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Announcements

This fortnight's laugh

I focused on being a photographer, but nothing ever developed!

This fortnight's thought

The greatest skill you can learn is to stay in a good mood when there are 100s of reasons not to

Apprenticeships & Traineeships



Australian Apprenticeships offer a world of opportunities

With more than 500 apprenticeship occupations across Australia, there's something for almost every interest. You'll earn a wage while gaining a nationally recognised qualification and real workplace experience. Because apprenticeships are competency-based, you may even finish sooner if you reach the required skill level. [Learn how to find the right apprenticeship](#) and boost your chances of getting one.

Become an apprentice or trainee?

TAFE offer apprentices and trainees, off the job learning at many of their campuses. You can learn through hands on activities using the same equipment and tools used in industry. They combine working for an employer and studying at TAFE Queensland and you graduate with a nationally recognised qualification. Click [here](#) to read more about:

- The difference between apprenticeships and traineeships
- Trades training areas (26 in all)
- Becoming an apprentice or trainee - a four step process
- Finding an employer
- Payment and funding options
- Women in trades

Electrical Group Training (EGT)

Electro-training is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO Number: 31673) delivering nationally recognised Solar, Refrigeration and Electrical training. They provide training supported by Construction Skills Queensland (CSQ) funding offering regular classes in Townsville and Brisbane and on demand courses in Cairns. [Check out Electro-training here](#). They may be a good fit for you.

Group Training Organisations

Registering with a Group Training Organisation (GTO) is one way to look for an apprenticeship. GTOs employ apprentices and trainees and place them with a host employer until the apprenticeship or traineeship has been completed. [More info here](#) about GTOs and visit the National Employment Network [website](#) to find a GTO near you.

TAFE at School apprenticeship courses opening and closing next week! Don't miss out!

Get career ready at high school with TAFE at School. If you're in Year 10, 11 or 12 you may be able to complete a TAFE Queensland qualification while you're still at school. Choose from a variety of Certificate I to Undergraduate Certificate courses from a range of study areas from construction to community services, hospitality to health care and everything in between!

How to apply? Most applications open on **3 August**. It's **'first in best dressed'** so put it in your diary and **don't miss out - get in early!**

[Submit an application here](#) and follow the instructions below (the course code is in the book). You need to apply yourself, your school can't do it for you but can help if you get stuck.

You'll need:

- Your Learner Unique Identifier number (LUI) Don't know it? Ask your VET coordinator
- A Unique Student Identifier number (USI). Don't have one? [Apply here](#).
- The application code for the location and course you're applying for. [Check the local guide here](#) (scroll down)
 - Greater Brisbane - **applications open** 3 August 2026 - pages 59-67
 - Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay: **applications open** 3 August 2026 - pages 28 - 29
 - Gold Coast - **applications open** 3 August 2026 - pages 41 - 42
 - Darling Downs: **applications open** 3 August 2026 - pages 36 - 42
 - North Queensland: **applications open**:
 - online courses: 3 August 2026
 - in person: 17 August 2026 - pages 37 - 39

Training providers

You can find providers who can deliver training for nationally-recognised qualifications. [You can search for a range of VET study options](#) and information based on your interests.

Want to become a construction tradie

Australia's construction industry is booming and qualified carpenters are in high demand. Without formal qualifications, you might be missing out on better pay, more jobs and higher job security. "A formal qualification doesn't just validate your skills it opens doors to bigger and better projects." A Nationally recognised carpentry qualification is what employers are looking for. It's a must if you want to work on major construction sites or start your own carpentry business. [Click here to find out more about:](#)

- The Skills You'll Gain with a Carpentry Qualification
- Career Opportunities with a Carpentry Qualification
- Frequently Asked Questions About Carpentry Qualifications
- Want to become a Tradie? What is a Tradesman?
- What makes being a Tradie so popular?
 - Job Security
 - No Uni Education Needed
 - Work Flexibility

- Say no to the office cubicle
- Wages
- Travel
- Satisfaction

What is a School-Based Apprenticeship?

School-based apprentices and trainees are trained in their chosen apprenticeship or traineeship, in the workplace and through a training organization, while continuing to study towards their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) at school. To commence a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SAT), a student must have the support of the employer, the school, a supervising registered training organisation and their parent/guardian. [The Queensland Government has information on:](#)

- Start a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship
- Understand how school-based apprenticeships and traineeships work
- Requirements
- Roles and responsibilities
- Wages and entitlements
- Costs and financial help
- Manage your school-based apprenticeship or traineeship
- Complete your school-based apprenticeship or traineeship
- Forms, guides and policies



Australian Defence Force upcoming events

The Australian Defence Force holds in person and virtual information sessions across Queensland. They can be general in nature or more specific to an ADF career path. Visit their event [page](#) for more details. If you are interested in joining the ADF follow their [Facebook page](#) to receive updates about the upcoming events.

- 11/07/2026 [Rockhampton Pop Up ADF Careers \(PACC\)](#)
- 28/07/2026 [Brisbane Army Reserve Information Session](#)
[Gladstone Trade Careers Information Session \(PACC\)](#)
- 03/08/2026 [Gold Coast Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 04/08/2026 [Whitsundays Defence Careers Information Session](#)
[Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session](#)
[Goondiwindi Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 05/08/2026 [Mackay Trade Careers Information Session](#)
[Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 10/08/2026 [Rockhampton A Night in the Army Reserve \(PACC\)](#)
[Health Careers Information Session](#)

Career Exploration



Australian Occupations

An occupation is the type of job someone does, like a doctor, mechanic, physiotherapist or cabinet maker. You'll probably have a few different occupations throughout your life and many of the skills you learn can be used in other jobs too. The Labour Market Insights website lets you explore hundreds of occupations, including what the job involves, average pay and future demand. It's a great way to discover careers that might suit you. [Find out more here including:](#)

- So what's the difference between an occupation and an industry?
- Tools can help you
- Occupations can be in many different industries

Career Explorer quiz

Career Explorer helps you discover occupations that you may be interested in or have not even thought about! [Check it out there.](#)

Does a course with a high ATAR guarantee better job prospects?

Don't choose a course just because it has a high ATAR. According to the Good Universities Guide, a high ATAR usually shows a course is popular, not that it will lead to better job prospects or a higher salary. Before you decide, compare graduate outcomes like employment rates and starting salaries. [Find out more here.](#)

Explore careers by industry

Seek has a section on their [website](#) that looks at careers by 'industry'. If you scroll down the page, you will find the heading *Browse careers by industry*. Click on the industries that interest you and you will find a list of jobs that you might want to find out more about.

Learn about thousands of careers

On Seek's website you can find info about:

- Exploring careers

- Exploring salaries
- Job hunting
- Working life

Search for careers and learn about what they're like, job trends, requirements and more. [Check it out!](#)

Occupation/Job description videos

The [myfuture job/occupation videos website](#) has video information on over 500 jobs. You will need to 'Sign up' (free of charge) and click on 'Occupations' and search for the jobs you are currently exploring. Most job descriptions include a video lasting approximately three minutes. After you have viewed a video see if you can answer the following questions.

