not necessarily endorse these webinars but they may provide you with insights you hadn't thought about. Check any information with your subject's Head of Department or your teacher.

### Adjustment factors

ACU has a number of adjustment factor schemes that can improve your chances of gaining a place into an ACU course.

Adjustment factors applied automatically for you include:

- Year 12 subjects                      5 points max
- Access ACU
  - School relationship      5 points max
  - Campus Program        5 points max
  - Regional school         5 points max

A maximum of five adjustment factors applies across the school relationship, campus and regional school programs. Adjustment factors you need to apply for include:

- Educational access scheme (EAS) - Number of points applied varies for individual circumstances
- ACU Elite Athlete and Performer Program    5 points

You can receive up to a maximum of 12 adjustment factors from ACU.

## **Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation)**

This course, delivered out of ACU's North Shore Sydney campus, provides students with a rigorous and stimulating intellectual program in which they engage with western philosophy, history, literature, politics, art and culture, and develop a deep understanding of the great works, ideas and movements within the western intellectual tradition in the core of the program. ACU is offering up to 30 [Ramsay Scholarships](#) to students undertaking this degree, funded by the Ramsay Centre, each valued at up to \$96 000 (\$32,000 per year of the degree). Students eligible for scholarship will be selected by a committee, comprising senior ACU and Ramsay Centre staff. Click [here](#) for more information including:

- Course structure
- Sample program map
- Entry requirements
- Pathways
- Fees

## **Want to teach English and History?**

ACU offers a Bachelor of Education Secondary where you will learn the craft of teaching from mentors across a wide range of educational contexts. You will graduate with a qualification to teach English and History. Click [here](#) to find out more.

## **Bond University**

### **Pathway programs into Bond**

Bond has several pathways for students who do not meet the entry requirements for Bond degree programs. These are:

- [Bond Diploma Preparation Program](#) – This program is designed to give students the academic and digital literacy skills required to enter a Bond University Higher Education Diploma Program.
- [Bond University Diplomas](#) - Program finder – Deciding on a degree or program is a personal choice and it's about choosing the right program for you, your interests and your future.

## **Griffith University**

## **Bridging Maths for Education prerequisite**

Griffith Uni are offering a Maths bridging course if you do not have the Maths prerequisite but want to study to become a teacher at Griffith Uni. You must preference Griffith Bachelor/Diploma of Education on your QTAC application and meet all other prerequisites. They are running two courses:

- 4 November - 13 December 2024
- 6 January - 14 February 2025 (recommended for Year 12 students)

Click [here](#) for more information and how to apply.

## **EmpowerED University Preparation Program**

This is a new pathway program if you do not meet your desired course entry program. The program is:

- Free - 4 core courses, 2 electives
- Builds academic skills
- Guaranteed admission into Griffith degree on completion
- Can be studied full time/part time/online

Click [here](#) for more information.

## **First Peoples Health Pathway**

The First Peoples Health Pathway offers an admission pathway for:

- Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology (Standard pathway)
- Bachelor of Dental Health Science (UCAT is not required under this pathway)
- Bachelor of Dental Hygiene
- Bachelor of Dental Technology
- Bachelor of Dental Technology/Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics
- Bachelor of Medical Science
- Bachelor of Midwifery
- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)
- Bachelor of Paramedicine
- Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)

There is a separate First Peoples Pathway to Medicine for applicants applying to the Doctor of Medicine. Apply through QTAC and you will then be invited to be considered under this pathway based on:

- Academic achievement - Minimum ATAR or equivalent and meeting subject prerequisites
- Personal statement - responding to questions regarding motivation to study etc
- Interview - to be held early November

Click [here](#) for more information.

## How to preference Undergraduate Diplomas

If you are wanting to apply to one of Griffith Uni's Undergraduate Diplomas, it is best to follow the following steps:

1. Apply online through QTAC (UAC if in NSW)
2. Where an undergraduate diploma is an options:
  1. Select desired Griffith Bachelor degree as highest preference
  2. Select the Griffith Undergraduate Diploma that is matched to desired bachelor degree as next highest preference
3. When nearing completion of Diploma, GU Admissions will contact you and manage your transition to the second year of the Bachelor degree via direct admissions process

Click [here](#) for more information including a list of undergraduate diplomas offered at Griffith.

