

**Applying to QTAC 2021** 

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### 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

























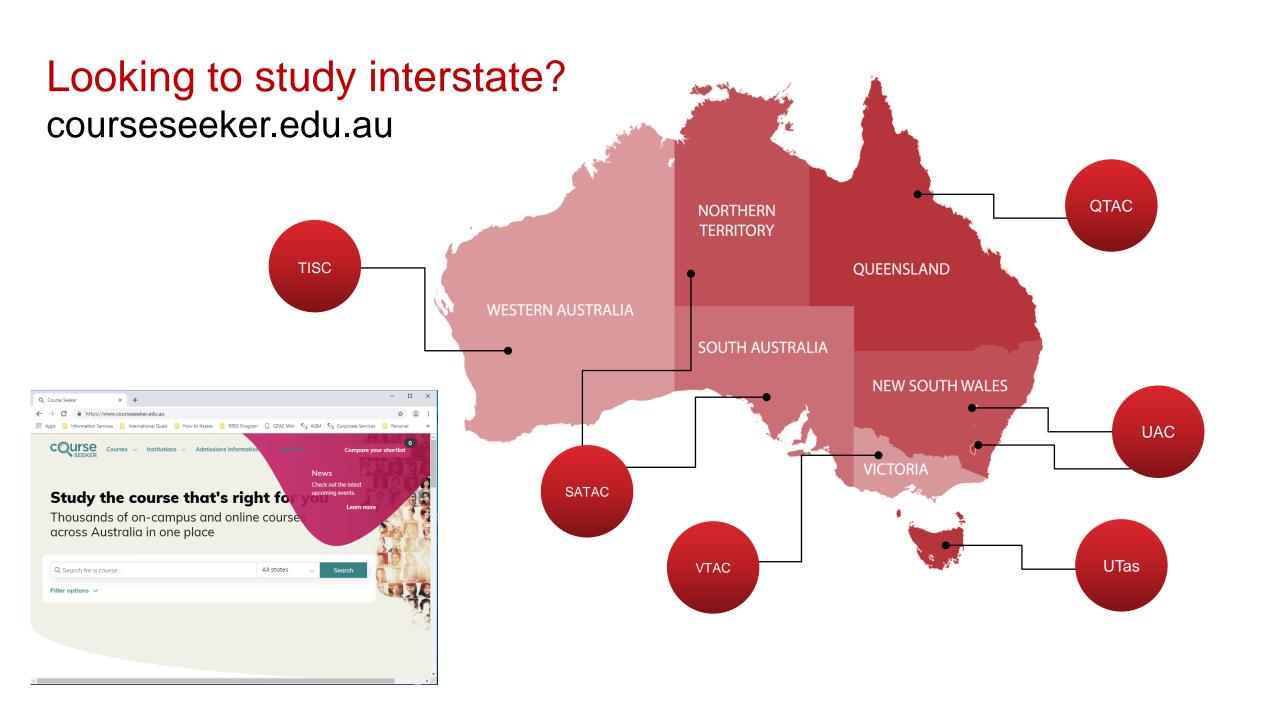














# **ADMISSION CRITERIA**

### **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 moves to System begins the next preference to check merit Merit Is your rank above the minimum? Application goes on to compete System moves to with all other applicants on the the next preference

basis of rank

# 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)



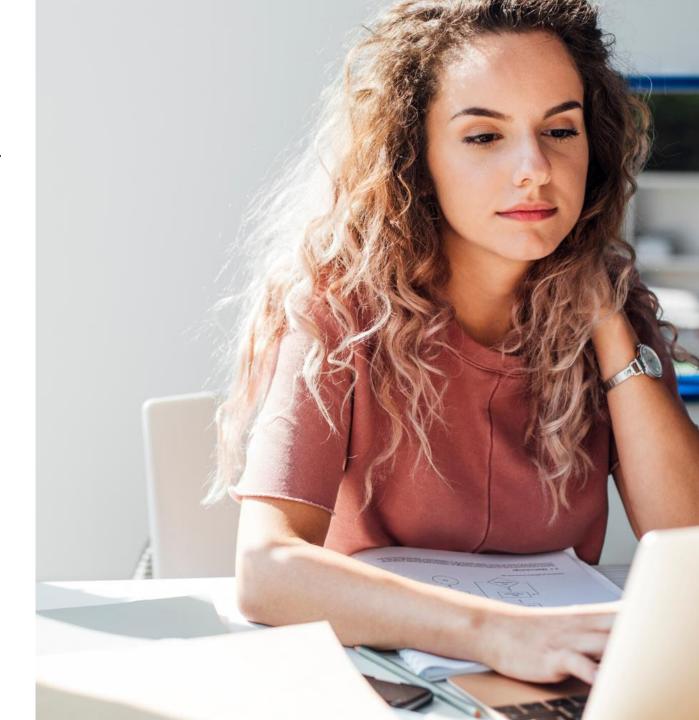
#### How is merit determined?

