Applying to QTAC 2021
What is QTAC?

- A not-for-profit organisation
- Owned by seven Queensland universities

What do we do?

- Provide information about tertiary study and courses
- Process and assess approximately 75,000 applications per year
- Make offers in over 1800 undergraduate courses on behalf of 17 institutions
- Calculate and award ATARs.
- QTAC is here to help match applicants with an opportunity that is right for them.
QTAC makes offers on behalf of these institutions
Looking to study interstate? coursesseeker.edu.au
ADMISSION CRITERIA
Admissions Criteria

Admissions rules vary:

• Institutions determine their own admissions rules and QTAC implements them

• Rules are applied consistently within institutions, but rules change from institution to institution
Eligibility
Have you met the minimum entry requirement?

System begins to check merit

Merit
Is your rank above the minimum?

Application goes on to compete with all other applicants on the basis of rank

System moves to the next preference

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What are the eligibility requirements?

They may include:

• Age requirements
• Subject prerequisites
• Portfolio, audition or interviews*
• Essays or personal statements*
• Questionnaires or exams* (medicine and dentistry may require UCAT)

* Check early closing dates
How is merit determined?

Applications are allocated ranks based on their assessable qualifications.

These assessable qualifications may include:

- Year 12 OP and ATARs
- Overseas Year 12 qualifications
- Tertiary study – Bachelor/Masters (min 2 subjects required)
- Completed AQF qualifications (Cert 3 and 4)
- Diploma, Advanced Diplomas
- Music, dance, drama qualifications
- Bridging and preparatory courses

Don’t forget
Not all QTAC applicants are 2021 Year 12 school leavers
ATAR FOR TERTIARY ENTRY
What is the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)?

Primary mechanism used nationally for tertiary admissions. Indicates a student’s position relative to other students.

2,000 point scale from 99.95 down to 0.00. ATARs less than 30.00 are reported as ‘30 or less’.

Queensland ATAR is calculated by QTAC for entry into tertiary courses. Is the standard pathway to tertiary study in QLD.
The Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and the ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) are different and have a different purpose.

For questions about the QCE, including assessment and subject results, please contact QCAA (Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority) at www.qcaa.edu.au

**QCE**
Certifies learning, showing the individual has achieved a specific standard of education at senior schooling level and may be considered by employers and the general community.

**ATAR**
Tells us about a student’s position (or ranking) compared to all other students in the state. The only intended purpose for the ATAR is to assist with selecting applicants for tertiary study.
ATAR Eligibility Requirements

5 General Subjects

OR

4 General Subjects plus either:
- Applied subject
- Completed Certificate III or Higher Level VET Qualification
English – Compulsory Subject

Students must successfully complete one of the following:
- English
- English as an Additional Language
- English & Literature Extension
- Literature
- Essential English

Successfully complete = ‘C’ letter grade or higher.
No specific subjects are mandated inclusions in the ATAR.
How is VET included in the ATAR?

Each VET qualification level has a single scaled score that can be included in the student’s ATAR.

For example, Cert III in Hospitality and Cert III in Lab Skills will have the same scaled score, regardless of duration or content.

It is expected that a scaled score for a VET Diploma will be higher than a Certificate IV, which in turn will be higher than a Certificate III.

IMPORTANT: VET qualifications must be recorded as completed in a student’s QCAA learning account to be included in the ATAR calculation.
Scaling - Overview

Scaling is necessary so that student results in different subjects can be compared fairly.

Each state in Australia uses a scaling process in the calculation of the ATAR. In Qld, subject results are scaled by QTAC during the ATAR calculation process.

Scaling involves transforming “raw” subject results during the scaling process to allow the results for a given subject to be fairly compared with the results from any other subject.

Uses some complex mathematics to underpin the process
1. ATAR Documents: qtac.edu.au/atar/
qtac.edu.au/publications/
Sequence of Events

1. QCAA collects Unit 3 and 4 subject results & completed VET qualifications
2. QTAC scales results
3. QTAC receives raw results
4. ATARs calculated on a ranked scale 99.95 To 0.00
5. QTAC releases ATARs and students access their ATAR account
ATAR Calculators

QTAC does not endorse or support the use of “ATAR calculators” due to the changing nature of the student cohort from year to year.