## Key dates for the Qld Conservatorium, Film school and College of Art and Design

- 30 August [Queensland Conservatorium](#) QTAC applications close
- 4 September [Queensland Film School](#) portfolio admissions applications due
- 4 September [Queensland College of Art and Design](#) portfolio due

Check the links for more details.

## VET Guaranteed Admission Scheme

A completed Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) Certificate III, IV or Diploma will meet the minimum selection rank for a range of Griffith degrees. When researching degrees online, look for the Guaranteed Admissions badge for the degree/program you are interested in. Applicants must still meet the Subject Prerequisites for admission as well as any other admission requirements. Please note, a Diploma qualification will meet the English subject prerequisite where as a Cert III or Cert IV **does not** meet the English subject prerequisite. A comprehensive list of program inclusions can be found on the website. Click [here](#) to find out more about this scheme and check for updates.

## Year 12 Academic Bootcamp

Griffith's Academic Bootcamps are highly effective four-day courses run in the September school holidays, designed to help Year 12 students achieve their full academic potential in their final external exams. They aim to improve confidence and understanding in senior science and maths subject areas, reducing anxiety around assessment and preparing students for future tertiary study. The camps will be held:

**Week one:** 16 to 19 September 2024 from 9am to 3pm daily.

**Week two:** 23 to 26 September 2024 from 9am to 3pm daily.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

## Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee

Griffith offers Year 12 the opportunity for Early Offer Guarantee admission. You can be made an early offer based on one of the 3 following streams:

- ATAR/IB results - will need to provide documents for IA1, IA2 and IA3 (internal school assessments)
- VET qualifications - may need to provide documentation post offer (Unlikely)
- Head Start (GUESTS) course - not expected to provide documentation

To be eligible you must be:

- A current Year 12 student in Queensland or New South Wales
- Include a Griffith Uni preference on your QTAC application
- Meet eligibility requirements for Early Offer Stream

You must put the Griffith Uni degree that you are wanting as your 1st preference on your QTAC application. Click [here](#) for more information and application details.

## James Cook University

### Heroes in Business

Are you interested in a career in business? Do you want to be an entrepreneur, business owner or brand manager? JCU in partnership with Queensland Country Bank are holding the 2024 Heroes in Business Program. The one-day program is open to students in Years 11 and 12 and will be held in Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton and Brisbane in September 2024. [View the flyer for location dates.](#) You will gain unique insight into professions that funnel into a business career. You will be lead through the process of creating and pitching a business opportunity including the marketing and financial implications. JCU Advisors will be on hand to provide information about courses and uni life and local business professionals will discuss real-world careers. Applications are now open and close 16 August. Apply [here](#).

### Important information for Dental Surgery, Medicine and Vet Science applicants for 2025 entry

Before applying for a JCU course, it is important that you are familiar with the application dates, course requirements and prerequisites. Courses may have specific admission requirements that students must comply with. You can find your course requirements in the [2025 Undergraduate Study Guide](#).

The following courses have a two-step application process:

- Bachelor of Dental Surgery
- Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery
- Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours) (close on 30 September)

You must:

1. Apply online via the QTAC [website](#); AND

2. Apply online directly to JCU. Applications are now open and close on 30 September. Click [here](#) to access the JCU Applications form for the above courses and key dates.

## Queensland University of Technology

### Advice to prepare for practical placement

Many university courses include mandatory placements so students can gain work experience before they graduate. For some health courses you need to complete a set number of hours to be eligible for registration or accreditation in your field. With the high cost of living, managing placement can be tricky. Siobhan Pollard, a QUT nursing and public health student, shares her tips for making ends meet and making the most of practical placement. [Read Siobhan's advice.](#)

### Bachelor of Creative Arts (Acting): key application deadlines

The following are key dates for applying to the [Bachelor of Creative Arts \(Acting\)](#):

- 1st August 2024 - apply through QTAC.
- 5th August 2024 - audition submissions open.
- 8th October 2024 at 5pm - deadline for applications and audition submissions. *Requests for applications or submissions after this date will not be considered.*

Find out more about the audition and application requirements [here](#).