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 <u>fairly</u>.

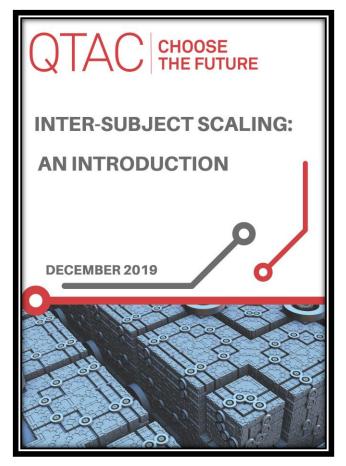
Each state in Australia uses a scaling process in the calculation of the ATAR. In Qld, subject results are scaled by QTAC during the ATAR calculation process.

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

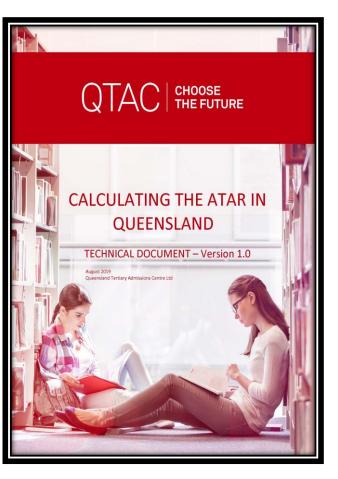


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ATAR Documents: qtac.edu.au/atar/

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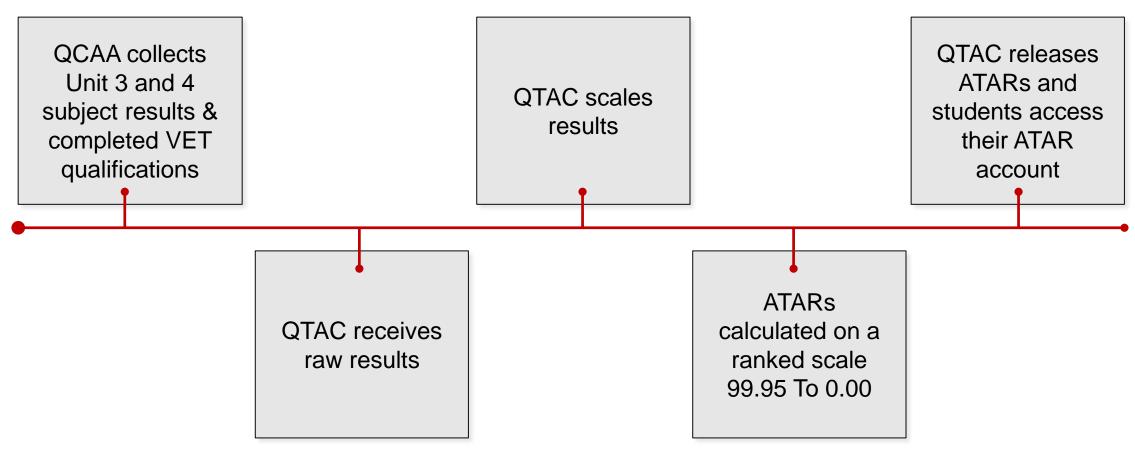


qtac.edu.au/atar/ qtac.edu.au/publications/

3.



