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Announcements

Joke for the fortnight

I was training to be a sound technician, but I couldn't handle feedback.

Queensland Women's Week

Queensland Women's Week from 8 to 14 March, celebrates the achievements of women and girls and reminds us that equality is everyone's responsibility. It's about creating a community that respects women, supports their rights, and helps them thrive. Theme: "Shaping tomorrow together" means everyone has a role in building a better future for women's financial security. The Queensland Government is creating its first Women's Economic Security Strategy to improve opportunities for women and girls in areas like health, housing, safety, education and jobs. [Click here to read more including the events calendar.](#)

Thought for the fortnight

How you talk to yourself matters - Shift your inner dialogue

- I'll give it a go
- I've got this
- This will get easier with practice
- I can learn from this
- I'll just focus on the next step
- I can keep going
- I'm working it out as I go
- I've learned something new from this

Apprenticeships & Traineeships



Explore priority apprenticeships

The Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System targets jobs that are in high demand, listed on the Australian Apprenticeships [Priority List](#). Use the [Priority List Explorer](#) to check which careers need skilled workers now and in the future, see average pay and find out what the job is really like. If you choose an apprenticeship in one of these priority areas, you may be able to access extra [financial support](#) while you train. [Find more information here.](#)

Queensland Skills Gateway

The Queensland Government's Department of Employment, Small Business and Training website [Queensland Skills Gateway](#) has information on:

- “I want to be a ...” - information on occupations and industries
- “Am I eligible ...” - check if you are eligible for government subsidised training
- Find a training provider
- Find a project

Check it out including quick links and gain more insight into opportunities after Year 12.

Search for training courses

You can search for a range of Vocational Education and Training study options and information based on your career interest. Your Career has a training provider search engine where you can search courses by:

- Keyword
 - Location
 - Provider
 - Industry
 - Occupation
 - Apprenticeships and traineeships available in each state
- Your qualifications

Click [here](#) and start your search.



Australian Defence Force Information Sessions

Stay up to date with upcoming Queensland and national ADF info sessions and events by checking the [Defence Jobs website](#). Use the event links to find details about locations, times and how to book. You can also get updates and Army Reserve session info on the [ADF Facebook page](#). Make sure you register for any events you want to attend.

- 25/02/2026 [Ipswich Defence Careers Information Session](#)
[Cairns ADFA Careers Information Session](#)
- 26/02/2026 [Townsville Army Reserve Information Session](#)
- 03/03/2026 [Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 04/03/2026 [Gold Coast Comms, IT & Intelligence Roles Information Session](#)
- 05/03/2026 [Toowoomba Defence Careers Information Session](#)
[Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 09/03/2026 [Townsville Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 10/03/2026 [Gold Coast Defence Careers Information Session](#)

Think about joining the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC)

[The Australian Air Force Cadets \(AAFC\)](#) is a youth program that helps young people build skills, confidence and teamwork through aviation and Air Force-style training. It aims to:

- teach basic RAAF knowledge and discipline
- build leadership, independence and initiative
- develop good character and citizenship
- spark an interest in aviation and the Air Force
- explore aviation history
- encourage a lifelong interest in flying and aerospace

[Click the link](#) to learn more about who they are, what they do, and info for cadets, parents, volunteers and news.

Career Exploration



A career test - have a go!

On the [Australian Government Your Career website](#) you can do a quick quiz (click on *Try Career Explorer*) to explore study, training and job options that match your interests and goals. You can also:

- explore different occupations
- get ideas if you're leaving school and unsure what to do next
- search VET courses and training options

It's a good starting point for planning your future pathway.

Careers with STEM Job Kits

The Careers with STEM Job Kits are free 8-page e-mags that give you a full intro to different STEM careers. You can learn what the job involves, meet real people working in that field and get tips on what you can do now to head in that direction. Choose from 38 different STEM areas and read the one that matches your interests. [Click here to access the different kits.](#)

Delivery driver - If you love driving!

Delivery drivers pick up goods from a warehouse, load them into a van, car or truck, and deliver them to customers on time. Most of the job is spent driving and out on the road. It suits people who are reliable, have good time management, offer friendly customer service and can talk with lots of different people. [Click here to find out](#) about (and more):

- Day-to-day
- Interests
- Considerations
- Weekly earnings approximately \$1,269/week
- Driver delivery at a glance
- Where to from here?

Don't know where to go next? Link and Launch could be the answer

Link and Launch is a free service that helps Year 12 graduates figure out their next step after school. If you're unsure about study, training or work options, they can help you explore pathways and make a plan. [Click here for more](#) info and contact details to get support.

