



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE STUDENTS APPLYING TO QTAC IN 2020

What is QTAC?

- A not-for-profit organisation
- QTAC has been in operation since 1975
- Owned by seven Queensland universities
- Started with 200 tertiary courses and around 18600 applicants

What do we do?

- Provide information about tertiary study and courses
- Assess approximately 75,000 applications per year
- Make offers in 1,700 undergraduate courses on behalf of 16 institutions
- Calculate and award ATARs.

QTAC is here to help match applicants with an opportunity that is right for them.



How are IB Diploma students considered for entry to tertiary courses in Australia?

Results from completed IB Diplomas are reported as an IB Score on a whole number scale between 24 and 45. These are converted into a national ATAR-like value to allow IB students to be considered for tertiary places alongside their counterparts who have completed state curricula or other qualifications.

This national ATAR-like value is known as the **Combined Rank** because it is a national conversion which combines results from across all states.

This means that IB students can apply in any Australian state or territory with confidence about how their results compare to their peers who have completed state curricula and received an ATAR.

How are IB Diploma students considered for entry to tertiary courses through QTAC?

Students with a completed IB Diploma are considered for a tertiary study through QTAC on the basis of meeting the minimum course entry requirements, such as subject prerequisites, and their QTAC Selection Rank.

Converting an IB score to a QTAC Selection Rank is a two step process:

- **STEP 1:** Your IB score from a completed IB Diploma is converted to a 'Combined Rank' according to the rules agreed nationally.
- **STEP 2:** QTAC converts your combined rank to a QTAC Selection Rank. (Differing terminology is used interstate, eg some states refer to this as a 'notional ATAR'.)

To help IB students understand their QTAC Selection Rank based on their IB Score, a conversion table is available on the QTAC website.

| IB SCORE IN COMPLETED DIPLOMA (2020) | 2020 QTAC SELECTION RANK (COMBINED RANK) |
|---|---|
| 45 | 99.95 |
| 44 | 99.75 |
| 43 | 99.55 |
| 42 | 99.20 |
| 41 | 98.70 |
| 40 | 98.05 |
| 39 | 97.30 |
| 38 | 96.45 |
| 37 | 95.45 |
| 36 | 94.05 |
| 35 | 92.80 |
| 34 | 91.50 |
| 33 | 90.00 |
| 32 | 88.15 |
| 31 | 86.40 |
| 30 | 84.30 |
| 29 | 81.90 |
| 28 | 79.25 |
| 27 | 77.40 |
| 26 | 75.10 |
| 25 | 72.00 |
| 24 | 69.10 |

Your QTAC Selection Rank

QTAC Selection Ranks and ATARs both have scales from 0.00 to 99.95.

This means that IB students receiving, for example, a QTAC Selection Rank of 99.75 will be considered for tertiary admissions alongside students who received an ATAR of 99.75.

Note, IB students are not awarded an ATAR for their completed IB Diploma and they do not need to register for an ATAR in QTAC's ATAR Portal.



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QTAC APPLICATION

By identifying as an IB student on your QTAC application, your IB score and subject results will be received electronically by QTAC and automatically converted for the purposes of selection and meeting prerequisites.

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1. My Details 2. Education and Experience 3. Course Preferences 4. Review Application 5. Submit Application

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Education and Experience

* REQUIRED FIELDS

Current Year 12 Secondary Education

STEP 1: Answer Yes → *Will you complete Australian Year 12 secondary in 2020? ☒ Yes ☐ No

*Will you complete Australian Year 12 secondary in 2020? ☐ Yes ☐ No

*State

*Type Of Studies

*Student Number

Secondary
Enter details of your Year 12/secondary or equivalent studies (e.g. Queensland Senior, NSW HSC, International Baccalaureate, etc.)

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STEP 2: Complete details choosing International Baccalaureate Study

Please give permission via your school for your IB results to be released to Australian Tertiary Admissions Centres.

If you have also completed **Senior External Examination subjects**, banked in your learning accounts with the QCAA, follow Steps 3 and 4 below.

STEP 3: Answer **YES** to Have you completed any other Year 12 Secondary Education.

