



2026 CAREERS BULLETIN

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Announcements

Applying to QTAC?

A BIG reminder that you must [apply to QTAC](#) before 30 September 2026 to get the early bird application fee of \$75. After that it goes up to \$159! You get 3 free change sessions as part of your application so you can always make changes if needs be.

Laugh for the fortnight!

I found being an electrician interesting but the work was shocking.

Thought for the fortnight

Falling down is part of life.

Getting back up is living -

Jose N Harris

Apprenticeships & Traineeships



Brisbane City Council Apprenticeships

Brisbane City Council has not published a set date for its 2027 apprenticeship intake. It advertises apprenticeships as vacancies become available throughout the year. It is worth checking regularly. You can:

- Check [Brisbane City Council's current vacancies](#)
- [Join Council's Talent Community for job alerts](#)
- Read about its [apprenticeship programs](#)

Applicants generally need to be at least 15 years old and meet the residency requirements.

Key Apprenticeship Program

The Key Apprenticeship Program offers eligible apprentices up to \$10,000 when starting or restarting an apprenticeship in clean energy or housing construction. There are two options:

- New Energy Apprenticeship
- Housing Construction Apprenticeship

[Find out about payments, eligible jobs and how to sign up.](#)

VET courses in Queensland?

Want to know more about VET courses? Check out the [Queensland Skills Gateway website](#). Use the training course search function, enter the field of work (e.g. carpentry), the level of the course (e.g. All) and the industry (e.g. Construction). While the website's focus is vocational education and training (VET), it does include an occupational search function that has information on a broader range of careers and other helpful sites.

Want to be an electrician?

Electro Group Training and Apprenticeships is a Group Training Company specialising in training people for the electrical industry. It employs and monitors the training of electrical apprentices. For more information, visit the [Electro Group website](#) (click on 'Apprenticeships'). While you are on the site, read about the attributes and skills required of an electrical apprentice. Also, do the self-assessment to see if you have the maths and science skills needed for the job.

What do Locksmiths do?

Locksmiths install and maintain locks and related security devices and systems. The job involves:

- Assembling parts and sub-assemblies of precision instruments and locks
- Dismantling precision instruments, locks, repairs and replaces defective parts, and reassembles articles using hand and power tools and specially designed machines
- Installing security systems, changes tumblers in locks, changing locks, cuts keys and opens locks by manipulation
- Estimate costs and preparing quotes for repairs

[Find out more here](#) including key values of workers in Locksmiths and top skills required for workers as Locksmiths.



Australian Defence Force (ADF) information sessions

The Australian Defence Force runs [information sessions](#) where you can learn about ADF careers, training and life in the Defence Force. Click each event for the location and time. You must register to attend. Some sessions are held during the September school holidays.

- 08/09/2026 [Brisbane Army Special Forces Information Session](#)
[Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 09/09/2026 [Cairns Defence Careers Information Session](#)
[Charters Towers Trade Careers Information Session](#)
- 15/09/2026 [Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 23/09/2026 [Brisbane Army Careers Information Session](#)
- 29/09/2026 [Cairns Defence Careers Information Session](#)
[Townsville Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 30/09/2026 [Defence University Sponsorship Information Session](#)
- 01/10/2026 [Gold Coast Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 06/10/2026 [Toowoomba Defence Careers Information Session](#)
[Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session](#)

Women in the Australian Defence Force (ADF)

In every one of our 300+ roles, women are showing how it's done. Whether you're after a full-time or part-time role, you can find excellent career opportunities that champion equality in a supportive and inclusive workplace. [Check it out here.](#)

Career Exploration



Career Aptitude Test

The Career Aptitude Test uses timed activities and challenges to identify your natural strengths, learning style and problem-solving skills. Unlike personality quizzes, it measures how you perform rather than how you think you perform, helping you explore careers that may suit you. [Find out more info here.](#)

Life after ATAR: Navigating the world of offers, preferences and pathways

You've almost finished Year 12! When results and ATARs are released, you may have questions about what comes next. The Good Universities Guide blog has helpful information to explore your options after school. [Find out more about:](#)

- Making sense of your ATAR
- Change of preference
- Offers
- Pathways to uni
- Vocational education
- Taking a gap year

Myfuture can work for you

The school holidays are a great time to do some quality career research. [Myfuture](#) has some great tools to help you explore the many options available to you including (you will need to register for free to access some of the information below):

- [My career profile](#) - Complete activities to identify interests, values, skills and view suggested occupations to explore career pathway options. (Register for access)
- [Occupations](#) - Explore over 350 occupations describing tasks, skill levels and current labour market information. (Register for access)
- [Industries](#) - Access important information (including employment prospects) for each industry
- [Career articles](#) - Discover practical information to support your career exploration
- [Courses](#) - Identify appropriate course/s by viewing current higher education and vocational education and training (VET) courses. (Register for access)
- [Career bullseyes](#) - Find out what career pathways are related to your favourite school subject/s
- [Career stories](#) - Learn tips and tricks by reading real-life career stories about personal experiences
- [Job seeker resources](#) - Find resume and cover letter templates and other resources to help you find and get a job

- [User guide videos](#) - View short videos that demonstrate key sections of the website to learn how to get the most out of myfuture

Want to 'help people'? There are many different job options

Allied health is one of Australia's largest and fastest-growing career areas. Jobs include physiotherapy, psychology, occupational therapy, dietetics, social work, speech pathology, medical imaging and more. [Explore allied health careers](#) and check out the [myfuture website](#).

What does a Registered Nurse (Community Health) do?

Registered Nurses (Community Health) provide nursing care, health counselling, screening and education to individuals, families and groups in the wider community with a focus on patient independence and health promotion. Day-to-day tasks include:

- assesses, plans, implements and evaluates nursing care for patients according to accepted nursing practice and standards
- working in consultation with other health professionals and members of health teams, and co-ordinating the care of patients
- providing interventions, treatments and therapies such as medications, and monitors responses to treatment and care plans
- promoting health and assisting in preventing ill health by participating in health education and other health promotion activities
- answering questions and providing information to patients and families about treatment and care
- supervising and co-ordinating the work of enrolled nurses and other health care workers.

[Find out more here.](#)

What is that job

SkillsRoad lists over 300 jobs. Click [here](#) to search a job and find out information about:

- Who the job is suited to ...
- Overview
- Job titles
- Job tasks
- Training and qualifications
- Weekly wage
- Related careers



JMC Academy and Open Season – Battle of the Bands, Solos or duos!

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JMC are thrilled to announce their next high school competition launching this August – it's time for Battle of the Bands! Whether you're a band, solo artist or duo, all are encouraged to enter.

- Open to all high school students aged 15 years and above
- Work experience opportunities for Film & TV and Audio Engineering high school students also available as part of the event
- The winner will receive a first-place prize of a supporting act spot at one of Brisbane's elite music venues via JMC's partnership with The Tivoli Group

Applications close: 11:59pm Tuesday September 22nd, 2026

Battle of the Bands event: October 2026

Winning prize performance: November – December 2026

[Click here](#) to enter today! *Please note that these times may be subject to change at the organiser's discretion.*

The Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize

The Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize is offered each year. Enter the competition by submitting poetry. The 2026 winner of The Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize will receive \$3000 and two highly commended entrants will be awarded \$500 each. The competition closes on 22 September 2026. [You can find more information here.](#)

Disabilities



Support for young people with disability

The Australian Government has put together a guide with information to support students with disabilities who are leaving school. Click [here](#) to read about:

- School ends. Ideas for you
- Do you study. Do you work
- You want to work. Help you can get
- You want to study. Help you can get
- You feel bad. Who can help you
- Websites to help you

Employment, Job and Labour Market Info



Adwords Specialist - Want to know more?

An AdWords Specialist, now usually called a Google Ads Specialist, creates and manages online advertisements that appear on Google. They usually:

- choose keywords people might search for
- write short online advertisements
- decide which audiences should see the ads
- set and manage advertising budgets
- monitor clicks, enquiries and sales
- test different ads to improve results
- prepare reports for clients or managers

The job suits someone interested in marketing, technology, writing and analysing data. SEEK advertisements may also use titles such as Paid Search Specialist, PPC Specialist, Digital Marketing Specialist or Performance Marketing Specialist. [Check out the profile here](#) including job opportunities, salary, job satisfaction and more.

Careers in computer industry

The computer industry is very diverse and growing. The following are jobs that you may not have heard of but find interesting:

- [Information Security Analyst](#)
- [Web Developer](#)
- [Software engineer](#)
- [Systems Analyst](#)
- [Computer programmer](#)
- [Database Administrator](#)
- [IT Manager](#)
- [Network Architect](#)
- [Software developer](#)
- [Computer scientist](#)
- [Technical support](#)
- [Video game developer](#)
- [AI Engineer](#)
- [Application Analyst](#)
- [Applications Developer](#)

- [Computer hardware engineer](#)
- [Information technology Officer](#)
- [Web Designer](#)

Climate careers

According to the Clean Energy Council, the peak body for the clean energy industry in Australia:

- Renewable energy production has nearly tripled in the last ten years.
- Nearly 30% of Australian energy is already generated from renewable sources, and it's set to increase to 50%.
- Over 3 million homes across the country have rooftop solar panels.
- Over 20 new wind farms are under construction, supporting 8,000 jobs.
- There are over 30,000 jobs in the renewable energy sector, and this number is growing rapidly.

[Find out more about a career in climate including:](#)

- What are climate careers?
- Will a climate career suit me?
- Occupations in Climate Careers
- How to get started

Getting paid the right amount

Visit the [Fair Work Ombudsman website](#) for information about pay obligations, including minimum wages and the rules regarding unpaid work. You can also find information about:

- Pay and wages
- Leave
- Starting employment
- Employment conditions
- Workplace problems
- Ending employment

Jobs by Industry

An industry is a group of businesses doing similar work. Each industry employs people in many different jobs. For example, construction includes carpenters, electricians, managers, accountants and labourers. Australia's five largest employing industries provide more than half of all jobs:

1. Health Care and Social Assistance — 2.4 million
2. Retail Trade — 1.5 million
3. Professional, Scientific and Technical Services — 1.3–1.4 million
4. Construction — 1.3 million
5. Education and Training — 1.3 million

[Download Australian Jobs 2026](#) to learn more.

Launch into Work for individuals

You might not have the skills, experience and confidence you need for work right now. But you could still be a good match for a business because of your values, attributes and behaviours. Under the Launch into Work program, businesses work with the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations to design pre-employment projects to prepare individuals for work in their business. [Find out more here including eligibility, pre-employment projects and more.](#)

Like Maths - Check out these jobs then!

They say that 75 per cent of the fastest growing jobs require STEM skills! The Australian Mathematical Science Institute (AMSI) has put together a list of industry areas and jobs that use Maths:

- [Science and Environment](#)
- [Business and Marketing](#)
- [Technology](#)
- [Sports and Recreation](#)
- [Health and Society](#)
- [Transport and Logistics](#)
- [Biostatistics and Bioinformatics](#)
- [Engineering and Resources](#)
- [Education](#)
- [Finance and Money](#)
- [Security and Defence](#)

Occupation shortage list

The Occupation Shortage List (OSL) provides a point-in-time assessment of the shortage status of occupations in the Australian labour market. Discover which occupations are in short supply or if the shortage is confined to metropolitan areas or regional areas. [For a list of job shortages](#) across Australia.

The Difference Between Psychology, Counselling, and Social Work?

Want a career helping people but unsure which path to choose?

- **Psychology** explores behaviour and mental health.
- **Counselling** helps people work through personal and emotional challenges.
- **Social work** connects people with support and works to improve communities.