Good Universities Guide 2026

The 2026 edition of The Good Careers Guide and The Good Universities Guide have been released. The e-book version is free to download. A combined flip book is also available to purchase. It is two guides in one that will help you address the big questions that all people face during their career: What do I want to be? and How do I get there? Click [here](#) to access the Guide and find info on:

- Starting your career journey
 - What to research
 - Exploring types of work
 - Your training options
 - Where to find career advice
 - Looking for work
 - CV samples
 - Interview tips
 - The importance of soft skills
- Career descriptions
 - making sense of our career descriptions
 - Career options across 23 areas of interest
- Index
 - A_Z career descriptions index
- The Good University Guide

No idea how to get somewhere? These infographics may help!

myfuture has created infographics to help start conversations about your options after school. They show different pathways from school to work and encourage you to ask questions, explore ideas and research what's possible. The infographics include:

- [Accountant \(PDF, 198 KB\)](#)
- [Actor/Dancer \(PDF, 172 KB\)](#)
- [Aged and Disabled Carer \(PDF, 802 KB\)](#)
- [Air Transport Professional \(PDF, 197 KB\)](#)
- [Carpenter \(PDF, 444 KB\)](#)
- [Chef \(PDF, 296 KB\)](#)
- [Civil Engineer \(PDF, 947 KB\)](#)
- [Cybersecurity Analyst \(PDF, 1.75 MB\)](#)
- [Database and Systems Administrator \(PDF, 244 KB\)](#)
- [Electrician \(PDF, 451 KB\)](#)
- [Environmental Analyst \(PDF, 1445 KB\)](#)
- [Environmental Scientist \(PDF, 248 KB\)](#)

- [Forklift Driver \(PDF, 177 KB\)](#)
- [Graphic Designer \(PDF, 215 KB\)](#)
- [Hairdresser \(PDF, 325 KB\)](#)
- [Journalist \(PDF, 226 KB\)](#)
- [Lawyer \(PDF, 991 KB\)](#)
- [Livestock Farmer \(PDF, 304 KB\)](#)
- [Mining Engineer \(PDF, 328 KB\)](#)
- [Occupational Therapist \(PDF, 1160 KB\)](#)
- [Outdoor Educator \(PDF, 177 KB\)](#)
- [Pharmacist \(PDF, 650 KB\)](#)
- [Primary School Teacher \(PDF, 180 KB\)](#)
- [Real Estate Sales Agent \(PDF, 355 KB\)](#)
- [Registered Nurse \(PDF, 2482 KB\)](#)
- [Solar Panel Installer \(PDF, 858 KB\)](#)
- [UX Designer \(PDF, 970KB\)](#)

Options after school

There are lots of ways to build a great career. Common options include:

- doing an apprenticeship or traineeship
- starting a cadetship
- studying at TAFE or another training provider
- going to university
- taking a gap year to work, volunteer or travel
- starting your own business
- getting a job straight away

The choice you make now doesn't lock you in forever — people change jobs and careers all the time. That's why it's important to understand your interests, values and strengths and start exploring your options early.



Opti-Minds Creative sustainability Challenge

Opti-MINDS is all about improving how you think, solve problems and perform at your best. It helps you build a proactive mindset focused on:

- confidence and a “can do” attitude
- taking responsibility
- creativity and innovation
- aiming for excellence

It encourages you to realise your potential and step up to make a difference. Registrations close 19 June 2026 and your team can only be nominated between 13 and 23 July 2026. [Click the link for details](#) and see your Guidance Officer or School Counsellor if your team wants to enter.

Upcoming competitions

Competitions are a great way to apply what you’ve learned and get creative. Check out the upcoming competitions across Queensland and Australia and visit each website for details on eligibility, registration dates, costs and other important info.

- [Australian Brain Bee Challenge 2026 information and registration page](#) - Round 1 runs between 2 – 31 March
- [Computational and Algorithmic Thinking \(CAT\) competition](#) Applications close online 15 May 2026
- [CYA Conference Hatchlings Writing Competition](#) Applications close 12 April 2026
- [Australian Mathematics Competition](#) Online entries close online 31 July 2026
- [Australian Informatics Olympiad \(AIO\)](#) Entries close 21 August 2026
- [Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad](#) Entries close 4 September 2026

Employment, Job and Labour Market Info



Check out the job prospects for careers you're interested in.

[The Jobs and Skills Atlas](#) lets you explore info for Queensland and across Australia. Click through to see details on specific jobs, including:

- future demand and growth
- average pay
- skills and qualifications you'll need
- industries that hire for that job
- where the jobs are located

Engineers - could it be for me?

Engineers design and build heaps of the things we use every day — from bridges and cars to apps and renewable energy systems. Most uni courses lead into a specific area but you can mix things up with double degrees or further study later on.

Some engineering fields focus on certain tech, like automotive, aerospace, biomedical or marine. Others work with core systems and materials, like mechanical, electrical, chemical or materials engineering. There are also areas focused on natural resources, including agricultural, environmental and mining engineering. Newer and fast-growing fields include aeronautics, informatics, mechatronics, alternative energy and genetic engineering. Check out the engineering courses at the universities you are thinking of attending and get a better idea about what you will learn.

