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Aviation Australia

Aviation Australia provides world class aviation training that has created partnerships with over 150 industry organisations including airlines, aerospace companies, governments defence force and regulatory authorities. It is now offering the School to Work pathway 2021 VETiS two year - [MEA20515 Certificate II in Aircraft Line Maintenance](#) for Year 11 students. They are holding an information session on 5 June 2021 which is a great chance to tour their world-class Technical Training Centre which has a comprehensive range of aircraft as well as chat to their staff about course options and what it's like to work in aviation as an aircraft maintenance engineer. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

Opportunities with the Department of Transport and Main Roads

As a commercial business within the Queensland [Transport and Main Roads](#), [RoadTek](#) provides apprenticeships and traineeships, giving you the opportunity to combine employment and structured training while completing a nationally recognised qualification. RoadTek apprentices and trainees can be employed on either a full-time or part-time basis. Opportunities are available to everyone from mature age workers to high school students. [Click here](#) to find out more about apprenticeship and traineeship pathways through TMR.

What's involved in an apprenticeship or traineeship?

Not sure about what an apprenticeships and traineeships look like, what's involved or how to find employers? The Australian Apprenticeships My Gain channel on youtube has videos where apprentices and trainees talk about their work and how they went about finding it. See the [My Gain website](#) to access the videos.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Australian Defence Force (ADF) Job Finder

If you are interested in joining the ADF but don't know what ADF jobs are available, use the Job Finder on the [home page](#) to get you started. Click on 'Jobs' on the top navigation bar and you will see a list of jobs on offer in the various services. All jobs have a brief description, training and benefits including salary, medical and dental, work/life balance, job security and career development, skill acquisition and community involvement.

Upcoming Australian Defence Force information sessions

Find out about upcoming Queensland and National ADF events and information sessions by visiting the [Defence Jobs](#) website including online videos:

- [ADF Careers Information session](#)
- [RMC Information Session](#)
- [Army Reserve Information Session](#)
- [Army General Entry Information Session](#)
- [Navy Officer Information Session](#)
- [Navy Technical Trades Information Session](#)
- [Women in Defence Information Session](#)

Upcoming ADF events:

- 18/05/2021 [Rockhampton: A Night in the Army Reserve Information Session](#)
- 19/05/2021 [Mackay: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
[Hervey Bay: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
[Gold Coast: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 20/05/2021 [Cairns: Army Careers Information Session](#)
[Bundaberg Defence Careers Information](#)
[Brisbane: Submariner Careers Information Session](#)
- 21/05/2021 [Brisbane Careers & Employment Expo](#)
- 24/05/2021 [Toowoomba: Tech & Trade Careers Information Session](#)
[Gold Coast: Commando Information Session](#)
- 25/05/2021 [Maroochydore: Annual Elders, Influencers & Community Morning Tea](#)

[Townsville: Army Careers Information Session](#)

[Brisbane: Commando Information Session](#)

26/05/2021 [Toowoomba: ADF Officer Information Session](#)

[Maroochydore: Commando Information Session](#)

[Brisbane: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

29/05/2021 [Toowoomba: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

31/05/2021 [Goondiwindi: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

[Gold Coast: Army Reserve Information Session](#)

[Brisbane: Trade Careers Information Session](#)

01/06/2021 [St. George: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

[Caboolture: Army Reserve Info Session](#)

02/06/2021 [Winton: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

[Maroochydore: Logistics & Hospitality Info Session](#)

03/06/2021 [Longreach: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

Your Future is Up – Find your ideal role in the Air Force

Want to take your first step to a rewarding role with the Australian Air Force? Visit the [Your Future is Up website](#) and learn what your career path could be in the Royal Australian Air Force. You will also find information about the various roles in the Air Force. Start checking it out including:

- Serving, living and learning in the Air Force
- Airbase protection and security
- Joining the Air Force
- About the Air Force
- Opportunities for students
- Help Centre



Apprenticeships, Traineeships and Industry areas

On the [myskills website](#) you can find information about nationally recognised training courses, registered training providers, matching skills with jobs and information on the following industries:

- Agriculture and Food processing
- Arts and Culture
- Business Education and Training
- Construction and Mining
- Defence industry
- Design
- Government, Safety and Environment
- Sports and Recreation
- Tourism and Hospitality
- Transport
- Utilities
- Health and Community Services
- Manufacturing and Engineering
- Science and Technology
- Retail, Hair and Beauty Services

In each section you can scroll down and see a 'Careers in Demand' and Growth Areas' section within the industry. Case studies and videos of people who have completed their training and gained entry to their preferred jobs are included.

Browse careers by industry

Working out what you want to do for a job can be overwhelming, probably because you don't know what jobs are 'out there'. Seek.com has a section where you can check out jobs, their salaries, employee job satisfaction, relevant courses and in demand skills. It is another place to find out about what jobs are out there and if they are of interest to you. [Click here](#) to investigate over thirty different industry areas (you will still need to scroll down the page).

Career Counselling may be your answer

Options Career Information provides career counselling for school students and parents. Sessions can be online, over the phone, or face to face. If you have Extras cover with BUPA, Medibank or Police Health you may be able to make a claim. To make an appointment or find out how we can be of assistance, email info@OptionsCareers.com.au or phone 0413 352 526.

Career Explorer

[The USQ Career Explorer](#) will help you discover the study areas where your talents and interests can flourish and thrive. Take 5 minutes to simply answer a few short questions to find career options based on your interests, talents and preferences. This is one way you can start exploring your career options from a university pathway perspective (click on I am new to USQ).

Have you heard about Bakers and pastry cooks, Beef cattle farmers or Financial Brokers?

[Bakers and Pastry cooks](#) prepare and bake bread loaves and rolls, buns, cakes, biscuits and pastry goods. You can work as a Baker or Pastrycook without formal qualifications if you are able to demonstrate your technical competency to employers. However, a certificate III or IV in retail baking or patisserie is usually required. These courses are often completed as part of an apprenticeship.

[Beef Cattle Farmers](#) breed and raise beef cattle for meat and breeding stock. They can specialise as a stud beef cattle farmer. You usually need livestock farming experience to work as a Beef Cattle Farmer. While formal qualifications aren't essential, a Vocational Education and Training (VET) course in agriculture may be useful.