ATAR calculators do not use current data so cannot accurately predict a student’s possible ATAR.
Spotlight on High Achievers

Students receiving an ATAR of 99.95 did so with:

• 13 different subject combinations of subjects, and
• 16 distinct General subjects across humanities, languages and STEM

With the release of the ATAR each year, the combination and breadth of subjects contributing to various levels of achievement will change.

Each ATAR year has a different cohort of Yr 12 students, with differing subjects studied and differing abilities.
Accessing ATARs

2021 QUEENSLAND YEAR 12 STUDENTS

2021 ATAR REGISTRATION OPENS ON 3 AUGUST

Have the following personal details ready before you get started:

- Full name (as shown on your QCAA learning account)
- Date of birth
- LUI number
- Personal email address (do not use your school email)

Please Note: If you are planning to apply to tertiary study in 2022, you will also need to complete a QTAC Application.

2021 Year 12 ATAR accounts created prior to 3 August 2021 will not be confirmed with the QCAA data until the 3rd August.

2020 ATAR account holders can still log into the ATAR Portal.

REGISTER or LOG IN to the ATAR PORTAL

gtac.edu.au/atar
Accessing ATARs

- Current Year 12s can open their ATAR account with QTAC from Tues Aug 3 (Opening of Admissions)

- ATARs will be released at 9am on 17 December in 2021

- The ATAR release is an online release only, via the ATAR Portal.

- Students can opt in to receive an ATAR release notification via email and can download and print a results notice.

- Students who wish to study interstate also need to register for their ATAR

- Yr 12s planning to apply for tertiary study in 2021 also need to complete a QTAC application from Aug 3.

https://www.qtac.edu.au/atar/
Details entered into the ATAR Portal must match the QCAA data
Contents:
• Background
• The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)
• How is the ATAR calculated?
• Inter-subject scaling
• Your QCE and your ATAR
• The ATAR and tertiary selection
• VET qualifications, the ATAR and tertiary selection
• Subject prerequisites
• ATAR Frequently asked questions
• Steps to tertiary study
• Applying through QTAC
• After you have applied
• Offers
• Essential information
• Glossary of common terms
Other Helpful Documents: qtac.edu/atar

ATAR quick factsheets:

- ATAR: an overview
- ATAR and subject prerequisites for tertiary entrance
- ATAR and VET qualifications
- ATAR and senior external examinations
- Tertiary entrance in 2022 – Quick reference for students and parents
- Qualifying for a New ATAR
Need help?

Need more information?

Call the ATAR hotline 1300 193 173

For more details about changes to subjects and curriculum, visit the QCAA website.

For specific questions about the ATAR, email atar@qtac.edu.au.
OTHER PATHWAYS FOR TERTIARY ENTRY
There are other pathways for tertiary entry

Institutions may also consider completed VET qualifications (at Certificate III level and higher) as a basis of tertiary admission on their own (including non-school leavers applying for tertiary study) as summarised below:

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Performing arts qualifications for admissions

Non-AQF performing arts qualifications (such as AMEB awards) are not included in the ATAR calculation. However, some institutions may consider these qualifications on their own (including for non-school leavers) as a basis of admission to tertiary study, as summarised below.

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|                                                                    | James Cook University  
|                                                                    | TAFE Queensland  
|                                                                    | The University of Queensland (for non-current school leavers)  
|                                                                    | University of the Sunshine Coast  
|                                                                    | University of Southern Queensland  
|                                                                    | University of New England  
|                                                                    | Southern Cross University |

Institutions that will not accept performing arts qualifications as a basis of admission for any category of applicant

| Bond University  
| Queensland University of Technology |
University might not be for everyone.

If students aren’t looking at getting a university degree, a certificate, diploma or trade qualification might be something to consider. They can offer great benefits including:
• Starting work straight away.
• Practical, on the job training.
• Possible credit towards a degree down the track.

