Steps to Tertiary Study

2014 - 2015 Admissions

Dianne Read
July 2014

Steps to Tertiary Study

Information on QTAC’s role, the application process and tertiary study in general:

Before Applying for Courses 13
Step 1: Tertiary Entry Requirements 13
Step 2: Areas of Study, Courses, Institutions 17
Step 3: Qualifications for Tertiary Study 18
Step 4: Bonus and Special Admissions Schemes 35
Step 5: Employment, PCA and STAT 44
Step 6: Course Costs and Financial Assistance 50
Step 7: Where to Apply for Courses 52

Applying for Courses through QTAC 53
Step 8: Rights and Responsibilities 53
Step 9: Applying for Courses through QTAC 53
Step 10: Documentation 57
Step 11: Current Applicant Online Service 57
Step 12: Offers and Responses 58

QTAC Presentation - Information current as at date of presentation.
See website for full details, updates & course changes.
Tertiary Entry Requirements

Step 1

Study options

Undergraduate Tertiary Study Options
- Theory/practical
- Length
- Competitiveness
- Job entry requirements
- Upgrading potential

Upgrading Options
QTAC can assess and assign selection ranks to Cert III and higher.

Bachelors Degree
Associate Degree
Advanced Diploma
Diploma
Certificate IV
Certificate III
Certificate II
Certificate I
How QTAC assesses applications

1. Eligibility
   - Have you met the minimum entry requirements?

2. Merit
   - If you are eligible, how competitive are you compared to all the other eligible applicants?

Eligibility

- **Subject prerequisites**
  Year 11 and 12 Authority subjects (or acceptable alternatives)

- **Auditions, folios, interviews**
  Some Creative and Performing Arts courses

- **Exams or Questionnaires**
  Some Medicine and Oral Health courses require UMAT

**English Language Proficiency**

must be demonstrated for all courses.
This is automatic for most domestic students.
Prerequisite vs Assumed or Recommended Study

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

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

- **Recommended study**
  - This knowledge would assist you in completing the study satisfactorily

- **Crime / Health check requirements**
  - Although generally not an entry requirement, students may need to meet crime/health check requirements during the course or for subsequent employment

Minimum Entry Requirements

**Bachelor of Music**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>QTAC Code and Campus</th>
<th>1st Year Contribution</th>
<th>SoM 2014 OP/Rank</th>
<th>Start Month</th>
<th>Major Offer Round</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

**Prerequisites:** English (45SA), audition; interview; Additional entry information: The Conservatorium places emphasis on the audition and its own internal testing. However, the OP or its equivalent may also be included as part of multiple selection criteria. Applicants must meet the requirements on their QTAC application. Audition specifications are: bassoon, cello, clarinet, composition, cornet, double bass, euphonium, flute, French horn, guitar, harp, jazz bass, jazz clarinet, jazz drum, jazz flute, jazz piano, jazz saxophone, jazz tuba, jazz trombone, trumpet, tuba, viola, violin, voice. Applicants should select either for specialisations such as harpsichord, organ, recorder, regal horn, baritone horn, trumpet, tuba, viola, violin. Applicants must still lodge an Application for Admission with the Conservatorium, with some subjects only being auditioned. The QTAC OP 1-12 Cut-off only applies to this program.

**Closing dates:** Applicants must lodge the Application for Admission with the Conservatorium by 18 August 2014. QTAC applications for this program close 04 October 2014. However, applications are strongly advised to submit their QTAC application by the on-time due date 30 September 2014.

**Program outline:** The program provides professional music training for the classical and jazz instrumentalist, vocalist or composer. Students can choose electives from music theory and aural studies, composition, conducting, conservatorium ensemble studies, jazz, keyboard accompany, contemporary music, music literature, music technology, open studies, pedagogy (keyboard/vocal), pedagogy (dived, brass, percussion) and world music, performance. On completion, students may be eligible to transfer to Bachelor of Music, in Composition or a Bachelor of Music in Performance. **Majors:** Composition, education preparation (composition), education preparation (instrumental), music studies, performance.