## Sequence of Events



### **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.



## 2020 ATAR results

#### **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

## 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 18
   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.

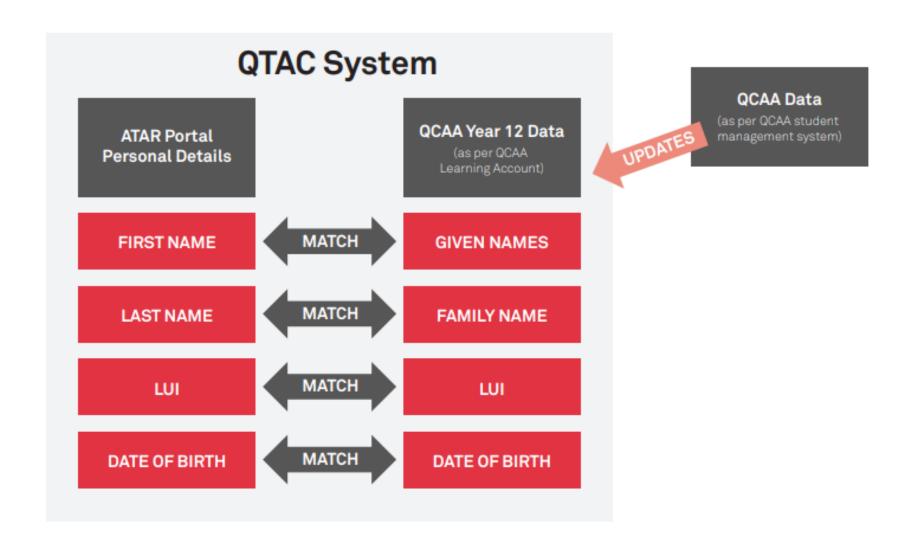


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Email Address *		
Password *		
Forgot password	?	
	LOG IN	

Sign-up	
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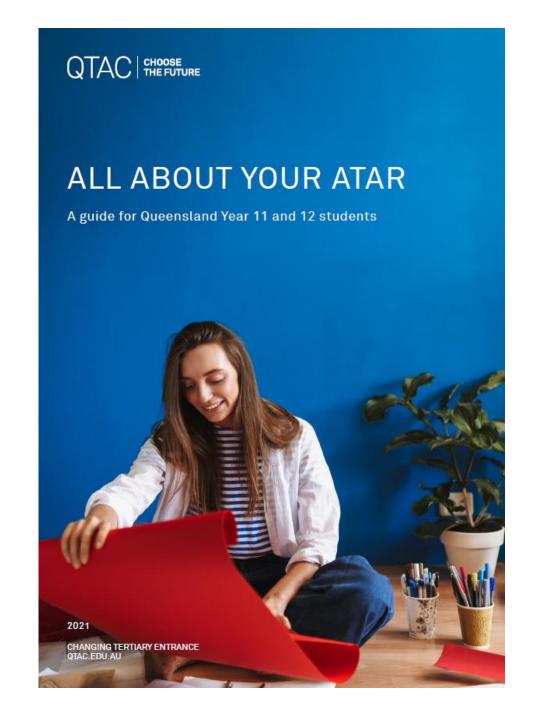
# Details entered into the ATAR Portal must match the QCAA data



# Other Helpful Documents: <a href="https://documents.com/qtac.edu.au/atar">qtac.edu.au/atar</a>

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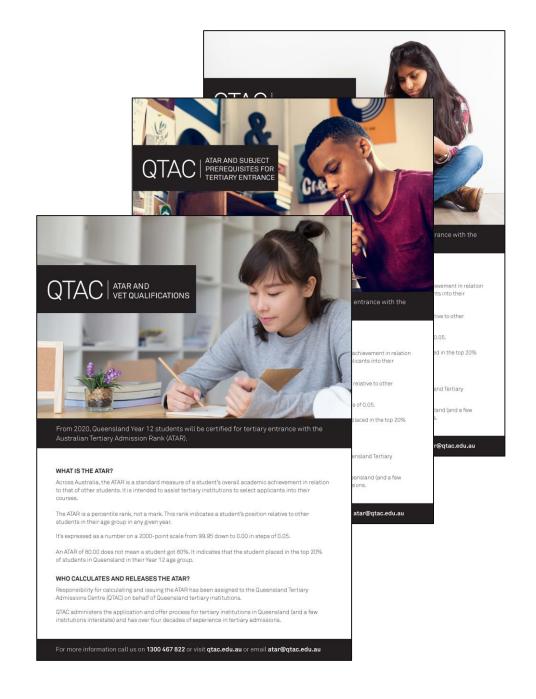
- Background
- The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)
- How is the ATAR calculated?
- Inter-subject scaling
- Your QCE and your ATAR
- The ATAR and tertiary selection
- VET qualifications, the ATAR and tertiary selection
- Subject prerequisites
- ATAR Frequently asked questions
- Steps to tertiary study
- Applying through QTAC
- After you have applied
- Offers
- Essential information
- Glossary of common terms



