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ATAR On Track For Queensland Students

QTAC can confirm that the QCAA's decision to reduce the assessment requirements for current Year 12 students will not have any impact on its ability to calculate the first Queensland ATAR.

The QCAA made this change to alleviate the significant pressure that Year 12 students are experiencing as a result of COVID-19.

In a statement from QTAC CEO Dr John Griffiths, "All QTAC needs to calculate ATARs is accurate subject results and the QCAA has assured us that the removal of one internal assessment from the assessment requirements for each subject will not affect the fairness and accuracy of final results. The ATAR calculation methodology has been completed for some time and it has been peer reviewed by statistician members of the national ATAR Technical Committee. The calculation of the Queensland ATAR will commence as soon as we receive these student result files from the QCAA."

Dr Griffiths added "Considering the current climate we are operating in, QTAC continues to work closely with the QCAA and Education Queensland on the best outcomes for students who are working towards their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and a Queensland ATAR."

Visit the QCAA website for their announcement <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/coronavirus-updates>

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ABOUT QTAC

The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) operates a centralised tertiary application service for 15 higher education providers in Queensland and Northern New South Wales, across both undergraduate and postgraduate admissions. QTAC has been providing potential students and education institutions, employers and governments with the opportunity to connect and create long lasting productive relationships over the past 40 years, by delivering a range of education opportunities.