Get your first job, start building your future career

Your first job gives you many skills that you will use and build on throughout your working life. These are the skills all employers value and look for when recruiting. This includes skills like:

- communicating in the workplace and with customers
- working in a team environment
- meeting deadlines and
- working under pressure.

[Click here to find out more about:](#)

- So how do I gain skills in my first job?
- Need more reasons to get your first job?

- These tools can help you

Here's the official WorkSafe Queensland info

[WorkSafe Queensland's website](#) has important info to help you stay safe at work, including:

- safety and prevention
- claims and insurance
- rehab and return to work
- licences and registrations
- laws and compliance
- industry-specific advice
- useful resources

Knowing workplace health and safety rules is part of your responsibility on the job. You need to follow them to keep yourself and your co-workers safe — saying you didn't know isn't an excuse.

Industry trends: Residential construction sector

Residential construction is all about planning, building and renovating homes — from single houses to big apartment blocks. It's a huge part of Australia's building industry and supports loads of jobs. Through the National Housing Accord, governments across Australia have committed to building 1.2 million new homes over five years from mid-2024. To make that happen, there needs to be a big boost in skilled tradies — including electricians, carpenters, plumbers, bricklayers and painters. [Click here to read more including:](#)

- Who currently works in residential construction
- Where the biggest skill shortages are
- What governments and organisations are doing to fill the gaps

It's clear the sector needs to grow fast and that means plenty of opportunities for people considering a trade.

It's time to start networking!

"Networking... already?" Yep, and it matters. Networking just means getting to know people and building positive relationships. It's not about being best mates with everyone. A lot of jobs aren't even advertised, so chatting to people you know can lead to opportunities you'd never find online.

- How to start while you're still at school:
- Talk to your parents' friends, friends' parents, teachers, coaches and part-time workmates
- Share your career ideas and ask what they do and how they got there
- Be polite, interested and professional
- Start researching pathways and courses
- Set up a simple LinkedIn profile

You never know who knows someone who could help you in the future.

Queensland hiring - are there jobs out there?

Hiring increased in the year to December 2025 and it's getting a bit easier for employers to find staff. About 46% of employers were recruiting — up from last year — while recruitment difficulty dropped to 41%, meaning fewer businesses are struggling to hire. Queensland had the highest hiring rate (58%). In terms of industries, Accommodation and Food Services had the highest hiring rate at 72%, showing strong demand in hospitality and food jobs. When it comes to job types, Technicians and Trades Workers were the hardest roles to fill, with 60% of employers saying they struggled to recruit — meaning trades and technical skills are still in high demand. [The full REOS \(Recruitment Experiences and Outlook Survey\) spotlight can be found here.](#)

Trends and shifts

Growth forecasts for industries are just a snapshot based on what we know right now. They can change if the economy shifts or new projects pop up. Instead of stressing over exact numbers, it's better to look at the big picture – the overall trends and where jobs are growing or shrinking. These trends include:

- About anticipating future skills
- Trends and shifts
 - Between 2024-25 and 2028-29 employment in Queensland is projected to increase by 6.2%, more than 185,000 workers.
 - Over the same period, more than 250,000 workers are needed to replace Queenslanders who retire or change jobs.
 - In total, there are more than 430,000 job opportunities expected in Queensland in the near future.
 - The top 10 industries with growing skills needs between 2024-25 to 2028-29 (by number of new workers) are:
 - health care and social assistance
 - public administration and safety
 - education and training
 - professional, science and technical services
 - retail trade
 - accommodation and food services
 - construction
 - transport, postal and warehousing
 - manufacturing
 - other services.
- Access AFS data

[Click here for more detail](#) and to check out the report.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander BHSC (ACUTH) & BHSC (CM) Scholarship

Endeavour College of Natural Health supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who want to study Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine by offering \$1500 in financial assistance. This funding helps new students cover some of the general costs that come with starting higher education. [Click here for more information.](#)

Scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

There are lots of scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and the [Aurora Education Foundation](#) is a great place to start looking. If you want to be competitive:

- Find all the scholarships you're eligible for
- Start collecting your documents early (reports, references, achievements)
- Keep track of closing dates

Most applications close later in the year, but don't leave it to the last minute – the best applications take time to prepare.



Apprentice Connect Australia Providers

If you're keen to start an apprenticeship, [Apprentice Connect Australia Providers is a go-to site](#). They help match apprentices and trainees with employers and support you right through your training. Already signed up but not sure who your provider is? Call the Skilling Australia hotline on 1800 020 108 and they'll point you in the right direction.