# Other Helpful Documents: <a href="https://documents.com/qtac.edu/atar">qtac.edu/atar</a>

#### 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:

Policy	Institution
Institution specific schedules	Australian Catholic University Bond University Christian Heritage College CQUniversity Australia Griffith College Griffith University James Cook University Queensland University of Technology (accepts school leavers with Cert IV & above & who also graduate with a QCE, ATAR or IBD) 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

## 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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Institutions that will not accept performing arts qualifications as a basis of admission for any category of applicant	Bond University Queensland University of Technology



## Pathways continued...

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.

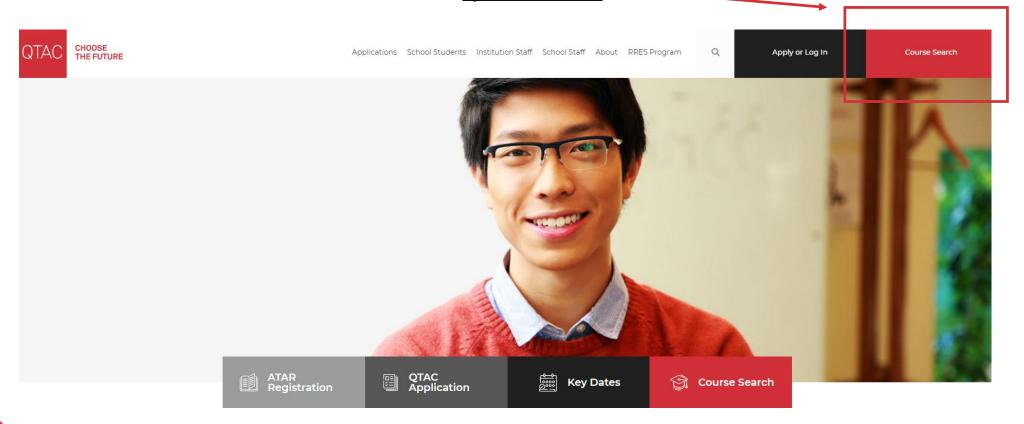
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## COURSES AND WHAT TO LOOK FOR

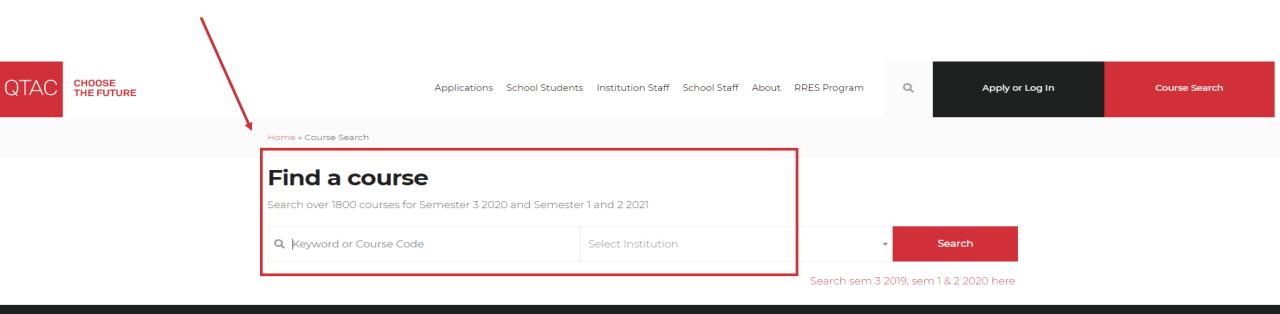
## What are the courses for which QTAC makes offers?