[Learn more about the differences here.](#)

What is an Apiarist - Like honey?

Apiarists plan, organise, control, coordinate and operate apiaries to produce honey, queen bee pollen, beeswax and royal jelly, breed queen bees, and pollinate crops. [Find out more here](#) including:

- What the occupation involves
- Common occupation titles
- Specialisations
- Skill level (education and experience level)

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



AIQS Donald Napier Scholarship - Construction Management degree students

The Donald Napier scholarship is able to support the future leaders of the Construction Management profession as they begin their university degrees. AIQS (Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors) offers a number of scholarships each year for Year 12 students and early school leavers who qualify for entry into a construction management degree that is AIQS accredited in Australia. There are four scholarships offered each year:

1. **General**
2. **Diversity**
3. **First Nations people** (Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander)
4. **Disadvantaged** (financial, carer, medical condition or disability, regional or remote)

Scholarships are valued at \$5,000 and click [here](#) for more information. Applications close on 1 October, 2026.

Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Local Sporting Champions program

The Local Sporting Champions program provides financial assistance for coaches, officials and competitors aged 13-18 participating in state, national or international championships. If successful, applicants will receive \$500 - \$750 towards the cost of attending their championships. Applications close on 31 October 2026. Click [here](#) for more information and to read across Australia:

- Overview
- Eligibility and terms
- Application Process
- Assessment
- Case Studies
- Key Dates

Commonwealth Scholarships

There are three types of Commonwealth scholarships:

[Student Start-Up Loan](#) – Available to eligible full-time students in higher education who receive Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY Living Allowance and you must apply.

[Relocation Scholarship](#) – This is an annual payment to help eligible ABSTUDY or Youth Allowance students with their higher education if they have relocated to, or from, a regional or remote area to study.

[Payments and support for Indigenous Australians](#) - You may be eligible if you're studying or training. [ABSTUDY](#) is a group of payments for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students or apprentices.

Financial support when leaving school

Find out about Australian Government payments and loans you can get when taking the leap to further training (Apprenticeships and Traineeships) or study at university or TAFE. Click [here](#) to find out about:

- Main student payments
- Extra payments
- Payments for moving to study
- Payments to help with living costs
- Payments for study if you have disability
- Loans you can apply for
- Other loans and payments that are available

QUT scholarships

Applications for many scholarships for students commencing at QUT in 2027 are now open. There are scholarships for students from [regional or remote](#) areas, [Indigenous Australian students](#), high achievers across [sport](#), [academic](#) or [creative](#) fields, students experiencing [financial hardship](#), [migrant or refugee students](#), [women and non-binary](#) students and [budding entrepreneurs](#). There are also scholarships for students in specific study areas. [Explore all scholarships](#).

QUT Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship

QUT is one of five Australian universities that offer the [Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship](#). Valued up to \$20,000 for tuition plus the cost of attending the Westpac Disruptive Leaders Program. It also allows entry into the [QUT College of Excellence](#), the Westpac 100 Scholars Network and access to enrichment programs that develop leadership potential and kickstart a career.

UniSC Scholarships

UniSC believes every student should have the opportunity to achieve their dreams through higher education. If you want a university education, then a scholarship or bursary can provide the support you need to achieve your full potential. Scholarship applications for Study Period 1 2027 are now open and will close on 30 November 2026. You will find out by 26 February 2027.

UniSQ Scholarships

Explore what [scholarships](#) the University of Southern Queensland have on offer that you can apply for now as well as those coming soon. You can apply for more than one, so be sure to apply for all that you're eligible for. Click [here](#) to find out about the Indigenous Student Success Program.

Youth Allowance

The Australian Government provides financial help if you're 24 or younger and a student or an Australian Apprentice, or 21 or younger and looking for work:

- 16 to 21 and looking for full time work
- 18 to 24 and studying full time
- 16 to 24 and doing a full time Australian Apprenticeship
- 16 to 17 and independent or needing to live away from home to study
- 16 to 17, studying full time and have completed year 12 or equivalent

Click [here](#) to read more about Youth Allowance for students and Australian Apprentices and Youth Allowance for job seekers.

First Nations Peoples



QUT's Oodgeroo Unit's Centralised Assessment and Selection Program

QUT's Centralised Assessment and Selection Program (CASP) helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants improve their chances of getting into most QUT degrees. Applying through CASP may give you the best chance of receiving an offer. [Find out more here including info on QUT's Oodgeroo Unit.](#)

Interstate and International



Crimson Education for OS Study

Crimson Education helps students apply to leading overseas universities, including Ivy League and Oxbridge institutions. Studying overseas is a big decision, so make sure you research your options carefully. [Check out the following sessions here to learn more about:](#)

- 16/09/2026: Use your spring holidays to get into the Ivy League webinar
- 26/09/2026: The ultimate Australian students guide to Ivy League and Oxbridge Admissions seminar
- 29/09/2026: From ATAR to the USA. Getting into top US universities from Australia webinar
- 06/10/2026: Breaking down a winning Ivy League profile webinar

School Leaver Information Kit in Easy English

Discover your options after school with these easy-to-understand guides. These guides are easy to read with pictures to explain some ideas. [Find out more about the following here:](#)

- Ideas for when school ends
- You want time to think
- You want to learn more
- You learn by study
- You do classes. You learn a job
- Money to study. Help you can get
- Money to live. You can get help
- You want a job
- To get a job. Things you must do
- You feel bad. Who can help you
- Websites to help you



Private Provider Updates

Jazz Music Institute: September 2026 and Summer 2027 Jazz Clinics

JMI's Jazz Clinics are short courses for musicians who want to start learning jazz or build their skills. Open to all ages and abilities, the clinics are fun, relaxed and led by JMI's experienced teachers. They run from 25–27 September 2026 and 18–21 January 2027. [Find out more and register here.](#)

JMC Academy – Creative Headstart Program

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Why wait until high school is over to start doing what you love?

JMC: Creative Headstart gives eligible high school students the opportunity to study one or two JMC units alongside their school studies to start building towards their future before they have finished Year 12.

- Take a gradual, supported step up from high school into your higher education studies
- Bank a credit before Day 1 of your degree at JMC
- Subjects available across the areas of Music, Acting, Film & TV, Audio Engineering & Sound Production, and Entertainment Business Management

Start now. Get ahead.

[Click here](#) to book a call with our admissions team to learn more today!

SAE University College Creative Media Institute opportunities

SAE University College Creative Media Institute offers courses in a wide range of creative arts that may be of interest to you including:

- Animation
- Audio
- Creative Industries
- Creative Technologies
- Design
- Film
- Game Development and Design

- Information Technology
- Music
- VFX & Virtual Production

Click [here](#) to read more about SAE University College.

UQ Skills Diplomas

UQ Skills offers practical training to help you build the skills needed for agriculture and rural jobs. Accredited and non-accredited courses are available online, at UQ's Gatton and St Lucia campuses, and at locations across Australia. They offer courses in the following study areas:

- Agriculture and rural operations
- Business and leadership
- Health
- Information technology
- Maritime
- Animal and veterinary care
- Manufacturing
- Traineeships
- Cultural heritage
- Food manufacturing
- Sport

[Find out more information here](#) (click on the Programs tab).

Project, Leadership and Entrepreneur Opportunities



Griffith Uni's Young Conservatorium music 2027 program

Griffith Uni's comprehensive pre-tertiary programs continue to produce young musicians of the highest calibre. Young Conservatorium recognises talent and engages young musicians through to adulthood. All their ensembles, classes and individual tuition are held at the Queensland Conservatorium. Applications for 2027 are now open and close on 26 September 2026. Click [here](#) for more information, key dates and the 2027 Young Conservatorium brochure.

Educational Access Scheme (EAS)

QTAC's Educational Access Scheme (EAS) may help if difficult circumstances have affected your recent study. Categories include:

- Financial hardship
- Home environment and responsibilities
- English language difficulty
- Illness or disability
- School environment

If approved, you may receive selection rank adjustments. Financial Hardship applicants may also qualify for scholarships or bursaries. Your information is kept confidential. [Learn more and find the required cover sheets here.](#)

Final reminder! Don't miss out on the early bird application date!

30 September is the QTAC Early Bird deadline. Apply by this date to pay \$75 instead of \$159. If paying by debit card, pay by 25 September to allow time for processing. Not sure about your course choices? Apply with at least one preference to secure the lower fee. You'll receive three free preference-change sessions, so you can update your choices later. [Find out more here.](#)

International Baccalaureate (IB) Studies

Australian universities recognise the IB Diploma as equivalent to Year 12 QCE. IB scores from 24 to 45 are converted to a National ATAR, allowing IB students to compete for university places alongside students who receive an ATAR. QTAC then uses this result to calculate a selection rank. [Find out how it works here.](#)

Pros and cons of mid-year entry

Many tertiary courses give you the choice of starting in Semester 1 or mid-year.

Benefits of starting mid-year

- Enjoy a longer break after Year 12.
- Reapply if you miss out on a Semester 1 offer.

- Complete a preparation or pathway course first.
- You may still graduate on time by studying over summer or in Trimester 3.

Things to consider

- Not all courses offer mid-year entry.
- Fewer places may make mid entry more competitive.
- You may lose motivation or get out of the study habit.

Another option is to apply for Semester 1 and defer. Check with the institution to see if you can defer for six months.

You HAVE TO register with QTAC to get your ATAR calculated!

If you're in Year 12 and ATAR eligible, register on the QTAC ATAR Portal to receive your ATAR. Queensland ATARs will be released at 9 am on Friday 18 December 2026. You'll need:

- Your full name
- Date of birth
- LUI number
- A personal email address

You must also submit a separate QTAC application if you want to apply for tertiary courses. Registering is also important if applying interstate, as it allows QTAC to share your ATAR with other State Tertiary Application Centres. [Register for the ATAR Portal here.](#)



Student Portal - Year 12 registration

The [myQCE Student Portal](#) keeps your learning information in one place. Register using your LUI and a personal email address—*not your school email*. You can:

- Check and update your personal details
- View subjects, courses, VET qualifications and final Year 12 results
- Complete the QCAA academic integrity course and download your certificate

Make sure you register so you can access your QCE results.

What qualifications will I get at the end of Year 12?

On 16 December 2026, you will be able to log into your [QCAA Student Portal](#) to see your final subject results located in your learning account. If eligible, you will be issued with a senior education profile. Included in this profile could be:

- Senior Statement - this is a transcript of your learning account. The Senior Statement shows all QCE contributing studies and the results achieved that may contribute to the award of a Queensland Certificate of Education. If you receive a Senior Statement, then you have satisfied the completion requirements for Year 12 in Queensland.
- [Queensland Certificate of Education \(QCE\)](#) - The QCE is Queensland's senior school qualification and is awarded to eligible students, usually at the end of Year 12.
- [Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement \(QCIA\)](#) - The Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) recognises the achievements of students who are on individualised learning programs.

Study Skills and Wellbeing



How to retain information

German psychologist Hermann Ebbinghaus found that we forget new information quickly, especially in the first few hours. This is called the **forgetting curve**. Two ways to remember more are:

- **Memory tricks:** Use songs, images, connections or mnemonics such as ROY G BIV for the colours of the rainbow.
- **Spaced practice and active recall:** Review information the next day, a week later and again after a few weeks. Test yourself each time instead of just rereading your notes.

