

ATARS AND OP BANDS

Until 2019, eligible Queensland students will be awarded an Overall Position (OP), and it is the OP which is the standard pathway to tertiary entrance in Queensland. The OP is not used outside of Queensland, with all other Australian jurisdictions using the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). The ATAR is expressed on a 2000-point scale extending from 99.95 (highest) down to 0 in steps of 0.05.

To allow Queensland students to be considered for courses offered interstate, an ATAR is calculated for Queensland OP-eligible students by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA).

While the OP remains the standard pathway to tertiary study in Queensland, ATARs may be used in Queensland for OP-eligible students applying for entry into very competitive degree programs to ensure there is an equitable allocation of tertiary places if Field Positions (FPs) do not provide enough differentiation between high-achieving applicants.

The following table shows the lowest ATARs which were awarded within each OP band for OPs awarded in 2016, 2017 and 2018:

Lowest ATAR for Each OP Band in 2016, 2017 and 2018

Overall Position	Lowest ATAR in 2016	Lowest ATAR in 2017	Lowest ATAR in 2018
1	98.85	98.85	98.85
2	97.15	97.15	97.25
3	95.25	95.15	95.40
4	93.30	93.05	93.35
5	91.25	90.90	91.35
6	88.95	88.65	89.05
7	86.45	86.10	86.55
8	83.75	83.35	83.75
9	80.80	80.45	81.00
10	78.00	77.60	78.20
11	75.15	74.60	75.50
12	72.35	71.75	72.60
13	69.45	68.75	69.90
14	66.35	65.65	66.95
15	63.10	62.30	63.85
16	59.85	58.80	60.65
17	56.35	54.90	56.95
18	52.75	51.00	53.25
19	49.75	47.25	48.85
20	46.10	43.30	42.35
21	40.30	37.45	30.05
22	32.45	31.55	30.00
23	30.00	30.00	30.00
24	30.00	30.00	30.00
25	30.00	30.00	n/a

ATARs below 30.00 are reported in the above table as 30.00. No students were award OP 25 in 2018.

Further information about the ATARs calculated for Queensland OP-eligible students is available from the QCAA at: www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/tertiary-entrance/atar. This website also includes information about how Queensland OP-eligible students may obtain a copy of their ATAR statement.