**Career opportunities:** instrumentalist, studio teacher, composer, contemporary jazz musician, music critic, arranger or singer, music administration, school teaching (with further study).

**Combined degrees:** Refer to entry for BMus/Other.

* APTC was based on special entry requirements in addition to academic achievement.
Requirements for Prerequisite Subjects

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) subject

The number of semesters the subject must have been studied

Prerequisites: English (4, SA)

Exit assessment as reported on the Senior statement

- There may be alternative ways to satisfy the English prerequisite
  - English for ESL meets the English Prerequisite
  - Some institutions may accept Completed Certificate III or IV, or Diploma study for some courses

Page 15 QTAC Guide
Merit

- If you meet the minimum entry requirements, you are then considered in order of merit.
  - All eligible domestic applicants are in the same pool.

OPs and QTAC Selection Ranks

![Table showing 2013 Qld Overall Position and QTAC Selection Rank]

Section 1 Page 21 of the QTAC Guide

2014 table determined in late December 2014

QTAC Presentation - Information current as at date of presentation. See website for full details, updates & course changes.
What is used to determine merit?

- around 99% courses
- around 1% courses
- only 2 courses (GU Medicine & Oral Health)

Field Positions and Secondary Ranks are rarely used!

In 2014 Semester 1
- only 21 of the 1955 courses used FPs

Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>QUTAC Code and Campus</th>
<th>1st Year Contribution</th>
<th>Duration</th>
<th>Sem 1 2014 OP/Rank</th>
<th>Start Month</th>
<th>Major Offer Round</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>727002 St Lucia</td>
<td>CSP/B7506</td>
<td>4F</td>
<td>4*</td>
<td>Mar 2015</td>
<td>15-Jan-2015</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Prerequisites: English (4,5A); one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics (4,5A)

Program outline: Students are equipped with the knowledge and clinical skills required to assess and diagnose patients of all ages with language, voice, hearing, swallowing and development problems. Students study topics including speech and language disorders, phonetics, neuropsychology, pediatric and adult speech disorders, and disability issues. In addition to theory, students learn hands-on skills through weekly clinical placements (work experience) from year 2 and 12 weeks of placements in years 3 and 4. Other requirements: On admission, students must be met with an English Language Certificate (including CPR, Blue Card, and an equal schedule of immunizations and tuberculosis (TB) screening). Details about these requirements are made available at the time of offer. For more information, visit www.uq.edu.au/health/admissions

Career opportunities: Education departments, community health centres, hospitals, rehabilitation units, centres for the hearing impaired and intellectually disabled, private practice.

Field Positions were used as part of the selection process in this minimum OP band.
1: Selection within the rank or additional ranks were used in the selection process.

QTAC Presentation - Information current as at date of presentation. See website for full details, updates & course changes.
### Examples of cut-off changes Year to Year

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course</th>
<th>Sem 1 2013 Cut-off</th>
<th>Sem 1 2014 Cut-off</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>More Competitive</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>QUT B Podiatry</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CQU B Physiotherapy</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>4*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Less Competitive</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GU B Pharmacy</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ACU B Midwifery</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

As cut-offs can change from year to year, it is important that you submit a range of courses on your QTAC application. Build in upgrading pathways or alternative careers in case you do not receive your higher preferences.
Medicine & Dentistry Selection

- **Selection is very competitive**
  - Additional Selection Methods are used:
    - UQ: Academic merit + UMAT (Aggregate and then Section 1 score)
    - GU: Academic merit + ATAR
    - ICU: Application + Interview (Medicine) + Academic merit
    - BU: Interview + UMAT + Academic merit – apply after Jan offer round
    - UNE: Interview + UMAT + Academic merit - apply via UAC

- **Additional Assistance**
  - Commonwealth Government offers Bonded Medical Place Scheme
    - 25% of all CSP are allocated to the scheme [www.health.gov.au/bmgscheme](http://www.health.gov.au/bmgscheme)
  - Scholarships and incentives available for rural students

- **Watch out for preferencing**
  - OP 1 is not be enough to gain entry.
  - Even OP 1 students can miss out on offers if all preferences are "ideal".