- Name at least three of the main duties and tasks required in this occupation.
- Would you like to do this job? Why or why not?
- List some things you learnt about this occupation.

Open Colleges career quiz

The [Open Colleges Career Quiz](#) will give you an understanding of your personality and the career areas that could suit you with suggested career areas you might like. Career quizzes are only a guide and won't give you a concrete answer as to what you should do but they will give you some new career options to research.

School ends. More ideas for you - Book 2

Your Career has put out a second book with more info for when you leave school. [Find out about:](#)

- Money to Study
- Money to live
- You want a job
- You get a job - things you must do
- You need help - where to find it
- You feel bad - who can help you

School Leaver Info Kit

Your Career has a school leavers info kit. Find some options in the easy-to-understand guides including:

- [Ideas for when school ends](#)
- [Learning more](#)
- [Help with money](#)
- [Get a job](#)
- [Get help](#)



Don't miss out! QUT's Queensland Bridge Competition

On 10 August you can have fun, hands-on chance to design and test spaghetti bridges while developing real-world engineering skills. QUT is hosting the Queensland Bridge Competition, a statewide competition offering a \$2,000 prize pool and an inspiring way to bring classroom learning to life for students in Years 5 to 12. You can register as an individual or as a school group. On the day, you will also tour Gardens Point campus, view the facilities and daily life of QUT students. [Learn more and register](#) including dates and locations for the various testing locations around Queensland.

Gold Coast Schools Science Competition

The 39th annual Gold Coast Schools Science Competition aimed to raise the profile of STEM in our community and encouraged students to demonstrate their STEM abilities by entering a project in one of five categories.

- Scientific Investigations
- Engineering & Technology Projects
- Classified Collections
- Communicating Science
- Environmental Action Project

Click [here](#) for more information and entry details. Registrations closes on 26 August.

Heywire Competition

Heywire is a lived experience storytelling competition from the ABC, calling for stories from young people aged between 16-22 in regional, rural and remote Australia. Entries must be a true story about an aspect of your life. Stories can be in any format: text, video or audio — whatever form suits you best! Click [here](#) for more information and entry details. The competition closes 1 September 2026.

Disabilities



Disability Services Queensland Government

Disability Services ensures they can provide the oversight and advocacy that Queenslanders with disability deserve. It is made up of a team of people who will deliver on the sector's strongest demand - *nothing about us without us*. Through Disability Services, they can ensure NDIS clients are treated with respect and dignity, have control of the services they receive and have continuing opportunities for social and economic participation. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Getting some help - Education, training and employment

The Queensland Government has great information to assist young people with disabilities to transition to education, training and employment. Click [here](#) to read about:

- Finding the right job
- Mental illness and work
- Your rights at work
- Returning to the workforce
- Apprenticeships and traineeships
- For employers and colleagues
- Study

Employment, Job and Labour Market Info



ABS Labour Force Data - 2026

The Australian Bureau of Statistics have released the [Labour Force Data for June 2026](#):

- unemployment rate increased to 1.9%.
- participation rate remained at 67.0%.
- employment increased by 0.5%.
- employment to population ratio remained at 64.2%.
- underemployment rate remained at 6.5%.
- monthly hours worked increased to 0.2%.

Actuary - Like Maths and Business?

An Actuary identifies, evaluates and minimises risk in a business setting using mathematical, economic, statistical and financial analysis and knowledge. They identify, evaluate and minimise risk and uncertainty in a variety of business settings. [Check out the following here](#):

- What it's like to be an Actuary
- How to become an Actuary
- Latest Actuary jobs
- Top skills and experience for Actuaries
- Actuary role reviews
- Tasks and duties
- Salary, job growth and job satisfaction

Do you have what employers are looking for?

[JobJumpstart reports](#) that the Australian Government surveyed more than 3000 Australian employers to find out what advice they would give to young people looking for a job. Employers said they look for:

- a positive attitude
- motivation and enthusiasm
- someone who is prepared to learn and take direction.

They also said that applicants need to:

- be punctual and dependable
- be respectful to colleagues and customers
- show a commitment to staying in the job for an acceptable period of time.

Employers also mentioned that some young people have unrealistic expectations of work, including:

- being unprepared for the demands of the workplace
- the level of pay they would receive
- wanting to start at the top instead of working their way up.

Give yourself a rating so you can keep up the good work and/or work on the areas where you can improve and be job ready!

Do you want to be an astronaut?

"In 2024, I flew on a microgravity, or zero G, parabolic flight with the European Space Agency (ESA). The aeroplane flew big arcs up and down in the sky. At the top of the arc I experienced 22 seconds of weightlessness, just like an astronaut". [Find out more about what it's like to be an astronaut and weightless.](#)

Marketing yourself through social media, like LinkedIn

What does your online presence look like? LinkedIn is a social networking website like Facebook, but it's all about work. It is referred to as "the social networking site for professionals" and can assist you to:

- Build your network
- Check out the jobs on LinkedIn
- Find your potential employer

[LinkedIn](#) now has around 774 million users across 200 countries. Click [here](#) to read an article that can be used as a beginner's guide to LinkedIn and will tell you how to make the most of its huge user base for business networking. It's a great career tool and it can help you to connect with other professionals, colleagues and even potential employers. You may be thinking that it's too soon to be doing this but you actually start building your career profile at school. It is easier to build as you go instead of later being overwhelmed about where to begin.

Rural Fire Service Queensland volunteer - more than fighting fires

One of the major misconceptions about joining the Rural Fire Service Queensland is that you have to become a firefighter. However, there are many volunteer roles available that make an equally vital contribution to your community's safety. These include:

- Community Education
- Administration
- Incident Management
- Communication

Through the link you will also find information on:

- Have you got what it takes?
- Prerequisites

- The selection process
- Additional Information
- Training

Click [here](#) for more information.

Why check occupational and industry info

Occupation data categorises workers by the job they do. The Australian data includes the total number of people employed in that occupation, key demographics, median earnings, tasks and appropriate education and more. Industry data sorts workers based on their organisation's primary purpose. Australian data includes demographics, total employment, medium earnings, common occupations and more.