Regular revision over several weeks works better than cramming the night before an exam. [Learn more about the forgetting curve.](#)

Study smarter, not harder

Let's be honest: study, even studying a subject you're in love with, isn't fun. That's doubly true when you're halfway through a subject and realise you don't actually understand it, or when you're overwhelmed by the due dates for several assignments that've all crept up at once. It may seem tempting to [procrastinate](#) or to burn the midnight oil, but there are far better solutions. Click [here](#) to read more about Deakin Uni's 7 tips (helpful for all students) to help you study smarter, not harder including:

1. Fake it 'til you make it
2. Treat it green, keep it keen
3. Bigger is not always better
4. Rinse, repeat
5. Find your happy place
6. Embrace the dryness
7. Get with the century

Top Tips to keep cool and mindful at the end of Year 12

You're at the pointy end of the year for Year 12 students (soon to be graduates) so QTAC have put together some top tips to keep a cool headspace. Click [here](#) for tips on how to keep your cool including:

- Take a well-deserved break
- Stay busy with hobbies
- Work or volunteer
- Plan a trip with friends or family

- Stay Connected with Friends
- Social media detox
- Practice mindfulness and stress management
- Talk about your feelings
- Remind yourself: results are not everything

Ways to study your chosen courses

TAFE Queensland offers traditional on-campus study, hands-on apprenticeships and traineeships, online study, TAFE at School courses and the ability to complete qualifications through recognition of prior learning. Click [here](#) to read more about:

- Delivery modes
 - Study on campus
 - Online learning
 - TAFE at School
 - Apprenticeships
 - Traineeships
 - Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)
- Compare the study modes
 - On campus
 - On campus with some online
 - Online self-directed
 - Online virtual classroom
 - Online with on campus practical training
- Study loads
 - Study or train full time
 - Study or train part time



How to choose an education institution

Choosing a university can feel overwhelming, but comparing a few key features can make it easier. Look for a university that suits your interests, goals, personality and preferred learning environment. [Read the Good Universities Guide's tips on choosing the right university for you.](#) These include:

- How can you tell institutions apart?
- Narrowing down your options
- Researching your institution

How to survive your first year of Uni

Starting Uni can be a challenge, especially for those who have just left school. On the upside, [your Uni years](#) will be some of the best you'll have and they'll probably go very quickly. Click [here](#) to read The Good Universities Guide to the best tips to help you survive your first year including:

- Get to know your campus
- Use your time wisely
- Ask for help when you need it
- Manage your finances within a budget
- Take advantage of freebies
- Stay healthy
- Make an effort to befriend your classmates
- Join clubs and attend campus events
- Work-life-study balance
- Use apps to stay on track

Uni vs High School

Uni is nothing like school! Following is a list of seven (out of a thousand) things that make uni better than high school. Click [here](#) to read more including:

1. You'll make your own timetable
2. You can wear what you're most comfortable in
3. You'll study what you really love
4. The campus is huge and has multiple food courts
5. Holiday breaks are longer than school breaks
6. University clubs and societies run fantastic events
7. You'll learn to be the best adult version of yourself

Australian Catholic University

Accept your offer and enroll

If you've received an offer to study at ACU, your response counts. Click [here](#) to find out the various ways to respond, as well as your next steps including:

1. Read your notice of offer
2. Manage your offer
 1. Accept your offer
 2. Defer your offer
 3. Decline your offer
3. Start enrolling and plan your orientation
4. Set up your ACU student email
5. Attend orientation

Scroll down the page if you are an international student.

Admission pathways

ACU's admission pathways and programs can make it easier for you to achieve your goal of enrolling in a University degree. Find out about the options below to see if you're eligible for any of the programs. Use their [pathway finder](#) to see what pathways and programs are available for you. Narrow down your options by study area or your personal situation. Check out:

- I'm in Year 12 and want an early offer - check the universities you are interested in attending
- [I didn't get the ATAR/rank](#)
- I'm in Year 11 and want to experience university life - check the universities you are interested in attending
- [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student](#)
- [I'm an elite athlete or performer](#)

Australian National University

Support and scholarships

When you apply to ANU, you'll automatically be considered for a range of scholarships. These can provide financial help and other support throughout your studies. Some of the support available includes:

- [Academic Skills](#)
- [ANU Careers and Employability](#)
- [Free mental health and wellness support for students at ANU](#)

Bond University

How to apply

Applying directly to Bond University is free and doesn't lock you into studying there if you are also interested in a course at another Uni. Follow these three steps:

1. Explore Bond's courses and choose one.
2. Prepare your application and documents, such as transcripts.
3. Apply through Bond's secure online portal.

[Find out more and apply here.](#)

Central Queensland University

Adjustment Schemes

CQU considers a number of adjustment factors to calculate selection ranks for undergraduate applications that may apply to you. Adjustment selection ranks max out at 10. These include:

- Regional Adjustment Factor Scheme
- Equity Schemes
- Adjustment Scheme Caps

[Find out more here.](#)

Key closing dates

Make sure that you don't miss out because you missed the [closing date](#). QTAC applications close for the following courses on:

7 December 2026

- Bachelor of Echocardiography and Cardiac Physiology / Graduate Diploma of Echocardiography (CV69)
- Bachelor of Medical Imaging
- Bachelor of Midwifery
- Bachelor of Nursing
- Bachelor of Nutrition/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics
- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)
- Bachelor of Oral Health
- Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)

30 September 2026

- Bachelor of Medical Sonography and Graduate Diploma of Medical Sonography
- Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathway to Medicine)

Preparing for University

Wondering where to start as you explore your options? Whether you know what you want to study or are still learning about your options, you'll find easy-to-access links and resources to help you prepare to study at CQUni and make the most of your university experience. Click [here](#) for more information including:

- Explore courses
- Ready to get started
- Explore courses
- Course fees

Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies (STEPS) Term 3 Information Session and webinar

Not sure if you're ready for university or need to meet subject prerequisites? CQUniversity's STEPS program is a free, Centrelink-approved course that builds your skills and confidence for university study. [Learn more and register for the online webinar on 7 October.](#)

Upcoming events

On 22 September, CQU will be hosting their [Mackay Nursing Information Session and Lab Tour](#) from 4:30 - 6:00pm. Join their Nursing team at CQUniversity Mackay City for an informative session where you can:

- Learn about their flexible Nursing study options designed to help you enter the workforce with confidence
- Tour their state-of-the-art Nursing facilities
- Discover how they use simulated learning to prepare you for placements and a career in Nursing
- Gain insights into entry requirements and available pathways
- Hear about the wide range of support services available to students

[Find out more here and rego details.](#)

Christian Heritage College

2027 Course Guide

[Christian Heritage College](#) focuses on providing quality courses in teaching, counselling, business, human services, philosophy and ministry. Early offer pathways are available so that you can secure your place prior to receiving your ATAR results. Find more information on their early offer pathways. You can access their [2027 Undergraduate Course Guide here.](#)

Griffith University

Adjustment Factors

Adjustment factors boost your Selection Rank/ATAR positioning and can improve your chances of gaining a place in your preferred degree at Griffith. The maximum adjustments that you can receive at Griffith Uni under all pathways is capped at eight (8). Click [here](#) for more information including:

- How do Adjustment Factors Work?
- Available schemes
 - Year 12 subject adjustment
 - Location Adjustments
 - Educational Access Scheme
 - Elite Athlete Support Policy
 - Incremental Adjustments for the Bachelor of Medical Science
 - Advanced Study - University courses

Check out Griffith during the school holidays

You can check out the various Griffith campuses with a free tour during these Spring school holidays. Explore their teaching spaces, libraries and facilities for learning and research. Find out more and book a tour [here](#).

Double Degrees

Griffith has a suite of double degree programs where you complete two bachelor's degrees in as little as four years. The advantages of this pathway are:

- Graduate faster
- Study for less
- Double your options
- Get an edge

Click [here](#) for more information.

Head Start Program online and on campus

Griffith's Head Start program lets you study a university subject while completing high school—without paying tuition fees. You can experience university life, learn from experts and build your skills. Successfully completing Head Start and Year 12 can guarantee entry into more than 70 Griffith single and double degrees. [Find out more here including:](#)

- Eligibility and entry requirements
- Study what matters to you

- How to apply
- Frequently Asked Questions

Key Dates:

- Applications for Trimester 3, 2026 for Year 11 students only close on 19 October 2026
- Applications for Trimester 1, 2027 for 2027 Year 12 students on 8 February 2027

Prerequisites and Assumed Knowledge

Some Griffith degrees expect you to have studied certain Year 12 subjects so you're ready for first-year study. Most courses also have an English prerequisite. Recommended subjects may include Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Psychology. If you haven't studied the right subjects, an equivalent subject or bridging course may help. [Check prerequisites, assumed knowledge and bridging options here](#). Don't miss your preferred course because you didn't check!

Priority places for rural students in Dentistry

If you have lived in a regional or remote area for at least five consecutive years, you may be eligible for a priority place in Dentistry at Griffith. These priority places are set aside to help support and develop the next generation of dentists, familiar with the unique challenges facing rural communities. Applications close 30 September 2026 for Trimester 1 2027 admission. Click [here](#) for more information.

James Cook University

Pathways Webinar

Join JCU's Pathways Webinar on 16 September at 7pm and discover how you can still pursue your dream career, even if it's been a few years since you've finished school, or you need a few more qualifications to meet entry requirements. [More info and rego details here](#).

Year 12 student success package

[JCU has several opportunities](#) for gaining or improving your chances of entry in 2027. These include:

[Early Offer](#) - Get your offer early so you can concentrate on finishing Year 12 well.

[Guaranteed Admission](#) - Guaranteed entry to the majority of courses based on your ATAR above 90. Subject prerequisites waived. Applicants awarded an ATAR of 73 or above will be guaranteed entry into most JCU courses but will need to meet the course subject prerequisites.

[Adjustment Factors](#) - You could be eligible to receive bonus Adjustment Factors based on where you live in Queensland or what subjects you successfully completed at school.

Year 12 Webinar

Get all the info and tips you need to discover what your life could look like at JCU. By joining JCU's Year 12 Webinar on 8 October at 7pm, you will gain first-hand advice from current JCU staff and students as they share real stories about making the leap from high school to uni. [More info and rego details here.](#)

Queensland University of Technology

Adjustment schemes: Year 12 Subject Scheme and Creative Arts

The Year 12 Subject Scheme provides an ATAR/selection rank adjustment based on completing specific subjects at school (Specialist Maths, Physics, LOTE) or university-level units (e.g. START QUT). Students may be eligible for an adjustment of 2.00 selection ranks for each approved Year 12 subject, up to a maximum of 8.00 selection ranks. In addition, for students seeking entry to the Bachelor of Creative Arts single degree, QUT now provides selection rank adjustments for general and applied creative subjects. Stand alone VET qualifications are not applicable. [Read more about QUT's six adjustment schemes.](#)

Discover Creative Arts and Design at QUT

On 12 November, Year 9–11 students can explore future study and career pathways in creative arts and design through a full day of hands-on workshops, student showcases and immersive learning experiences at QUT's Creative Industries Precinct. Teachers or career practitioners can [register your interest now](#).

How to choose a career in healthcare

There are lots of ways of working in health. Whether you are interested in working with patients or you would like to work behind the scenes in a laboratory or in an office improving health services, there's a course that can connect you to your dream career. If you're still searching for a role that plays to your interests and strengths explore [how to choose a career in healthcare](#).

Looking at Acting?

You can take the next step towards a career in Acting by applying now by:

- submitting your QTAC application including the Bachelor of Creative Arts (Acting)
- preparing audition materials and submitting them online through QUT
- completing both these steps by 5pm on Wednesday 7 October 2026 (Brisbane time).

See the [website](#) for full entry requirements and audition instructions.

