

Review of the QTAC 2010-2011 Admissions Period

QTAC received 59,911 applications for tertiary study commencing Semester 1 2011. 22,774 of these applications were from Queensland Year 12 students. 50,668 of the total number of Year 12 and Non Year 12 applicants were made offers. Approximately 96% of Queensland Year 12 applicants were made offers. (Statistics as at 31 March 2011.)

Popular Areas of Study

The three most popular areas of study for Semester 1 2011 commencement were Health (including Nursing and Other Health), Society and Culture and Management and Commerce. As indicated by first preference, these areas increased in popularity by 0.8%, 1.7% and 6.3% respectively over the previous year. Natural and Physical Sciences, whilst not amongst the most popular areas of study, showed the greatest increase in popularity compared to last year at 19.5%. (Statistics as at 4 January 2011.)

What's new for the 2011-2012 Admissions Period

New application opening date and no late fees!

Previously, the new admissions period opened on 1 July each year, however applications for the 2011-2012 admissions period will open on 1 August 2011.

With year round admissions, offers for courses for second semester each year continue well in to July. As a consequence and so as to avoid any confusion it was decided to delay the opening of the new admissions period until 1 August 2011.

The due date for on-time applications remains 30 September and applicants are encouraged to apply on time. In the past, applications lodged from 1 November incurred a higher application fee, however for the 2011-2012 admissions there will be no higher fees for late applications. (Please see page 5 for a summary of QTAC fees and charges.)

New providers - Institutions with self-managed admissions

The *QTAC Guide 2012* will be distributed to schools in late June 2011. Applicants will find a new section called 'Institutions with self-managed admissions'. This section of the *Guide* (section 5) will showcase courses offered by a selection of providers but whose applications are not made through QTAC. The aim of this section is to provide applicants with a broader range of options with regards to course selections, however as the name suggests the institutions offering these courses manage their own application process. The courses showcased are of diploma level or higher and are accredited through the Office of Higher Education.

2011 - 2012 Admissions Period

Applications for 2011-2012 open 1 August 2011

Due date for on-time applications ... 30 September 2011

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Facts about the 2010-2011 Admissions Period (as at 31 March 2011)

QTAC applications

- 59,911 applications were lodged for Semester 1, 2011
- 50,668 applicants received at least one offer

Offers

- December offer rounds (2 & 16 December)
11,882 offers made
- January offer round
34,301 offers made
- February offer round
4,725 offers made
- Continuing offers for remaining course vacancies
950 offers made

Responses to Offer - Acceptance or Deferral by Current Year

12 Student type

	Qld Year 12 OP eligible	Qld Year 12 OP ineligible	Qld IB	Interstate Year 12
Acceptances	79%	72%	81%	36%
Deferrals*	14%	6%	14%	20%

*Two applicants sought deferral but were refused.

QTAC Publications

QTAC Guide 2012

Distribution commences Wednesday, 15 June 2011.

Tertiary Prerequisites 2014

Distribution commences Tuesday, 13 May 2011.

Student Advisers' Tertiary Course List

The *Student Advisers' Tertiary Course List* is a quick and effective supplement to the *QTAC Guide* and is intended for student advisers and tertiary institution staff rather than students. The list contains a concise summary, in table form, of all courses in the *QTAC Guide*, course prerequisites, and course cut-offs - for the major January offer round in 2010 and 2011 - and is a useful reference for assisting students. The list also contains new and withdrawn courses.

The publication is now available online through the QTAC public website www.qtac.edu.au - under 'Schools and Institutions'. It is also available on the Corporate site under 'QTAC Publications'.

2011 Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO), Career Expos and Institution Open Days

Tertiary Studies Expo

16 - 17 July 2011
Brisbane RNA Showground

Adult Tertiary Entry Expo
3 September 2011

Brisbane Convention Centre

Gold Coast Careers Expo
19 May 2011

Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre

Cairns Careers & Education Expo
27 May 2011

Fred Moule Exhibition Centre, Cairns Showgrounds

Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo
14 July 2011

USC Sports Stadium, Sippy Downs

Toowoomba Chronicle Careers Expo
26 July 2011

USQ Clive Berghofer Centre, Darling Heights

Townsville Careers Expo
8 August 2011

Townsville Stadium, Murray Sports Complex, Annandale

Australian Catholic University
20 July 2011

Open Night - 5.30pm-8.30pm
Tours are available year round
Email campustour@acu.edu.au

Australian Maritime College
20 August 2011

Open Day
Tours are available year round
Ph: (03) 6324 9646

Bond University
24 July 2011

Open Day
Tours are available year round
Email campustour@bond.edu.au

Christian Heritage College
27 August 2011

Open Day

CQUniversity
7 August 2011

Open Day - Mackay & Noosa campuses

14 August 2011

Open Day - Bundaberg campus

28 August 2011

Open Day - Rockhampton campus

Griffith University

10 June 2011

Information Evening - Logan campus

14 August 2011

Open Day - Nathan, Southbank and Gold Coast campuses

James Cook University
21 August 2011

Open Day - Cairns campus

Tours are available year round, phone 1800 246 446

28 August 2011

Open Day - Townsville campus

Qantm College

9 July 2011

6 August 2011

1 October 2011

3 December 2011

Open Days

Queensland Institute of Business and Technology

Information sessions -

December, January, February.