Knowing more about occupations and industries can help you sort out what is 'right' for you. [Click here for more info](#),

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Applying for UQ scholarships

UQ have hundreds of scholarships for students finishing high school or taking a gap year. You might be surprised by just how many you're eligible for. With some scholarships valued up to \$60,000, it's worth checking them out to see what you can apply for. [Read about UQ scholarships](#) and find out about:

- Scholarships explained
- Taking a gap year
- Deferring scholarships
- Application tips
- Meet a scholarship recipient

Australian Government - Payments you can get

Find out about payments you can get when taking the leap to further training or study at university or TAFE. Click [here](#) for more information about:

- Main student payments
- Extra payments
- Payments for moving to study
- Payments to help with living costs
- Payments for study if you have disability
- Loans you can apply for
- Other loans and payments that are available

Scholarships at Notre Dame University

Scholarships can make a big difference by helping students manage the costs of study and everyday living. Whether it's paying for food, rent, transport or other expenses, scholarships can reduce financial stress and make it easier to focus on your education. They can be especially valuable for students facing personal or financial challenges. Notre Dame offers a range of scholarships thanks to the generous support of donors who are committed to helping students achieve their goals. [More info here including:](#)

- Preparing your application
- Writing a personal statement
- Addressing selection criteria
- How you'll get paid
- Recipient requirements

- FAQs

Tailored support for students with unique needs

There are a number of options available to students with unique needs for extra support during their study. Higher education providers are required by legislation to have a [Support for Students Policy](#) which outlines the resources available to help their students succeed in their studies. In addition to this, there are a number of options available to students with unique needs for extra support during your study. [Find out more about:](#)

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Rural, Regional and Remote
- Culturally and linguistically diverse students
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Students with disability or health condition
- Sexuality and gender diverse (LGBTIQA+) students
- Students who are parents or carers
- Students from low-income backgrounds
- Students who are the first in their family to go to university

Tertiary Access payment

The Tertiary Access payment (TAP) helps students with the cost of moving from regional or remote areas for tertiary study and is a one off payment of up to \$5,000. This is for study after you've finished Year 12. To get the payment you need to meet some rules. Regional areas are places that aren't in or near a major city. Check if your [family home](#) is in a regional or remote area using the Student Regional Area Search. Click [here](#) for more information.

The Liveris Academy for Innovation and Leadership – Scholarship Opportunities

The Andrew. N. Liveris Academy for Innovation and Leadership has a number of scholarship opportunities for students commencing study at UQ in 2027 including the [Liveris Academy Undergraduate Scholarships](#). Applications close on 27 August 2026. Click [here](#) for more information.

Thinking Griffith? Think Scholarships

Scholarships provide financial support while you study. You'll also get more out of your university experience through exclusive networking events, meeting mentors and developing job-ready skills. Remember, if you don't apply, you definitely won't get one! Click [here](#) to read about Griffith's:

- Available scholarships and application details
- Scholarship application process
- One application for all scholarships
- Closing dates

First Nations Peoples



Indigenous Careers With CSIRO

CSIRO offers a wide range of employment and training opportunities to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, including traineeships, cadetships, graduate programs and scholarships. [More info here](#).

Queensland Police First Nations Recruit Preparation Pathway (FNRPP)

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) offers positions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in its First Nations Recruit Preparation Pathway (FNRPP). For successful participants, the FNRPP provides direct entry into the recruit training program. Participants for the FNRPP are selected by QPS Recruiting during the recruiting process in consultation with the applicant. Potential applicants also may be referred to the program via our First Nations Recruitment Team. Individuals who wish to be considered for entry to the FNRPP can do so by completing the standard requirements.

To be eligible for appointment to the QPS as an IRPP participant, you must successfully satisfy the requirements of all three stages of the IRPP selection process:

Stage 1 - minimum application requirements

Stage 2 - applicant assessments

Stage 3 - selection

Click [here](#) to find out more including training course, how to apply and salary.

QUT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander admissions pathway

The Centralised Assessment and Selection Program (CASP) is a culturally responsive admissions pathway for First Nations Peoples to enter most undergraduate courses. You can be considered for the program as part of your QTAC application which opens 4 August. Check their [website](#) to find out more.

A banner for 'Gap Year Program News'. The left side has a dark teal background with a white curved line and the text 'Gap Year Program News' in white. The right side shows a smiling woman in a red dress in front of the Big Ben clock tower in London.

Gap Year Program News

Lions Australia Youth Exchange Program

Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE) has programs all around the world and is designed for young people between the ages of 15 and 22 to create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world. By providing an avenue for global fellowship, the YCE program aims to help youth initiate, grow and maintain international relationships promoting cultural education and international peace. Click [here](#) for more information to see if it is an opportunity for you.

Interstate and International



Selected Interstate tertiary institution open days

If you are thinking of applying for university studies interstate, you will need to begin your research as soon as possible. Relevant information would include:

- Location of the institution (does it have more than one campus?)
- Courses offered, entry prerequisites, previous ATAR minimum thresholds
- Cost of accommodation and when to apply
- Travel costs and support for interstate students
- Scholarships and other financial support programs and schemes
- Application processes and key dates (do you use a tertiary admissions centre or apply directly?)
- Overseas exchange programs
- Employment programs (e.g. traineeships, work experience, international study options).

If you can't make it to the interstate open day/s, see if they are offering a virtual or live open day instead. Click [here](#) for a list of National Open Days.

TAFE - International Students in 2027

If you are an international student in Year 12 and looking to study at TAFE Queensland in 2027, visit their [website](#) and download their International Course Guide. You will find information on:

- International price list
- How to study
- International orientation
- Agents
- Information for new and current students
- International student support
- International pathways
- Life in Australia
- Study tours
- Global engagement
- Learn English
- International student video testimonials

Thinking about studying overseas?

Crimson Education can provide comprehensive support for:

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- US university admissions
- UK university admissions
- EU university admissions
- Postgraduate admissions (US and UK)

Click [here](#) to learn more about how they can assist you including their eBooks, videos and a mini-SAT test and [here](#) for free, personalised admissions advice.

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



July/August Career Expos and Open Days

- 30/07/2026 [Moranbah Careers Expo](#)
[CQUni Mackay Open Day](#)
- 01/08/2026 [ACU Open Day](#)
- 02/08/2026 [Cairns Airport Careers Day](#)
[Uni Sunshine Coast Open Day - Sippy Downs](#)
[The University of Queensland Open Day - St Lucia](#)
- 03/08/2026 [Townsville Careers Expo](#)
- 04/08/2026 [Proserpine Careers Expo](#)
- 06/08/2026 [Mackay Careers Expo](#)
[First Nations Careers Dorrie Day Gladstone](#)
[CQUni Bundaberg Open Day](#)
- 08/08/2026 [University of Southern Queensland Springfield Campus](#)
- 09/08/2026 [Griffith Uni Bris South \(Nathan\) & Gold Coast Open Day](#)
[Southern Cross Uni Open Day](#)
- 13/08/2026 [Townsville Open Day](#)
- 15/09/2026 [SAE University College Open Day](#)
[University of Southern Queensland Toowoomba Campus Open Day](#)
[Australian Defence Force Academy Open Day](#)

UQ Open Day

UQ are hosting their St Lucia and Gatton Open Days in early August. You'll find out about your interests, study options and get answers to all your questions about applying to UQ that will help you prepare for university life. [Register here](#) and find out about:

02/08/2026 St Lucia Campus Open Day - 9am - 3pm 280-284 Sir Fred Schonell Drive, St Lucia

16/08/2026 Gatton Campus Open Day - 9am - 2pm 5391 Warrego Highway, Gatton

Private Provider Updates



AFTRS (Aust Film, TV and Radio School) Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production

This course is full-time over three years and is designed for students with a passion and commitment to creating stories that are powerful and distinctively Australian. The course is split into eight interrelated pillars of screen storytelling – Story, Image, Sound, Screen Studies, Character and Performance, Rhythm and Juxtaposition, Screen Business, and Production – each one designed to explore and model current industry practice. Click [here](#) for more information.