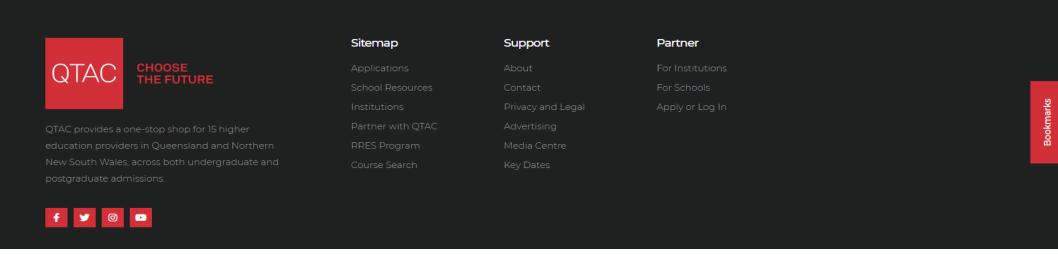
Go to our Course Search function on our website at <a href="mailto:qtac.edu.au">qtac.edu.au</a>



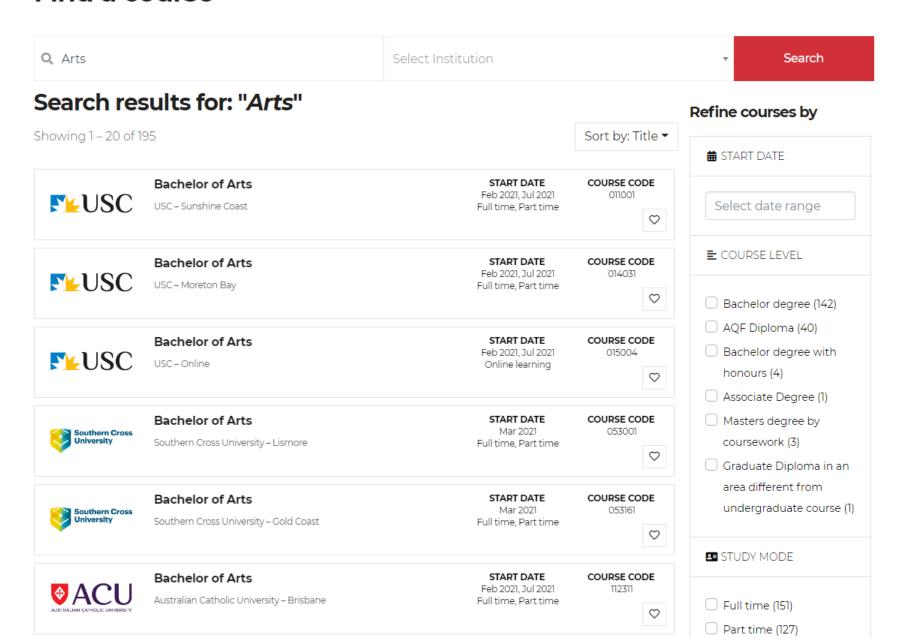


Add the criteria for the search





#### Find a course



Home » University of Southern Queensland » Bachelor of Paramedicine – 936152

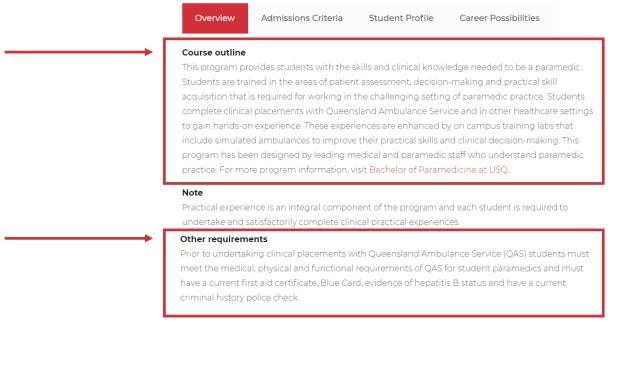
#### Take note of the information

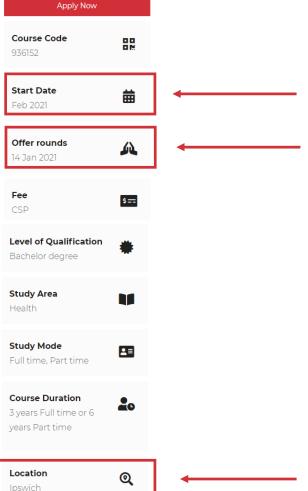
#### **Bachelor of Paramedicine**

University of Southern Queensland - Ipswich









NB: Examples today show details for 2021 courses. Our website should be updated late July for 2022 courses in time for when admissions open in August.

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...check Admissions Criteria tab!



Prerequisites

website.

English, Literature, English and Literature Extension or English as an Additional Language (Units 3 and 4, C); Mathematical Methods (Units 3 and 4, C); Chemistry (Units 3 and 4, C); Completion of Year

Recommended study

One of Biology, Health, Physical Education or Physics (Units 3 and 4, C)

OP/Rank profile for those offered places wholly or partly on the basis of OP/Rank for semester/trimester/term 1, 2020

For more information about the OP/Rank profile, please visit OP/Rank profile explained.

