

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **ADF veterans get backing from QTAC**

QTAC is leading the way in recognising specialised experience for university entry, as the only Australian tertiary admissions centre to award selection ranks for defence force experience.

Applicants who have served in the Australian army, navy and air force for two or more years after completing initial training will be considered for most courses based on these selection ranks, offering them an alternative pathway to study.

QTAC CEO, Dr John Griffiths, said the decision of universities to accept defence force experience supports ex-service people in making a transition to a new career.

“Those who have served our country may feel lost after leaving the armed forces because they don’t know what steps to take to get back into study, or where to turn for advice. Many don’t realise their previous roles can assist them in getting into university,” Dr Griffiths said.

While defence force experience can be used for entry to the majority of Queensland courses, Dr Griffiths advised there are exceptions, and urged ex-service applicants to check with QTAC to see if their experience will be accepted for their chosen course.

“Some courses, such as audition-based performing arts programs, health degrees, including medicine, and certain postgraduate courses do not accept defence force selection ranks,” Dr Griffiths said.

“We encourage applicants to get in touch with us before applying to find out if their experience can help get them into the course they want.

“The good news is, if you can’t use your previous experience for entry, we can give you information about other pathways available to you.”