Marcus Oldham College specialising in agriculture

Marcus Oldham is an agricultural and equine business management college that delivers courses in agriculture and agribusiness. Click [here](#) if you are wanting information on:

- Agriculture
- Agribusiness
- Short Courses
- Scholarships
- Leadership

Mater Education: Certificate III and Diploma courses

[Mater Education](#) has two intakes per year and each course includes a two-week vocational placement. Career Boost funding is available, employment outcomes are good and it is a good way to try the health industry before committing to a longer course. The following are some of the courses that are available:

- [Diploma of Nursing](#): Gain the skills and knowledge you need to become an enrolled nurse (EN)
- [Certificate III in Pathology Collection](#) – This course trains students with the technical expertise to work as a member of a pathology laboratory team (phlebotomy).

Project, Leadership and Entrepreneur Opportunities



National Youth Volunteer Week

National Student Volunteer Week celebrates young people who make a difference through volunteering. It will be held from 10 - 16 August 2026 with this year's theme being "Your Year To Lead"

Volunteering Queensland invites all students to participate in National Youth Volunteer Week. In 2026, participants will have access to resources to assist with planning and executing volunteering activities as well as promoting volunteer events and campaigns. Click [here](#) for more information and details.

QTAC & Tertiary Entry



How are applicants selected for courses through QTAC?

Many QTAC courses are competitive, so meeting the entry requirements doesn't always guarantee you a place. To be considered, you usually need to:

- meet the course entry requirements (such as prerequisite subjects, a portfolio, interview, audition, test or other requirements) and
- be selected on merit using your ATAR or QTAC Selection Rank.

Applicants who meet the requirements are ranked by their ATAR or Selection Rank. The Lowest Selection Rank (LSR) is the rank of the last person offered a place in a course in the previous intake. LSRs can change every year depending on demand, so previous years' LSRs are only a guide.

No Year 12 QTAC Book any more ... it's all online

The Year 12 QTAC Guide is now [only available on line here](#). Scroll down to the bottom of the Guide and click on the Download. This makes it easier to read. Good hunting!

Opening of QTAC Admission 2027

Year 12 students can start their 2027 QTAC application from 4 August by registering to get their ATAR calculated and applying through the QTAC Application Portal for courses in 2027. Use your personal email address, not your school email! Key things to know:

- QTAC applications cost \$75 before 30 September 2026, or \$159 from 1 October 2026.
- Your application isn't submitted until it's paid.
- You can pay by Mastercard, Visa, direct debit or EFTPOS (debit card).
- If you're paying by debit card, pay by 25 September to allow time for the payment to clear.
- If you're having trouble paying or can only pay with cash, speak to your guidance officer or school counsellor.
- Save or print your payment receipt as proof of payment.

Good news: Registering to receive your ATAR is free. [Click here for more information](#).

Q&A's from QTAC

Q - What does early bird application mean?

A. - Apply to QTAC on or before 30 September 2026 and pay the Early Bird application fee of \$75. After 30 September 2026 an application will cost \$159.

Q - How do I apply to university for next year?

A. - Apply through [QTAC](#) for most Queensland tertiary courses. Applications to interstate tertiary institutions are through their tertiary admissions centres (similar to QTAC). Apply directly to institutions not appearing in QTAC.

Q. - What is QTAC?

A. - The [Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre](#) (QTAC) is a public, not-for-profit company that manages applications and offers for Queensland universities, TAFE Queensland and some private colleges in Queensland (three interstate institutions are also included). The institutions make the rules and QTAC administers them.

Q. - How many courses can I apply for through QTAC?

A. - You can apply for a total of 6 courses from any of the institutions that use QTAC. **You receive only one offer** if you meet the prerequisites and have a competitive ATAR or rank. [Find out more here](#) (scroll right down the page!).

Q. - How are applicants selected for courses through QTAC?

A. - You have to meet minimum entry requirements (prerequisite subjects, folio, audition, etc.) and be competitive on merit (ATAR or Selection Rank). Once minimum entry requirements are met, applicants compete on the basis of merit for competitive courses.

Q.-What is the difference between undergraduate and postgraduate courses?

A. - The term 'undergraduate' applies to diploma, advanced diploma, associate degree and bachelor degree courses. 'Postgraduate' applies to courses you study after completing a bachelor degree, e.g. graduate certificate, graduate diploma, masters and doctorate.

Q. - What does it mean if a degree indicates (Honours)

A. - Honours means that the degree will take 4 years to complete. The degree requires an additional year of full-time study attached to a bachelor degree to allow for greater understanding and specialisation.

Q. - What does core unit mean?

A. - A subject you must complete as part of your degree.

QTAC Applications

From 5 August 2025, you can apply through QTAC to one or more of 17 Queensland and northern New South Wales tertiary Institutions. QTAC assesses student applications, calculates the applicant's

ATAR/Tertiary Rank and provides an offer to a tertiary place indicated on your QTAC application. On the QTAC [website](#) some of the information you can find includes:

- ATAR Registration
- QTAC Application
- Key Information
- Explore Courses
- FAQ

QTAC Key Dates

QTAC Dates for 2026/2027

- 4 August 2026 - Admissions applications for 2027 opens
- 4 August 2026 - ATAR Portal registration for 2026 Year 12 students opens - You must apply to have your ATAR calculated
- 30 September 2026 - Early Bird application fee discount finishes (\$75)
- 1 October 2026 - Full fee application fee applies (\$159)
- 7 December 2026 -
 - Due date to apply and submit documents for inclusion in the 23 December offer round
 - Due date to apply and submit documents for inclusion in the 14 January 2027 offer round
- 18 December 2026 - Release of the 2026 ATAR results
- 18 December 2026 - Release of IBAS
- 21 December 2026 12pm - Due date to change course preferences for 23 December offer round
- 23 December 2026 - December Offer round
- 7 January 2027 11:45pm - Due date to change preferences for 14 January offer round
- 14 January 2027 - First January offer round

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

QTAC Passport

The QTAC Passport is a convenient way to find the key information you need for your journey from school to tertiary education. You will receive helpful information and reminders of key dates for QTAC applications and ATAR release. Click [here](#) for more information including:

- QTAC applications
- Preferencing
- Offers
- ATAR
- Admissions Criteria
- Assistance Schemes

QTAC Remind Me

QTAC Remind Me is a free service that helps you stay on top of important steps for getting into university or TAFE. You'll receive helpful SMS and email reminders about:

- key dates and application deadlines
- course guides and updates
- preferencing tips
- course options and study pathways
- the latest QTAC news.