Pathways to QUT degrees through QUT College diplomas

If you are unsure of your ATAR or academic preparation for university entry you can start your university journey with one of QUT's diplomas delivered at QUT's Kelvin Grove campus. Develop the academic skills and knowledge needed to step into QUT undergraduate degrees with confidence. All diplomas provide guaranteed entry to related QUT bachelor degrees. Choose from one of the following:

- Diploma in Architectural Studies
- Diploma in Business
- Diploma in Creative Industries
- Diploma in Engineering
- Diploma in Esports
- Diploma in Health Science (Health Studies)
- Diploma in Information Technology
- Undergraduate Certificate (Nursing)

[Learn more about QUT diplomas.](#)

START QUT applications now open

Year 11 students can explore the [START QUT program](#) for Semester 1 (Year 12) and the STEM Intensive summer program held before they commence Year 12. You can receive a selection rank adjustment and gain potential credit towards a future degree while trialling future study areas and experiencing life as a student at QUT. [Applications are now open](#) and close on 31 October 2026.

Year 12 Early Offer Scheme and new Creative Arts eligibility

Queensland Year 12 students can receive an early offer for their QUT degree on the last day of Year 12, before receiving their ATAR or other final school results. More than 80 single and double degrees are included.

Students applying to the Bachelor of Creative Arts single degree can now be considered for an early offer through a non-ATAR pathway. Eligibility has been expanded to include students with completed Certificate IV qualifications, non-AQF performing arts qualifications or applied creative subjects. To be considered, you must submit your QTAC application and include an eligible course by 21 October. [Find out more.](#)

The University of Queensland

Adjustments and admission schemes

UQ's access schemes recognise diverse educational pathways and life experiences supporting you to reach your potential. You could be eligible for up to 5 adjustment points on top of your ATAR (or equivalent),

improving your entry score and opening up more opportunities to study at UQ. [Check out their adjustments and admission schemes](#) including:

- How to apply
- Eligibility
 - Attending a specific high school
 - Living or attending school in a rural or remote location
 - Identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
 - Experiencing financial or personal hardship
 - Studying specific subjects in high school
 - Applying to study law at UQ

Pathways to Law at UQ

If you don't think you'll get the ATAR required to study law at UQ, you may be eligible for other pathway options. Click here to read their flyer, [Pathways to law at UQ](#) for more information.

Spring into Engineering Holiday Program

This 3-day program run by UQ's Women in Engineering is for Year 10-12 girls wanting to explore Engineering with hands-on workshops, behind-the-scenes lab tours and an industry day. It will be held during the September holidays from 28 September to 30 September. [Click](#) here for more information and to register.

UQ Ready

Join UQ for an online informative session that will provide you with everything you need for a smooth transition from high school to university. It will be held on 16 September from 6 - 7pm. [More info and registration details here.](#)

Using your VET Certificate and diploma qualifications Tertiary Rank for entry into UQ

Completed Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) certificate or diploma qualifications may be considered for tertiary admission and can get you a selection rank. Competency-based studies can be combined with the results of the Special Tertiary Admission Test (STAT) to raise the base selection rank. The new rank will be allocated using the overall score from the STAT and the level of study. [This table shows the maximum ranks attainable](#) for competency-based and graded certificate level study.

Torrens University Australia

What does Torrens Uni offer?

Torrens University Australia offers courses in business, design, health, hospitality, technology and education. You can study on campus, online or through a mix of both. Its specialist schools include Billy Blue College of Design and Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School. [Explore your study options here.](#)

University of Southern Queensland

ATAR explained for entry into UniSQ

ATAR is the primary criteria to assess and compare the results of high school students for entry into an undergraduate university degree. UniSQ has put together [some information](#) explaining:

- ATAR explained
- Assessing your ATAR
- About ATAR
- Adjustment factors pathways
- Plan your options

Career Finder

You may already know what excites and interests you. But perhaps you're not exactly sure where this could take you. UniSQ's [Career Finder](#) can help. Their [Career Finder](#) will help you discover what different jobs actually involve, what skills and qualifications you need and which degree can help you get there. It could open your eyes to a future you never imagined! Check it out.

Information for future students

UniSQ has put together information that will assist you to find out more facts about the University and options that are open to you including:

- Undergraduate study
- Hear from students
- Fees and scholarships
- Pathway options
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Take your first step

Click [here](#) to find out more.

University of the Sunshine Coast

Access UniSC Adjustment Schemes

Under this scheme, applicants to UniSC undergraduate courses can be awarded up to six selection ranks or adjustment factors across the following programs:

- QTAC's Educational Access Scheme – up to 6 selection ranks
- Elite Athlete Adjustment – up to 6 selection ranks
- Regional Preference Adjustment – 2 selection ranks
- Disadvantaged School Adjustment – 2 selection ranks
- Participating in the Smith Family Learning for Life program – 2 selection ranks
- Year 12 Subject and Headstart adjustment factors for Specialist Mathematics, Languages other than English (LOTE), Physics, Biology, Chemistry and Headstart subject– 2 selection ranks per subject

Visit the [website](#) for further details of UniSC's regional preference scheme.

Early Offer Guarantee

UniSC's Early Offer Guarantee is based on your principal's recommendation—not your Year 12 results. They'll consider your academic performance, motivation, talents, passions and potential to succeed at university. If recommended, you'll receive an early offer for an eligible degree, as long as you meet its prerequisites and other entry requirements. [Find more info here](#):

- How does it work?
- Benefits
- Key dates - Trimester 1, 2027
- How do I apply?

UniSC Your Future Made Better: Year 12 Info Night webinar

Early Offer Guarantee gives you the chance to receive an offer to study at UniSC as early as September, long before ATARs and final results are released so you can head into your final exams knowing you're sorted for the year ahead. [Register to attend the Your Future Made Better: Year 12 Information Night webinar](#) on 15 September.

Upcoming Events



Date	Event
08/09/2026	ADF: Brisbane Army Special Forces Information Session
08/09/2026	ADF: Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session
08/09/2026	START QUT Webinar
09/09/2026	ADF: Cairns Defence Careers Information Session
09/09/2026	ADF: Charters Towers Trade Careers Information Session
09/09/2026	UniSC Headstart online webinar
10/09/2026	GU Fixed closing date for Design, Visual Arts, Design/Business, Visual Arts/Business
10/09/2026	GU Qld College of Arts and Design optional portfolio entry due
10/09/2026	JCU Pathways Webinar
13/09/2026	CASPER Test for Veterinary Science entry Optional test date
14/09/2026	2027 Flickerdest entries close
14/09/2026	ACU Guarantee Early Offer Program
14/09/2026	UNE Early Offer Round 2 applications close
15/09/2026	ADF: Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session
15/09/2026	UniSC Your Future Made Better: Year 12 Information Night webinar
16/09/2026	UQ Ready online session
16/09/2026	Use your spring holidays to get into the ivy league webinar
20/09/2026	UQ's Young ChangeMakers program applications close
21/09/2026	GU Early Offer applications close
22/09/2026	JMC Academy and Open Season – Battle of the Bands, Solos and Dous entries close
22/09/2026	Mackay Nursing Information Session and Lab Tour
23/09/2026	ADF: Brisbane Army Careers Information Session
26/09/2026	GU's Young Conservatorium music 2027 program applications close

26/09/2026	The ultimate Australian students guide to Ivy League and Oxbridge Admissions seminar
28/09/2026	NIDA 2027 applications open
29/09/2026	ADF: Cairns Defence Careers Information Session
29/09/2026	ADF: Townsville Defence Careers Information Session
29/09/2026	From ATAR to the USA. Getting into top US universities from Australia webinar
29/09/2026	Rural Access Scheme closing date to apply through QTAC f
30/09/2026	ADF: Defence University Sponsorship Information Session
30/09/2026	Course early closing dates for some Medicine, Dentistry and Creative Arts Courses
30/09/2026	GU B of Dental Health Science closes
30/09/2026	JCU closing date to apply through QTAC and JCU Application Portals
30/09/2026	Provisional MD and BMedSci/MD -QTAC Application Fixed Closing Date
30/09/2026	QTAC Early Bird application offer closes
30/09/2026	QTAC Rural Access Scheme (RAS) - submission deadline for Provisional MD and MMedSci/MD applicants close
30/09/2026	TAFE QLD scholarships applications close
01/10/2026	ADF: Gold Coast Defence Careers Information Session
01/10/2026	AIQS Donald Napier Scholarship closes
01/10/2026	Real Futures Grant applications close
03/10/2026	SAE Create for a Day Workshops
06/10/2026	Breaking down a winning ivy league profile webinar
07/10/2026	CQ Uni STEPS Term 3 Information Session webinar
07/10/2026	QUT Acting applications close
08/10/2026	CASPER Test for Veterinary Science entry optional test date
08/10/2026	JCU Year 12 Webinar
15/10/2026	UniSQ Early Entry applications close
19/10/2026	GU Trimester 3 Head Start Program applications close
19/10/2026	JCU closing date for Medicine applicants
21/10/2026	QUT Final early offer invitation date to complete your QTAC application
23/10/2026	QUT Early Offer applications close
30/10/2026	Fixed Closing Date for Veterinary Science - QTAC Application

30/10/2026	GU Qld Film School optional portfolio admissions due
30/10/2026	UQ Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours) applications close through QTAC
31/10/2026	Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Local Sporting Champions program Round 2 Closes
31/10/2026	START QUT Sem 1 2027 applications close
31/10/2026	UQ Sporting Scholarship applications close

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Announcements

Joke for the fortnight

I had a job making stationery, but I quit because it wasn't going anywhere.

Thought for the Fortnight

As well as focusing on your academic progress, find time to:

- Sit with those sitting alone
- Be kind
- Offer help
- Be a friend to the lonely
- Encourage others
- Think about other people
- Share
- Always look for the good

This is how you will change the world for the better.

Apprenticeships & Traineeships



Building and Landscape Designers and Technicians

Building and Landscape Designers and Technicians create designs, prepare detailed plans, track projects and analyse survey data. They work with architects, planners, surveyors and builders. [Find out more here](#) including the skills needed, education, main employing industry and more.

Career Start for apprentices and trainees

Career Start provides eligible Queenslanders with:

- access to certificate III qualifications in priority and emerging industries
- access to apprenticeship and traineeship training in priority and emerging industries
- access to lower-level qualifications identified by industry as the entry point for jobs
- expanded access to foundation skills such as language, literacy, numeracy, digital literacy and employability skills to support qualification completion
- increased access to training in regional and remote areas
- supported training pathways for women and priority cohorts to take up skilled careers.

[Find out more about the following here:](#)

- Eligibility
- General training pathway
- Apprenticeship or traineeship pathway
- Getting started
- How much will I pay for training

Learn a trade in the Australian Defence Force (ADF)

Whether you're wanting to be a chippy, sparky or aspiring aircraft technician, learning a trade in the ADF is your opportunity to gain trade qualifications, travel, live an amazing lifestyle, earn a great salary and work on impressive military equipment. [Find out more](#) here including trade jobs in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

Pre-apprenticeship options for after school

A pre-apprenticeship is a short, entry-level course that combines TAFE learning with practical work experience. It lets you try a trade for up to six months before committing to a full apprenticeship. Find out more [here](#) including:

- What are the benefits?
- What job can I get?
- What if I don't know what I want to do?
- Available courses (including courses throughout Queensland)

Queensland Government's incentives, costs and financial support for apprenticeships and traineeships

[The Queensland Government](#): Offers lots of different ways to reduce the cost of doing your apprenticeship or traineeship in Queensland.

[Funded programs](#): Find information about funded training programs including:

- VET in Schools (VETiS)
- Queensland Subsidised Training list
- Career Start
- Career Boost
- Apprenticeships and traineeships funding
- Queensland Subsidised Training List
- Free training
- Free Apprenticeships for Under 25s

[Free and reduced-cost training](#) Find free and reduced-cost training and financial support to get the skills to move into work, re-enter the workforce or advance your career.