### Future career in the creative arts

QUT's new [Bachelor of Creative Arts](#), offers majors in acting, animation, contemporary art, creative writing, dance, drama, film and screen and music for entry in 2025. The future-focused interdisciplinary nature of this degree is one of the most flexible creative arts degrees available. With over 100+ customisable study options, it allows for students to become highly skilled creatives across multiple disciplines within and beyond the creative arts. Read more about the exciting changes to their creative arts program [here](#).

### Get Uni Ready program

Get Uni Ready is a free Year 11–12 Academic Preparation Program that aims to enhance access and opportunity to QUT for students who are traditionally underrepresented in higher education, such as first in family students, student from low income backgrounds as well as rural and remote students. The program provides immersive and innovative opportunities to help you better develop your academic skills, interests and post-school options. Click [here](#) to find out more including what is Get Uni Ready, Benefits to students and more.

## START QUT applications open now

In Year 11 and interested in studying a university subject in Summer (STEM Intensive) or Semester 1 2025, receiving a selection rank adjustment and gaining potential credit towards a future degree at QUT? Applications for [START QUT](#) are open now and close on 31 October 2025. Register for their [START QUT Webinar](#) on Tuesday 27 August to find out more.

## Thinking of going to uni in 2025

Choosing what to study at university is a big decision. Students applying through QTAC can book a 30-minute phone appointment to explore entry pathways, discuss course options and get information on QUT scholarships, services and support before deciding. Click on the following links for more information.

- [Book an appointment](#)
- [Undergraduate applying: a step-by-step guide](#)
- [Assumed knowledge](#) and prerequisites
- [Helping you get into your course](#)
- [Scholarships](#)
- [Year 12 Early Offer scheme](#)
- [Adjustment schemes](#)
- [Support for students](#)
- [Uni social life](#)

## University Preparation Program

QUT are offering a free University Preparation Program (UPP) for 2025 entry. Successful completion of the program with a passing grade point average will give a selection rank of 75.00. Higher selection ranks can be achieved with higher grades, up to a maximum of 86.95. The course also covers the prerequisite subjects for [QUT's Bachelor of Education](#). Applicants must have completed Year 12 (QCE or equivalent) or be 18 years old at the first QUT census date. Check their 2025 Study Guide for guaranteed entry to specific courses. The program has changed to provide a selection rank that can be used for entry across QUT's undergraduate courses. Check their [website](#) to find out more.

## Southern Cross University

### Areas of study

Southern Cross University has 27 study areas to choose from. Click [here](#) to find their study areas including:

- 2025 Undergraduate Study Guide
- 2025 Guide for international students
- How to apply

## The University of Queensland

### Jobs you can get with Business and Economics at UQ

UQ have put together information to answer all those questions about the outcomes after completing particular degrees. Click [here](#) to find out about their Business and Economics degrees including:

- Jobs you can get with a commerce degree
- What you can do with an economics degree?
- What can you do with a degree in hospitality and tourism management?
- Socially rewarding careers in business
- My marketing career: using AI to captivate audiences

### Senior Mathematics Study Days

Build your confidence, gain additional tips and skills and get that extra edge for your assessments and exams with UQ's Senior Maths Study Days. Their September session is designed for Year 12 students and delivered face to face and online. You will explore concepts in Mathematical Methods through exercises, lectures and workshops which include exam-style questions. The session provides an opportunity to enrich your mathematical understanding of senior mathematics curricula and prepare you for tertiary mathematics studies. Click [here](#) to find out more about the Year 12 Mathematical Methods day being held on 17 September from 1 - 4pm at the St Lucia campus or online including registration details.

### Thinking of UQ

Want to know more about UQ? Click [here](#) to find out:

- Study at UQ
- Find a program
- Scholarships
- Short courses
- How to apply
- Why choose UQ
- Life at UQ
- Accessibility support

## University of Southern Queensland

### Study at your own pace

Did you know that you can study full time or part-time by choosing how many subjects you study each semester? If you are thinking you want to work for a while and save some money or there are things going on in your life that you need to sort, you don't need to put off study all together. You can choose to study



fewer subjects/courses each semester and can also fast-track your degree by studying during the summer semester (October to February). Read about USQ courses [here](#).