	OP/Rank excluding adjustment factors	OP/Rank including adjustment factors
Highest OP/Rank to receive an offer	2/97	2/97
Median OP/Rank to receive an offer	8/84	8/84
Lowest OD/Dank to receive an offer	11/77	10/79



Apply Now	
Course Code 316121	00 0%
Start Date Feb 2021	曲
<b>Offer rounds</b> 14 Jan 2021	W
Fee CSP/\$7950 (1st year contribution)	\$ <del></del>
<b>Level of Qualification</b> Bachelor degree	*
Study Area Health	
<b>Study Mode</b> Full time, Part time	<b>₽</b> ≣
Course Duration 4 years Full time or 8 years Part time	<b>2</b> c
<b>Location</b> Townsville	Q

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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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#### **Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (Honours)**

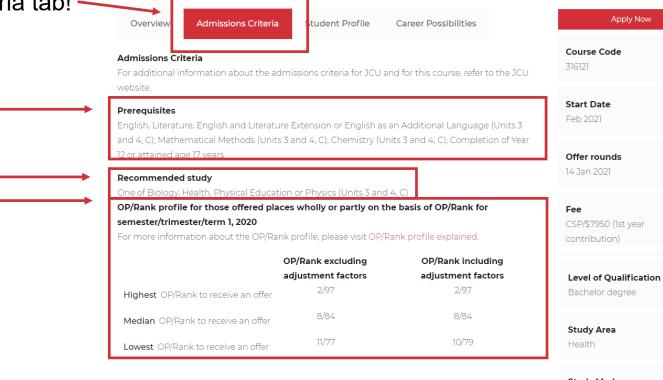
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James Cook University - Townsville



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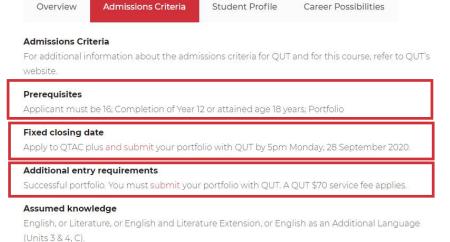
Home » Queensland University of Technology » Bachelor of Design - International (Fashion) - 421692

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#### **Bachelor of Design - International (Fashion)**

Queensland University of Technology - Gardens Point&Kelvin Grove

...check for other prerequisites, apart from subjects.



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	OP/Rank excluding adjustment factors	OP/Rank including adjustment factors
Highest OP/Rank to receive an offer	<5 <sup>*</sup>	<5 <sup>*</sup>
Median OP/Rank to receive an offer	<5 <sup>*</sup>	<5 <sup>*</sup>
Lowest OP/Rank to receive an offer	<5 <sup>*</sup>	<5 <sup>*</sup>
Notes		
* "<5" – indicates less than 5 OP/Rank	based offers were made	

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Course Code 421692	88
Start Date Feb 2021	苗
Offer rounds 14 Jan 2021	47
Fee CSP/\$8330 (1st year contribution)	\$ <del></del>
<b>Level of Qualification</b> Bachelor degree	*
<b>Study Area</b> Arts	
<b>Study Mode</b> Full time	≛≣
<b>Course Duration</b> 4 years Full time	20
<b>Location</b> Brisbane	Q



## 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

MAY	CHC – Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May, 6:30pm (virtual)
<u>JUNE</u>	JCU- Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June, 5:30-7pm (info session)
<u>JULY</u>	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**

1st

**Desired Courses** 

2<sup>nd</sup>

Courses you want to study the most

3rd

**Back-up Courses** 

4<sup>th</sup>

Courses you would be happy to study

5<sup>th</sup>

**Pathway Courses** 

6<sup>th</sup>

Courses that will help to upgrade you into the course you <u>really</u> 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



## Preferencing Example:

1st 2<sup>nd</sup> **Bachelor of Education (Primary) -**Bachelor of Education (Primary) - Quiversity



3rd 4th **Bachelor of Education (Primary) -**Bachelor of Education (Primary) - ACL



5th 6th Dip of Higher Edn/B Edn (Primary) -Tertiary Preparation Program - VSC

## 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
- 4<sup>th</sup> and subsequent changes

\$46

Ensure payment is complete – please view your receipt!



## **OFFERS**

### How are offers allocated?

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

#### 4 places available (example only)

MIKE Eng, Maths Methods, Chem, Art, Bio ATAR 94.05	AIKO Eng, Maths Methods, Bio, Drama, Geo ATAR 89.65	MIKE Eng, Maths M Chem ATAR 94.05	AIKO Eng, Maths Metho ATAR 89.65	ds,	Make 4	4 offers
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RANK 98.10	RANK 75.00	RANK 98.10	RANK 75.00		NICOLE	75.00
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Physics, Bio ATAR 98.50	Physics, Bio Economics		RANK 88.30		Minimum threshold rank is	
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## How do we notify you of your offer?

You'll get an email and may also get an SMS

## To respond to your offer

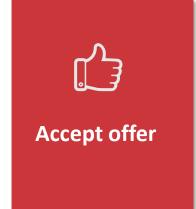
- Login to your QTAC account in Application Services at <u>applications.qtac.edu.au</u>
- Under My Application, select View or Edit
- Under Offers, select View offer details
- Select the Respond to offer link

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





## Response Options







Home » Deferment

#### **Deferment**

Deferment 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 deferment.

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	0
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?

**Bach of Environmental** Science



13 January

Offer Round\*

**Bach of Environmental** Science



13 January

**Bach of Environmental** Science - OFFER



13 January

Bach of Bus & **Environmental Science** 



13 January

Bach of Wildlife Science 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 University of New England