[Free Apprenticeships for Under 25s - for training providers](#) Free Apprenticeships for Under 25s will cover the cost of training for Queensland apprentices or trainees who commenced or are undertaking one of the high priority apprenticeships or traineeships from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2027.

[Skilling Queenslanders for Work](#): Skilling Queenslanders for Work assists disadvantaged Queenslanders to gain the skills, qualifications and experience to enter and stay in a job.

[Financial help for apprentices and trainees](#) Training costs can include travel, free or reduced-cost training courses, disability support payments and cost of living payments.



Australian Defence Force (ADF) information sessions

The Australian Defence Force holds [information sessions](#) where you can find out what the ADF offer, job prospects, life in the ADF and much more. Click on a link below for more information about the session including location and event time. You need to register if you are wanting to attend a session.

- 06/10/2026 [Toowoomba Defence Careers Information Session](#)
[Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 07/10/2026 [Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 12/10/2026 [Mackay Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 13/10/2026 [Townsville Air Force Careers Information Session](#)
- 14/10/2026 [Brisbane Comms, IT & Intelligence Roles Information Session](#)
- 15/10/2026 [Gold Coast Air Force Careers Information Session](#)
- 20/10/2026 [Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session](#)

Career Exploration



Australia's Careers Online website (COL)

The Australia's Careers Online [website](#) has several helpful career development resources. These include:

- COL's Job Guide - with information on over 500 Australian Jobs
- Job Seeker's Workshop - choosing a career and how to prepare your job application
- Job Links Directory – useful links to other careers websites
- Aussie Job Vacancies – 1000's of vacancies from across Australia

Australian Apprenticeships offer a world of opportunities

Did you know that more than 500 occupations across Australia offer [apprenticeships](#)? You can learn a traditional trade or an emerging occupation. Most sectors of business and industry offer apprenticeships at various certificate levels. With an Australian Apprenticeship, you can earn a wage while completing a nationally recognised qualification. It's a great way to get a head start in your chosen occupation. myfuture has put together an [article explaining the benefits of apprenticeships](#) including information on:

- Find an apprenticeship that suits you (with links)
- Improve your chances

Find your career pathway

Not sure how to reach your dream job? Your Career's Career Pathways tool shows related occupations, possible career moves and the qualifications you may need. Enter a job you do or are interested in to get started. [Explore career pathways here.](#)

Leaving school and not sure what's next

Not sure what to do after school? The Australian Government's School Leavers Information Kit can help you explore your options, discover new interests, build useful skills and plan your next step. [Find out more here](#) including:

- Further study and training
- Take a gap year
- Build your career
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- People with disability

- Regional, rural and remote school leavers

Observe the work of a business

Observational work experience refers to short-term, unpaid placements in an organisation. You'll observe others working to build workplace skills and gain a better understanding of the workplace. [Find out more here](#) including:

- Eligibility
- How observational work experience can help you
- Where you can do observational work experience
- Report and earn points with observational work experience
- If you need help

Should you go to University? - a good question to ask yourself!

Thinking about university after school? There's plenty to consider, including your career goals, costs, family commitments and whether you'll need to move. Breaking down your options and clearing up a few myths, can help you decide if university is right for you. [Find out more here](#) including:

- Do you have to go to university?
- What careers are you interested in?
- Do I need to go to university?
- Does university help you get a job?
- How can you pay for university?
- Should I go to university or get a job?
- Do you need to move to attend university?
- Who should go to university?

Thinking about Health for a career?

Australia needs more healthcare workers, with plenty of career opportunities expected in the future. If you're interested in health, use myfuture to explore options such as:

- [Learn more about the Healthcare and social assistance industry](#)
- [Explore occupations on the Health career bullseye](#)



Competitions

Australian Stockholm Junior Water Prize 2027

The Australian Stockholm Junior Water Prize is an annual competition challenging high school students to develop solutions to water-related problems. The national winner is announced at Ozwater and invited to compete for the international [Stockholm Junior Water Prize](#) in Sweden. Students may enter as individuals or groups of two. Submissions close 26 February 2027 and click [here](#) for tool, information kits and entry details.

Disabilities



Disability Australian Apprentice Wage Support (DAAWS)

Disability Australian Apprentice Wage Support (DAAWS) helps employers hire and support eligible apprentices with disability. Find out more about [employer incentives](#). If you have a disability, illness or injury you can also contact the [Disability and Carers line](#) or visit a [Services Australia service centre](#).

Employment Assistance Fund

The [Employment Assistance Fund \(EAF\)](#) may help eligible people pay for workplace changes, equipment and support services. If this would benefit you, let potential employers know that this financial support may be available.

Tertiary study applicants with a disability

If you have a disability, universities and other tertiary institutions may provide support such as:

- help with physical access
- specialised technology and equipment
- Auslan interpreters
- note-taking services.

Contact the institution's disability support team early to discuss what you need.

Employment, Job and Labour Market Info



Biosecurity Officer

Biosecurity Officers help stop harmful pests and diseases from entering or leaving Australia. They check people, cargo, transport and trade documents to protect our environment and farming industries. [Find out more, including:](#)

- What's it like to be a Biosecurity Officer?
- How to become a Biosecurity Officer
- Latest Biosecurity Officer jobs on SEEK
- Skills and experience employers are looking for
- Is Biosecurity Officer the right role for you?
- Latest Biosecurity Officer reviews

Fee-Free TAFE in 2027

New funding has been announced for Fee-Free TAFE courses commencing in 2027 with a range of skill sets, Certificates and Diplomas available. The Queensland Government has not yet published the final list of eligible courses, places and entry requirements for 2027. Click [here](#) to see the TAFE courses that are included in the Fee-Free funding package.

July labour force data

In seasonally adjusted terms, in July 2026:

- Employment rate: 63.9%
- Unemployment rate: 4.5%
- participation rate: 66.9%.
- underemployment rate decreased to 6.4%.
- monthly hours worked increased to 1,998 million.

[Find more info here.](#)

Link and Launch to get you off to a good start after school

Link and Launch (L&L) connect with young people who have completed Year 12 but have not yet worked out their first step out of school. L&L can help you to navigate a range of post-school study, training and work options that link with your goals, aspirations, skills and strengths. Some options you may consider include:

- Free apprenticeships for under 25s
- Fee-Free TAFE
- Skilling Queenslanders for Work programs
- Alternative entry to university
- Employment
- Federal incentives and participation programs like Transition to Work.

Click [here](#) to find out more including eligibility, L&L locations/offices and further information.

Occupations - there are over 1,236 to find out about!!!!!!

Jobs and Skills Australia has a list of 1,236 occupations/jobs. You can find out the following information for each listed job:

- Number employed
- Part-time share
- Female share
- Median weekly earnings
- Median age
- Annual employment growth
- Tasks

Click [here](#) and check out occupations that you know and most importantly those you have never heard of ... you never know it may be just right for you!

School to Work Pathways: infographics and activities

Explore 18 industries with these [school-to-work pathway infographics](#). They can help you compare pathways, ask questions and research your options. Qualification levels are a guide only, so check the occupation profiles on myfuture for current requirements.

Skills - they are a big deal!

Think of skills as doorways to new career paths. Click [here](#) to explore different learning and training pathways and discover more about the following:

- What are soft skills?
- Soft skills for the future
- Hobbies to hone in your soft skills

- How to improve your soft skills
- Work readiness workbooks

Summer jobs for high school students

A casual or summer job is a great way to earn money and build experience. Many entry-level jobs don't require previous experience as employers often value a positive attitude and willingness to learn. Check that you meet the [minimum working age](#), then start searching for opportunities. UQ have put together some ideas so [check them out here](#) for ideas to get you started including:

- Fast food crew member
- Retail assistant
- Santa's helper
- Letterbox dropper
- Pet sitter/dog walker
- Fruit picker
- Warehouse workers/pick packers
- Catering staff

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Bond scholarships

Bond University offers scholarships for Australian and international students at all study levels. Scholarships may cover some or all tuition fees and recognise achievement in areas such as academic results, leadership, community involvement and sport. Full-fee scholarships are available to domestic students only. [Find out more here](#) remembering that scholarships close on different days so you need to check them out now.

Griffith Uni scholarships and awards

Griffith scholarships support students with different achievements, backgrounds and needs. Complete one scholarship application and Griffith will consider you for all scholarships you're eligible for. [Find out how to apply, create an account and use the application checklist.](#)

QTAC application number for scholarship applications

You may need your QTAC application number when applying for scholarships. This number was on the last screen of your QTAC application after you have paid the application fee. It is also in your application confirmation email and in your online QTAC Account information section of your application.

QUT RISE Scholarship

Real-world Impact Scholarship Experience (RISE) is open to students commencing an eligible business or property economics single or double degree in 2027 who achieve an unadjusted ATAR of 85.00 or higher and list QUT as their first QTAC preference. You will receive a \$20,000 scholarship over three years, a 9–13 week industry internship plus professional and leadership development opportunities. Applications for QUT's new RISE scholarship close on 31 October. [Learn more about RISE and application details here.](#)

Scholarships for bridging studies

[UQ College scholarships](#) - 5 scholarships are available for face-to-face bridging courses running from Nov–Dec at UQ St Lucia. Students experiencing financial hardship, from regional or remote areas or of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent may be eligible.

Scholarships for children/grandchildren of veterans

AVCAT (Aust Veterans' Children Assistance Trust) scholarships include Long Tan Bursaries and Sponsored Scholarships.

- **Long Tan Bursaries** are for the children and grandchildren of Vietnam Veterans and are funded by the Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA).
- **AVCAT Sponsored Scholarships** are for the children and grandchildren of all ex-serving veterans. These scholarships are funded by ex-service organisations, corporate and private donors.

All bursaries and sponsored scholarships are for tertiary education and are \$4000-\$6000 per year, for up to three years. [Find out more here](#) including:

- Common Eligibility Criteria for Long Tan Bursaries and Sponsored Scholarships
- Eligibility for the Long Tan Bursary also includes
- Eligibility for the Sponsored Scholarships also includes
- FAQ's

Applications open on 18 August and close on 31 October 2026.

The Queensland Commitment Scholarship for low income applicants

Students experiencing financial hardship may be eligible for 5 rank adjustments from UQ and a \$7,000 per year scholarship. Applications need to be made via QTAC's Educational Access Scheme. Click [here](#) for more information.

UQ academic scholarships program

Students expecting an ATAR of 99 or higher can submit one application for both the UQ Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship and the UQ Excellence Scholarship. [Find out more and apply here](#). Applications close 20 November 2026. The September holidays is a great time to get your application completed.

UQ Leadership, Excellence and Diversity (LEAD) Scholarship

Thinking about studying Law at UQ? Click [here](#) to read UQ's tips for putting together a great scholarship application. Click [here](#) to access their application guide. Applications close on 1 November 2026.

UQ scholarships on offer

UQ have a wide range of scholarships on offer. [You can find more information and specific scholarships here](#) including:

- Equity and access scholarships

- Academic excellence scholarships
- Sporting excellence scholarships
- Experiences and creative excellence scholarships
- Accommodation scholarships

UQ's one application for equity scholarships

If you've experienced financial hardship resulting in educational disadvantage, consider applying for an access and [equity scholarship](#). These help ensure all students can study without unnecessary stress and fully embrace all the opportunities university brings, regardless of financial circumstances. Check out the following:

- [Overview of The Queensland Commitment Scholarship.](#)
- [Eligibility for The Queensland Commitment Scholarship.](#)
- [How to apply for the Queensland Commitment Scholarship.](#)
- [Overview of the Law School LEAD Scholarship.](#)

First Nations Peoples



First Nations Peoples Admission to Griffith Uni

Griffith offers special entry pathways for [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander](#) applicants. When applying through QTAC, identify as Indigenous to be considered. The [GUMURRII Student Support Unit](#) can support you from orientation to graduation.

Young Indigenous Women's STEM Academy - CSIRO

CSIRO's free Young Indigenous Women's STEM Academy supports and mentors Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young women interested in STEM, from high school through to further study and employment. [Find out more here.](#)

A banner for 'Gap Year Program News' featuring a dark teal background with a white curved line and a photograph of a smiling woman in a red dress standing in front of the Big Ben clock tower in London.

Gap Year Program News

Considering a gap year

Thinking about and looking for Gap Year opportunities? Overseas Gap Year opportunities are now open. To avoid missing out, it's important to begin your exploration early. If you are in Year 11 or 12, it's a good time to start to research your GAP year options. Start with the following list:

[Camp America](#)

[Lattitude Global Volunteering](#)

[Letz Live](#)

[Projects Abroad](#)

[EA Ski + Snowboard Training](#)

[Southern Cross Cultural Exchange](#)

[World Education Program Student Exchange](#)

[Youth for Understanding \(YFU\) Australia](#)

Always thoroughly investigate any gap year programs you are considering. Get your parents/guardian involved in this process. Talk to people who have participated in the program and attend information sessions and webinars.

Interstate and International



Applying to study interstate

If you are thinking of studying interstate the following links will be of interest to you. As in Queensland, you need to apply through the State's Tertiary Admissions Centre (except for Tasmania). You will need to research the universities that you are interested in attending as well as the Tertiary Admission Centres' application process.

Selected interstate universities

[Australian National University](#)

[Charles Darwin University](#)

[The University of Newcastle](#)

[University of Melbourne](#)

[University of New England](#)

[University of New South Wales](#)

[Adelaide University](#)

[University of Sydney](#)

[University of Tasmania](#)

[University of Western Australia](#)

[University of Wollongong](#)

Tertiary admissions centres

[New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory - University Admissions Centre \(UAC\)](#)

[Queensland - Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre \(QTAC\)](#)

[South Australia and the Northern Territory \(SATAC\)](#)

[Tasmania - University of Tasmania](#)

[Victoria – Victoria Tertiary Admissions Centre \(VTAC\)](#)

[Western Australia – Tertiary Institutions Service Centre \(TISC\)](#)

QUT brochures for international students

QUT has developed brochures where you can find out more about living in Brisbane, explore the opportunities at QUT and find out how to apply. Their International course guide and specialist guides contain everything you need to know about studying at QUT as an international student. Click [here](#) to find out more and to access guides.

Post School Info



Leaving school - information for Year 12 students

[The Australian Government Services Australia website](#) provides information to help you choose your next step if you have just finished or will soon leave school. Information that you can find on the website includes:

- Help to decide what to do after school
- Help to prepare for your next steps
- Help to continue study
- Help for apprentices or trainees
- Help to get a job
- Help with other life changes

Top tips for school leavers

No matter when or how you decide to leave school, it can be a stressful experience. The number of people who have degrees in Australia has increased considerably over the last few years. You are about to step into the real world and make some big decisions about yourself and your life. [Read MCI Institute's top tips](#) here including:

- Map Out Your Goals
- Consult Professionals
- Start Slow
- Set a Routine
- Choose Your Field
- Mention the Extracurricular Activities
- Develop New Skills
- Network
- Improve Your Soft Skills
- Always Be Honest
- Do What Makes You Happy
- Conclusion

Private Provider Updates



Australian College of Applied Professionals (ACAP)

ACAP offer courses in Psychology, Counselling, Social Work and Criminology. [You can find more information](#) about the courses that they offer here along with the opportunity to:

- Talk with the experts
- Explore inspiring alumni success stories
- Scholarships
- Course guide

Australian Film TV and Radio School (AFTRS) ARRI certified

AFTRS is an ARRI Certified Film School, an international recognition that affirms the School's commitment to delivering world-class, industry-aligned education. With this certification you will be able to operate sophisticated ARRI technology, being technically equipped to lead in the global screen and broadcast industries. [Find out more info here.](#)

Aviation Australia Flight Attendant Training

Aviation Australia delivers courses across the aviation industry. Find out about course options including:

- [Aircraft Maintenance Engineering](#)
- [Cabin Crew](#)
- [Pilot Courses & Training](#)
- [Remote Pilot](#)

Griffith College student support

At Griffith College you can get uni-ready with a comprehensive range of support services to help you tackle any barriers to success. They provide the following forms of student support:

- Wellbeing support
- Academic support
- Peer to peer support
- Reporting and disclosure support

[Find out more about the College here](#) including the courses that are offered and the support available.

JMC Academy – Audition & Portfolio Masterclasses THIS coming Saturday

JMC Academy is running a series of interactive masterclasses for future creative Year 10-12 students to provide practical advice, expert feedback and hands-on experience to help students prepare for auditions or develop their portfolio.

Students will get to experience what it's like to study in JMC's creative courses through the following workshops:

- **Acting** – Develop a monologue performance with a focus on Shakespeare
- **Music Theatre** – Collaborate with other passionate students to learn a music theatre routine
- **Animation** – Get hands on with lighting and rendering using a supplied 3D scene
- **Game Design** – Explore the fundamentals of game design through Unreal Engine level design or board game design
- **Music (Songwriting, Performance or Production)** - Hone your skills in our state-of-the-art studios and learn how to use your creative flair to succeed in your music pathway from industry experts

Masterclass details:

Date: Saturday, 10 October

Time: 9:30am – 3:00pm

Location: 75 Grey St, South Brisbane QLD 4101

Price: \$15 (includes lunch)

[Click here](#) to book your spot today!

SAE University College Early Entry

Take the pressure off and secure a spot at SAE before sitting Year 12 exams. There is no ATAR required and applying is easy. All you need to do is complete a simple application form that includes your current school name and the course you wish to study. An SAE Course Advisor will then chat with you about your course options and confirm your eligibility. [Find out more info here](#) and [here](#) for application info. Courses include:

- Animation
- Audio
- Computer Science
- Creative Industries
- Design
- Film
- Games Development & Design
- Information Technology
- Music
- VFX & Virtual Production



2026 QLD IBAS Release

QLD IB students will receive their IBAS on Friday 18 December via email if they complete the IB Consent Form. If they don't consent to receiving their IBAS, QTAC will still calculate their IBAS but they will not receive the email.

Double check QTAC application process and get it right!

Carefully read through QTAC's Application Services section which has information that will help you check and be sure that you:

- Ready to apply
- Have applied correctly
- Can sort any display issues
- Application FAQ's
- Offers
- Your preferences
- Documentation

Click [here](#) for more information.

Eligibility requirements for Nursing/Midwifery courses

Applying for nursing or midwifery? A competitive selection rank and the right prerequisites aren't enough, you must also meet the course's extra eligibility and English proficiency requirements. [Find out more here](#) under Meeting English Proficiency. [Find out more here](#) (scroll further down the page) including:

- Additional requirements for Nursing and Midwifery Courses
- Demonstrate and provide Evidence FOR NURSING AND MIDWIFERY
- FAQ Nursing and Midwifery

Key application and fixed closing dates

When you are applying for your course, it's vital to submit your application by the specified deadlines. [This page](#) has the closing dates so you can be fully prepared. Courses related to creative and performing arts may have additional requirements that need to be satisfied, including:

- audition
- interview
- portfolio
- questionnaire.

Key dates for 2026/2027

If you haven't yet applied for a course/s through QTAC, consider applying as soon as possible and before Term Four becomes totally hectic (and it will). The closing dates to apply for courses commencing in Semester One, 2027 are:

Round Offer	Apply and submit documents by	Final change to preferences
20 November 2026	5 November 2026	not applicable
23 December 2026	7 December 2026	12pm, 21 December 2026
14 January 2027	7 December 2026	11.45pm, 7 January 2027

Be aware that by these dates, many of the courses with fixed closing dates are no longer available and early offers are no longer an option. Check each institution for their fixed closing dates.

OFFER came in ... what next?

So you've reached the offer stage in your tertiary application journey! It's important to understand how you'll be notified and how to respond quickly to secure your place. It's important to know what options are available to you and how you will respond if you receive an offer. Click [here](#) (scroll down quite a way to the heading 'Offers') to read QTAC's information on:

- How you will be notified of your offer
- Responding to your offer - You can
 - Accept - Check with the institution for enrolment details and dates.
 - Decline - By declining your offer outright, you notify QTAC that you no longer wish to study or be considered for any other preferences.
 - Defer - Rules for course deferral vary by institution. Please visit the deferment page on the QTAC website for [institution policies](#) (click on offer support).
 - Conditional Response - By selecting a conditional response, you indicate that you would like to be considered for a higher preference.
- Offer round actions

Order your QTAC preferences correctly

Plan your [QTAC preferences](#) (scroll down) carefully:

- 1–2: Your dream courses
- 3–4: Less competitive back-up courses you would still enjoy
- 5–6: Pathway courses that could help you improve your selection rank and transfer later

Make sure preference 6 is a course you're likely to get into. Only list courses you would accept, meet the entry requirements for and can realistically travel or move to attend.

Check each course's offer-round date and arrange your preferences accordingly. If you receive an early offer, you may be able to accept it conditionally and rearrange your preferences for a more favourable course in a later round.

Don't include wasted courses/preferences. Wasted courses include those that:

- You do not meet the entry requirements
- You would not do if you got an offer for them
- Are located in regional centres that you have not consulted your parents/guardians about
- Are too difficult or impossible to commute to given where you live
- Are very competitive and you listed them below much less competitive courses.

Valuable information from QTAC

QTAC's new website has easy to find information that you need to become familiar with if you are wanting to apply for Uni, TAFE and some private providers next year. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- How to apply
- Upgrading pathways
- Assistance schemes
- Key dates
- Institutions
- Career Finder
- Understand Previous Selection Rank Requirements
- Improve your selection rank
- Assistance Schemes
- Reactivate your expired offer
- Support your tertiary journey
- Admissions Policies
- Defer your offer

Want to know more about ATAR?

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), is a ranking system that reflects your overall academic performance in Years 11 & 12, providing a standardised measure for university admissions. Understanding ATAR plays a key role in determining the pathways available for further study and career opportunities. Click [here](#) for more about:

- What is the ATAR
- Breaking down the ATAR
- Adjustments and Selection Rank - What is a selection rank?
- ATAR Appeals
- ATAR verification
- Ready to receive your ATAR?



External assessment equipment list and directions for students

The 2026 external assessment equipment list and Directions for students are now available on the QCAA [website](#). They include details of approved equipment for all assessments, including calculators, student devices and subject-specific equipment and the directions students must follow during the exams. Check them out and be prepared!

External assessment info

If you are studying QCAA General subjects, you will sit external assessments at the end of Year 12 as part of your assessment for each subject. External assessments are subject-based written exams that are:

- common to all schools
- summative — they count towards your final subject result for QCAA General subjects
- developed and marked by the QCAA.