STEP 4: Complete details choosing Queensland Senior from 1973 (including Senior External Examinations from 2020)

Secondary Education

*State

*Type of Studies

*Student Number

*School Name

*Have you completed any other Year 12/secondary education? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Enter the postcode of the suburb or town you lived in during your last year of secondary study

Secondary
Enter details of other Year 12/secondary studies you have completed e.g. Queensland Senior, NSW HSC, overseas secondary study, International Baccalaureate, etc.

*State

*Type of Studies

*Student Number

*School Name

*What year did you or will you finish your secondary studies?

*Country

*State

*Type Of Studies

*Name Of School

Student Number

*Have you completed any other Year 12/secondary education? ☐ Yes ☐ No

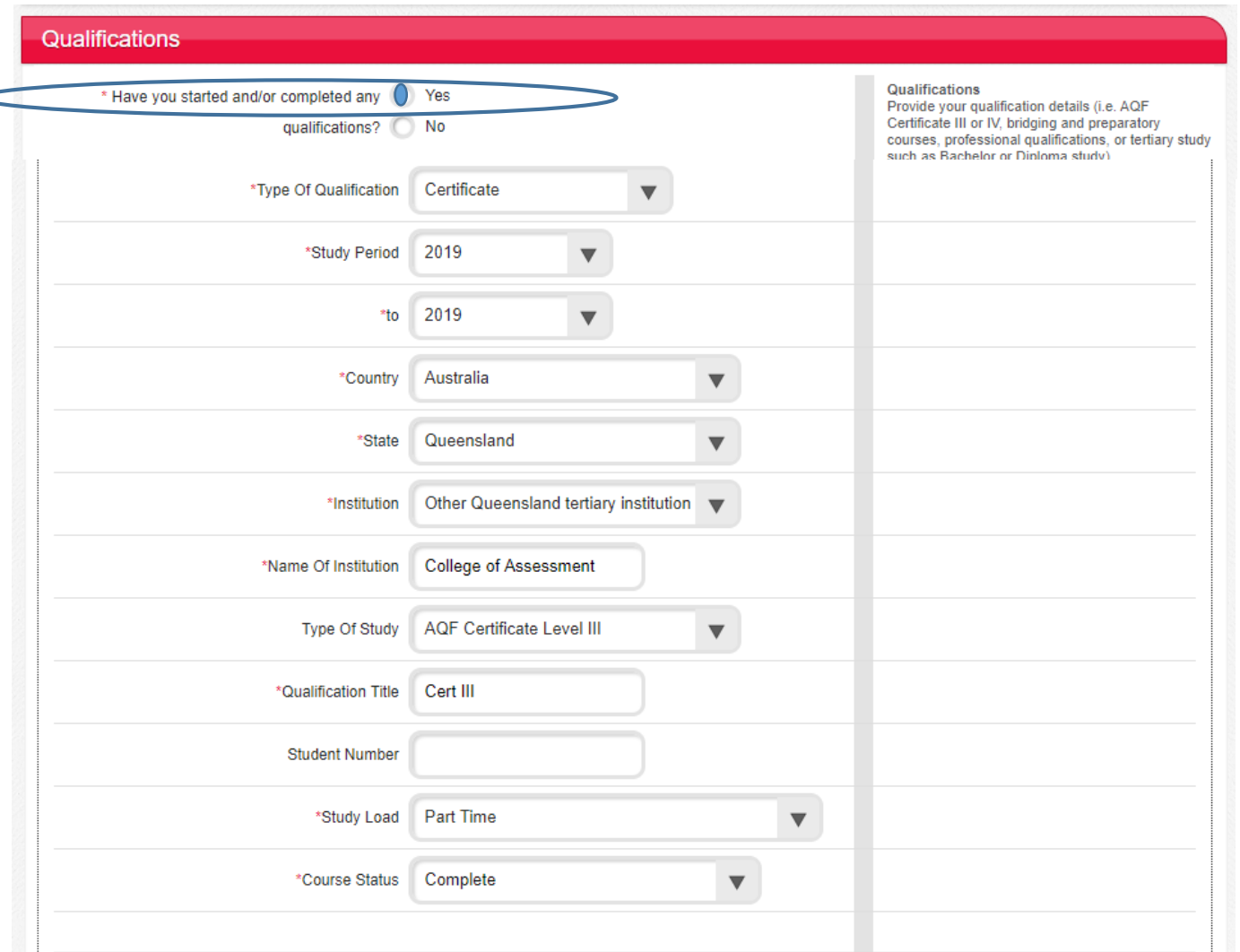
Select One
Accelerated Christian Education, ICCE
External Senior Examinations prior to 2020
International Baccalaureate
Queensland Senior from 1973 onwards (including Senior External Examinations from 2020)
Queensland Senior prior to 1973
Steiner or other non-standard schooling