Tours available all year. For

details, visit www.qibt.qld.edu.au or phone (07) 3735

6900

Queensland University of Technology

31 July 2011

Open Day - Kelvin Grove campus

Southbank Institute of Technology

27 July 2011

Study 2012 - Information

Evening

Southern Cross University

Tours are available year round

Email campustours@scu.edu.au

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

The University of Queensland

7 August 2011

Open Day - UQ St Lucia

21 August 2011

Open Day - UQ Gatton

24 August 2011

2.30-6.30pm - UQ Ipswich

University of New England

6 May 2011

Open Day

For personalised campus

tours please call 1800 818 865

University of Southern Queensland

7 August 2011

Open Day - Fraser Coast campus

21 August 2011

Open Day - Toowoomba campus

28 August 2011

Open Day - Springfield campus

University of the Sunshine Coast

14 August 2011

Open Day - Sippy Downs campus

Group campus tours and

information sessions are also

available throughout

the year. Ph: (07) 5456 5000

Qualifications News

■ ATAR - Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank

Since 1996, Australian states and territories have certified their students for tertiary entrance via measures of overall achievement known as the Interstate Transfer Index (ITI). For many years, the ITI had been known as the UAI in NSW/ACT, the ENTER in Victoria, and TER in other states and territories of Australia. As of 2011 however, the ITI now has one common nomenclature across Australia: the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR). The ATAR is a number between 0 and 99.95 with increments of 0.05.

While Queensland continues to certify Queensland Year 12 students with OPs, the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) also calculates an ATAR for OP students which can be used:

- By interstate tertiary admissions centres for tertiary admissions purposes
- Within Queensland for greater discrimination of applicants for tertiary courses (ie after OPs and FPs have been used) and to select applicants for scholarships

■ OP ineligible Rank

The OP ineligible schedules for Queensland Year 12 students based on 2010 data are available on the QTAC website at: www.qtac.edu.au/Applying-CurrentYr12/2010NonOP.html.

As noted by the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) in February 2010, QTAC and the QSA worked together to develop schedules which aim to provide a comprehensive score reflecting the breadth and level of students' academic achievements, and avoid advantage or disadvantage to any group of applicants.

Features of the OP ineligible rank:

- OP ineligible ranks can be calculated with fewer than 20 semester units of subjects
- Points values of Authority subjects are weighted according to achievement levels
- 'Embedded' and 'standalone' VET subjects are streamlined into one category of VET
- Levels of units of competency are taken into account with higher level units contributing higher points values
- The relative notional duration (number of hours) of a unit of competency is considered
- Units of competency are aggregated to equate to semester units or portions of semesters

■ OP ineligible Rank Estimator

QTAC's OP ineligible Rank Estimator does the hard work for you in estimating a student's potential OP ineligible rank!

QTAC cautions that the estimator gives an estimate only and care should be taken to communicate this clearly to the student.

The estimator is available on the public website under 'Schools and Institutions' and also on the Corporate website.

■ Trades and Traineeships

As advised in late 2009, changes were made to the assessment of trades and traineeships for tertiary admission from 1 July 2010.

Trades and traineeships which postdate the introduction of the AQF (ie 1995 onwards) are assessed on the appropriate certificate or diploma schedule for completed awards.

This means that an applicant with a Certificate III traineeship will be assigned a QTAC selection rank of 68 for the Certificate III qualification (not the rank 71 previously allocated for the completed traineeship). A Certificate II traineeship does not receive a QTAC selection rank as QTAC does not assign ranks to Certificate I and II qualifications.

Please note that this assessment practice is applicable for all categories of applicants including mature age and students applying directly after completion of Year 12. However, Year 12 students will still be able to use the modules from all AQF certificate levels listed on the Senior Statement in the calculation of the OP ineligible rank should this advantage the applicant.

Twelve to Tertiary Online Application

Changes to *Twelve to Tertiary* Online Application

There were some exciting changes to the *Twelve to Tertiary* online application for the 2010-2011 admissions period.

The application is structured in a similar format to a Non Year 12 application. Queensland Year 12s see their additional qualifications listed on their online application if these qualifications are on their Senior Statement.

Documentation will still be required for a number of additional qualifications. If students have qualifications that will not be on their Senior Statement, they need to enter their additional qualifications into their online application.

IB students login with their unique application number. This is different to the IB candidate number and the format is three letters followed by three numbers, eg ABC123.

My Qualifications

The new My Qualifications service introduced for the 2010-2011 admissions period has proved to be very successful. This service in *Current Applicant* Online services reports to applicants on the assessment progress of their application. Applicants receive feedback on documentation received and if it is assessable for tertiary entrance. Applicants are advised if they are required to submit supporting documentation to QTAC. This service assists applicants in tracking the progress of their application.

My Preferences

The My Preferences 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, and interviews. Minimum entry requirements are also listed in the course entry in the *Guide* and on the QTAC website.

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

Twelve to Tertiary Online Application

Check out QTAC's online movie presentation - 'How to Lodge your *Twelve to Tertiary* application' - on the Online Services page of QTAC's website. This is an added service to assist Year 12s in completing the online application and to boost their confidence in doing so.

Please note, the *Twelve to Tertiary* application will undergo some changes for the 2011-2012 admissions period and the movie will be updated accordingly, ready for your 2011 Year 12s to apply from August.

The *Twelve to Tertiary* demonstration application is also available on the Online Services page.

The screenshot shows a web page titled "QTAC Information Sheet" with a navigation menu on the left and a main content area. The main content area includes a "Return to Previous Page" link, a "How to Lodge your Twelve to Tertiary online application movie presentation" section, and a "Playing the movie - Important tips" section. Below the text is a video player interface with a "GET ADOBE FLASH PLAYER" button. The video player shows a presentation slide titled "2010-2011 Tertiary Admissions" with the QTAC logo and the text "Twelve To Tertiary Online Application".

Twelve to Tertiary Payment Options

For the 2011-2012 admissions period deferred payment will no longer be an option. However the BPAY® payment method is now a proven successful replacement and suitable for schools who wish to assist their current Year 12s in lodging their QTAC applications.

As with the deferred payment option, the *Twelve to Tertiary* online application can be lodged, for example, during class time. The student can then pay the application processing fee via BPAY® when they get home.

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Important Info

Ordering Your Preferences in Year Round Admissions

QTAC applications open 1 August and a single QTAC application can include courses starting in Semester 3 2011 (not for students who are still studying Year 12), Semester 1 2012 and Semester 2 2012.

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* and on the QTAC website for more comprehensive guidelines. Students should also view the 'Ordering your Preferences' movie on the Online Services page of QTAC's website.

Early Offers

Institutions can participate 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. Applicants should check course entries online at the QTAC website to determine when their courses are being offered.

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).

*See 'Change to Minimum Entry Requirements' below.

Registrations open Friday, 1 April 2011 and will close 5.00pm AEST on Friday, 3 June 2011. Late registrations will be accepted, with late fee, until 5.00pm AEST on Friday, 17 June 2011.

UMAT2011 will be held on Wednesday, 27 July.

Registrations for UMAT2011 will be taken online at <http://umatreg.acer.edu.au>, Email: umat@acer.edu.au, Website: <http://umat.acer.edu.au/>, Phone: (03) 8508 7643, Fax: (03) 9277 5757.

Change to Minimum Entry Requirements

Griffith University (GU) has removed the UMAT and interview entry requirements for their dentistry and medical science courses. Refer to course entries in the *Guide* and on the website for the Minimum Entry Requirements for all courses.

QTAC Fees for 2011 - 2012 Admissions Period

Applicant Fee Category	New Fee 2011 - 2012
Application processing charge	
Year 12 - <i>TTT</i> (<i>TTT</i> applications close 29 February 2012. 2011 Year 12 students applying after this date use <i>ABW</i>)	\$32.00
Non-Year 12 - <i>ABW</i>	\$60.00
Change of Preference (Made via QTAC's <i>Current Applicant</i> online service)	
First three changes	Free
Fourth and subsequent changes	\$16.00 each
Other	
Separate document submission charge	\$32.00

Schools will be able to place 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 July 2011.

Services for Schools

■ QTAC Tertiary Entrance Process

Seminars - 2011

QTAC is holding workshops for school and institution personnel.

BOOK NOW as workshops are filling fast. See the QTAC website for a registration form.

Brisbane

Annual QTAC Update - one day seminar

- Friday, 20 May
- Monday, 23 May
- Monday, 30 May
- Wednesday, 28 July
- Friday, 5 August

New to QTAC - two day seminar

- Wednesday & Thursday, 4 & 5 May
- Thursday & Friday, 28 & 29 July

QTAC One Day Regional Seminar

Townsville - Thursday, 9 June

Cairns - Friday, 10 June

■ 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.

* Sessions are subject to availability.

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 OP ineligible schedules for 2010 Qld Senior students. 2011 OP ineligible schedules will be available from late December 2011**
- **Year 12 tertiary application PowerPoint presentation**
- **QTAC publications - current and archived**
- **QTAC forms - Consideration of Educational Impact, Early Indication of Support Needs for QTAC Applicants with Disabilities**
- **Registration forms for QTAC's Tertiary Entrance Process Seminars for school and institution personnel**
- **Bulk Prepayment Voucher Request Form for schools - available in July 2011**
- **New to QTAC, Annual QTAC Update, QTAC One Day Regional Seminar registration forms**

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. Schools will be contacted in late May and asked to re-register to receive their new password.

The service is accessed via the QTAC website www.qtac.edu.au (use the Corporate tab). 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 2010, as this data will be **removed mid-June in preparation for the 2011 - 2012 admissions period**.