Who gets an offer?

- **Applicants to a course**
  - **Yes**
    - You have met the minimum entry requirements
    - At or above the cut-off
    - You receive an offer
  - **No**
    - You are not considered for an offer
    - Below the cut-off
    - You do not receive an offer

QTAC Presentation - Information current as at date of presentation. See website for full details, updates & course changes.
OP Guarantees

See Section 2 for links and information

- OP Guarantees
  - Institutions with OP Guarantees in 2014 / 2015
    - GU: OP 1-6 (Rank 89+) with course exceptions.
    - QUT: OP 1-5 (Rank 93, IB 33 or better) with course exceptions.
    - UQ: OP 1-5 (or Rank equivalent) with course exceptions...Under review!
    - USQ: OP 1-5 (see High Achiever’s Scheme page 43 Guide)
  - Prerequisites must still be met.
  - Only apply to January Major Offer Round (except GU – all offer rounds).

Areas of Study, Courses & Institutions

Step 2
The QTAC website www.qtac.edu.au

Course Search

Search for courses and find our important information including minimum entry requirements, course start dates, months and related fees.

KEY DATES
July
- Wednesday 9 – Monday 13 July
- Wednesday 23 July – Monday 28 July

Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre
QTAC processes applications for the majority of undergraduate courses at Queensland universities, the Australian Maritime College and some courses at universities in Northern NSW. The Queensland and some private providers of post-secondary courses, QUT and QUT’s schools of business that manage their own admissions.

LATEST NEWS

QTAC Presentation - Information current as at date of presentation. See website for full details, updates & course changes.
Exploring Course Outlines

University of Southern Queensland
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)

Prerequisites

Program Outline

Other Requirements

Career Opportunities

Exploring Course Outlines

University of the Sunshine Coast
Bachelor of Business

No Prerequisites

Dual Degrees

Upgrading Options

QTAC Presentation - Information current as at date of presentation. See website for full details, updates & course changes.
Your preferred order

1st

‘Ideal’ Courses

Courses you really want, even if your chance of gaining entry is not certain.

2nd

‘Realistic’ Courses

Less competitive courses that provide another way to your chosen career or to an alternative career. They can be used to upgrade to your ‘ideal’ course.

3rd

4th

‘Foot-in-the-door’ Courses

Courses you are prepared to do if you miss out on all others. They should be courses that in the past have been easy to get into. They can help you upgrade.

5th

6th

QTAC Presentation - Information current as at date of presentation. See website for full details, updates & course changes.
Advanced Course Search

Upgrading via Tertiary Study

See website for full details, updates & course changes.
QTAC Selection Ranks useful for upgrading

- 1 year of bachelor degree studies
  - with a passing grade may be allocated rank of 93
  - (in 2013, comparable to OP 5)
- A completed advanced diploma
  - with a passing grade may be allocated a rank of 91
  - (in 2013, comparable to OP 6)
- A completed diploma
  - with a passing grade may be allocated a rank of 82
  - (in 2013, comparable to OP 9)

Read the footnotes, some institutions will award different ranks.
Don’t forget – prerequisites must still be met!

Upgrading via a Combined Diploma / Degree

Page 102 QTAC Guide

- All qualified applicants were offered a place
- Partner universities

QTAC Presentation - Information current as at date of presentation.
See website for full details, updates & course changes.
Ask institutions about upgrading pathways

Where can you find out more?

Tertiary Institutions
- Websites and publications
- Open days July – August

Expos & Career Markets
- Career Markets March - August
- Tertiary Studies EXPO 19 & 20 July 2014

Other Websites
- www.myuniversity.gov.au
- www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au
- www.graduatecareers.com.au
Qualifications
For Tertiary Study

Step 3

Year 12 applicants may have...