[Financial Brokers](#) operate as independent agents to facilitate the trading of commodities and arrange insurance and loans of money on behalf of clients. You usually need a formal qualification in commerce, accounting, finance, economics or actuarial studies to work as a Financial Broker. Vocational Education and Training (VET) and university are both common study pathways.

Science is more than test tubes and experiments

The Australian Science Channel and COSMOS The Science of Everything are merging to provide more compelling science news and insights from Australia and around the world. If you are wanting to find out where a career in science can take you, [visit their website](#) to find information about:

- Culture
- Innovate and Tech
- News and events
- Our planet
- Scinema
- Space
- The body
- thought leaders
- ultimate careers

You'll also find videos covering a wide range of scientific topics, achievements and future predictions.

Thinking about a trade career?

Are you a high school girl looking to build your career on a trade such as carpentry, building, electrical or automotive and mechanical? The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) is holding a speed careering event on 4 June from 9am - 12 pm in the Construction Training Centre. You will:

- Meet tradeswomen who are training, working and running their own businesses in the construction, mining and automotive industries
- Network with women in various stages of their careers in a broad range of trades

- Hear first hand the benefits and rewards of pursuing a trade career
- Discover how to commence your own trade career
- Learn the tricks of the trade

To register to attend, email ruth@nawic.com.au by Friday 28 May, 2021.

What is VET?

[My Skills](#) can help you find the career to suit you and the qualification you need to get there especially if you are considering a VET pathway after school. Vocational Education and Training offers nationally recognised training and qualifications across a range of industries such as information technology, avionics, building and construction, business, nursing, aged care, fashion design and floristry - just to name a few. As My Skills will show you, there are thousands of qualifications to choose from ranging from Certificate I to Certificate IV, and Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate. Unlike other learning options, VET lets you undertake partial qualifications, short courses, skill sets and units of competency, allowing you to gain the specific skills you need, when you need them. [Click here](#) to find out more about:

- Benefits of VET
- Career stories
- Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- Skills for your career
- Local providers
- Financial assistance
- Resources

Where to next

Career Events.com has put together a seminar hub providing you information on careers in Information and Technology, Creative Arts, Science, Defence, Tourism and Travel, Universities, Health, Skills- based, Teaching, Student Accommodation, Application Process and Private Colleges. There are videos and articles that tell you more about each of the topics. [Click here to find out more.](#)

Will a career test tell me what I should do?

It would make career decision making easier, wouldn't it? Unfortunately, it's not that simple. However, there are many tests that can help identify your career interests, work values, skills, aptitudes, personality, etc. at the point in time when you do the tests. While there isn't just one ideal job for you, assessment tools can increase your self-awareness and usually provide you with a list of possible jobs based on how you responded to the test questions. This information can be used to begin your career exploration. The following tests/questionnaires are examples of assessment tools you can use to come up with job ideas. You could also visit your school Guidance Counsellor/Officer and ask them about tests or questionnaires they recommend to help you begin your career exploration.

- [myfuture](#) – My career profile (Sign up when first entering this site).
- [Job Outlook](#) – Career quiz.
- [Skills Road](#) - Career quiz
- [Jung Typology Test](#) – This is a personality test.
- [Career Interest Explorer](#) – The focus is jobs that require VET qualifications.

Competitions

One minute film competition

The 1-Minute Film Competition is an initiative of Australian Teachers of Media (ATOM). It provides Australian and New Zealand primary and secondary school students with the opportunity to make a 60-second short film or animation and win fantastic prizes in the process. The theme for the 2021 competition is 'Connection'. For more information, read the competition rules [here](#) and entries close Midday, 16 July 2021.

ReelOzInd – Short film competition

Submissions are now open for the 2021 ReelOzInd - Australia Indonesia Short Film Competition. You are required to submit animation, documentary or fiction short films of no longer than 10 minutes that relate to the competition theme, 'Koneksi / Connection. Details are on the [ReelOzInd website](#) and entries close on 1 August 2021.

Student film competition

To enter the competition, you need to create a one minute film encouraging your community to recycle their old mobile phones. The theme for 2021 is *Protect the Planet*. You can create your film in any genre (comedy, action, romance, drama, sci-fi) and style (fictional, documentary or animation) – the choice is yours. Enter the competition as an individual, group or class. Entries are now open and close on 13 September 2021 and [click here for more information](#).

The 2021 ATOM Awards

[The 2021 ATOM Awards](#) feature nearly forty [categories](#) covering everything from feature-length films and television programs to animation, short fiction, educational resources and new media including web series, apps and games. Entries will close midday on Friday 4 June 2021 and [click here to enter](#).

The Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards 2021

To enter this competition, you need to submit up to three poems no longer than 80 lines each; no illustrations, graphics or decorations may be submitted. The optional theme is "Rich and Rare." so you can write about whatever topic sparks your poetic genius. Primary and secondary students can enter as an individual or as a school. The entry fees are: Online entries: individual (up to 3 poems)—\$20.00; up to 30 poems—\$30.00; over 30 poems—\$60.00; over 100 poems—\$80.00. Closing date for entries is *30 June 2021*. Visit [Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards website](#) for more information.

Disabilities

NDIS School Leaver Employment Supports (SLES)

[School Leavers Employment Supports](#) (SLES) is an early intervention approach for Year 12 school leavers. It's designed to support the transition from school to employment. On the National Disability Insurance Agency [website](#) you can find out more about the School Leavers Employment Supports, how SLES works, provider expectations and you can download provider resources.

Ticket to Work

[Ticket to Work](#) is an initiative of National Disability Services (NDS) that works to improve employment opportunities and outcomes for young people with disability. The initiative grew out of research that showed participation in work and career experience during secondary school are key indicators of post-school success for young people with disability. Ticket to Work does not provide direct services to young people with disability or their families however their website provides great information to assist you to plan an appropriate and achievable pathway from school to work.

Employment

Five tips for career development networking

It's never too early to understand networking! Networking is about building and developing professional relationships that can help you achieve your employment goals. Networking can take many forms. You can:

- join professional associations
- attend formal networking or business events
- build relationships online or through your existing business or social channels.