Career tips for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students can boost their career success by using the supports available and planning early. Key tips and resources:

- Get real experience: Apply for paid internships through CareerTrackers to build skills and networks
- Use School support: Connect with your school's Indigenous Student Centre for tutoring, mentoring and advice
- Find a mentor: Someone who can guide you, answer questions and help with career decisions
- Choose culturally safe workplaces: Look for employers with RAPs or strong Indigenous employment programs
- Apply for scholarships: Check options like the Aurora Education Foundation and government programs for after school
- Build your profile: Create a solid resume and a simple LinkedIn page to show your strengths
- Consider VET pathways: Practical training can lead straight into jobs in many industries
- Know your rights: Learn about pay, tax and super through the Fair Work Ombudsman

For more school-leaver info and career ideas, explore the [Your Career website](#), and check out a [myfuture article here](#).

QUT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community

[The Oodgeroo Unit at QUT](#) is a strong, supportive community built on Indigenous knowledge, culture and connection. Staff are chosen for their cultural experience as well as their professional networks, so you get both personal and career support. They can help you throughout your uni journey with:

- tutoring and academic support
- mentoring and advice
- links to Indigenous services across South East Queensland
- a safe place to have a yarn about your goals and needs

You'll find the Oodgeroo Unit at both Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove, with culturally designed spaces that create a real sense of belonging and connection on campus.



Gap Year Program News

Conservation travel ... interesting?

Conservation travel is travel that actually helps protect wildlife and the environment. It's more than just being eco-friendly – you can support real conservation work. This can include:

- wildlife research projects
- habitat restoration
- animal rescue and rehab centres
- anti-poaching programs
- community-led conservation initiatives

It's about making a positive impact, supporting local people involved in conservation, and learning about the environment in an ethical, hands-on way. [Click here to find out what African Conservation Experience](#) has on offer.

To take ... or not to take, a gap year!

Not everyone goes straight to uni or full-time work after school. Some take a gap year to build skills, gain experience and figure out their next step. A gap year can be a great option if you:

- aren't sure what you want to study or do for a career
- want real-world experience before uni
- want to travel, work or volunteer
- want to build independence and confidence

Even if you *do* know your plan, a gap year can still help you:

- save money for study
- develop work skills
- grow personally
- start uni more focused and motivated

Many students defer their uni offer for a year so they can gain life experience and get more out of their degree when they start. [Click here for more reasons](#) when considering taking a gap year.

Interstate and International



Applications now open

Applications to The Australian National University (ANU) are now open! Most applications submitted before the 15th day of each month will be considered for an offer on or before the 1st business day of the following month. Want to know more? [Click here for:](#)

- Apply online – one portal to manage your application, degree programs and documentation.
- Nominate up to three degree programs – increase your chance to get a full offer!
- Automatic scholarship consideration – be assessed for a range of scholarships when you apply online.
- Accelerated application assessments – apply by the 15th of the month and you may have an offer by the start of the following month.

Australian National University (ANU) Open Day

Thinking about studying at ANU? Open Day is on Saturday, 28 March 2026. It's your chance to tour the campus and accommodation, explore degree options, learn about support services and chat with current students about uni life. [Click here to find out more and register.](#)

Hansen Scholarship

The Hansen Scholarship at the University of Melbourne is a major program for students who've shown resilience and a strong commitment to helping others. Successful students receive:

- free accommodation
- a living allowance
- financial support
- personal and mentoring support

It's designed to help you succeed at uni and make a positive impact in your community. [Find out more info here.](#)

Thinking about studying interstate? The University of NSW (UNSW) could be an option.

Click here to find out more about the University of New South Wales. They have:

- 7 faculties
- 47 schools
- 4 main campuses
- student population
- 50+ research centres and institutes

[Click here to find out more info on:](#)

- courses and entry requirements
- applying through UAC (NSW's version of QTAC)
- start your UAC application

Start researching early so you can make a confident, well-planned decision.

Safe E-Scooter at all times!

E-scooters (Personal Mobility Devices) are a handy way to get around but they're not toys. If they're used the wrong way, they can be dangerous. RACQ says riders need to treat them like any other vehicle and take safety seriously as more people start using them. Current safety focus areas include:

- practical riding tests
- stronger safety warnings
- encouraging riders to follow the rules
- tracking how e-scooters are being used across Queensland

The goal is safer riders and safer roads for everyone so [click here to read the important info](#).

World Science Festival Brisbane 2026

World Science Festival Brisbane 2026 in conjunction with Queensland Museum is back for its 11th year between 20 - 29 March. Explore how everything in our universe is connected. From mycelium networks and brain neurons to galaxies and ecosystems, the festival dives into the hidden links that hold life together. It's a chance to experience hands-on science, big ideas and mind-blowing discoveries about the world around us. [Click here to find out what's happening](#) in Brisbane, Ipswich, Toowoomba and Townsville.

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



Open days and career expos start soon!

The following are some scheduled Open days and Career Expos in Queensland. It does not include the individual institutions open days which will be included in future bulletins when available.

[Gold Coast Careers Festival](#) – Wednesday 20 May and Thursday 21 May; Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre; 296 Nerang Broadbeach Road, Carrara

[Brisbane Careers & Employment Expo](#) – 28, 29 and 30 May 9am – 3pm; Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre; Glenelg St, South Brisbane. Free entry.