[Sign up for free](#) to make sure you don't miss any important deadlines on your path to university or TAFE.

The difference between QCE and ATAR

The QCE and ATAR are different and have different purposes.

- QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education): Shows what you've learned and the results you achieved in your senior subjects. Employers and training providers may look at your QCE.
- ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank): Ranks you against other Year 12 students and is mainly used by universities to select applicants.

For more information about the QCE, visit [QCAA](#). For ATAR information, visit [QTAC](#).



My QCE Student Portal registration

If you're in Year 12, the myQCE Student Portal is where you can access your subjects, results, VET qualifications, Queensland Certificate of Education and other learning records. You can also check your personal details. Register before you leave school to avoid the end-of-year rush. You'll need:

- your full name (exactly as it's recorded by your school)
- your LUI number (available from your school).

Year 10 - Planning your senior pathway

If you are in Year 10, your school will be asking you to put together your Senior Education and Training Plan (SETP) soon. Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) suggests that a SETP will help you to:

- think about your education, training and career goals after Year 12
- structure your learning in Years 11 and 12 around your abilities, interests and ambitions
- decide which learning options you should choose to achieve your learning, further education and training and career goals
- map your pathway to a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)

The QCAA has valuable information that will assist you in developing your SETP. [Click here to find:](#)

- A quick guide to planning your pathway
- Example of QCE pathways
- Where will your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) take you?
 - Explore career and/or further study options
 - Explore QCE eligible courses
 - Check what you need for tertiary entrance
- FAQs

Study Skills and Wellbeing



A positive study mindset is essential

When you know that you have to sit down and do some study, what thoughts go through your head?

- I hate this and don't want to do it **OR** If I'm going to pass, I will need to get it done
- I have better things I'd rather be doing **OR** I'd rather be doing something else but if I get started, I'll get it finished
- I have no idea what I'm supposed to be doing **OR** I'll start with a plan for the session, so I don't waste time
- I'll never get this done **OR** If I get it started at least, it's a step in the right direction
- Everyone else finds this easy **OR** If I focus on what I'm reading, I'll have a better chance of understanding it
- I have too much to do and not enough time **OR** It's a hectic time of the term so just focus on one thing at a time

These are just some of the thoughts that might go through our mind when it comes to study but you get the idea I'm sure. Success and happiness in anything you do is all about how we think/talk to ourselves :)

Brisbane City Council library resources for students

Brisbane City Council libraries have online resources especially for students. Click [here](#) to access these online resources where you can:

- check out Council's Library website (designed for students to discuss, study, access information, books and more)
- search the library catalogue (eLibCat)
- read their recommended reading list
- view other libraries' collections.

Council's libraries can also help you with your homework by providing:

- free Wi-Fi, internet computers and training
- help using reference materials
- photocopiers and printers
- study rooms at selected libraries

Group Work! The do's and don'ts of collaboration

Why be hung up about group projects? Sure, they come with their challenges like any other assessment but they also offer something that a solo project can't: they teach you to work together with other people. Working with other people is basically inevitable once you get out into the real world and much like yourself, those other people won't be perfect. A few simple strategies can overcome the regular trappings of the dreaded group project and see you walk away with the results you're looking for, some new skills that could be useful for the workplace and maybe even some friends or job referrals down the way! [Check this article out including more on:](#)

Do: Create a common goal as a group and stick to it

Don't: Dominate the discussion

Do: Set clear roles and responsibilities

Don't: Micromanage

Do: Celebrate successes (and failures)

Don't: Be unauthentic

Do: Keep the chat up

Don't: Be a hypocrite

Life skills are important!

Life skills are often not explained. 'Life skills' is a term used to describe a set of basic skills developed through learning and/or direct life experience. They help you to effectively handle day to day issues and problems both in life and work. The following will help you recognise and develop your own set of life skills (source unknown):

1. **Building a Good Attitude:** Stay positive, hungry, humble and do whatever it takes.
2. **Taking Initiative:** If you're willing to go first, others will see you as a leader.
3. **Capturing Vision:** See the big picture and pursue something bigger than you.
4. **Communicating Effectively:** Understand that if listeners don't get it, you haven't communicated well.
5. **Teamwork:** To go faster, travel alone. To go further, learn to travel together.
6. **Creativity:** Learn the art of combining two existing ideas to generate a new one.
7. **Grit:** Resilience and work ethic can replace what you lack in talent or personality.
8. **Emotional Intelligence:** To connect with others, understand yourself and them.
9. **Resourcefulness:** Searching and finding new answers keeps you relevant.
10. **Critical Thinking:** Seeing all sides of an issue enables you to act intelligently.
11. **Problem-solving:** The best way to influence is to serve people and solve problems.
12. **Getting Over Yourself:** The clearest sign of maturity is focusing on others.

Diploma of Music webinar

Want to know more about TAFE's Diploma of Music? This webinar, will talk about the unique experiences and connections you can build while studying Music with TAFE Queensland. Their campuses have purpose built studios and equipment so you can create your music career skills. [The webinar is focused on TAFE QLD's Diploma of Music](#) (scroll down) qualification which offer Sound Production and Performance streams to tailor you study experience.

Fee-Free TAFE

Fee-Free TAFE lets eligible students study selected certificates, diplomas and short courses without paying tuition fees. Priority is given to groups including First Nations Australians, young people aged 17–24, women aged 25–54, unpaid carers, people with disability and people looking to retrain or change careers. It's a great way to gain new skills, upskill or start a new career without the cost of tuition fees. [Click here to find out:](#)

- what you can study
- Funding and subsidies
- How to get funding
- FAQs

TAFE at School 2027 opens this coming Monday

Get career ready at high school with TAFE at School. If you're in Year 10, 11 or 12 you may be able to complete a TAFE Queensland qualification while you're still at school. Choose from a variety of Certificate I to Undergraduate Certificate courses from a range of study areas from construction to community services, hospitality to health care and everything in between!

How to apply? Most applications open on **3 August**. It's '**first in best dressed**' so put it in your diary and **don't miss out - get in early!**

[Submit an application here](#). You need to apply yourself, your school can't do it for you but can help if you get stuck.

You'll need:

- Your Learner Unique Identifier number (LUI) Don't know it? Ask your VET coordinator
- A Unique Student Identifier number (USI). Don't have one? [Apply here](#).
- The application code for the location and course you're applying for. [Check the local guide here](#) (scroll down)

- Greater Brisbane - **applications open** 3 August 2026 - pages 59-67
- Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay: **applications open** 3 August 2026 - pages 28 - 29
- Gold Coast - **applications open** 3 August 2026 - pages 41 - 42
- Darling Downs: **applications open** 3 August 2026 - pages 36 - 42
- North Queensland: **applications open**:
 - online courses: 3 August 2026
 - in person: 17 August 2026 - pages 37 - 39

TAFE Queensland offers

TAFE Queensland offers a range of Vocational Education and Training courses that lead to employment opportunities. Finding the information is easy!