Everyone who goes to university or TAFE is going to have their own individual experience.

Don’t forget, QTAC is here to help match students with an opportunity that is right for them.
COURSES AND WHAT TO LOOK FOR
What are the courses for which QTAC makes offers?

Go to our Course Search function on our website at qtac.edu.au
• Add the criteria for the search

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Courses are listed

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• Take note of the information

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Prerequisites

Assumed Knowledge

Recommended Study

**Prerequisites** - You must have these subjects at the specified level of achievement to be eligible for entry into that course.

**Assumed knowledge** - Lecturers will pitch the content of the coursework assuming you have the knowledge from the specified subject at a Year 12 level.

**Recommended study** - This knowledge would assist you in completing the study.
Subject prerequisites

Subject (Units 3 and 4, Letter Grade).

For example:
Physics (Units 3 and 4, C)
Mathematical Methods (Units 3 and 4, C)

Where English is listed as a prerequisite, the description will list all general English subjects as below, then (Units 3 and 4, C):

- English
- Literature
- English & Literature Extension
- English as an Additional Language
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• …check for other prerequisites, apart from subjects.

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Subject prerequisites

*Science* for initial teacher education programs in early childhood and primary can be satisfied by one of the following general subjects:

- Agricultural Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth & Environmental Science
- Marine Science
- Physics
- Psychology
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| JULY     | CQU - Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July  
|          | JCU - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 5:30 -7pm (info session)  
|          | QUT - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July (on campus)  
|          | - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July (virtual) |
| AUGUST   | ACU - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 10am-2pm  
|          | GU - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August  
|          | SAE – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August  
|          | UQ - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August  
|          | USQ – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August (Ipswich & Springfield)  
|          | - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August (Toowoomba) |
PREFERENCES
What is preferencing?

- Preferencing is an important part of the application process as only one offer is received at a time, based on your highest eligible preference.
- Each application has up to 6 preferences.
- Preferences can be changed after the application is lodged, even after an offer is made.
- Each application comes with 3 free changes as part of the application fee.
- It is a good idea to keep one preference change for when ATARs are released.
Ordering Preferences

1\textsuperscript{st}

**Desired Courses**
Courses you want to study the most

2\textsuperscript{nd}

**Back-up Courses**
Courses you would be happy to study

3\textsuperscript{rd}

**Pathway Courses**
Courses that will help to upgrade you into the course you really want
What are pathway courses?

**Other Tertiary Study**
- Less competitive degrees
- Different campuses
- Regional institutions
- Bridging and tertiary preparatory courses

**Combined Diplomas/Degrees**
- Apply for entry into a Diploma
- Guaranteed entry into the Bachelor course if the course is passed
- Get credit for study done so far and graduate with two qualifications
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| **1st**  
**2nd**  | Bachelor of Education (Primary) -  
Bachelor of Education (Primary) - |
| **3rd**  
**4th**  | Bachelor of Education (Primary) -  
Bachelor of Education (Primary) - |
| **5th**  
**6th**  | Dip of Higher Edn/B Edn (Primary) -  
Tertiary Preparation Program - |
Do all your preferences have the same Offer Round date?

- Enter your preferences in their current order
- Reorder your preferences according to Offer Round date

[qtac.edu.au/course-offer-dates-and-vacancy-information]
Selection Ranks & Adjustment factors

ATARs are calculated only on the students’ actual QCE subject results which have been scaled

Adjustment Factors (EAS, subject, etc) are applied after the ATAR is calculated

**Application Selection Rank = ATAR plus Adjustment factors**

QTAC continues to administer Adjustment Factor schemes which have been determined by individual institutions
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. School Environment
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
OTHER APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS
Application Checklist - you will need these:

• LUI (Learner Unique Identifier)
• Alternate email address
• Additional qualification details
• Authorise someone
Application Process for Current International Year 12 Students Applying to QLD Institutions

• All year 12 students completing the QCE must apply through QTAC
• For interstate applications please contact the relevant TAC if you are applying as an International student.
QTAC Fees 2021/2022

Year 12 Students
• 3 August – 28 February $46

Change of Preference
• 3 changes included for free
• 4th and subsequent changes $46

Ensure payment is complete – please view your receipt!
How are offers allocated?