[Tertiary Studies Expo \(TSXPO\)](#) - 17 & 18 July; RICC, Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills

[Sunshine Coast Careers Expo](#) - 21 July, 9.00am – 2.00pm; Caloundra Indoor Stadium North Street Golden Beach

[Townsville Careers Expo](#) – 3 August, 9.00am – 2.00pm; Townsville Stadium, Murray Sporting Complex

[Cairns Youth and Careers Expo](#) - 4 June; Cairns Showground; corner Severin St & Mulgrave Rd, Cairns

Private Provider Updates



Brisbane Arts Theatre

Brisbane Arts Theatre runs Teen Creative Workshops where you can build your stage skills in a fun, supportive space. It's great for both beginners and students with some experience. Each week you'll:

- develop acting and stagecraft skills
- work at your own level
- learn in a creative team environment

Perfect if you're keen to grow your confidence and perform on stage. [Check it out here.](#)

JMI Youth Program

JMI's Youth Program is for high school students who want to take their music skills to the next level. It's perfect if you're thinking about studying music after school or just want to keep improving. You'll:

- learn with JMI's professional music teachers
- work in small groups (max 9 students)
- study in a fun, supportive environment
- join classes for instrumentalists, drummers and vocalists

The program runs for 8 weeks on Saturdays from 1–3pm at the Bowen Hills campus. [More info here.](#)

Project, Leadership and Entrepreneur Opportunities



About Visible Ink - Brisbane City Council

Visible Ink Youth Hub is a free Brisbane City Council space for young people aged 12–25. You can drop in without an appointment between Wednesday–Friday: 2–8pm and Saturday: 12–5pm. Want to use a rehearsal room? You can book it through the online form or contact them during opening hours only for bookings, access cards or questions. It's a great place to rehearse, create, meet people and work on your projects. [Click here for more information.](#)

QTAC & Tertiary Entry



ATAR/Selection ranks for 2026 entry into tertiary courses

Want to know the minimum ATAR or selection rank you'll need for your course next year? Having a target can really help you stay motivated and focused. [Click this QTAC link](#) and:

- go to Application Requirements,
- scroll to your university or institution,
- select Minimum Selection Thresholds.

From there you can look up the required selection ranks or ATAR for each course.

Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR)

The ATAR is one of the Year 12 scores used across Australia for university entry. It ranges from 0 to 99.95 (highest) in steps of 0.05. In Queensland, the QCAA sends your final Year 12 results to QTAC and QTAC calculates your ATAR. If you apply for courses interstate, the relevant admissions centre will get your ATAR directly from QTAC. You can also order your official ATAR statement through QTAC. **Important:** you must **register with QTAC in August to have your ATAR calculated** – this is a **separate step** from your course application. [Find out more here](#).



Study Skills and Wellbeing

3 Reasons Why You Should Start That Assignment Now

Struggling to get started? You're not alone — but putting it off can make things way more stressful later. Getting started now helps you stay in control and do your best at school, uni or TAFE. [Click here](#) to check out Year 13's top three reasons why starting today will make your future self very grateful.

Sleep and Teenagers – Why It Matters

How much sleep you need mostly depends on your age. [The Australian Department of Health](#) recommends that teenagers aged 14–17 get 8–10 hours of sleep each night. During your teen years your body and brain need more sleep than almost any other time. Without enough rest, concentration, mood, memory and overall wellbeing can all take a hit — we've all felt that! [Click here](#) to read UQ's research and find out:

- how much sleep teenagers really need?
- how much they actually get?
- how lack of sleep affects the brain?
- how much sleep is too much?

ChatGPT said: Do Year 11 and 12 Your Way

Available only at the Alexandra Hills campus, this program offers a more flexible and independent way to complete senior schooling. You can achieve your QCE and choose to work towards an ATAR if that suits your pathway. With classes just four days a week, you can also complete a VET certificate or start a school-based apprenticeship while finishing Year 12. Best of all, graduates receive direct entry into a TAFE Queensland course, helping you move straight into your next step. [Click here to find out more.](#)

Subsidised training and incentives

The Queensland Government invests in training based on industry advice to provide Queenslanders with the skills they need to gain meaningful and sustainable employment. Find out more about:

- [Fee-Free TAFE](#)
Fee-Free TAFE has been extended until 31 December 2026, giving eligible Queenslanders the chance to study priority skill sets and qualifications at no cost. It's a great option if you want to start a career in industries with strong job demand.
- [Free Nursing](#)
Fee-free places are available for Nursing in 2026 with Government announcements for 2027 coming later this year
- [Free Apprenticeships for Under 25s](#)
Free Apprenticeships for Under 25s covers the cost of your training when you choose a high priority apprenticeship or traineeship.
- [Free Construction Apprenticeships for Over 25s](#)
Free Construction Apprenticeships for Over 25s covers the cost of your training when you choose an eligible construction-related apprenticeship and study with TAFE Queensland or CQUniversity.
- [Certificate 3 Guarantee](#)
The Certificate 3 Guarantee provides eligible Queenslanders the opportunity to obtain their first post-school Certificate III qualification free or at reduced-cost training.