13 January

Bach of Bus & Environmental Science



13 January

**Bach of Wildlife Science** 



13 January

\*Offer dates may not be accurate for the courses shown – used as examples only

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\*



\*Offer dates may not be accurate for the courses shown – used as examples only

## 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

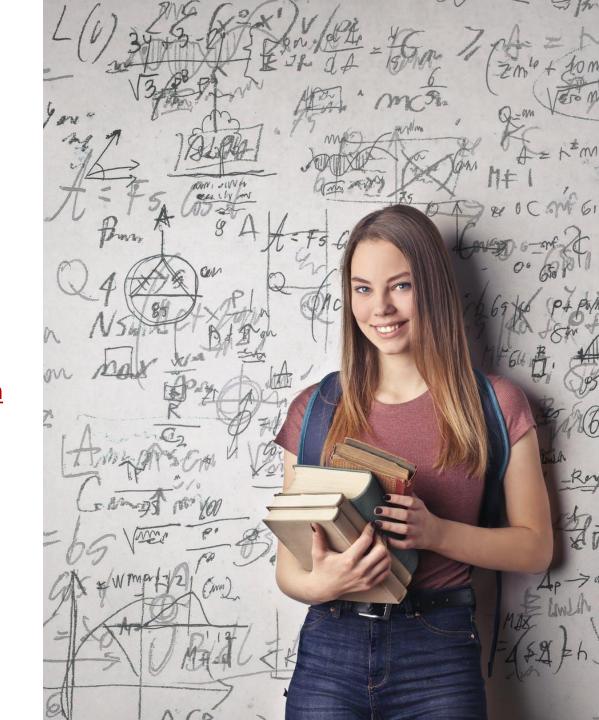


## You have options!

- Change preferences
- Pathway options
- Look to see what courses aren't full

qtac.edu.au/course-offer-dates-and-vacancy-information

Ring QTAC and let's chat





## KEY DATES

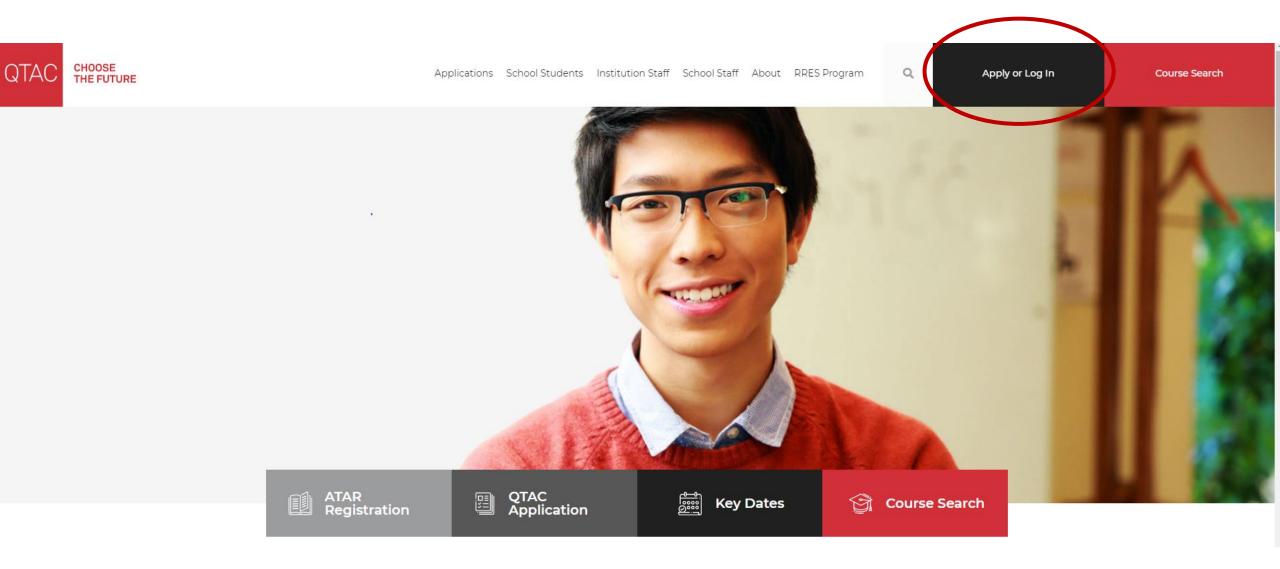
### What are our key dates for 2021/2022?

May	31st Final UCAT booking deadline
July	1 <sup>st</sup> UCAT testing begins
August	3 <sup>rd</sup> QTAC applications open for 2022 courses 3 <sup>rd</sup> ATAR account registration opens (Qld Yr 12s) Some audition and portfolio applications close
September	Early closing dates for some courses
October	Reminder to get EAS and supporting documents submitted
November	Offer rounds continue  19th Last day Qld Yr 12
December	9 <sup>th</sup> Due date to apply & submit documents for December offer round 10 <sup>th</sup> Due date to apply & submit documents for January offer round 18 <sup>th</sup> Qld ATAR and QCE released 20 <sup>th</sup> 12pm Due date for change of preferences prior to next offer round 23rd Offer round
January	5 <sup>th</sup> Due date for change of preferences prior to next offer round 13 <sup>th</sup> Offer round Further offer rounds
February	Further offer rounds



## **READY TO APPLY?**

## Go to www.qtac.edu.au and hit Apply



## Contact us

Website www.qtac.edu.au

Phone 1300 467 822







@qtacinfo