... a number of formal qualifications from your school or training provider

- There are no time limits on qualifications when applying to QTAC.
Competency Based AQF Qualifications

Music, Dancing and Speech & Drama Qualifications

QTAC Presentation - Information current as at date of presentation. See website for full details, updates & course changes.
When you apply to QTAC...

QTAC assigns various QTAC Selection Ranks to some of these qualifications

QTAC’s computer system must rank order all applicants by merit....

OP = 9 (Rank = 82 in 2013)

...according to a variety of schedules, tertiary institution rules, and sometimes the year of the qualification

Additional Year 12 Qualifications

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Institution</th>
<th>Computer Games Certificate</th>
<th>Music, Dance and Drama Qualification</th>
<th>Career (Path)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Australian Catholic University</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Australian Catholic College</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bond University</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Griffith University</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>James Cook University</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>South Australian College</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Western Sydney University</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Note: Some institutions require additional majors subject to change for detailed information, refer to institution websites.**

QTAC Presentation - Information current as at date of presentation.
See website for full details, updates & course changes.
If you are not eligible for an OP...

Your qualifications and your best 20 semester units will be considered.

When you apply to QTAC...

... QTAC assigns various QTAC Selection Ranks to some these qualifications and calculates an OP Ineligible selection rank.

Case Study 2
OP Ineligible Student completes Year 11 and 12 Senior Studies

Rank 68

OP Ineligible Rank 59
(depends on results)
Bonus & Special Admission Schemes

Step 4

QTAC’s Educational Access Scheme (EAS)
Year 12 Subject Bonus Rank Schemes
Access and Equity Schemes
Regional Preference Schemes
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Schemes
Other Schemes
  › Early Start schemes
  › School recommendation schemes
  › Elite Athletes / Performance schemes
  › School regional preference schemes

See Section 1 Step 4 pages 35-43 QTAC Guide

QTAC Presentation - Information current as at date of presentation. See website for full details, updates & course changes.
The QTAC website www.qtac.edu.au

KEY DATES
July
Wednesday 9 -Wednesday 3 July
offices 10am
Thursday 10 - 6pm for Semester
2 courses released at 2pm
last day to apply for Semester 2
courses
Wednesday 16 - reception 11am

QUEENSLAND TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE
QTAC processed applications for the majority of undergraduate courses at Queensland universities, Medicine at Bond University, the Australian
Maritime College in Tasmania, and to some courses at universities in
Northern NSW. TAFE Queensland and some private providers of post
secondary courses also list courses to institutions that manage
their own admissions.

LATEST NEWS

Apply online or check your
application.

Searching for courses
and find out important
information including minimum entry
requirements, course start
months and related fees.

APPLICATION
Applying

Applying to QTAC is easy as
applying for one application for up to six
courses. Applications can be
be for 1, Semester 1 and Semester 2 in the one admission period.

Applying for a course, please go to the
QTAC website and select the application relevant
to the course you wish to apply:
the Tertiary or Tertiary application and the
application on the QTAC website.

QTAC offers a variety of investigations for current
applicants, including mind transforming tutorials or other types
of applicant.

Current QTAC Applicants

Once you have lodged your QTAC application, you are considered a Current applicant. All
applicants have access to the Current Applicant online services. The service is used to check
or update selected details of your application. For more information...

Current Year 12 Students

QTAC's application methods relate to the category of applicant - Current Year 12 or Non-
Year 12.

You can consider a Current Year 12 applicant.
Educational Access Scheme (EAS)

Apply for the EAS in your QTAC application, if...

› You have experienced difficult circumstances beyond your control, and this has negatively impacted your educational outcomes.
› You are assessed on the degree of disadvantage incurred and the special provisions already provided by your school
› You may receive bonus ranks.

Categories

There are five categories of EAS:
- Financial Hardship
- Home Environment and Responsibilities
- English Language Difficulty
- Personal Illness and Disability
- Educational Disruption

Documentation Required

- For each category selected
  › Complete the cover sheet application form (also available from website).
  › Attach supporting documentation requested.
  › Write a personal statement.