UCAT ANZ for students wanting to do Medicine or some other health courses in 2026

The UCAT ANZ is a 2-hour computer-based test used by universities for competitive entry into medicine, dentistry and some clinical science degrees. It measures the skills needed for these careers, not your school knowledge. If you're unsure which universities or courses require UCAT, [click here to check before you apply](#). It is a very different type of testing than you are used to, so you'll need to practice! The test has five timed sections, all multiple choice:

Verbal Reasoning – understanding and evaluating written information

Decision Making – using complex info to make good judgements

Quantitative Reasoning – working with numerical data

Abstract Reasoning – spotting patterns and relationships

Situational Judgement – responding appropriately to real-world scenarios

If you're planning to sit UCAT ANZ in **2026 for 2027 entry**, make sure you keep track of the key application and testing dates.

[2026 Key dates:](#)

Concession Scheme and Access Arrangements open	16 February 2026
BOOKING OPENS	3 March 2026
Concession application deadline	11 May 2026
Access Arrangements application deadline	15 May 2026
BOOKING DEADLINE	15 May 2026
Late bookings deadline	29 May 2026
Late Access Arrangements application deadline	29 May 2026
Final late booking deadline	5 June 2026
Cancellation deadline	12 June 2026
Testing window	1 July 2026 to 5 August 2026
Last testing date	5 August 2026

UCAT ANZ 2026 [test fees](#) (AUS dollars):

Test taken in Australia or New Zealand	\$335	Late fee	\$85	Final late fee	\$185
Concession Fee (Australia only)	\$240	Reschedule fee	\$25	Refund fee	\$ 50

What are they talking about - Uni language explained

University language can be tricky when you're starting your research. To make it easier, Open Colleges has created a handy glossary that explains the most common uni terms you'll see. [Click here to find the meaning](#) of the words you're not sure about.

Australian Catholic University**Admission pathways**

No matter your background or school results, there are different ACU admission pathways that can help you meet the entry requirements for your course. [Click here to explore the options available.](#)

Start Your Biomedical Science Journey

The Diploma in Biomedical Science is a great first step towards a career in this exciting and fast-growing field. It's offered at our Brisbane, Melbourne and North Sydney campuses. You can finish with a standalone qualification or use it as a pathway into the Bachelor of Biomedical Science, moving straight into second year. You may also receive credit towards other related degrees. [Click here for more info.](#)

Where is ACU

ACU's Queensland campus is located in Banyo, about 12 km north of the Brisbane CBD. It offers a wide range of degrees including allied health, business, IT, law, nursing, paramedicine, teaching, sport and exercise science, public health, biomedical science and more. Year 12 students can explore their options through Experience Days, personal tours, expos, career markets and entry programs. [Check the ACU website for upcoming events and details.](#)

Bond University

Bond program finder

Not sure what to study at Bond? Their Program Finder lets you explore all their degrees in one place. You can see:

- program overview
- key features
- what you'll study
- course highlights

[Check it out here](#) — because research is the word for 2026!

Upcoming Health Experience day

Bond run Experience Days for Year 10, 11 and 12 students throughout the year. Check out what it's really like to work in health at Bond's Health Experience Day. This free event lets you chat with real doctors, physios, dietitians, occupational therapists, biomedical and exercise scientists and other health pros to explore different career options. You'll step into the role of a healthcare advisor, look at patient case studies, review assessments, and decide the next steps for treatment. It's a hands-on way to see how health teams work together to get the best results for patients. The Health Experience day is on 18 April morning (8:30am - 12:15pm) or afternoon session (11:45 to 3:30pm) available. [Click here to find out more and to register.](#)

Central Queensland University

Uni Experience days

Uni Experience is a one-day, on-campus event for current Year 12 students to get a real taste of university life. You'll join hands-on sessions with lecturers, hear from current students, learn about alternative entry pathways and discover the study support available. Check out the 2026 Uni Experience dates and details below.

02/03/2026: [Townsville University Experience](#): 9am - 1:45pm

06/03/2026: [Rockhampton University Experience](#): 9am - 2pm

12/03/2026: [Gladstone University Experience](#): 9am - 2pm

19/03/2026: [Cairns University Experience](#): 9am - 2pm

20/03/2026: [Bundaberg University Experience](#): 9am - 2pm

26/03/2026: [Mackay University Experience](#): 9am - 2pm

30/03/2026: [Bundaberg Regional Medical Pathway Info session](#): 4:30 - 6:00pm

01/04/2026: [Rockhampton Regional Medical Pathways Info session](#): 4:30 - 6:00pm

Christian Heritage College

What can I study?