1. Visit the TAFE Queensland [website](#)
2. Check out *Explore our study areas* and choose the one/s that interest you
3. Choose the area that matches your career plans and click *Learn More*
4. Click on the qualifications you are wanting information about and you will find information on:
 1. Course overviews
 2. Study locations
 3. Ways to study
 4. Last chance to apply
 5. What you'll pay
 6. Course outcome
 7. How to apply

Do your research as TAFE Queensland has many great opportunities.



Tax File Number and Unique Student Identifier reminder

Year 12 students who are planning to undertake tertiary study at either a university, TAFE Queensland or a private provider must have a:

- [Tax File Number \(TFN\)](#)
- [Unique Student Identifier \(USI\)](#)

To be eligible for HECS-HELP or FEE-HELP (Commonwealth assistance), when enrolling at uni, you must provide a TFN and a USI on your Commonwealth Assistance Form. You should apply early to avoid any stress at the end of the year. Visit the Government [StudyAssist](#) website for more information.

Australian Catholic University

Pathways into ACU

ACU offers several pathways into the university including:

- ACU Guarantee – Early offer program
- Adjustment Factors
- I am Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- I am an elite athlete or performer
- I didn't get my ATAR/rank score
- I am an international student

Click [here](#) to read about these pathways as there may be an option for you in 2027.

Regional and remote student information session and panel webinar - recorded video

Find out everything you need to know about studying at ACU as a regional or remote student. [Click here and scroll down to the webinar recording.](#)

Revision Webinars in August

ACU are hosting the following Revision Webinar to assist you with your revision for your final exams. [Find out more about and register for the following here:](#)

- 17/08/2026 Year 12 Biology revision webinar
- 18/08/2026 Year 12 English revision webinar
- 19/08/2026 Year 12 Legal Studies revision webinar
- 19/08/2026 Year 12 General Mathematics revision webinar
- 20/08/2026 Year 12 Study of Religion revision webinar

Bond University

Bond University College

Bond University College offers pathway programs and English language courses to help you get into a Bond University degree. You'll study on campus with access to Bond's libraries, technology, student support and sporting facilities. [Click here to learn more about the College](#) and its diploma courses (scroll down the page).

Experience Days

Bond run Experience Days for Year 10, 11 and 12 students throughout the year. The following are upcoming events in August:

13 August Startup Lab - Startup Lab is a hands-on, one-day business experience designed for Year 10, 11 and 12 students who want more than just another classroom session

19 August Ambition in Numbers - Find out how actuarial thinking and data-driven analysis are used to solve real-world challenges, manage risk, uncover insights and drive decision-making.

[Find our more info and registration details here.](#)

University Student for a Semester program

Student for a Semester lets you experience real university life at Bond while you're still at school. Attend one class each week, explore a subject you're interested in, meet current students and you may even earn credit towards a future Bond degree. Applications for the September 2026 semester are now open. [Click here for more information and how to apply. Find out more here.](#)

Central Queensland University

Elite Sportsperson and Performer Support

CQUniversity is a member of the Elite Athlete Friendly University Network (EAFUN). Under this arrangement, CQUniversity students who are recognised as elite athletes, coaches or performers are provided with the assistance they need at university so they can meet their educational, sporting and performance commitments. [Find out more here](#) including eligibility and apply directly to the Uni once you are enrolled.

Webinars to help you find out about courses

CQUni is hosting some webinar sessions that you can register to attend. The sessions and dates are:

- [Education](#) – 24 August
- [Psychology](#) - 25 August
- [Nursing](#) – 31 August
- [Paramedic Science](#) - 1 September
- [Aviation](#) - 2 September
- [Engineering](#) - 2 September
- [Diagnostic Imaging](#) – 3 September

Griffith University

2026 September holiday Academic Bootcamps

Griffith's Academic Bootcamps are four-day courses run in the September school holidays, designed to help Year 12 students prepare for their final external exams. They aim to improve confidence and understanding in senior Science and Maths subject areas and prepare them for future tertiary study. Camps will be held in person at the Gold Coast, Logan and South Brisbane (Nathan) campuses. Subjects included in the bootcamps are:

- General Maths
- Maths Methods
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Biology
- Psychology

Registrations are now open and offer an early bird cost up to 1 August 2026. Click [here](#) for more information and registration details.

Auditions for Queensland Conservatorium

To be considered for a place in a Bachelor Degree at the Queensland Conservatorium, you will need to apply for an audition. International students must apply via the [international application process](#). There are three steps in the application process:

Audition submissions for study in Trimester 1 2027 open 5 August and close on 4 September 2026.

Step 1: Apply via [QTAC](#) and select your preferred degree and/or specialisations:

- 251811 Bachelor of Music
- 251782 Bachelor of Acting
- 251772 Bachelor of Musical Theatre

Step 2: Pay a non-refundable audition fee via GriffithPAY **by the closing date 4 September 2026**, to be guaranteed an audition in the first audition round.

- Bachelor of Music—\$50 each
- Bachelor of Acting—\$90 each
- Bachelor of Musical Theatre—\$90 each

Step 3: Submit a recorded audition/folio and supporting documents

Click the link for your degree program/s below to view the requirements.

- 251811 [Bachelor of Music audition requirements](#)
- 251782 [Bachelor of Acting audition requirements](#)
- 251772 [Bachelor of Musical Theatre requirements](#)

Click [here](#) for more details.

Future students with a disability or health condition

Griffith Student Disability and Accessibility supports students with disability, injury or physical or mental health conditions studying at Griffith University, Griffith College or through Open Universities Australia. The team can help with learning support, access to campus and making it easier to succeed at university. [Find out more here including:](#)

- Support they provide
- Deaf student support program
- Assistive technology
- Other services at Griffith
- NDIS appointments on campus
- Assistance animals on campus
- Getting around campus
- Mobility scooters

Get prepared for putting together your portfolio, audition and/or interview for application

In Griffith's webinar hub you will find webinars where you can find in-depth information about their degrees, support services, admissions and career pathways. Plus, gain valuable tips from experts, hear industry insights and discover a wealth of knowledge to help guide your academic and professional journey. [Find webinars here](#) for the following courses:

- Bachelor of Visual Arts Application

- Bachelor of Film and Screen Application
- Bachelor of Contemporary Australian Indigenous Art Application
- Bachelor of Acting Application
- Bachelor of Musical Theatre Application
- Bachelor of Music Application

Upgrading via university studies

Didn't get the selection rank you needed for your preferred degree? You still have options. Starting in a different degree can help improve your selection rank, allowing you to transfer or reapply for your preferred course later. Any previous university study at Griffith or another university may also be taken into account.