Applying for: Bachelor of Rocket Science – Prerequisites: English, plus either Maths Methods, Chemistry or Physics

4 places available (example only)

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<td>Eng, Maths Methods, Chem, Art, Bio</td>
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<td>AIKO</td>
<td>Eng, Maths Methods, Bio, Drama, Geo</td>
<td>89.65</td>
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<td>ESTHER</td>
<td>Eng, Essential Maths, Bio, Art, HPE</td>
<td>82.00</td>
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<td>SAMUEL</td>
<td>Eng, Chem, Bio, Geo, HPE</td>
<td>72.50</td>
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<td>JASMINE</td>
<td>Eng, Literature, Gen Maths, Bio, Economics</td>
<td>98.10</td>
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<td>NICOLE</td>
<td>Eng, Maths Methods, Chem, Physics</td>
<td>75.00</td>
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<td>BILL</td>
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<td>OMAR</td>
<td>Eng, Maths Methods, Chem, Geo, Economics</td>
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Minimum threshold rank is 75.00
How do we notify you of your offer?

• You’ll get an email and may also get an SMS

To respond to your offer

• Login to your QTAC account in Application Services at applications.qtac.edu.au
• Under My Application, select View or Edit
• Under Offers, select View offer details
• Select the Respond to offer link

You may also receive an SMS if your offer is about to lapse
Response Options

- Accept offer
- Reject offer
- Defer offer

*Available for selected courses
Deferral lets you delay starting your course. Usually, you can defer for up to a year, but some institutions let you defer for longer. Others do not allow deferral.

In most cases, you can defer when you respond to your QTAC offer. The institution contacts you to advise what to do next.

Institution deferment policies
Select an institution for information on their deferment policy.

- Australian Catholic University
- Bond University
- Christian Heritage College
- CQUniversity Australia
- Griffith College
- Griffith University
- James Cook University

qtac.edu.au/deferment
You didn’t get your first preference but want to be considered for another course or university?

Conditionally Accept Your Offer
Didn’t get first preference?

**Offer Round***

- Bach of Environmental Science
  - USC
  - 13 January

- Bach of Environmental Science
  - Southern Cross University
  - 13 January

- Bach of Environmental Science - **OFFER**
  - University of New England
  - 13 January

- Bach of Bus & Environmental Science
  - James Cook University
  - 13 January

- Bach of Wildlife Science
  - The University of Queensland
  - 13 January

*Offer dates may not be accurate for the courses shown – used as examples only*
Conditionally Accept – still be considered

Offer Round*

Bach of Environmental Science

Further rounds*

Bach of Environmental Science

Further rounds*

Bach of Environmental Science
Conditionally Accept

13 January

Bach of Bus & Environmental Science

13 January

Bach of Wildlife Science

13 January

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Received first preference and changed your mind or prefer offer in later offer round?

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Reorder/change preferences first, then Conditionally Accept – still be considered

Offer Round*

- **B Nursing**
  - January 13

- **B Nursing**
  - January 13

- **B Nursing – CONDITIONALLY ACCEPT**
  - December 23

- **B Nursing**
  - December 23

- **Dip Nursing**
  - January 13

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Why didn’t I get an offer?

1. Did not meet entry requirements
2. ATAR or selection rank did not meet the threshold
3. Did not pay your application fee
4. Ordered your preferences incorrectly
5. Applied after the due date
International Student and you haven’t received a QTAC offer via SMS or Email?

• While QTAC processes your application and will be able to answer your enquiries, you will receive your offers direct from the institution/s you have applied to.

• You may receive multiple offers
You have options!

• Change preferences
• Pathway options
• Look to see what courses aren’t full

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Ring QTAC and let’s chat
KEY DATES
What are our key dates for 2021/2022?

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<td>QTAC applications open for 2022 courses</td>
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