CHC is a fully accredited private Christian higher education provider located in Carindale/Mansfield, Brisbane. It offers bachelor degrees in business, education, liberal arts, social science and ministries. Applications are made through QTAC and eligible students can access HECS-HELP or FEE-HELP. [Visit the CHC website for more information.](#)

Griffith University

Bachelor of Dental Health Science - UCAT ANZ registrations for 2027 admission

Selection for 2027 admission to the [Bachelor of Dental Health Science](#) degree will be made on the basis of the combined weighted score of the following three essential components:

- Performance in the University Clinical Aptitude Test ANZ (UCAT ANZ)
- Performance in the Griffith University Dental Admissions Process Interviews (GUDAPs)
- Academic attainment

It is important to become familiar with the UCAT ANZ testing format as it is very different from your school examination experience. As they say, [practice, practice, practice.](#)

[Registrations for the University Clinical Aptitude test ANZ \(UCAT\)](#) will open on 3 March 2026 and close on 15 May 2026. Testing dates will be held in various locations between 1 July and 5 August 2026

My Career Universe - interest and degree matching quiz

Answer a few quick questions about what you enjoy and what's important to you and you'll get matched to careers and courses that may suit you. It's free, takes about 10 minutes and you might discover options you hadn't even thought about. [Click here to start the quiz.](#)

Pathways to Medicine webinar

Join Griffith University online on 24 March, 6:00–7:30pm to learn about their pathways into Medicine. Find out everything you need to know about studying medicine at Griffith — from picking the right undergraduate degree to understanding admissions and pathway options. Why not jump on?

- Explore the different pathways into Griffith's Doctor of Medicine

- See which undergraduate degrees can lead to Medicine
- Learn how GUMSAA and GEMSAS are used in selection
- Get info about the Rural Priority Access Scheme
- Hear tips and real experiences from current Griffith med students
- Ask your questions in a live Q&A

Perfect if you're thinking about a future in medicine and want clear next steps. [Click here for more info and to register.](#)

James Cook University

Science and Engineering Challenge

The Science and Engineering Challenge is a national STEM program run by the University of Newcastle in partnership with JCU. It gives students hands-on experience with science and engineering activities they don't usually get at school. Year 10 teams took on challenges like building bridges, wiring cities, creating a bionic hand, designing hovercrafts and making earthquake-proof towers — all while working together and thinking creatively. Schools will receive registration details directly. Go talk with your Science and/or Maths teacher or your Guidance Officer/School Counsellor so they can nominate your school. [Click here for more info.](#)

Queensland University of Technology

Challenge Accepted: Science Shaping the Next Generation

As part of World Science Festival Brisbane, on 24 March, join expert panelists offering diverse perspectives, exploring the future of science, the skills Australia will need and how education can prepare the next generation to meet these challenges head-on. Designed for high school students, educators, families and academics, the event features interactive audience participation and real-world insights into the breadth of exciting STEM careers and study pathways. [Register now.](#)

QUT Advice Night

Year 11 and 12 students and parents are invited to join QUT online on Tuesday 10 March to find out about course and career planning, how to apply, resources to support students through their studies and life as a uni student. [Register here.](#)

QUT Bachelor of Data Science - New majors

Ever wondered how Spotify knows what song you'll love next, how sport teams analyse performance or how companies like Netflix, Nike, and Google make smart decisions? That's data science! And it's one of the

fastest-growing career paths in the world. At QUT, you can study Queensland's first specialist Data Science degree and learn the skills behind AI, machine learning, business analytics and decision-making . [Learn more.](#)

QUT Bachelor of Engineering

Engineering at QUT is in high demand, attracting students who want real-world experience and future-focused skills. Their undergraduate courses are designed to combine hands-on learning with industry-connected projects, giving you practical experience from day one and preparing you for success in this fast-growing field. With strong support throughout your studies and a focus on career outcomes, you'll graduate ready to make an impact. [Learn more about engineering at QUT.](#)

QUT Future You Summit

If you're in 11–12 you can apply for this four-day (Tuesday 30 June to Friday 3 July), on-campus experience that helps you connect your strengths to real study and career pathways. Suited for curious, high-achieving and/or undecided students. You can join their Application Support Webinar on Wednesday 11 March, 6–7pm to learn how to apply with confidence. [Learn more.](#)

QUT library membership and resources

Queensland students in Years 10–12 can get a free library membership with Queensland University of Technology (QUT). You'll get access to heaps of helpful resources to build your research and study skills, including:

- The self-paced Study Smart course
- Research guides
- Referencing tools
- Access to QUT libraries

It's a great way to boost your confidence with researching, referencing and writing and get a head start before uni. [Find out more here.](#)

QUT Medicine planned to start in 2028

QUT's Medicine Program, comprising of a Bachelor of Medical Sciences and a Doctor of Medicine is under development and pending accreditation. They are working towards a first intake for Semester 1, 2028. For the latest information about the program visit the [QUT School of Medicine page](#) or check the [Medicine FAQs article](#).

