

# Review of the QTAC 2008-2009 Admissions Period\*

QTAC received 52,756 applications for Semester I, 2009 tertiary study. Approximately 94% of Queensland Year 12 applicants received a tertiary offer.

## POPULAR AREAS OF STUDY\*

This year's most popular fields of education for Year 12 applicants were Health (including Nursing), Society and Culture (including Law and Justice Studies) and Management and Commerce with 19.1%, 17.3% and 16.5% of Year 12s listing courses in these respective fields as their first preference.

Interestingly, when total applications, ie Year 12 and Non Year 12, are considered, the three most popular fields of education are consistent with the above. Health remains the most popular with more than 1 out of every 5 (24.6%) applicants for courses in Health (including Nursing). 16.6% of all applicants listed Society and Culture (including Law and Justice Studies), and 13.8% listed Management and Commerce as their first preference.

The greatest increase in percentage (+9.0%) of Year 12 first preferences was in the field of Health (including Nursing). For total applications, the greatest increases were in this same field and in the field of Architecture and Building, with each of these increasing by 8.6% over the 2007-2008 admissions period. The largest decrease in percentage of Year 12 first preferences was in the field of Food, Hospitality and Personal Services. There was a reduction in this field of 34.3%.

\*Please note statistics quoted are from varying dates and as such are not fully comparable.

## 2009 - 2010 Admissions Period

**Applications for 2009 - 2010 open ..... 1 July 2009**

**On time due date for applications ..... 30 September 2009**

**Higher application fees apply from ..... 1 November 2009**

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## Facts about the 2008-2009 Admissions Period

### QTAC Applications

- 52,756 applications were received for Semester 1, 2009
- 46,201 applicants received at least one offer

### Offers

- **December - offer rounds (4 & 17 December)**  
10,457 offers made
- **January - offer round**  
31,361 offers made
- **February - offer round**  
5,234 offers made
- **Continuing offers for remaining course vacancies**  
2,366 offers made

### Acceptances and Deferrals

	Qld Year 12 OP Eligible	Qld Year 12 OP Ineligible	Interstate Year 12
Acceptances	78%	72%	37%
Deferrals	16%	7%	26%

These figures are expressed as a % of responses by applicant type. 10% of the total QTAC applicant pool requested deferment.

### OP Ineligible Service Popular

Queensland Year 12 OP ineligible applicants are able to print a record of their OP ineligible selection rank from their online application along with an OP equivalency. This has proved very useful for those applying for future tertiary studies and in regard to some employment applications.

Non-applicant OP ineligible Queensland Year 12s are able to telephone QTAC to find out their OP ineligible rank. To receive a written record of their OP ineligible rank, non-applicants can download a request form for an Assessment of Qualifications from the QTAC website (under Other Services/Qualifications Assessment) and submit a certified copy of their senior statement with the \$55 fee.

### School Guidance Officers Hotline

Contact: QTAC Information Officer - Louise Mardle

Telephone: (07) 3858 1299

Fax: (07) 3367 1164

Please note, this number is for institutional use and is **not to be given to applicants.**

#### QTAC Contact Details

Level 2, 33 Park Road, Milton, QLD 4064  
PO Box 1331, Milton, QLD 4064

Telephone: National: 1300 GO QTAC (1300 467 822)  
International: +61 7 3858 1222

Fax: (07) 3367 1164

Email: use website enquiry service

Website: www.qtac.edu.au

## 2009 Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) and Institution Open Days

#### Tertiary Studies Expo

18 – 19 July, 2009

Brisbane RNA Showground

#### Adult Tertiary Entry Expo

2 September, 2009

Brisbane Convention Centre

#### Gold Coast Careers Expo

26 – 27 July, 2009

Carrara Indoor Stadium

#### Sunshine Coast Daily

Careers Expo

21 July, 2009 - 7pm

Kings Champions Centre,  
Tanawha

#### Toowoomba Chronicle

Careers Expo

28 July, 2009

Clive Berghofer Centre, Darling Heights

#### Townsville Careers Expo

10 August, 2009

Ignatius Park College,  
Cranbrook

#### Australian Catholic

University

22 July, 2009

Open night - 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Tours available year round

Email [campustours@acu.edu.au](mailto:campustours@acu.edu.au)