- Submit your documentation after you lodge
  › General Documentation Due date is 15 December 2014 (for January 2015 Offer round)...
  › Recommended you submit your documentation before mid-November when you finish school.

- If your school needs to complete an ESS
  › Provide this to them well before the end of the school year.
Year 12 Subject Bonus Rank Schemes

- **Currently 7 universities operate schemes**
  - ACU, GU, QUT, SCU, UQ, USQ and USC

- **Each scheme is different**
  - See the website for information and links to each scheme

- **Bonus rank points are applied**
  - If you achieve a SA or higher in certain subjects
  - There may be course restrictions and overall caps

- **Bonus rank points are applied automatically**
  - in your QTAC application.

Bonus rank points are only applied to OP/Ranks derived from a Year 12 qualification (not to ranks derived from Other qualifications)

---

Year 12 Subject Bonus

**Example:**
- **Student with OP = 6** and studied Maths C
  - If applying for 2014 Semester 1 or 2, for GU course, will be considered on Rank 91

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>2013 QLD Overall Position</th>
<th>QTAC Selection Rank</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>99</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>97</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>96</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>94</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>92</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>89</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>87</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>84</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>82</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>79</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>77</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>74</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Course Costs & Financial Assistance

Step 6

www.studyassist.gov.au

Study Assist

This website provides information to students about Australian Government assistance for financing tertiary study.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>HELP Paying My Fees</th>
<th>Info While Studying</th>
<th>Paying Back My Loan</th>
<th>Student Income Support</th>
<th>Scholarships and Awards</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>I want to know about subsidised bus and government loans (known as HELP loans) for my study at TAFE or a private institute.</td>
<td>I want to know about the information I need to keep track of my fees and loans, and withdrawing from study.</td>
<td>I want to know about making repayments, how interest works, repayment benefits, and writing a HELP debt.</td>
<td>I want to know about additional financial support to help make my studies easier.</td>
<td>I want to know what government scholarships are available, and what are the application requirements.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

What's new?

Extension of VET FEE-HELP to subsidised students in Western Australia and Queensland

Trial to Extend VET FEE-HELP to certain Certificate IV qualifications

See website for full details, updates & course changes.
Course Costs and HELP

- **Public Universities** See Page 50 QTAC Guide
  - CSP for domestic students – HECS-HELP may be available
  - Full fee for international students

- **TAFE Queensland & CQUni Vet courses**
  - Partially government funded (PGF) - VET FEE-HELP loan may be available
  - Full-fee (fee) - VET FEE-HELP loan may be available

- **Private Institutions**
  - Full-fee (fee) – FEE-HELP loan may be available

Approximate course costs are provided in the QTAC Guide and on QTAC’s website. TAFE costs are available from late September.

---

Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP)

2014 Student Contributions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Band</th>
<th>2014 Student contribution range (per EFTSL)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Band 3</strong> law, accounting, administration, economics, commerce, dentistry, medicine, veterinary science</td>
<td>$0 - $10,085</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Band 2</strong> mathematics, statistics, computing, built environment, other health, allied health, science, engineering, surveying, agriculture</td>
<td>$0 - $8,613</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Band 1</strong> humanities, behavioural science, social studies, education, clinical psychology, foreign languages, visual and performing arts, nursing</td>
<td>$0 - $6,044</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) 2014 Student Contributions

See Page 50 QTAC Guide
Higher Education Loan Program (HELP)

HELP available in 5 areas:
- HECS-HELP
- FEE-HELP
- VET FEE-HELP
- SA-HELP
- OS-HELP

Proposed HELP Extension to some NZ citizens from 1 Jan 2015

Click on Publications

And then FAQ NZ

FAQs NZ

On this page:
- What are the current arrangements?
- What is the change?
- Am I eligible?
- What are the benefits?
- How do I apply?
- When will the changes take effect?
- What assistance will be provided to students to understand the changes?