The University of Queensland

ChatGPT said: Rural Access Scheme – Boost Your Selection Rank

If you've lived in a rural or remote area of Australia, you may be eligible for the Rural Access Scheme, which can help increase your selection rank for many undergraduate programs. You can receive up to 2 rank adjustments, which are added to your QTAC selection rank. (For example, a rank of 79.50 with one adjustment becomes 80.50.) You still need to meet all course entry requirements, but this scheme can make you more competitive. [Click here to check your eligibility and find out how to apply.](#)

Didn't Get the ATAR You Wanted? UQ Has Pathways

If your ATAR or subject results aren't what you hoped for, don't stress — UQ offers several pathways to help you reach your goal. The right option depends on your results and what your course requires. [Click here to learn how to:](#)

- meet subject prerequisites
- boost your selection rank
- do both at the same time.

Fast-track into medicine

The Bachelor of Medical Science / Doctor of Medicine is a vertical dual degree that offers a direct entry pathway into medicine at UQ. It allows students to gain 2 qualifications in 6 years. They will complete 2 years pre-medicine study, followed by the 4-year Doctor of Medicine (MD) program. [Read more in the 2027 study guide.](#)

Medicine Information Evening and Webinar

On 17 March (in person) or 18 March (virtual) from 6 to 7:30 pm you can join UQ and find out about their Doctor of Medicine and Explore the different medical pathways hearing from medical school staff. [Find more info here including registration details.](#)

Undergraduate health website

To kick start your research into the UQ undergraduate health options check out their [website](#) as it provides useful resources including:

- Information on health science study areas
- Undergraduate courses offered
- [2026 Health Study Guide](#)

The university will update their information regularly so keep checking back for 2026 updates. But this is a good place to start with now.

Torrens University Australia

How to Apply to Torrens University

Applications to Torrens are [made directly through their website](#). After you apply, a Course and Career Advisor will contact you within 48 hours to discuss your options and if successful, issue your letter of offer. Torrens could be a great choice if you're looking for a learning style that suits you.

Why Torrens Uni?

[Torrens University](#) has campuses across four States. Some of the advantages of studying at Torrens Uni are:

- An ATAR is no longer an entry requirement
- Small class sizes
- Your own personal Success Coach to help you navigate university life
- A focus on practical, hands-on learning so you graduate job ready
- Industry experts as lecturers
- No exams (assessment and project-based learning)
- Flexible learning modes to suit your style: on campus, online classes or a blend of both
- Work-integrated learning program providing internships for students
- Scholarships

University of the Sunshine Coast

Parent Lounge

In the Parent Lounge you will find information about university that will assist you in supporting your child through Year 12 and then into University. Topics covered are listed below and you can register [here](#) for updates.

- [Pathways to study](#)
- [Courses and programs](#)
- [Resources for parents](#)
- [Fees](#)
- [Scholarships](#)
- [Accommodation and housing](#)
- [Getting a Headstart](#)

Upcoming Events



Date	Event
25/02/2026	ADF: Cairns ADFA Careers Information Session
25/02/2026	ADF: Ipswich Defence Careers Information Session
25/02/2026	Careers with STEM: Science
25/02/2026	Myfuture webinar about Cyber security careers
26/02/2026	ADF: Townsville Army Reserve Information Session
27/02/2026	The Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad (OZCLO) entries close
02/03/2026	CQUni Townsville Experience day
03/03/2026	ADF: Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session
03/03/2026	UCAT ANZ bookings open
04/03/2026	ADF: Gold Coast Comms, IT & Intelligence Roles Information Session
05/03/2026	ADF: Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session
05/03/2026	ADF: Toowoomba Defence Careers Information Session
06/03/2026	CQUni Rockhampton Uni Experience day
06/03/2026	QUT Accounting Challenge registrations close
09/03/2026	ADF: Townsville Defence Careers Information Session
10/03/2026	QUT Year 12 Advice Night webinar
11/03/2026	QUT Future You Summit application support webinar
12/03/2026	CQUni Gladstone Uni Experience day
14/03/2026	Engineer Your Future
17/03/2026	UQ Medicine Info meeting
17/03/2026	UQ Medicine info seminar
18/03/2026	UQ Medicine Info session
18/03/2026	UQ Virtual Medicine Info webinar
18/03/2026	Very Short Film Festival

19/03/2026	CQUni Cairns Uni Experience day
20/03/2026	Bundaberg University Experience day
24/03/2026	GU Pathways to medicine webinar
26/03/2026	CQUin Mackay Uni Experience day
27/03/2026	Australian Stockholm Junior Water Prize applications close
30/03/2026	CQUni Regional Medical Pathway Info session
30/03/2026	QUT Future You Summit applications close
31/03/2026	QUT START QUT Webinar