#### Australian Maritime

College

16 August, 2009

Open Day

Tours are available year round

#### Bond University

23 August, 2009

Open Day

#### Christian Heritage College

29 August, 2009

Open Day

#### CQUniversity

Contact the relevant campus  
for details

#### Endeavour College of

Natural Health

30 August, 2009

Open Day

#### Griffith University

10 June

Information Evening - Logan  
campus

9 August, 2009

Open Day - Nathan, South Bank  
and Gold Coast campuses

#### James Cook University

23 August, 2009

Open Day - Cairns campus

30 August, 2009

Open Day - Townsville campus

#### Qantm College

Qantm College holds  
information sessions on a  
regular basis. Contact the  
College to find out when the  
next information session is  
scheduled.

#### Queensland Institute of

Business and Technology

Contact the College for details

#### Queensland University of

Technology

26 July, 2009

Open Day - Kelvin Grove  
campus

#### SAE Institute

Contact the campus for details

#### Southern Cross University

Tours are available year round  
Email [campustours@scu.edu.au](mailto:campustours@scu.edu.au)

#### TAFE Queensland

Open days/nights are held  
by various TAFE institutes  
throughout the year, contact  
the institute directly for details  
or see [www.tafe.qld.gov.au](http://www.tafe.qld.gov.au)

#### The University of

Queensland

2 August, 2009

Open Day - UQ St Lucia

19 August, 2009

Open Day - UQ Ipswich

23 August, 2009

Open Day - UQ Gatton

#### University of New England

4 September, 2009

Open Day

#### University of Southern

Queensland

2 August, 2009

Open Day - Fraser Coast  
campus

16 August, 2009

Open Day - Toowoomba  
campus

From 17 August, 2009

Digital Open Day

23 August

Open Day - Springfield campus

#### University of the Sunshine

Coast

17 August

Open Day

Group campus tours and  
information sessions are also  
available throughout the year.

### Undergraduate Medicine & Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)

Medicine, dental science and oral health undergraduate degrees at some institutions require applicants to undertake the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT).

Registrations open in April and close 5.00pm AEST on Friday, 5 June 2009. Late registrations will be accepted, with late fee, until 5.00pm AEST on Friday, 19 June 2009.

UMAT2009 will be held on Wednesday, 29 July.

Registrations for UMAT2009 will be taken online only.

Email: [umat@acer.edu.au](mailto:umat@acer.edu.au) Website: <http://umatweb.acer.edu.au>

Phone: (03) 9277 5555 Fax: (03) 9277 5500

# YEAR ROUND ADMISSIONS

QTAC was the first admissions centre in Australia to offer year round applications in the 2008/2009 admissions period. In 2009/2010 this service will continue with Year 12 applicants applying from 1 July able to list courses commencing Semester 1, 2010 and Semester 2, 2010.

## Early Offers

Institutions will have the option of participating in monthly offer rounds, with two offer rounds in most months. This does not imply progressive starting of courses, just early notification of offers. Where institutions choose to make early offers to qualified applicants, this in no way disadvantages Year 12 applicants awaiting results. Institutions offer courses to 'at least' the same cut-off in the major offer round and may go lower in order to finalise offers. For example having pre-notified the offer status of the applicant on a rank of 90, institutions would not be able to tighten their criteria to 94 thereby eliminating later applicants with ranks of 90 to 93. In 2009/2010 admissions institutions will also have the option of making early offers for future semesters not just the current semester.

## My Preferences

This service in *Current Applicant* Online services reports to applicants on whether they have met the minimum entry requirements for each of their preferences. Minimum entry requirements can include subject prerequisites such as English or Maths B, and also auditions, portfolios, interviews and are also listed in the course entry in the Guide and on the website.

This can assist applicants in reviewing preferences for an upcoming offer round, supplying further documentation or making other arrangements to satisfy the requirements.

### Ordering Your Preferences In Year Round Admissions

QTAC applications open 1 July and a single QTAC application can include courses starting in Semester 3 2009 (not for students who are still studying Year 12), Semester 1 2010 and Semester 2 2010.

It is essential that preferences are ordered carefully as offers are made to eligible applicants in order of the major offer round date. For example, if you wish to be considered for a course that has its major offer round in December (like many creative arts courses), before the December offer round you should ensure that this course is listed higher than courses which have their major offer round in January. If you would really prefer a course that is offered in January, following the December offer round you should 'conditionally accept' your December offer and rearrange your preferences so that the January offered courses are listed higher. By following this plan, you would retain your December offer if you are unsuccessful in January.