QTAC Presentation - Information current as at date of presentation.
See website for full details, updates & course changes.
Proposed changes from Jan 1 2016

Budget 2014 - Student Overview

On this page:
- Higher Education: it's worth it
- Freedom to choose your path of study
- Freedom to choose where to study
- Changes to Commonwealth subsidies and student contributions from 1 January 2016
- Changes affecting the repayment of HELP loans
- Income Opportunities and Access
- Further information and FAQs for students

Student Income Support

- Human Services
  - Department of Human Services
    (Centrelink, Medicare, Child Support, Disability Services)
  - www.humanservices.gov.au

- Study Assist
  - Publication Student Income Support Guide for Career Advisors
  - www.studyassist.gov.au
Student Income Support

- **Youth Allowance**
  - 16 to 24 years old
  - Dependent or Independent

- **Austudy**
  - 25 years of age and older
  - Independent

- **ABSTUDY**
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians who are studying or undertaking an Australian Apprenticeship.
  - Dependent or Independent

Dependent Youth Allowance + ABSTUDY

- **Parental Income Test (PIT) threshold**
  - PIT threshold to receive the maximum rate of Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY in 2014 for dependent students is $48,837;
  - With other dependent children, “students are placed in a family pool”.

- **Personal Income Test threshold**
  - A student on Youth Allowance can earn up to $415 before tax / fortnight before their payments are reduced.
  - You can earn more than $415 in a fortnight if you have money in your Income Bank.
    - The difference between the $415 and the amount you earn is added into the Income Bank.
    - Maximum Income Bank = $10,300 for students.
Independent Youth Allowance

Young people can demonstrate independence via

- **Age**
  - From 1 Jan 2012, age threshold is 22 years

- **Other Criteria**
  - Married, dependent child, unable to live at home due to extreme circumstances, refugee without parents etc...

- **Through full-time work**
  - If you have worked full-time for an average of 30 hours or more per week for at least 18 months within any two-year period.

- **Through part-time work or earnings**
  - For rural and remote students only who need to move away from home to study.
  - If, since leaving school you have
    - earned $22,239 (2013-2014 year) in an 18 month period
    - Worked part-time (at least 15 hours each week) for at least two years.
    - Conditions apply

Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASCG)

- **The Remoteness Area (ASGC-RA)**
  - breaks Australia down into 5 regions:
    - RA1 - Major Cities of Australia
    - RA2 - Inner Regional Australia
    - RA3 - Outer Regional Australia
    - RA4 - Remote Australia
    - RA5 - Very Remote Australia
    - for a great tool to determine the relevant ASGC
    - Search the Map or Enter a postcode.
Commonwealth Scholarships

- **Student Start-up Scholarship**
  - All higher education students receiving student income support receive the Student Start-up Scholarship in 2 x half yearly payments
  - In 2014 this value is $1,025 for each 6 months of eligible study (a total of $2,050/year)
  - Proposed changes:
    - From 1 January 2015, the Student Start-Up Scholarship no longer available
    - Students will be able to apply for an income contingent loan, to be called a Student Start-up Loan.

- **Relocation Scholarship**
  - Eligible students receiving student income support who have to relocate to study receive an annual Relocation scholarship (indexed each year)
    - For eligible students from cities the 2014 values are $4,145 if it is the first year of living away and $1,036 if it is any subsequent year
    - For eligible students from regional and remote areas, the 2014 values are $4,145 if it is the first year, $2,073 if it is the second or third year and $1,036 if it is the fourth or subsequent years of study
  - Proposed changes:
    - From 1 January 2015, the Relocation Scholarship will no longer be available for students relocating within and between major cities.
    - Regional students relocating to metropolitan areas; and metropolitan students relocating to regional areas; will continue to be eligible for the Relocation Scholarship.