[Find out more here including:](#)

- Take the first step towards your preferred degree
- Maximise your chances of upgrading your selection rank
- A guide to selection ranks based on your university studies
- Combining multiple study attempts to boost your selection rank
- Examples of rank calculations from combined study attempts
- When are study attempts not combined?
- How to move into your preferred degree

Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee webinar

This webinar is great for students and parents. It explains the early offer process including how and when to apply. [Check it out](#) and don't miss out (scroll down)!

Year 12 subject adjustment scheme

Subject adjustments can boost your selection rank and improve your chances of getting into Griffith. If you complete eligible QCE or IB Diploma subjects in high school, adjustment factors are automatically added to your ATAR when you apply to Griffith through QTAC in the year after Year 12. [Click here to see the list of eligible subjects](#).

James Cook University

Application Forms required as well as a QTAC application for Medicine, Dentistry & Vet Science

For consideration for the 2027 intake year, you are required to provide additional application information for:

- Bachelor of Dental Surgery
- Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery
- Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours).

Some key dates for 2027 entry are:

30 September 2026 - closing date to apply through QTAC and JCU Application Portals

29 September 2026 - closing date to apply through QTAC for the Rural Access Scheme

19 October 2026 - closing date for Medicine applicants (supply prediction of Academic Achievement)

7 December 2026 - final results to QTAC

Click [here](#) for more information.

Queensland University of Technology

Bachelor of Creative Arts (Acting) webinar

Join Dr Andrea Moor on 18 August for a webinar covering key information for Semester 1, 2027 entry to the Bachelor of Creative Arts (Acting). Learn about the audition process, course structure and what to expect when studying acting at QUT. [Register and more info here.](#)

Changes to Bachelor of Creative Arts

QUT have made changes to their Bachelor of Creative Arts. This degree will help you curate your career with a flexible structure that allows you to expand your creative practice. The degree features:

- six common units that develop key creative, critical and professional skills that interconnect the creative arts
- an eight-unit major, focused on developing your skills and practicing your craft
- eight complimentary units that allow you to either:
 - extend your creative skills through a suite of creative arts specialisation electives
 - or diversify your skills through studying a second creative arts major or a combination of university wide majors and minors.
- [QUT You](#) units, an innovative new university-wide curriculum designed to prepare you for a rapidly changing future
- situated creative practice units: real-world, public-facing projects in your final year that connect you with industry as a creative practitioner.

To apply, choose one of the following first majors and then expand your skillset with a second major, minors and/or extensions and electives to customise your degree to suit you.

- [Bachelor of Creative Arts \(Animation\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Creative Arts \(Creative Writing\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Creative Arts \(Drama\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Creative Arts \(Film and Screen\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Creative Arts \(Music\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Creative Arts \(Visual Arts\)](#)

Early Offer Scheme

QUT's Year 12 Early Offer Scheme can offer you a place in your nominated degree in November. The scheme includes more than 80 single and double degrees from a wide range of study areas including business, creative arts, engineering, health and science. Click [here](#) to read more about:

- Important dates
- Am I eligible?
- Required school results
- What courses are included in the scheme?
- Applying and receiving an offer
- Supporting documentation
- Other things to consider
- Contact us

Note: 23 October is the final date to complete your QTAC application to be considered for an early offer invitation. First round of approved applicants will be notified by QTAC email on 13 November.

Match My Skills quiz

Take QUT's 10 minute [Match My Skills quiz](#) to see what study and career options that could suit your personality, interests and career goals.

New Bachelor of Arts

How are technology and culture shaping what comes next? The Bachelor of Arts at QUT allows students to explore these ideas through a flexible degree and ten majors. With a guaranteed work placement, this course is designed for those interested in people, ideas and change. The course builds practical skills that translate across industries and is also available as a double degree with Law (Honours). [Find out more here.](#)

New major coming for the Bachelor of Design

Launching in Semester 1, 2027, strategic design is a new major within QUT's [Bachelor of Design](#), focused on solving complex real-world challenges through systems thinking and human-centred design. This major is suited to students who enjoy big-picture thinking and want to use design to address issues such as sustainability, equity, health and social change.

[Interaction design](#), another major option in QUT's Bachelor of Design, will be renamed Experience Design from Semester 1, 2027. While the content for this major remains the same, the name change better reflects the content being taught.

Offer guarantee and VET guarantee for 2027

QUT's offer guarantee and VET guarantee for undergraduate courses have been confirmed for 2027 entry. The offer guarantee applies to Semester 1 offer rounds up to the main January offer round. If you meet the offer guarantee or have completed the specified VET qualification, you are guaranteed a place in the course regardless of the final threshold in January. This means you can check your eligibility for a QUT course before offers are made. [Learn more.](#)

START QUT 2027 Semester 1 rego

START QUT is a chance of finding a course you'll enjoy by trying out university subjects while you're in Year 11 and 12. You can trial potential study areas, experience the university lifestyle and learn about the differences between high school and university. You'll be part of the student community and attend lectures, tutorials or workshops with other QUT students. Application for 2027 Semester 1 open on 1 August and close 31 October 2026. [Find out more info here.](#)

Year 12 subject scheme

Applied and General creative school subjects can now provide an adjustment of up to 2.00 adjustment points per subject (maximum of 8.00) for the Bachelor of Creative Arts. [Read more about their adjustment schemes including the Year 12 subject scheme.](#)

The University of Queensland

A reminder - Young Change Makers Program

Young Change Makers Program applications being held in November/December 2026 is now open. Year 11 student with big ideas and ambitions, are invited to apply for the 4-day program. You'll connect with other Young ChangeMakers, think critically about local and global issues and develop leadership and communication skills. Applications close on 20 September 2026. The program includes:

- a 4-day (3-night) stay at UQ's St Lucia campus
- a peek into university life, with a comprehensive itinerary that includes interactive faculty workshops, inspiring keynotes and cultural, sporting and social activities.

[Find out more here including applications details.](#)

All the ways UQ supports your teen to succeed

Explore all the ways UQ can support your teen to thrive socially and academically during high school, at university and after graduation. [Read more here](#) some of which are:

- Emotional and social wellbeing programs
- Support for neurodivergent students
- Student access plans and exam adjustments
- Financial assistance and scholarships
- Careers support and advice
- Internships and work experience
- Global experiences and opportunities
- Dedicated entrepreneurial program
- Study skills workshops and learning advice
- Leadership, mentoring and volunteering opportunities

Auditions for the 2027 B Music Program

[B Music](#) program commencing in Semester 1 2027, The prerequisites are:

- Queensland Year 12 (or equivalent)
- General English subject (Units 3 & 4, C)
- Audition/interview

Applications for audition close on 7 September and you must provide details to the School of Music when you arrange for your audition. The School may accept late applications to audition up to 4pm on 23 November 2026. Click [here](#) for more information on audition requirements including:

- Application formats
- Application to audition
- Live audition
- Applying for a place in the Bachelor of Music (Honours) Program
- Accepting a place in the Bachelor of Music (Honours) Program

Campus tours

Check out UQ during a campus tour and experience first-hand what makes UQ a great Uni. [Register here](#) for the following tours:

- 25 August - 4 - 5pm
- 22 September - 10 - 11am, 11:15am - 12:15pm or 12:30 - 1:30pm

Multiple mini-interviews (MMIs) preparation for entry in 2026 (current Year 11 students)

Multiple mini-interviews (MMIs) are used to assess your personal qualities to ensure your values align with UQ's mission and vision. They also assess other qualities, such as your:

- kindness and compassion
- integrity
- adaptability
- verbal communication skills.