## **University of the Sunshine Coast**

### **Parent lounge**

In the parent lounge on the UniSC website, you will find some updates on their online program offerings, as well as information around their Headstart transition program for Year 11 and 12 students. Click [here](#) to find out more information for parents that will assist you when having those career and pathway conversations with your child. It is never too early to start the conversation and research.

### **Study your way**

At UniSC, study options include more than 150 programs over five campuses spread across South East Queensland. With [online and blended study options](#) available, their regional students have study, research and employment opportunities right on their doorstep. If you're not sure where to start, click [here](#) for help.

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
01/08/2024 to 25/08/2024	Australian Women's Film Festival 2024 competition first deadline
06/08/2024	ADF: Cairns Defence Careers Information Session
06/08/2024	ADF: Toowoomba Defence Careers Information Session
07/08/2024	ADF: Beaudesert Defence Careers Information Session
07/08/2024	ADF: Brisbane Trade Careers Information Session
07/08/2024	ADF: Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session
08/08/2024	CQUni Bundaberg Open Day
08/08/2024	CQUni Townsville Open Day
11/08/2024	Griffith Uni Open Day
11/08/2024	Griffith Uni Open Day Gold Coast campus
11/08/2024	Griffith Uni Open Day Nathan campus
11/08/2024	UniSQ Ipswich campus
11/08/2024	UniSQ Springfield campus open day
12/08/2024	ADF: <a href="https://www.adfcareers.gov.au/events/events-detail/y3jnuhp">https://www.adfcareers.gov.au/events/events-detail/y3jnuhp</a>
13/08/2024	ADF: <a href="https://www.adfcareers.gov.au/events/events-detail/5ejx1yp">https://www.adfcareers.gov.au/events/events-detail/5ejx1yp</a>
13/08/2024	ADF: <a href="https://www.adfcareers.gov.au/events/events-detail/l9imcaj">https://www.adfcareers.gov.au/events/events-detail/l9imcaj</a>
13/08/2024	ADF: <a href="https://www.adfcareers.gov.au/events/events-detail/qqux9vf">https://www.adfcareers.gov.au/events/events-detail/qqux9vf</a>
15/08/2024	ADF: Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session
15/08/2024	ADF: <a href="https://www.adfcareers.gov.au/events/events-detail/re10aqv">https://www.adfcareers.gov.au/events/events-detail/re10aqv</a>
15/08/2024	ADF: Toowoomba Navy Careers Information Session
15/08/2024	CQUni Cairns Open Day
16/08/2024	ADF: HMAS Canberra Navy Experience
16/08/2024	Griffith Uni Legal Essay Competition
17/08/2024	ADFA Open Day

17/08/2024	Australian Defence Force Academy Open day
18/08/2024	ADF: Kingaroy Defence Careers Information Session
18/08/2024	CQUni Rockhampton Open Day
18/08/2024	UniSQ Toowoomba Open day
18/08/2024	UQ Gatton Open Day
19/08/2024	UQ's audition applications close for Bachelor of Music (Honours)
22/08/2024	CQUni Gladstone Open Day
23/08/2024	Bond Student for a Semester September applications close
23/08/2024	First Year 12 Offer Round
25/08/2024	Australian Women's Film Festival Extended Deadline competition closes
26/08/2024	UniSQ Trimester 3 application closing date
27/08/2024	QUT START QUT webinar
29/08/2024	Bond Indigenous scholarship applications close
29/08/2024	Cairns Youth and Careers Expo
30/08/2024	Queensland Conservatorium audition application closes
01/09/2024	2025 Heywire competition closes
02/09/2024	2024 Premier's Coding Challenge
02/09/2024 to 05/09/2024	Gold Coast Schools Science Competition
09/09/2024	Griffith Law School Gold Coast Legal Essay Competition event
10/09/2024	Griffith Law School Brisbane Legal Essay Competition
13/09/2024	myQCE student competition closes
15/09/2024 to 20/09/2024	UQ's InspireU STEM Camp
15/09/2024	Vision Australia Further Education Bursaries applications close
16/09/2024	ACU Guarantee early offer program closes
16/09/2024	BUFTA short file competition entries close
17/09/2024	UQ Year 12 Senior Maths Study day
22/09/2024 to 27/09/2024	UQ's InspireU (Business, Economics and Law)
30/09/2024	SCU Early Offer applications close
30/09/2024	University of New South Wales Co-op Program applications close