Read about:

- How do they contribute to results?
- What do they test?
- How are they developed and marked?
- Key dates and details
 - External assessment timetable
 - Equipment
 - Directions for students
 - EA basics - approved equipment
 - EA basics - response books
- Resources to help you prepare
- 2026 external assessment guide
 - Past papers
 - Tips to help you study and stay motivated
- What to do if you are unwell
- How can I stay updated about changes to external assessment?
- Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments
- Understanding Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments (AARA)

Study Skills and Wellbeing



A stress management mind set

1. Focus on what you can control and do it well - try not to spend emotional energy on what is out of your control
2. Give yourself credit when it is due - we don't get everything right all the time but own the wins
3. You don't have to solve everyone else's problems - manage yourself well and you will be a good friend
4. Don't get or keep being sucked into believing everything you read or see on social media - it's all too often 'just a made up story'
5. What you think is how you are - watch the self talk or the conversations in your head that you have with yourself. We are too often our own worst critics. Listen to the positive voice.
6. Make sure that you have regular 'Me Time' - time to sit, unwind and do something you like doing

Exam Revision

Revising can be a little daunting but being organised will help you keep track of what you need to do so you don't waste time going over some topics too often at the expense of others. Click [here](#) to read about Melbourne Uni's good study suggestions.

Music to study to

Struggling to focus? The right music may help you feel calm, motivated and productive—but songs you love could become distracting. [Explore music that may help you study well.](#)

TAFE at Schools 2027

If you're a Year 10, 11 or 12 student in 2026 you may be able to complete a TAFE Queensland qualification while you're still at school. You can choose from a variety of Certificate I, Certificate III and Certificate IV courses. For more information see your Guidance Officer or VET coordinator and visit the TAFE at School [website](#). There are TAFE at School guides that provide all the information about courses, costs, timetables etc. Click on the relevant link for you:

- [North Queensland](#)
- [Greater Brisbane](#)
- [Darling Downs and South West](#)
- [Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay](#)
- [Gold Coast](#)

2027 applications and enrolments are now open and information can be found in the TAFE at School Guide for your location above or talk with your VET Coordinator or phone TAFE directly.

Why TAFE?

At TAFE, experience a supportive learning environment with teachers who are invested in your success. Whether you're just starting out or looking to future-proof your career, you'll graduate with real skills and real confidence. Find out more here including:

- Affordable training options
- Start your journey today
- How to apply

You can apply directly for any course offered through TAFE Queensland. [More details here.](#)



3 Myths About Early Entry Programs

Confused by Early Entry? Year13 busts some common myths using UNE as an example. Remember, every University has different rules, so check the Early Entry policies for each Uni you're considering. [Find out about the three main myths](#) around early offers:

Myth 1: If I'm planning on using an early entry scheme, I don't have to worry about my marks in Year 11 or Year 12

Myth 2: Getting an Early Entry offer means I can't apply for other courses later

Myth 3: You can apply for any course you want via the Early Entry Program

Course Seeker

[Course Seeker](#) lets you search and compare thousands of Australian courses. Check entry requirements, application details, student satisfaction and graduate outcomes all in one place. It's especially helpful if you're considering studying interstate.

Early offers

Early Offers are usually made through QTAC but some universities send offers directly. If you receive one, you may be able to:

- Accept it
- Accept it conditionally
- Defer it, depending on the university.

Accepting an early offer outright completes your QTAC application. If you accept conditionally, reorder your QTAC preferences so your preferred course is number one. You can then be considered in the next offer round. Check each university's rules: [ACU](#), [Bond](#), [UniSC](#), [CHC](#), [CQU](#), [Griffith](#), [JCU](#), [QUT](#), [SCU](#), [Torrens](#), [UNE](#), [UniSQ](#) and [UQ](#). If you're unsure, contact the university directly.

Fast track options - are they suitable for you?

Most institutions have two study periods each year, called semesters. Some offer three periods, called trimesters, including study over summer.

Studying all three may help you finish your degree sooner. These are known as fast-track courses. Read about the pros and cons in this [Good Universities Guide article](#)

Open Universities Australia

Can't get to a university campus or only want to try one subject? [Open Universities Australia \(OUA\)](#) lets you study online with universities across Australia. You can choose a full course or individual subjects, study flexibly and access online support. You'll receive the same qualification as an on-campus student. Eligible students may also access HELP loans. [Find out more here.](#)

Things I wish I knew before coming to university

Moataz Hamde shares with ABC's EveryDay the things she wishes she understood/knew about before going to uni. She says that her idea of what to expect from university life came in the form of trashy US college movies. She was gearing up for non-stop debauchery, but the reality was far different — a demanding workload, strict deadlines and the ultimate test of mental, emotional and physical strength. Click [here](#) to read more about her tips for managing and being successful at university including:

- Stress less, no-one cares what your school score was
- Make sure you're studying what you want to learn
- Keep an open mind
- Expand your circle
- Go out and get some real-world experience
- Study hard and work a little bit

Thinking of going to uni? Read this first!

What's your motivation for going to uni? Is it to get qualified for your dream career? To experience the student lifestyle? Or is it because everyone is telling you it's the only way to get a good job? Before making your choice, click [here](#) and consider the following:

- Why am I going to university?
- Is this course right for me?
- Which university is right for me?
- Will I get a job when I finish?
- More resources to help you

Using VET qualifications for competitive entry to University

Most universities offer an entry pathway using your VET qualifications. University policies differ and can change at any time so it's best to check their websites for any changes. These ranks are relevant to students who HAVE NOT sat the STAT test (through QTAC more suited to non school leavers) or gained a score less than 150.

Year 12 VET qualifications and the tertiary ranks they are awarded by institution

Institution	Certificate III	Certificate IV	Diploma
<u>QUT</u>	68 (QUT Dip entry only)	74	87
<u>Griffith Uni</u>	68	74	87
<u>UniSC</u>	68	74	82
<u>CQU</u>	68	74	82
<u>Bond</u>	40	74	82
<u>ACU</u>	68	74	82
<u>SCU</u>	67	73	75
<u>TAFE</u>	72	74	84
<u>UQ</u>	68	74	82 (Can be used for entry into Semester 2 of first year out of school)

[JCU](#) If you completed a Certificate III or a Certificate IV qualification while at school, you are guaranteed entry into a number of JCU undergraduate courses. Some courses require additional subject prerequisites to be met and are detailed in the [Handbook](#) found on each course page.

Year 12 Subject Adjustment Schemes

Some universities give you extra selection ranks for successfully completing certain Year 12 subjects. This can make you more competitive for entry. Each university has different rules, but QTAC applies eligible adjustments automatically — you don't need to apply. These schemes only apply to eligible Year 12 qualifications, including the ATAR and IB. They do not apply to VET qualifications. Click the links below to compare Year 12 subject adjustment schemes:

- [ACU](#)
- [Griffith University](#)
- [QUT](#)
- [UQ](#)
- [UniSC](#)
- [UniSQ](#) (scroll down)
- [JCU](#)

Bond University

Applying to Bond

Applying to Bond is free, with no commitment or obligation to accept an offer. Apply anytime through Bond's secure online portal and have it as another study option. [Find out more and apply here.](#)

Central Queensland University

Wanting to Apply?

Ready to apply to CQUniversity? Find easy access to the application portal for your chosen TAFE or university course, plus other handy application information links at your fingertips. [Find out more here](#) including:

- How to Apply to CQUniversity
- Apply for Your Study Level
 - Apply for TAFE Certificates and Diplomas
 - Apply for Undergraduate Degrees
 - Apply for Entry Pathways
 - Apply for Short Courses and Micro-credentials
- Apply Related Information
 - Important Application Dates
 - Application Information
 - Unique Student Identifier (USI)
 - Apply for Short Courses and Micro-credentials

Griffith University

Accommodation at Griffith University

Choose to live on campus at Nathan or Gold Coast or off-campus with one of their off campus partners. For international students, a Homestay is another great option to experience life with a local family while you study. Click [here](#) to find out more about their accommodation options including:

- On campus
- Homestay
- Off Campus

Application support information

Griffith provides the support if you're feeling unsure about your application. You can book a 15-minute Q&A session to receive personalised support with your application and learn about the range of services available at Griffith. Video call or telephone appointments are available. [Find out more here and book a session.](#)

Griffith Bridging Maths for entry into a Teaching degree

Want to study teaching but missing the Maths prereq? Griffith University offers a free Bridging Maths course that can get you there.

- Completing it = meets the Maths requirement for Education degrees
- Runs multiple times (May–June, Nov–Dec, January 2027)
- 6 weeks part-time
- Study your way: on campus or online

Expect around 13–15 hours a week:

- 2-hour tutorial (weekly)
- 13 hours self-paced online study + assessments

A solid option if you need that extra step into uni

Tips and important info for applying to study at Griffith University

Griffith's admission pathway options can help you improve your Selection Rank, upgrade to your preferred Griffith degree or satisfy subject prerequisites. If you didn't complete Year 12, they have access schemes that can help you gain admission to Griffith. Click [here](#) to:

- Explore your pathway options
- Undergraduate Diplomas
- Things to consider
 - Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee
 - ATAR Guarantee
 - Undergraduate diplomas
 - Prerequisites and assumed knowledge
 - All about your ATAR
 - Adjustment factors
 - International Baccalaureate Diploma
 - Rural Priority Access Scheme
 - Bridging and enabling programs
 - VET Pathways
 - Study at Uni while at school
 - Admissions pathways
 - High Achievers
 - Elite athletes
 - Scholarships

VET Pathways to Griffith

Griffith accepts completed Certificate III, Certificate IV and Diploma qualifications for entry into many degrees. Some courses also offer guaranteed entry through the [VET Guarantee](#). Look for the VET Guarantee badge in the [Griffith Degree Finder](#) or check the [guaranteed admission courses](#). You must still meet the English prerequisite and any other course requirements. International students should check the [international application information](#).

Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee key dates

Offers will be made to eligible applicants between September and November 2026. As soon as you submit your documentation, you'll be considered in one of the offer rounds listed. Don't panic if you can't provide your documentation until late October because your IA3 results aren't in the QCAA portal yet. Griffith will continue to make early offers for all eligible programs until the 21 November offer round.

- **21 October:** Final date to apply, to be eligible for an early offer.
- **4 November:** Final date to submit supporting documentation for the main offer round on 20 November.
- **16 November:** Last day to change your preferences to your preferred degree.

[Find more information including:](#)

- On what basis can I be made an early offer and what documentation do I need?
- How to apply
- What documentation is required
- What degrees can I apply for
- Frequently asked questions

Queensland University of Technology

Advice for getting in to tricky health courses

Some health courses have high ATAR/selection rank thresholds and it can be tricky to get in. If you want some advice or to find more about the courses you can check out QUT's FAQ articles for [medical imaging](#), [radiation therapy](#), [optometry](#) and [psychology](#). You can also find out more about [upgrading pathways in patient care courses](#).

Business and Law high school competition dates

QUT have finalised their 2026 dates for QUT's Business and Law competitions for high school students. You can register your interest for the competition below:

1. QUT BlueShift Business Case Competition — You compete in teams of three or four to analyse the business challenge and prepare a written solution to a real business case. Finalists will present their ideas in person at the Gardens Point campus. Register your interest and find out more [here](#).
2. QUT Accounting Challenge — For the challenge, students take on the role of an Accountant and work in small groups of three to four to tackle a client's real-world business problem. Teams will prepare a proposal in the form of a presentation for their client and finalists will present their ideas in person at our Gardens Point Campus. Find out more [here](#).
3. QUT High School Moot Competition— Year 11 and 12 students are provided with a fictional client problem and must prepare written and oral arguments to present in front of real-world lawyers and judges at The Gardens Point Campus. Collectively the team will be required to prepare a 20-minute argument and submit a two-page outline of their argument. Find out more [here](#).

More info will be made available in early 2027 but [register to get updates](#) so you don't miss key dates.