Secondary
Enter details of other Year 12/secondary studies you have completed e.g. Queensland Senior, NSW HSC, overseas secondary study, International Baccalaureate, etc.

If you have you also completed an **AQF VET qualification, music or performing arts, or other qualification**, complete the steps below.

STEP 5: Register your additional qualifications by answering **Yes** to question in the Qualifications tab and enter the details.

Students should provide supporting documents for these qualifications.



Qualifications

* Have you started and/or completed any qualifications? ☒ Yes ☐ No

*Type Of Qualification Certificate ▼

*Study Period 2019 ▼

*to 2019 ▼

*Country Australia ▼

*State Queensland ▼

*Institution Other Queensland tertiary institution ▼

*Name Of Institution College of Assessment

Type Of Study AQF Certificate Level III ▼

*Qualification Title Cert III

Student Number

*Study Load Part Time ▼

*Course Status Complete ▼

Qualifications
Provide your qualification details (i.e. AQF Certificate III or IV, bridging and preparatory courses, professional qualifications, or tertiary study such as Bachelor or Diploma study)



OTHER PATHWAYS FOR TERTIARY ENTRY

QTAC administers the admissions policies of the tertiary institutions it represents. QTAC also develops schedules to promote common assessment practices, however each institution autonomously determines their admissions rules.

From the admissions period commencing 4 August 2020, QTAC has withdrawn its common VET, music and performing arts, and incomplete IB Diploma schedules, as stand-alone pathways for Year 12 students to tertiary study.

A number of Queensland institutions, however, have developed institution-specific policies and schedules for Year 12 students and QTAC will administer these on their behalf.

More information is available on QTAC's and institutions' websites.



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ADJUSTMENT SCHEMES



Education Access Scheme (EAS)

- Helps if your studies have been negatively affected by circumstances beyond your control
- Applies adjustment points to your rank to help you compete more equitably for an offer
- You can apply to EAS as part of your QTAC application
- Must include all the appropriate application forms and documentary evidence
- Different institutions award different adjustment factors so one may allow more or less adjustments than another



Education Access Scheme (EAS)

EAS Categories

1. Financial Hardship
2. Home Environment and Responsibility
3. English Language Difficulties
4. Personal Illness or Disability
5. Educational Disruption

Adjustment Factors and COVID-19

There is no additional category for COVID-19, EAS is well placed for most scenarios. Each applications will be individually assessed on a case-by-case basis.

EAS is about **circumstances beyond your control that have negatively impacted your senior school educational outcome**, so for example working a part-time job to save some money for a holiday is a choice, whereas having to work to financially support yourself if you are an independent student is not a choice.

- You can apply for as many of these categories as for which you are eligible.
- The number of adjustments you receive may also depend on the level of support that has been provided by your school around your circumstances.
- If you're in doubt about your eligibility, we encourage you to apply and we will determine this for you.
- Adjustments are temporarily added to your QTAC Selection rank – they do not permanently change your IB Score or Combined Rank.
- Please see our website for comprehensive information about EAS categories.



Other Adjustment Schemes

Each institution has their own adjustments that are applied at the time of application

- Regional schools
- School relationships
- Subject Schemes
- Elite athletes
- Introductory study
- Equity
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander



QTAC Fees 2020/2021

Year 12 Students

- 4 August – 28 February \$45

Change of Preference

- 3 changes included for free
- 4th and subsequent changes \$45

*Students should ensure payment is complete
by viewing their receipt!*

QTAC Key Dates 2020/2021

Applications Open

- 4 August

Offer Rounds for Semester 1, 2021

- 23 December – this is the first offer round where early offers will be made on the basis of IB results
- 14 January offer round
- Offer rounds will continue through to March for Semester 1 courses where vacancies exist



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