Institution Scholarships

- **Apply Directly to institutions for**
  - Indigenous Scholarships (from Commonwealth funding)
  - Institution equity, merit and sporting scholarships

- **QTAC Resources**
  - The website - under Schools and Institutions
  - The Guide - Section 1 Guide Page 51 for a summary table

- **National Resources**
Where to Apply

Step 7

Applying for Tertiary Study

- **Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre**
  - For most undergraduate courses in Queensland and Northern NSW

- **Interstate Tertiary Admission Centres**
  - For most undergraduate courses in interstate institutions

- **Direct application**
  - In other cases
Apply via QTAC

Universities
- Australian Catholic University (ACU)
- Australian Maritime College (AMC)
- Bond University (BU) – Medicine only
- CQUniversity Australia (CQU)
- Griffith University (GU)
- James Cook University (JCU)
- Queensland University of Technology (QUT)
- Southern Cross University (SCU)
- The University of New England (UNE)
- The University of Queensland (UQ)
- University of Southern Queensland (USQ)
- University of the Sunshine Coast (USC)

TAFE Queensland
(Advanced Diplomas, Diplomas, some certificates)
- SBIT – under TAFE QLD
- CQIT – merged with CQU

Colleges
- Christian Heritage College (CHC)
- QLD Institute of Business & Technology (QIBT)
- SAE Institute

Refer QTAC Guide Section 2 & 3

Interstate Applications

See QTAC website and Guide
› For Interstate Admissions Centres

See QCAA
› For ATAR Information
› [www.qcaa.qld.edu.au](http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au)

How do I apply for my ATAR?
To apply for your ATAR, you will need to complete an application form, which must be posted to the QTAC along with your certified documentation. If you are unable to complete an application form, email qatac@qtac.qld.edu.au.

If you have any questions, please contact the QTAC on 1300 786 845.

Can I apply for an ATAR if I am OP-eligible?
No. To receive an ATAR you need to be eligible for an OP, and you cannot apply for the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC). However, you can apply for scholarship and tertiary admission options for OP-eligible students, visit the QTAC website and search for eligible on BEQ-APT.

QTAC Presentation - Information current as at date of presentation. See website for full details, updates & course changes.
Apply Direct to Institution

- **Public Universities**
  - Some full fee options for individual units
    - UQ Community Access Program (CAP); GU Certificate courses; QUT Visiting students; ACU Individual Units etc
  - Some distance education courses
    - All external courses at UNE and SCU
  - University of Tasmania (UTAS)

- **TAFE QLD**
  - Most Certificate courses and some part-time Diplomas

- **Private Universities, Colleges and Institutes**
  - All institutions with Self Managed Admissions in Section 4 of the QTAC guide
  - Some private colleges / institutions

---

Apply for Courses through QTAC
and order your preferences before an offer round

Step 9
Submit one application

- From Aug 2014 to July 2015
  - Year 12 students can select courses in
    - Semester 1 in 2015
    - Semester 2 in 2015

- The best option for Semester 2 courses
  - is to add these preferences to your application after the Semester 1 offer rounds have finished in March 2015.

Key Dates 2014/2015

- Tue 5 August 2014: Applications open
  - Check early requirements for some courses eg. Music
  - Due date for on-time applications Sem 1 2015 courses
  - Final Date for some Fixed Closing Date courses

- Wed 10 December 2014: Due date to apply for the January Offer Round (From Wed 1 Oct increased Fee applies)
  - Due date to submit documentation for the January Offer Round

- Mon 15 December 2014: Year 12 Results Posted by QCAA
  - Over the next week, review preferences

- Fri 19 December 2014: Top-up offers to any remaining vacancies

- Thu 7 January 2015: Final date to change or add preferences for the January Offer Round

- Thu 12 March 2015: Major Offer Round for Bond Uni Medicine
Remember Course Specific Dates