Having a network of professional contacts can be useful for:

- getting a better understanding of your dream career or industry
- finding future employment opportunities and
- landing a job

[Click here](#) to read about JobJumpstart's article that talks about:

- Figure out what information you want
- Develop a 'pitch'
- Personal presentation
- Listen carefully
- Change up your networking events

Top 100 graduate employers in 2021

GradAustralia has developed a new methodology to determine the Top 100 Graduate Employers in 3032, which gives equal weighting to both popularity and program quality. [Click here to view](#) the results by popularity rating as well as by sector. When you click on an employer you can find information about:

- The company
- Graduate review
- Jobs and opportunities
- Graduate success stories
- A day in the life of ...
- Videos
- Advice

What is a resume? The essentials you need to know

Seek writes that a 'Resume' is a word you'll hear a lot during the job-hunting process. A resume, sometimes called a CV or curriculum vitae, is a document that lists your work experience, education, skills and achievements. You'll need a resume for almost any job application. It's considered essential information to

give to an employer so they can weigh up whether you're suitable for a role and if they want to invite you to a job interview. [Click here](#) to read more about *What my resume should include* however, always remember, there is no 'right' way to construct your resume and this is just an example.

- Personal details
- Career objectives or summary
- Education
- Work experience
- Skills, strengths and/or interests
- References
- How long should it be?
- What should it look like?
- What to leave out

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Bond University scholarships for 2022

Bond's scholarship program offers many full-fee and part-fee scholarships as well as cash bursaries. Most scholarships can be used for any single or combined program (except for the Medical Program). Visit the [Scholarship webpage](#) for more information, to download the scholarship brochure and to access the application tips. [Scholarship applications](#) for Year 12s must be lodged online using the Bond University application form. Closing dates are varied and are earlier than other universities so start your research now.

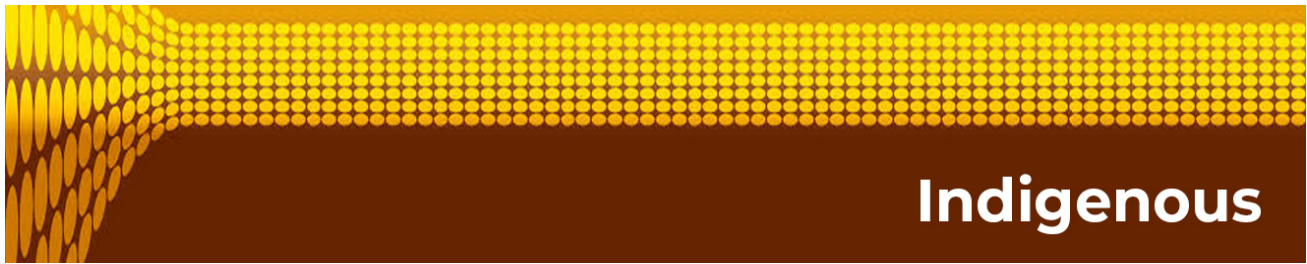
Commonwealth Supported Places and HELP Loans

Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) is a place at a university or higher education provider where the government pays part of your fees. This part is a subsidy, not a loan, and you don't have to pay it back. This subsidy does not cover the entire cost of your study. Students must pay the balance of the tuition fee, called the 'student contribution amount'. For more information about Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) and your eligibility visit the [Study Assist website](#).

Those students who have a CSP can get a HECS-HELP loan to pay for their studies. A HECS-HELP loan only pays tuition fees and does not cover costs like accommodation, laptops or textbooks. To find out more information about HECS-HELP loans visit the [Study Assist website](#).

Western Civilisation Scholarship

Applications for the UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship will open on 21 June and close on 6 August. Worth \$30,000 per year the scholarships are offered to students undertaking an extended major in Western Civilisation. A webinar for interested students and school staff will be held on Friday 18 June. [Click here to find out more](#) about the scholarship and how to register for the webinar. It's never too early to start your scholarship research.



Interested in a career in health?

Visit the [Health Heroes website](#) where you will find videos of Indigenous health workers as well as a three-part documentary, '1 Heart My People'. This presentation follows six Indigenous health and emergency workers. The stories of these workers provide an insight into their characters, lives and motivation. They also communicate a genuine appreciation of the unique culture challenges and social context of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

Johnathon Thurston Academy

[Johnathon Thurston Academy](#) is a leading national provider of [employment initiatives](#) and community programs aimed at employment, education and well-being of young people. They develop and deliver high-quality programs equipping participants with the right skills, knowledge, and attributes to make a significant and positive future impact. Through strong partnerships, they are committed to supporting individuals to reach personal, educational, and career goals. The main objective is to ensure that locals throughout the regions have access to employment and training opportunities. Visit the [Johnathon Thurston Academy website](#) to find out more.

USQ Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program (IHEPP)

USQ's Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program (IHEPP) is the perfect way to start studying at university. The pathway has been developed to give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people the academic skills needed for university study. If you do not have the right school qualification when you finish Year 12 this program provides you with an opportunity to study 3 or 6 courses (subjects), all with an Indigenous focus, to develop your writing, maths, general study and computing skills. The program is free and you can apply for a number of Australian Government scholarships to help you with the costs of study and relocation expenses if you need to move. For more information about the program, entry requirements and how to apply visit the [USQ's Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program website](#). Note that the dates are still for 2021 entry but research and planning for 2022 so you don't miss out on any great opportunities.



Interstate & International

Helpful websites for researching overseas study options

Although we don't yet know when Australia's international borders will open, if you are thinking about studying in another country it is a good idea to start your research now. The following are some organisations that will provide you with great information.

[Study and play USA](#) - Provide the knowledge, experience and expertise student-athletes need to travel to the USA to live, play, learn, compete, study, grow in a purpose fit university.

[Education USA](#) – This site offers a five-step approach to researching study in the USA.

[International Student](#) – Provides access to resources for study in USA, Canada and UK.

[QS Top Universities](#) – Provides information on the highest ranked universities in the world.

[Study Link](#) – This site has a search tool that gives you access to thousands of courses from institutions around the world.

[Study Portals](#) – Allows you to search globally for institutions and courses.

[Times Higher Education World University Rankings](#) – A website set up by the company behind the world's most influential university ranking on every continent across the world.

[OS-HELP on the Study Assist website](#) - OS-HELP is a loan available to eligible Australian students enrolled in a Commonwealth supported place who want to undertake some of their study overseas.

[Smartraveller](#) – This Australian Government website provides information for Australian travellers.

[Study in Canada](#) – You can use this site to explore institutions and courses in Canada.

[Study in New Zealand](#) – A course search and information about qualifications and scholarships available.

[British Council: Study UK](#) – Everything you need to know about studying in the United Kingdom.

[Ministry of Education, Singapore](#) – Provides general information about studying in Singapore.

Job Info

5 paths into engineering if you don't ace your ATAR

Stressed about getting an amazing ATAR score? There are loads of alternative pathways into engineering that can lead to an awesome career. If innovating, creative thinking and problem-solving is your thing, chances are you're drawn to the 'E' in STEM – engineering. In 2021 engineering roles are up there with some of the most [fast-growing and in demand](#). [Check out this article](#) and find out about:

- Associate Degree in Electrical Engineering
- Associate Degree in Biomedical Engineering
- Associate Degree in Civil and Structural Engineering (Design Drafting)
- Associate Degree in Civil and Structural Engineering (Site Management)
- Associate Degree in Electronic Engineering

Although the article refers to the South Australian TAFE, you will find [TAFE Queensland](#) offers these courses also.

A career in Maths

Have you ever thought of launching a startup company, reaching millions of users with a new app or saving lives with a miracle discovery in medicine? You can make it happen by choosing maths. Mathematics is an essential in the 21st century workforce and it's a doorway to nearly every industry. More than crunching numbers, maths is the language that allows you to solve the problems of tomorrow, innovate new technology and lead scientific discoveries. Some of the biggest challenges for future generations are still to come and the solution can be Maths! [Check out AMSI's What's your dream](#) article including information about maths jobs in:

- Science and environment
- Business and marketing
- Technology
- Sport and recreation
- Health and society
- Transport and logistics
- Biostatistics and bioinformatics
- Engineering and resources
- Education
- Finance and money
- Security and defence

Blockchain boom

Australia is currently experiencing a growing demand for blockchain-literate professionals in non-technical roles such as operations and project management. Blockchain has been one of the most talked-about tech trends of the last few years. While you're probably aware that blockchain is the technology behind cryptocurrency, what you might not be aware of, is its many other real-world applications in everything from agriculture to real estate. A blockchain is a decentralized, distributed, immutable, digital ledger consisting of records (called blocks) that's used to record transactions across many computers on a peer-to-peer network. In short, a blockchain is a system of recording information in a way that makes it difficult to change, hack, or cheat the system. [Click here](#) to read TAFE Queensland's article about the block chain book and scroll down to find courses you might be interested in.

Do you want a career helping people?

If you are looking for a career where you can help people, have you thought about jobs in the service industry? [The Job I Love](#) website focuses on 14 different jobs in the service industries, including Beauty Business to Business, Community Recreation, Community Pharmacy, Fitness, Floristry, Funeral Services, Outdoor Recreation, Hairdressing, Retail, Sport & Recreation, Hospitality, Travel & Tourism and Events. The information provided for each industry includes the careers, tasks, job profiles, career opportunities, training, qualifications and job roles in the sector.

Food, tools and medicine: 5 native plants that illuminate deep Aboriginal knowledge

Australia's Science Channel has published an article highlighting the value of Aboriginal plant knowledge. They say that Aboriginal knowledge is often seen as “in the past”, fixed and stagnant. Such tropes deny the ability to continuously adapt and innovate. Over countless millennia, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have harnessed the tremendous potential of plants, ingeniously using them [for medicines, nutrition](#), to express [our culture](#) and to develop [innovative technologies](#). [Click here](#) to read more about the value of native Australian plants for food, tools and medicine. There may be a job in this area you are interested in!

Queensland Police Recruiting seminars

If you are interested in exploring the career opportunities within the Queensland Police Service, you can visit their [website](#) for recruitment information and upcoming information sessions you can register for. On the site you can find links to entry pathways, diversity and inclusion, what's offered, frequently asked questions and event and information session details.



2020 megatrends and imperative work skills

In 2020 workforces need to swiftly change if they want to remain competitive in industry (at the very least). Megatrends are global, sustained economic forces that impact the economy, business, industry and culture that industries need to embrace – from the top down – for high performance in the '2020s'. To identify and simplify three looming megatrends, TAFE Queensland has consulted with futurists and conducted literature reviews for you. [Click here to read](#) about the megatrends, technology development, lifelong education and entrepreneurship and innovation. They also identify and discuss critical skills for 2020 workforce performance including decision making and problem solving, managing resources and others and communication skills.

Advice and Support for Job Seekers

If you are looking for a job now or in the future, the Australian Government's [Labour Market Information Portal](#) has lots of great information. On the site you can find information relating to:

- [Jobs Hub](#) - provides an up to date list of some of the business and organisations that are currently hiring
- [Finding work in the Australian jobs market](#)
- [Jobs in demand right now](#)
- Understanding your skills as the jobs in demand change
- [Skills Match](#)
- The [Job Outlook career quiz](#) and how to explore careers that interest you.

Recruitment Experiences and Outlook Survey

The National Skills Commission conducts an ongoing survey of employers to monitor recruitment activity in the labour market (the Recruitment Experiences and Outlook Survey). The current iteration of the survey commenced on 21 September 2020, with data collected on a range of topics including the business impacts of COVID-19, current recruitment activity, recruitment difficulty, recruitment methods, business risks and future staffing expectations. [Click here](#), scroll down to Recruitment Experiences and Outlook Snapshot and then individual files to see what employers think as of December 2020. There is other valuable data on this site also.