Diploma Health Science (Health Studies)—guaranteed pathway to health bachelor degrees

QUT's [Diploma in Health Science \(Health Studies\)](#) provides guaranteed entry to Bachelor Degrees in Behavioural Science (Psychology), Biomedical Science, Human Services, Medical Laboratory Science, Nutrition Science, Social Work, with up to 72 credit points (e.g. 6 units/subjects) of advanced standing.

Early offer updates

QUT's Year 12 Early Offer Scheme can give you an offer before ATARs are released. If eligible, you'll receive an offer for your first QTAC preference when you finish Year 12. More than 80 single and double degrees are available across areas including business, creative arts, engineering, health and science. [Find the following info here:](#)

- Am I eligible?
- What courses are included in the scheme?
- Required school results
- Supporting documentation
- Applying and receiving an offer and important dates
- Other things to consider
- Contact us

Explore health classrooms at QUT

If you couldn't make it to Open Day or if you just want to take another look at where you could be learning if you study at QUT, take a sneak peek into some of the classrooms of their most popular health courses.

[Explore nursing, biomedical science and medical laboratory science](#) and [sport and exercise science](#) facilities.

Mathematics Summer School—apply by Friday 30 October

Are you in Year 11 and studying Specialist Mathematics or an equivalent subject? If you enjoy Maths and want to explore how it can solve real-world problems, check out this non-residential summer school at QUT Gardens Point. The Summer School will be held between 18 - 21 January 2027. A limited number of \$500 bursaries are available to help regional and remote students with travel, accommodation and meals. The bursary also covers the program fee. [Find out more info and rego details here.](#)

New biotechnology major — QUT Science

Interested in using science to tackle global challenges? QUT's new biotechnology major explores how living organisms can be used to develop sustainable products, improve food production and support emerging industries. Gain practical skills and prepare for careers across biotechnology, agriculture, manufacturing and environmental sectors. [Discover more.](#)

Pathways into the future of tech at QUT

QUT diplomas provide students with pathways into higher education, offering a supported transition into university while developing industry-relevant skills aligned with future workforce needs. These courses also provide guaranteed entry to their Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Games and Interactive Environments.

[Diploma in Esports:](#) ideal for students interested in gaming and digital media. The diploma develops skills in esports production, game design, event management, digital media and the business of gaming.

[Diploma in Information Technology:](#) provides foundational knowledge in programming, cybersecurity, networks, data and emerging technologies, preparing students for further study and careers in the rapidly evolving tech sector.

QUT campus tours

Explore QUT on guided campus tours with a current student. Tours are available at Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses during the school holidays on Thursday 24 and Tuesday 29 September and on 1 December and 2 December. [Find out more and register here.](#)

Refreshed Architecture curriculum at QUT

Streamline your path to becoming an Architect with QUT's combined undergraduate and postgraduate architecture study package. Complete an integrated five-year pathway from design foundations to advanced architectural study. On successful completion of your bachelor degree, progress directly into their accredited Master of Architecture. [Learn more.](#)

START QUT applications now open

Year 11 students are encouraged to explore the [START QUT program](#) for Semester 1 (Year 12), and the STEM Intensive summer program held before they commence Year 12. Students can receive a selection rank adjustment and gain potential credit towards a future degree while trialling future study areas and experiencing life as a student at QUT. [Applications are now open](#) and close on 31 October 2026.

Undergraduate Certificate (Nursing) offer guarantee Tertiary Rank

Are you interested in Nursing but may not get the ATAR/Tertiary Rank needed? QUT's offer guarantee for the [Undergraduate Certificate \(Nursing\)](#) (QTAC code 420551) has increased to 65.00 for entry in Semester 1, 2027. Check it out as it may be a great option for you.

Southern Cross University

Entry pathways

There are many pathways to university. Gaining entry to university with your high school results is just one. If you don't get the ATAR you need to go straight into your chosen course, you can complete one of our free pathways programs. [Find out more including:](#)

- Transition to Uni - A six-week free preparation course for recent High School leavers or ATAR eligible Year 12 students guaranteeing direct entry to uni.
- Early Offer - Early Offer enables Year 12 students to gain early entry to Southern Cross University.
- Preparing for Success - A free 12-week program that develops study skills to succeed at university with guaranteed entry into university.
- Special Admission Scheme - Special admission assists applicants who have been disadvantaged during their senior school years.

The University of Queensland

Bachelor of Wildlife Science

New majors in Wildlife Conservation and Captive Wildlife gives you more study options, along with a two-campus program and Semester 1 and 2 intakes. This program combines ecology, conservation and animal biology to help you understand, protect and manage wildlife in a changing world. [Find out more here.](#)

High School Activities

UQ is running the following activities sessions:

26 Oct - 13 Nov 2026 [Experience Ecology](#) is for Year 11 biology school groups to gain field experience relevant to Unit 3 of senior biology (2025 syllabus v1.2), and to practice data analysis and scientific report writing for Internal Assessment 2.

16 - 20 Nov 2026 [Senior Science Skills Days](#) are workshops for school groups of Year 10 students that address critical thinking, experimental risk management, science literacy, and framing research questions to provide a head start in senior science.

IT can start with an Arts Degree

Discover the diverse career paths UQ Arts graduates have taken, from unexpected opportunities to dream roles. With more than 45 majors to choose from, you can explore your interests and shape a degree that's uniquely yours. [Download the Arts guide here.](#)

Online bridging courses in General Maths and Maths Methods

Need a Year 12 Maths prerequisite for uni? UQ College's Online Bridging Courses let you tick that box from home and get into your dream degree. Quick Facts:

- What it is: A self-paced, online Year 12 Maths alternative.
- The support: You get weekly Zoom check-ins with real teachers so you don't get stuck.
- When to start: New courses kick off on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month.

[Find out more info and application details here](#)

Scholarships for specific study areas

Scholarships can provide financial support and great opportunities at university. Many UQ scholarship applications are opening soon, so now is the time for Year 12 students to explore their options including specific study area ones:

[TC Beirne School of Law Scholarship](#) - This scholarship provides support of up to \$5,000 to students who are experiencing financial hardship and hoping to pursue a law degree at UQ.

[Science scholarships](#) - Intending to study maths, science, agriculture or environmental programs at UQ, this article will help them plan their scholarship applications once they commence their studies.

[Engineering Futures Scholarship](#) - Commencing engineering students experiencing financial hardship could receive up to \$30,000 over the duration of their studies. Applications open in January.

[Arthur Joseph Deakin Engineering Scholarship](#) - Commencing engineering students from rural, regional and remote areas and experiencing financial hardship could receive up to \$30,000 over the duration of their studies. Applications open in January.

Undergraduate Law Admission Scheme open now

The Undergraduate Law Admission Scheme provides an alternative entry pathway into Law if you are from a disadvantaged and/or culturally diverse backgrounds. [Find out more about the scheme here.](#)

UQ's Adjustment Factors - are you eligible?

Adjustment factors don't change your ATAR. They are bonus selection ranks added by universities to help you meet course entry requirements. Each university offers different adjustments and sets its own limit. At UQ, the maximum is five. [Find out what UQ gives adjustment factors](#) for including:

- What are adjustment factors?
- Completing specific subjects in high school
- Living in a rural or remote location
- Attending a specific high school
- Experiencing hardship financially or personally
- Identifying as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Attending uni in your local area
- Being an elite athlete or performer
- How do I apply for rank adjustments?

University of Southern Queensland

Health study options

UniSQ is offering the following Allied Health study options in 2027:

- Counselling
- Medical Sciences
- Medicine Pathway
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Occupational Therapy
- Paramedicine
- Pharmacy
- Physiotherapy
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Social Work
- Speech Pathology
- Sport and Exercise Science

[Find out more information](#) with many courses being offered at their Ipswich campus.

Want to talk to someone about going to uni?

Find out more information about UniSQ including:

- International Student Enquiries
- Current Student Enquiries
- Domestic Future Student Enquiries
- Career Advising Practitioners
- Scholarship Enquiries

You can book an appointment to discuss the following options:

- Degree Advisor Discussion
- High School Student Discussion
- Pathways Discussion

[Find more info here.](#)

University of the Sunshine Coast

Immerse yourself in the university experience

'Immerse' is a one-of-a-kind online experience that allows you to 'step inside' and explore UniSC and all that there is on offer. Experience UniSC's world class teaching and learning spaces as real students and lecturers go about their day-to-day activities. Get a feel for UniSC and what to expect heading from high school to university. Click [here](#) for more information.

Scholarships on offer

Scholarship applications for Study Period 1 2027 are now open and will close on 30 November 2026. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by 26 February 2027. [Find more info here](#) including how to apply. Applications close on 30 November 2026.

Study advisor call appointments

Need help planning your career or choosing what to study? UniSC's Careers and Employability team can help prospective students with:

- exploring careers and study options
- considering changing degrees
- planning a career change
- finding industry experience
- building skills and improve employability.

[Find out more here including how to make a booking.](#)

What can I study at UniSC?

UniSC offers a wide range of study areas at their Sunshine Coast Sippy Downs, Moreton Bay, Fraser Coast, Caboolture and Gympie including:

- Arts and Humanities
- Business and Commerce
- Communication
- Creative Industries
- Design
- Education
- Engineering
- Environmental Studies
- Law and Criminology
- Medical and Health Sciences
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Psychology and Social Work
- Science
- Sport and Exercise Science
- Technology
- Pathways and Bridging Programs

[Find out more about the courses on offer and the location here.](#)

Upcoming Events



Date	Event
06/10/2026	ADF: Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session
06/10/2026	ADF: Toowoomba Defence Careers Information Session
06/10/2026	Breaking down a winning ivy league profile webinar
07/10/2026	ADF: Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session
07/10/2026	CQ Uni STEPS Term 3 Information Session webinar
07/10/2026	QUT Acting applications close
08/10/2026	CASPER Test for Veterinary Science entry optional test date
08/10/2026	JCU Year 12 Webinar
12/10/2026	ADF: Mackay Defence Careers Information Session
13/10/2026	ADF: Townsville Air Force Careers Information Session
14/10/2026	ADF: Brisbane Comms, IT & Intelligence Roles Information Session
15/10/2026	ADF: Gold Coast Air Force Careers Information Session
15/10/2026	UniSQ Early Entry applications close
19/10/2026	GU Trimester 3 Head Start Program applications close
19/10/2026	JCU closing date for Medicine applicants
21/10/2026	GU Final date to apply, to be eligible for an early offer.
21/10/2026	QUT Final early offer invitation date to complete your QTAC application
23/10/2026	QUT Early Offer applications close
30/10/2026	Fixed Closing Date for Veterinary Science - QTAC Application
30/10/2026	GU Qld Film School optional portfolio admissions due
30/10/2026	QUT RISE Scholarship applications close
30/10/2026	UQ Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours) applications close through QTAC
31/10/2026	Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Local Sporting Champions program Round 2 Closes
31/10/2026	AVCAT (Aust Veterans' Children Assistance Trust) scholarships close

31/10/2026	QUT START QUT Sem 1 2027 close
31/10/2026	START QUT Sem 1 2027 applications close
31/10/2026	UQ Sporting Scholarship applications close
01/11/2026	TC Beirne School of Law Leadership, Excellence and Diversity (LEAD) Scholarship
04/11/2026	Early offer final day to submit docs for 20 Sept round
04/11/2026	GU Final date to submit supporting documentation for the main offer round on 20 November.
09/11/2026	UQ COLlege bridging course applications close
12/11/2026	QUT Discover Creative Arts and Design dau
16/11/2026	GU Last day to change your preferences to your preferred degree.
16/11/2026	GU Early Offer last date to change your course preferences
19/11/2026	CASPER Test for Veterinary Science entry optional test date
20/11/2026	UQ Academic scholarship applications close
30/11/2026	UniSC scholarship applications close