- Fixed closing dates may exist for some courses
  - Courses with interviews / auditions do not accept late applications.
- Watch out for some course requirements needed earlier than 30th Sep 2014
  - UMAT Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test -
    - Must register by 6th June 2014 and,
    - sit the test on 30th July 2014.
  - Audition / Interview / Folio
    - Some courses require separate audition / interview applications before QTACs on-time date.
    - For example: Music at:
      - UQ – 11th August 2014
      - GU – 18th August 2014
      - QUT – 12th September 2014

Costs and Payment options for 2015 entry

- Current Year 12 students
  - On-time (by 30th Sep 2014) ..........$35.00
  - Late (from 1st Oct 2014) ............$130.00
  - Your application is not processed until your payment is received by QTAC.
- BPay Warning
  - To avoid higher fees, ensure you make payment by 29th September 2014.
- Change of Preference
  - First three changes of preference ...free
  - Fourth and any subsequent changes of preference ...$35
  - A change of preference is triggered each “save”

Some students miss out on offers because they have outstanding fees.

QTAC Presentation - Information current as at date of presentation. See website for full details, updates & course changes.
The QTAC website  www.qtac.edu.au

QTAC Presentation

2014 – Year 12

QTAC Presentation - Information current as at date of presentation. See website for full details, updates & course changes.
Begin your application early

- **Login**
  - Using your LUI number and default PIN
  - You can change your PIN to a more secure PIN.

- **Personal and Contact Details**
  - Confirm personal details and update contact details.
  - Use an email address that will remain active through to 2015.

- **Course preferences**
  - Order is important!
  - You can change your preferences after you apply.
  - Do not include Semester 2 courses in the Semester 1 offer rounds.

- **Qualifications**
  - Confirm the qualifications listed.
  - Add any additional qualifications you may have.

- **Complete remaining Sections**
  - Indicate if you wish to apply for EAS.
  - "Authorise" for someone to act on your behalf.

- **Review your application and make payment**

---

Things to Remember

- **Submit your application to QTAC**
  - Ensure the Confirmation of Lodgement appears.
  - Print any cover sheets generated.

- **Documentation**
  - Follow up any documentation required by the due dates
    - 15 December 2014 for the 15 January 2015 major offer round.

- **Stay Connected**
  - Interact with your application regularly.
  - QTAC uses email (and sometimes SMS) to communicate directly with you; and social media to broadcast key messages
  - Add QTAC to your Facebook contacts & look out for twitter feeds.
Select and Order Your Preferences

- Order your preferences carefully.
  - In any offer round, you can only receive one offer... for your highest eligible preference.
  - List your courses in the order you want to study them
  - Remember, don’t include Semester 2 options in the Semester 1 offer rounds

Step 1 – Your preferred order

1st
- ‘Ideal’ Courses
  - Courses you really want, even if your chance of gaining entry is not certain.

2nd
- ‘Realistic’ Courses
  - Less competitive courses that provide another way to your chosen career or to an alternative career. They can be used to upgrade to your ‘ideal’ course.

3rd
- ‘Realistic’ Courses

4th
- ‘Ideal’ Courses

5th
- ‘Foot-in-the-door’ Courses
  - Courses you are prepared to do if you miss out on all others. They should be courses that in the past have been easy to get into. They can help you upgrade.

Step 2
- Check the Major Offer Round for each preference and reorder if necessary
Step 2: Consider Major Offer Rounds

Do all your preferences have the same major offer round?

Yes
- Enter your preferences in their current order
  - Ideal – Realistic – Safety

No
- Reorder your preferences for each Major Offer Round linked to your preferences

Important Tip

- Don’t include Semester 2 options in the Semester 1 offer rounds
Step 10

Documentation

- Generally...
  - Most results are obtained electronically.

- For Year 12s with additional qualifications such as VET...
  - If your studies are completed late in the year, QTAC may not receive your results!
  - Check your learning account before you leave school. If completed studies are not listed, mail copies of your qualifications to QTAC.
    - This is essential if the completion status will not be reported on your Senior Statement.
  - QTAC does not require certified copies of most documentation.
    - Spot checks will be undertaken as QTAC retains the right to cite an original copy. