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## **Year-round offers a win for applicants**

The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) today announced that, from August 2016, it will make tertiary offers year round, with offer rounds occurring on most business days.

The decision responds to the need for applicants to know the outcome of their applications sooner, so they can make choices based on whether or not they get an offer.

Currently, offers are made on a limited number of fixed dates—about 30—throughout the year, with some applicants waiting months to find out if they've been accepted into university or TAFE.

From the next admissions period, institutions will have over 160 opportunities to make offers.

QTAC CEO, Dr John Griffiths, welcomes the changes.

“I'm pleased to advise that year-round offers will commence from the start of the 2016–2017 admissions period. This change will have a significant positive effect for applicants, institutions and QTAC,” Dr Griffiths said.

“The increased frequency of offers means many applicants can know earlier if they'll be studying, giving them time to plan their lives or seek other study paths if they don't get into the course they want.

“It also gives institutions the opportunity to build longer relationships with their students.”

Year 12 leavers will be able to receive offers from 18 November – the last official day of the Queensland school year. Mature age applicants can receive offers as early as 3 August.

Dr Griffiths said that, despite the changes, a small number of courses would be exempt from year-round offers.

“For competitive courses, like medicine, and some creative and performing arts courses, offers will continue to be made at set times to ensure institutions select the most qualified applicants,” he said.

Students can apply online at [www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au) from 2 August.