[Learn more about MMI's here](#) and remember, YOU HAVE TO PRACTICE!

Preparing for university: a step-by-step guide for parents

The final year of school for your child can be overwhelming for everyone. Your teen is preparing for exams, [exploring career options](#) and [navigating the transition](#) – it's a lot. [Read about how to prepare for university](#) and the key milestones throughout the year so you both can navigate this time together. UQ have broken it down into 3 key stages:

- [Early year \(first term\)](#)
- [Mid-year \(second and third term\)](#)
- [Late year \(final term\)](#)

Rural Access Scheme

If you've lived in rural Australia, UQ's Rural Access Scheme could boost your selection rank for eligible courses, including the Doctor of Medicine (Provisional Entry). Eligible students receive 2 adjustment points automatically. [More info here including:](#)

- eligibility
- how the scheme works
- how to apply
- supporting documentation

UQ Fixed Closing Dates - DON'T MISS THEM!

Following are the fixed closing dates for your diary.

All applications for audition must be received by the School of Music by 24 August 2026.

- Bachelor of Music (Honours)/Bachelor of Arts (723302)
- Bachelor of Music (723002)
- Bachelor of Music (Honours)/Bachelor of Education (Secondary) (723202)
- Bachelor of Music (Honours)/Bachelor of Science (723402)
- Bachelor of Music/Diploma in Languages (723502)

The following courses have an application and preference changes closing date of 30 September 2026

- Doctor of Medicine (MD) (Provisional Entry for School- Leavers) (721302)
- Doctor of Medicine (MD) Provisional Entry for School-Leavers (Bonded Medical Program) (721402)
- Bachelor of Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine

Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours) application closing date - 30 October 2026

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Auditions and Interviews for some UniSQ courses

An audition and/or interview is required for entry to the (scroll down to Entry Requirements) :

- [Bachelor of Visual Arts](#)
- [Bachelor of Music](#)
- [Bachelor of Theatre](#)
- [Bachelor of Creative Arts and Community Wellbeing Major Visual Art](#)

If you want alternative/non-ATAR entry to the Bachelor of Television and Radio Production (BTVR), Bachelor of Film and Screen Production (BFSP) or Bachelor of Design and Interactive Technologies (BDIT), please contact usq.support@usq.edu.au. You will be contacted by the Discipline Advisors team to confirm your audition time, date and location after submission of this audition form. Click [here](#) for more information and application details.

Head Start For Years 10, 11 and 12 students

UniSQ Head Start is open to Year 10, 11 or 12 students wanting to study a Uni subject while still at school. It will give you a taste of uni as you study one university subject a semester while working towards your QCE. Applications for Trimester 3, 2026 (14 September - 13 December) close on 7 September 2026. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Head Start courses
- Entry requirements
- Key dates
- How to apply for UniSQ Head Start

University of the Sunshine Coast

How to apply for university through QTAC: A parent's guide

Applying for university can feel overwhelming, but your support can make a big difference. This QTAC article explains how you can help your child research courses, apply through QTAC and stay on track with key dates. Click here to learn more.

- Understanding QTAC
- Choose a program
- Check entry requirements
- Gather info for the QTAC application
- Complete the QTAC online application
- List preferences
- Apply for an early offer
- Change preferences (If needed)

- Check application progress
- Receive an offer
- Enrol at UniSC

Upcoming Events



Date	Event
28/07/2026	ADF: Brisbane Army Reserve Information Session
28/07/2026	ADF: Gladstone Trade Careers Information Session (PACC)
30/07/2026	CQUniversity (Mackay) Open Day
30/07/2026	JCU QTAC Info Webinar
30/07/2026	Mackay CQUni Open Day
30/07/2026	Moranbah Careers Expo
31/07/2026	Australian Mathematics Competition entries close
31/07/2026	Young ICT Explorers comp submissions due
01/08/2026	ACU Open Day
01/08/2026	Brisbane Broncos Sport Business Institute Open Day
01/08/2026	ReelOzInd – Short film competition close
02/08/2026	Cairns Airport Careers Day
02/08/2026	UniSC Open Day Sunshine Coast campus
02/08/2026	UQ St Lucia Open Day
03/08/2026	ADF: Gold Coast Defence Careers Information Session
03/08/2026	Townsville Careers Expo
04/08/2026	ADF: Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session
04/08/2026	ADF: Goondiwindi Defence Careers Information Session
04/08/2026	JCU Exploring the World of Veterinary Science webinar
04/08/2026	Proserpine Careers Expo
04/08/2026	QTAC 2027 applications open
04/08/2026	QTAC ATAR Portal opens for rego
05/08/2026	ADF: Mackay Trade Careers Information Session
05/08/2026	ADF: Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session

05/08/2026	Mackay UQ Ready session
06/08/2026	Bundaberg CQUni Open Day
06/08/2026	CASPER Test for Veterinary Science entry optional test date
06/08/2026	First Nations Careers Dorrie Day Gladstone 2026
06/08/2026	Mackay Careers Expo
08/08/2026	UniSQ Ipswich Open Day
08/08/2026	UniSQ Springfield Open Day
09/08/2026	Griffith Uni Bris South (Nathan) & Gold Coast Open Day
09/08/2026	SCU Coffs Harbour and Nat Marine Science Centre Open Days
10/08/2026	ADF: Brisbane Trade Careers Information Session
15/08/2026	ADFA Open Day
15/08/2026	SAE Uni College Open Day
15/08/2026	UniSQ Toowoomba Open Day
16/08/2026	UQ Gatton Open Day
17/08/2026	ACU Biology revision webinar
18/08/2026	ACU English revision webinar
18/08/2026	QUT Bachelor of Creative Arts (Acting) webinar
19/08/2026	ACU Legal Studies revision webinar
20/08/2026	ACU Study of Religion revision webinar
20/08/2026	QTAC Student Information Night 2026 webinar
21/08/2026	Australian Informatics Olympiad (AIO) entries close
22/08/2026	JMC Open Day Brisbane
24/08/2026	CQU Education Info webinar
24/08/2026	UQ B of Music audition applications close
25/08/2026	CQU Psychology Info webinar
27/08/2026	UQ Liveris Academy for innov & Leadership scholarship closes
31/08/2026	Bond Uni Indigenous Scholarship close
31/08/2026	CQU Nursing Info webinar