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Tertiary applicants count down to QTAC release of offers

THE long-awaited celebrations for more than 37,000 QTAC applicants will commence when they find out they have been offered tertiary places from Thursday 1 am (January 12).

The successful applicants join about 12,500 others who received offers in the December and earlier offer rounds (for selected performing arts, distance education and other courses), bringing the total applicants receiving offers to 83.4 percent.

This year over 59,000 tertiary aspirants applied to QTAC for semester 1 entry to universities, TAFE or colleges in Queensland, northern New South Wales and Tasmania.

Applicants can find out if they have been offered a place from Thursday 1am by visiting QTAC's *Current Applicant* online service at www.qtac.edu.au.

The most popular area of study this year, based on applicants' first preferences for semester 1 entry, was in health (which includes nursing and specialist health professions such as medicine, dentistry, speech pathology, and occupational therapy), although nursing showed a slight drop in applications.

Study areas showing the biggest percentage increase in applicant popularity included engineering, information technology, science, and health.

QTAC manager Public Relations and Information Services Pat Smith said there was still time for people to consider their options and lodge an application for courses commencing in either first or second semester. The

QTAC website provides information on courses still open for new applications and changes of preference.

Ms Smith cautioned that it may be more difficult to gain entry in the February offer round as those who did not make it in the January round or have made changes of preferences will all be vying for limited places.

New applications should be lodged by January 25 to ensure they are assessed in time for the February round.

Those who have missed out on their desired course are advised to consider alternative pathways. For example, completing a year in a less preferred course could improve competitiveness for admission in the following year.

Ms Smith said it was important that successful applicants respond to their offers before the January 20 due date in order to secure their place.

Key Dates

January

Thursday 12 (from 1 am) - January round offers available from QTAC website. **Friday 13** - Course cut-offs and course vacancy statements available on QTAC's website. Enrolment information mailed or made available electronically by institutions.

Friday 20 - Due date to respond to January round offers.

Wednesday 25 - Due date to submit documentation and new applications for the February offer round.

February

Thursday 2 - Final date to change preferences for the February offer round.

Thursday 9 (from 1 am) — February offers released via QTAC's *Current Applicant* online service at www.qtac.edu.au.