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



Brisbane Aviation open day

If you're interested in a career in aviation and looking for study options, TAFE Queensland is presenting an aviation open day on 5 June 2021. There will be morning and afternoon session which will be held at Brisbane Airport. It's a great chance to tour the world-class Technical Training Centre which has a comprehensive range of aircraft, as well as chat to staff about course options and what it's like to work in aviation as an aircraft maintenance engineer. You will be provided with information and have the opportunity to discuss courses on offer. [Due to COVID restrictions it is essential to register.](#)

Getting the most out of an Expo visit

The purpose of a career expo, either online or attending in person, is to give you an opportunity to explore your future options in employment, training and/or higher education. A career expo offers a unique opportunity as it has a broad range of information in the same place at the same time. Also, you can gather hard copy or online brochures as well as get accurate, up-to-date information from representatives who can answer your questions.

To get the most out of a career expo, you need to do some preparation. First, go onto the expo website (most expos have a website) to find out about:

- The exhibitors - industries, organisations, universities, colleges, TAFE, employers, etc. who will have a stand at the expo
- Activities - some expos have activities such as 'Try-a-Trade'
- Seminars or workshops
- Competitions – some expos use these as a draw card for people to attend.

Make a list of the exhibitors, activities and seminars/workshops you want to visit and timetable your visit so you can get around everyone. List the information you are looking for and/or the questions you want answered. Most expos have a map of exhibitors (where their stands are located on the expo site). Use this to get around the expo and you could also look at who else is there. After the expo, it's a good idea to review your information and reflect on how this information might influence your future decision making. You could talk this over with your school Guidance Counsellor/Officer.

Open days scheduled for 2021

QTAC has now updated their Open days and Expos page. [Click here](#) to find out when the tertiary institution/s you are interested in attending has/have scheduled their Open Day.

Private Provider Updates

The Rural Experience Program

Get real insight into next generation rural and regional careers. Rural and regional careers are changing and are a big part of Australia's future growth potential. Think ag-tech, agribusiness, engineering, renewable energy, environmental management and health care services. If you are in Years 10 - 12 you can join The Rural Experience and spend a week in a rural region to discover what life and work is like beyond the city. You will get first-hand experience of many of the career opportunities in a regional community and have a chance to enjoy some of the local tourism activities. Find out more at [The Rural Experience 2021 Student Brochure](#) and at [The Rural Experience](#). Talk to your Guidance Officer/School Counsellor or careers advisor if you are interested in learning more.



QTAC & Tertiary Entry

ATAR Report 2020

[The ATAR Report 2020](#) provides an overview of the calculation of the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) for the 2020 Queensland Year 12 student cohort. The report includes a summary of subject enrolments, the outcomes of the inter-subject scaling process and the allocation of students to ATAR bands. It is not intended to be a comprehensive report or interpretation of the full ATAR results. Further information on how Queensland's ATARs are calculated may be found on the [QTAC website](#).

English eligibility for ATAR

QTAC, who calculate the individual ATARs, has outlined [eligibility requirements](#) students must meet to be awarded an ATAR. Student must have:

- Successful completion of an English subject is a mandatory requirement for the award of an ATAR. Students are required to successfully complete (i.e. be awarded a raw letter grade of "C" or better) in one of the following QCAA English subject offerings: English, English as an Additional Language, Literature, English & Literature Extension or Essential English
- While successful completion of an English subject is a mandatory requirement for ATAR eligibility, there are no other mandatory subject inclusions for the ATAR
- Not all English subjects will meet the English prerequisite requirements for universities and courses. You must check each university's prerequisites.
- While students must satisfactorily complete an English subject to be eligible for an ATAR, the result in English will only be included in the ATAR calculation if it is one of the student's best five subjects.
- Only General English subjects or Applied English subjects can be included in a student's ATAR, but not both (e.g. English and Essential English)

An added note regarding mathematics subjects:

- Only General Mathematics subjects or Applied Mathematics subjects can be included in a student's ATAR, but not both (e.g. Mathematical Methods and Essential Mathematics)

Tertiary entry questions from current Year 12 students

Q - How do I apply to university for next year?

A. - You apply through [QTAC](#) for most Queensland tertiary courses. Applications to tertiary institutions in other states are through [tertiary admissions centres](#) like QTAC. You apply directly to all other institutions.

Q. - What is QTAC?

A. - The [Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre](#) (QTAC) is a public, not-for-profit company that manages the application and offer processes for universities, TAFE Queensland and some private colleges in Queensland

(three interstate institutions are also included). QTAC does not make the rules about entry to courses. The institutions make the rules and QTAC administers these rules.

Q. - How many courses can I apply for through QTAC?

A. - You can apply for up to six courses from any of the institutions that use QTAC. You receive only one offer (if you meet the prerequisites and have a competitive ATAR or rank) at any given offer round. Find out more on the [Preferences page](#) of the QTAC website.

Q. - How are applicants selected for courses through QTAC?

A. - There are usually more applicants than available places for many of the courses. Selection is based on meeting minimum entry requirements (prerequisite subjects, folio, audition, etc.) and on merit (ATAR or Rank). Once minimum entry requirements are met, applicants compete on the basis of merit for competitive courses.

Q.-What is the difference between undergraduate and postgraduate courses?

A. - The term ‘undergraduate’ is normally applied to diploma, advanced diploma, associate degree and bachelor degree courses. ‘Postgraduate’ usually applies to courses you can study after completing a bachelor degree, e.g. graduate certificate, graduate diploma, masters and doctorate.

What are minimum selection thresholds?

The minimum selection threshold is the minimum adjusted score (ATAR/rank) that was considered for an offer of a place to all applicants in the January 2021 offer round. Minimum selection thresholds vary from year to year and from offer round to offer round, depending on the number and quality of applicants a course receives. When planning your preferences, it's important that you check the minimum selection threshold for appropriate preferencing.

Which is the best university?

All Australian universities offer accredited courses that can lead to employment. Consequently, the better question is ‘Which is the best university for me?’ Consider the following when researching universities.

- Is the course offered at this university a pathway to the job I eventually want?
- Where is this university located? Can I realistically travel there? What are the transport options?
- Will the university help me gain work experience in my career area of interest while I do the course?
- How hard is it to get into this course at this university?
- Are the courses at this university full-fee or are they subsidised by the Commonwealth Government and eligible for HECS-HELP?
- If the courses are full-fee, is the institution accredited for FEE-HELP?
- Where do students of this course at this university go after they graduate?
- What support services are available at this university?
- What co-curricular activities (sport, clubs, etc.) are available at this university?
- What is the ‘atmosphere’ or working and social environment of the university like?
- Is it important to me to go to the same university as my friends?
- Does the university offer overseas study options?

These websites can help you with your research.

- [QILT](#) (Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching) can help you compare study experience and employment outcomes data from Australian higher education institutions to select the institution with all the qualities you want.
- [Rate Your Uni](#) gives you student ratings for Australian universities.
- [The Good Universities Guide](#) has a course and institution search function and information on careers and scholarships. It also has a rating section for all Australian universities.
- [Study Assist](#) provides information on Australian Government financial assistance for further study
- [Course Seeker](#) - Thousands of on-campus and online courses across Australia

Other sources of information are:

- Open days and career expos – access information from the [Open days and expos page](#) on the QTAC website. Term three is big for open days and check if they are being held live, virtually or both.
- University brochures – obtain these at open days, career expos and university websites
- University websites
- Current students at the university (you will have access to these students at open days).

Literacy and Numeracy requirements for Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) in 2021

To be issued a QCE, students need to accrue the set amount of learning, at the set standard, in a set pattern, while meeting literacy and numeracy requirements. These requirements are aimed at ensuring students complete their senior schooling with the knowledge and skills they need for success in life beyond school. The literacy and numeracy requirements can be met through a range of options. It is important when planning your senior subjects (and throughout your senior studies) that you know and understand the QCE literacy and numeracy requirements and that you choose correctly.

Meeting the literacy standards: you can study QCAA General or Applied English subjects for Unit 1, Unit 2, or a Unit 3 and 4 pair. These subjects include English, English & Literature Extension, English as an Additional Language, Literature and/or Essential English. [Click here](#) to see other Literacy options including International Baccalaureate.

Meeting the numeracy standards: you can study QCAA General or Applied Mathematics subjects for Unit 1, Unit 2, or a Unit 3 and 4 pair. These subjects include General Mathematics, Mathematical Methods, Specialist Mathematics and/or Essential Mathematics. [Click here](#) to see other numeracy options including International Baccalaureate.



Study Skills

How to Ace the QCE/ATAR

It's important to check out all the study options and find the one that best suits you and will see you successful. *ATAR Notes*, [Nick's video](#) on study tips could help when managing your senior studies.

Staying motivated

As the year flies by it's time to start some hard yards in the study area as assignments, exams, social events, career and course decision making all start looming as 'big ticket items' in your diary. It's easy to lose sight of the goals you initially set yourself so the following suggestions may help you regain your momentum.

One step at a time - Getting motivated again takes a little time. So, just pick a small task and address that. Break big projects and assignments into smaller ones and tackle just one, then another. Before you know it, you're starting to feel like you're achieving something and that will boost your confidence.

Be realistic - Low motivation can happen when you doubt your ability to achieve your goals and projects. Maybe you're demanding too much of yourself. Look at what you've got on your plate: is it realistic? If not, try and reduce the workload by talking to teachers, guidance officers and parents.

Take a break - Sometimes, all you need to motivate yourself again is to take a break. Go for a walk, touch base with friends, watch a movie. It's amazing how walking away from the immediate issues can help you see them with fresh eyes when you get back to them.

Reward yourself - Go on, have a treat! You may think you're not doing so well, so think about what you have already achieved and reward yourself for that.

Remember the dream - If you're losing motivation, you're probably caught up with the day-to-day detail. Just remind yourself why you're doing this - to live a comfortable, successful, independent life. Now picture what that will be like. Feeling better?

Ask for help - If you're not clear on an assignment, ask your teacher or a fellow student. Just discussing the issues may make it clearer and kick start your energy.

Read a biography - Many of the famous, successful people we admire faced difficulties and failure in their lives. A biography will put your current challenges in context and allow you to see you're not alone.

Check out [The secret behind staying motivated](#) on the USQ website.

Certificate IV in Cyber Security

This [course in cyber security](#) develops the technical skills you need to protect organisations against malicious cyber activity. Job prospects include: Cyber security support officer, Security penetration tester, Information systems security support officer, Network security support officer, website security support officer.

Do Uni differently

You can get university thinking with hands-on learning with a degree, diploma or pathway from TAFE Queensland. Do what you love, learn hands on and get job ready along the way. TAFE Queensland deliver degrees that have a theoretical side as well as applied-learning style that see graduates prepared for work. Partnered with some of Australia's most respected universities, TAFE provide students with up-to-date skills for a changing workforce and adaptable thinking skills. [Click here](#) to see the range of Degree courses offered through TAFE including:

- [Bachelor of Digital Design \(Game Design\)](#)
- [Bachelor of the Built Environment \(Interior Architecture\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Digital Media](#)
- [Bachelor of Information Technology](#)
- [Bachelor of Creative Industries \(Contemporary Music Practice\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Creative Industries \(Visual Arts\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Creative Industries \(Acting and Performance\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics](#)
- [Bachelor of Contemporary Music](#)
- [Bachelor of Professional Accounting](#)
- [Bachelor of Creative Industries \(Drama and Performance\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Creative Industries \(Applied Fashion\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Digital Design \(Digital Media\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Digital Design \(Visual Communication Design\)](#)

Free TAFE for under 25s

From 1 January 2021, Free TAFE for under 25s will be available to eligible Queenslanders in 26 priority certificate III qualifications available at TAFE Queensland and Central Queensland University only. This program is an extension to the former Free TAFE for Year 12 graduates program to young people aged 25 years and under. [Click here](#) to find out if you are eligible and what the 26 priority Certificate III qualifications are.

Micro-Credentials explained

You've likely heard the term micro-credential before, but they can also be referred to as online certifications, online short courses, nano-degrees or digital badges. TAFE Queensland's micro-credentials are short, highly targeted courses designed to help you improve a specific skill. Micro-credentials will help you improve your career prospects, maintain currency in your field, or allow you to try out something completely new. [Click here to read more](#) about the micro credential courses that TAFE Queensland offer.

Payment options

You might be wondering if you can fit your course fees into your budget. Luckily there are a number of options that could make your study at TAFE Queensland more affordable than you might think. [Calculate your subsidy eligibility](#) [Click here to learn more](#).

Why study with TAFE Queensland

Thinking about studying at TAFE Queensland? Hear from their students and find out what they have to say about the TAFE student support services, flexible study modes and their teaching staff. [Click here to view the video *Reasons to study at TAFE*](#).



Universities

How to prepare for uni: things to know before you go

Whether you're about to graduate from high school or you're heading back to study, take the time to understand how to prepare for uni with this comprehensive guide. Understanding how to manage your workload is essential. Almost any student will tell you that as soon as you fall behind, it's so difficult to catch up again. [Click here to read more about:](#)

- Figure out your best times to study
- Discover what you like (and don't like)
- Back up your work in multiple places
- Feed your brain with good food and remember to stay active
- Choose your friends wisely
- Enjoying the experience

Australian Catholic University

Experience ACU registrations now open, plus webinars below

Registrations are now open for Experience ACU (formerly University Experience). This year's event offers online and on-campus workshops for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to get a taste of uni life. The on-campus event will be on 30 June, with the webinars running at other times over the school holidays. You can also talk with representatives from the ACU Weemala Indigenous Higher Education Unit about their support services and opportunities. [Find out more and register here](#) remembering that some workshops fill quickly.

Workshops will include:

- Biomedical science
- Education
- Law
- Midwifery
- Music
- Nursing
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Social work
- Speech pathology and occupational therapy
- Sport and exercise science
- Visual arts
- Online webinar: Arts
- Online webinar: Business and IT
- Online webinar: Criminology and Criminal Justice

- Online webinar: Theology
- Online webinar: Philosophy

Life at ACU

ACU prides itself on their student's wellbeing and know the support of a caring community will help you achieve your best. Check out their [undergraduate course guide](#) for 2022 for the various support that you can tap into at ACU including:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students
- Academic skills development
- Career advice
- Disability and carer support
- Student advocacy
- Counselling
- Safety
- Medical services

Central Queensland University

Book a conversation

Do you have questions you'd like answered? Or perhaps you would like to discuss your study options. Book a conversation with CQU staff and they'll be in touch to help you find the answers to your questions and talk to you about the wide range of study options available at CQUniversity. You can choose your preferred conversation option, from a telephone or video call, email or social, such as Facebook messenger. [Click here](#) to book a conversation.

Entry pathways

An entry pathway or enabling course at CQUniversity will provide you with the support and assistance you need to develop the skills and confidence to gain entry into and succeed at CQUniversity. If you are completing Year 12 this year CQU's enabling and entry pathway options can help you gain entry into your desired course. Their TAFE courses are also a great option if you are not wanting to go directly into a University degree. [Click here](#) to read more about CQU's entry pathway options.

Study TAFE at CQUniversity

Looking for the right course to improve your skills? As Central Queensland's official TAFE you'll receive quality education from a trusted provider. Online and on-campus diplomas, certificates, skill sets and short courses are available year round and study is made easy with locations throughout Queensland. [Click here](#) to see what TAFE qualifications can be studied through CQU.

Griffith University

Diploma of Educational Studies extends to the Gold Coast in 2022

Griffith College's Diploma of Educational Studies allows eligible students to transition into the Bachelor of Education by providing the prerequisite knowledge and skills needed to meet entry requirements. Students

will develop critical and reflective thinking skills in order to understand the complexities of what it means to be a teacher in today's world. This may be an option for you if you don't have the prerequisites for or results for direct entry into the Bachelor program. You apply through QTAC. [Find out more here.](#)

GUESTS applications for Trimester 2 now open

[Griffith University Early Start to Tertiary Studies \(GUESTS\) program](#) is a great opportunity for motivated Year 11 and 12 students to sample their desired degree and make a start on their university studies. Benefits of the GUESTS program include two adjustments per course completed when applying for a Griffith undergraduate degree, academic credit and Griffith Credentials. Trimester 2 study will commence in July. Interested students should submit an online application by Tuesday 15 June. [Click here to complete the application form.](#)

Griffith Chemistry and Physics courses

Open to Year 11 and 12 students, Griffith Uni's online Chemistry and Physics courses present a great opportunity for you to gain credit for University science courses. Enrolments close on Wednesday 30 June and you can [find out more and enrol here.](#)

International Baccalaureate diploma

Griffith University awards credit into a range of undergraduate degree programs for studies completed in an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. Students must achieve a passing grade in the IB subject considered equivalent to the University course. You can [receive credit up to the equivalent of one full-time trimester of University study.](#) The amount of credit is based upon the IB subjects studied and the Griffith program you have been admitted to. This credit will allow you to either accelerate your University degree or reduce your University workload in certain trimesters. [Click here](#) for more information about IB Diploma and their Health programs.

Open Conservatorium Tertiary Preparation Application Workshop

This five-day program from Monday 28 June – Friday 2 July can help students better prepare for the theoretical and practical requirements of the Queensland Conservatorium audition process. It will be held at the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University with a cost of \$495 (including GST). [Find out more information and register here.](#)

Women in STEM on campus

Griffith University will be hosting a two-day event on 12 and 13 August, at the Nathan campus with activities combining Engineering, Aviation, IT, Physics, Chemical and Environmental Science. Aimed at encouraging girls to pursue a career in STEM, the event is suited to current Year 8, 9 and 10 students. You will undertake workshops, culminating in a group presentation showcasing your teamwork and STEM learning. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Queensland University of Technology

Important information from QUT

[Click here](#) to find current information on:

- Recent secondary education
- Minimum entry requirements
 - I did VET study at school
 - VET qualification they will consider
 - When to apply with VET study
- Get an Early offer
 - A guide to entry
- Offer guarantee
- Assumed knowledge and prerequisites

Match My Skills reminder

Need help finding a uni course that suits you? Follow the steps to create a personalised list of courses, that may suite your interests. It takes less than 10 minutes. Visit [Match My Skills](#) and give it a test drive.

No Walls

Visit 'no walls' for an insight into creative, communication and design careers. If you are not sure what jobs are available, QUT's [no walls site](#) includes profiles of graduates and their career path, as well as staff and student stories and events.

The University of Queensland

Get involved in science with UQ!

UQ are holding several science opportunities for high school students. Find out about the following coming events:

Experience Genetics is an on-campus laboratory experience available for Year 12 students doing senior biology for QCE or IB. This is a skill and knowledge development day, held at the St Lucia campus over several days in July. [Click here for more information](#) and to download the application form.

FEAST is a 4-day residential program that inspires Year 11 and 12 students to pursue study in agriculture, animal and plant science. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Queensland Biology Winter School, 5 & 6 July is where Year 12s can live and breathe biology this winter exploring contemporary topics in biology including genetics, phylogenetics, plant science, evolutionary biology and quantitative biology. [Click here for more information and application form.](#)

International and interstate students

Moving to a new country or state to study can be daunting especially if you are living away from family for the first time. UQ offer a wide range of services that support you before and after you commence at UQ. [This page](#) outlines their support services specifically targeted to international and interstate students to help you get the most out of your time at uni. You can find information about:

- Visas

- Overseas health cover
- International student supervision program
- Accommodation and airport pick-up
- COVID and your travel
- Preparing to start at UQ information sessions

Scoring and marking UCAT

The UCAT is marked on the number of correct answers you give. There is no negative marking for incorrect answers. Your performance on one question does not influence which other questions are presented. As the number of questions varies between the four cognitive subtests it is not possible to make a direct comparison of the raw marks between these subtests. Raw marks are therefore converted to scale scores that share a common range from 300 to 900. A total scale score is generated by summing the individual scale scores in the subtests of Verbal Reasoning, Decision Making, Quantitative Reasoning and Abstract Reasoning. The total scale score ranges from 1200 to 3600.

Your substantial judgement measures your capacity to understand real world situations and to identify critical factors and appropriate behaviour in dealing with them. There are 69 questions in this section and the scale score range is 300 - 900. [Click here](#) to read more about this process on the UCAT ANZ website.

UQ Interaction Design Exhibit

User experience design, or UX, is changing the way we connect with products, services and each other. Experience new ways to interact with digital technology in the rapidly evolving field at the 2021 UQ Interaction Design Exhibit. The event will be held on May 27 from 1pm - 4pm at UQ's Great Court on the St Lucia Campus. [Click here to register to attend.](#)

World Religions Symposium

On Wednesday 14 July 2021, Year 11 students are invited to experience a day at the St Lucia campus, hear from world-leading scholars and deepen their understanding of specific religions and the place of religion in the contemporary world. Cost is \$5 per student, registration essential. [Click here to find out more.](#)

University of Southern Queensland

Pathway programs and short courses.

Not doing as well as you had hoped in Year 12, didn't choose the correct senior subjects for the career you are now looking for? USQ's pathway programs will build your confidence and get you the study foundations you need to start your degree at USQ. [Click here](#) to find out about their Tertiary Preparation Program (TPP) which is a free program and their Diploma of University Studies which is a formal university qualification and provides a quality foundation for tertiary study pathway. [Find your pathway here.](#)

Semester 2 Head Start applications now open

The USQ Semester 2 Head Start program is an opportunity for high achieving Years 10, 11 and 12 students to get a 'head start' on their university studies and experience what it's like to be a university student. For more information on this program and the application process, check out USQ's [Head Start page](#). Applications close 12 July 2021.

Set your own pace for completing your degree

If you are not sure what your plans are for 2022 USQ offers the opportunity to study full-time or part-time and you can choose how many subjects you take each semester. You can fast-track your degree by completing some subjects during summer semester or slow it down and reduce your classes when life gets busy. Click here to [Explore their degrees](#).

University of the Sunshine Coast

Career Directory

Know the career you're looking for, but not sure which degree will take you there? Use the career directory on the [USC website](#) to find the right USC degree. This site can be helpful in getting a better understanding between jobs and their related degrees generally.

Career resources

Career planning is a lifelong process. It involves a series of decisions considered over time as your life priorities and opportunities change. One aspect of career planning is about choosing a degree or field of study that matches your chosen career path and that prepares you for employment. You can now explore your career options using these three steps; Career and self assessment, Find out about careers and occupations and Choose the right USC degree. The USC [Deciding on a Career webpage](#) has lots of tips to help you with your career and course investigation and decisions.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
17/05/2021 to 19/05/2021	Year 13 online career expo
19/05/2021	ANU application Q&A
20/05/2021	Queensland Biology Winter School applications close
21/05/2021 to 22/05/2021	The Brisbane Careers & Employment Expo
21/05/2021	UQ InspireU Health Science camp applications close
24/05/2021	ANU 2022 direct entry applications close
24/05/2021	ANU direct applications for 2022 close
24/05/2021	Darling Downs Science and Engineering Challenge commences
24/05/2021	GriffithBUSINESS Responsible Leaders of the Future Conference
26/05/2021	GriffithBUSINESS Responsible Leaders of the Future Conference
28/05/2021	Thinking about a Trade Career event RSVE due
31/05/2021	Future Leaders Awards - Writing prize, Future Justice Award, Helen Handbury Leadership award and Photography prize applications close
31/05/2021	START QUT Semester 2 applications close
01/06/2021	UQ - Careers that shape the world
02/06/2021	Bursaries for female students' applications close
04/06/2021	Entries close for the Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize
04/06/2021	Redlands Careers Expo
04/06/2021	USQ Get Songwriting Prize entries close
11/06/2021	The Opti-Minds Challenge applications close
12/06/2021	Bond Health Simulation Experience Day
15/06/2021	Griffith Uni's GUESTS applications for Trimester 2 closing date
20/06/2021	Entries close for UQ's Digital Storytelling Competition
23/06/2021	QUT's Power of Engineering event
23/06/2021	Year 9 Future Careers On-Campus Day
27/06/2021 to 30/06/2021	Agriculture, Science and Technology (FEAST) is a four-day residential program at UQ Gatton
28/06/2021	Griffith Film School Experience Week commences
28/06/2021	Open Conservatorium Tertiary Preparation week long Workshop commences

30/06/2021	Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards Competition entries close
30/06/2021	Experience ACU Law
30/06/2021	Griffith Chemistry and Physics courses' applications close
30/06/2021	The Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards 2021 competition closes