An 'Ordering Preferences Plan' is included in the *QTAC Guide* for more comprehensive guidelines.

# New QTAC Services

## QTAC Guide

New Features for 2009/2010 include:

- More definition between important components and sections
- A summarised list of key information requested in the online application
- Updated information on 'ordering preferences'
- Better description of early offer round processes
- Better description of course fee information
- The 'Major Offer Round' will be listed against the 'Start Month' for each course
- Clearer distinction between areas of interest
- A *Help for Parents* insert

**Guide distribution from Friday, 19 June 2009 to Friday, 26 June 2009 – before State schools' end of term**

## International Baccalaureate (IB)

The International Baccalaureate Diploma is now assessed using the common national measure of Year 12 student achievement, the Interstate Transfer Index.

For the IB Diploma this common national measure is called the 'Combined Rank'. The IB Score out of 45 is converted to the Combined Rank.

See the new National IB Table on the QTAC website for the translation of the Combined Rank to the Estimated QTAC Rank.

IB Certificates (incomplete IB Diplomas) will be assessed by analogy using the approved guidelines for OP ineligible students. A minimum of five subjects, at Higher or Standard Level, is required. (Please note that OP ineligible schedules are not national.)

For more information see IB on the QTAC website under Applying/Current Year 12.

## Publishing of offers

Following the January and February offer rounds, QTAC will continue to publish course cut-off and course vacancy information in the major newspapers, however, from 2010 the names of successful applicants will no longer be printed.

## QTAC's 1300 Number

provides easy access to QTAC  
at the cost of a local call

**1300 GO QTAC or 1300 467 822**

Previous number (07) 3858 1222 will continue to operate.

1300 numbers is for national calls only.

For international calls: +61 7 3858 1222.

## Equity Scholarships

QTAC processed scholarship applications for the first time in the 2008/2009 admissions period.

11,302 scholarship applications have been received to date. Approximately 5,212 offers have been made to date. Further offers to be made 27 March 2009.

- The free online scholarship application is found under 'Scholarships' on the QTAC website.
- Equity Scholarship applications will open in September 2009 for the 2009/2010 tertiary admissions period.
- Equity Scholarship applicants are able to re-enter their online scholarship application after lodging to update their information. This will ensure that scholarship applications may be considered on the basis of the most up-to-date applicant information.
- The Commonwealth Scholarships (CS) Programme assists students from low socio-income/economic backgrounds with the costs associated with undertaking higher education.

Types of scholarships available:

- Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship (CECS)
- Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship (CAS)
- Indigenous Access Scholarship (IAS)
- Institution Equity Scholarship (IES)

The online Scholarships application will ask for information about:

- Name, gender, date of birth, postal address, contact details, citizenship
- Whether an Indigenous Australian
- Whether intending to study part-time or full-time; internally or externally
- Centrelink number, income level, household details
- Whether there are circumstances (past or present) which impact on the ability to give time and attention to studies
- Parenting and other carer responsibilities
- Residing in regional or remote areas prior to the commencement of tertiary study
- An optional personal statement (not part of the official application process)
- Other considerations

**Applicants can update their scholarship application online after lodging if their circumstances change.**

**Please note, documentation is not to be supplied to QTAC. It must be sent to the institution directly once requested.**

## Apply Online

All Current Year 12 students must apply via the *Twelve to Tertiary (TTT)* online application service.

A demonstration version of the *TTT* application is available on the QTAC website at [www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au).

QTAC provides computers for online access during business hours at our office in Milton.

## QTAC Parent/Student Information Sessions

Experienced QTAC staff can conduct one-hour information sessions at your school, tailored to your requirements. These sessions can cover topics such as QTAC applications, tertiary pathways, and QTAC selection ranks allocated to VET studies.\*

Cost - \$500 daytime session, or \$570 evening session (plus associated additional costs for sessions outside the Brisbane CBD).†

For further information or bookings, please contact us on (07) 3858 1298.

\* Please note these sessions are subject to availability.

† Please note these fees are valid from 1 July 2009.

## Twelve to Tertiary Current Applicant Online Services

- Current Year 12s can use either their Learner Unique Identifier (LUI) or QTAC Reference Number to access their *TTT* application and the *Current Applicant* online service.
- The **Additional Details** section will list examples of additional qualifications and extra prompts to submit supporting documentation.
- Applicants indicate they have sat the UMAT and enter their UMAT Candidate Number on their *TTT* online application but do not need to submit their UMAT results to QTAC.

## QTAC Tertiary Entrance Process Seminars - 2009

QTAC will be holding workshops (New to QTAC and Advanced) for school and institutional personnel.

**BOOK NOW** as workshops are filling fast.

**New to QTAC Two Day Seminar - Brisbane**

Tuesday & Wednesday 21 & 22 April or  
Wednesday & Thursday 29 & 30 July

**Advanced Full Day Seminar - Brisbane**

Friday 7 August

**Full Day Seminar - Cairns**

Monday 1 June

Please access QTAC's website for registration details.  
Contact (07) 3858 1298

## QTAC Fees for 2009 - 2010 Admissions Period

Applicant Fee Category	New Fee 2009 - 2010
<b>1 July 2009 to 31 October 2009</b>	
Year 12 (Web - TTT)	<b>\$27.50</b>
Non Year 12 (Web - ABW)	<b>\$55.00</b>
<b>1 November 2009 to 28 February 2010</b>	
Year 12 (Web - TTT)	<b>\$70.00</b>
Non Year 12 (Web - ABW)	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>1 March 2010 to July 2010</b>	
All Applicants. ( <i>Twelve-to-Tertiary</i> applications close 1 March 2010. <b>2009 Year 12 students applying between these dates use <i>Apply-By-Web</i></b> )	<b>\$55.00</b>
<b>Online Change of Preference</b>	
First 3 changes	<b>Free of charge</b>
Fourth and subsequent online changes of preference	<b>\$15.00 each</b>

From late June schools will be able to place their bulk orders for *TTT* Prepayment Vouchers to assist their students in the QTAC application process. Download the request form from the Corporate site under 'QTAC Forms - School Users' from June.

# QTAC CORPORATE SERVICES

Attention  
Guidance Officers  
VET Coordinators  
Career Counsellors

## Student Advisers' Tertiary Course List

AVAILABLE ONLINE  
and periodically updated

The Student Advisers' Tertiary Course List is designed as a supplement to the *QTAC Guide: Tertiary Courses* publication. It contains a summary of course prerequisites as well as the cut-offs from the previous two January offer rounds. It is intended for student advisers and tertiary institutional staff rather than students themselves. It provides a useful and ready reference in assisting school and institutional personnel in advising students. For your free online copy go to Schools & Institutions then Student Advisers' Tertiary Course List on QTAC's website ([www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au)) or log in to the Corporate Site.

## What you can find on the QTAC Corporate Site

Free  
Access  
for  
Schools

- Application statistics for your school - an effective mechanism for tracking your students' tertiary application progress
- Course cut-off information
- The latest OP ineligible schedule
- Year 12 tertiary application PowerPoint presentation
- QTAC publications - current and archived
- QTAC forms - Special Consideration of Educational Disadvantage, Early Indication of Support Needs for QTAC Applicants with Disabilities, Additional Information for Year 12 Students
- Registration forms for QTAC's Tertiary Entrance Process Seminars (New to QTAC and Advanced) for school personnel
- Bulk Prepayment Voucher Request Form for schools

To ensure that all schools can monitor student tertiary applications in a timely manner, access to this service is provided free of charge. Schools need to register with QTAC and receive a password to access the service.

The password is changed annually and schools must re-register in **May** to receive their new password.

The service is accessed via the QTAC website [www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au) (under Corporate). Comprehensive information is available on Year 12 tertiary applications and offers, as well as application trends, which assist in the compilation of school annual reports and destination studies.

Registered schools should ensure that they make a copy of the current information regarding students who completed Year 12 in 2008, as this data will be **removed mid-June in preparation for the 2009 - 2010 application period**.

Online registration is available on the QTAC website under the Corporate tab.

Please note a '0' has been added to the beginning of each school's Queensland Studies Authority code. The school code is used by QTAC for your school's Login to our Corporate Site. Your school's Login has therefore changed. For example, if your school's Login was sch\_00X it is now **sch\_000X**. Your school's Password for QTAC's Corporate Site remains the same until you re-register in May 2009.

**QTAC will advise schools in June of their new password.  
Until that time schools can access the service using their current password.**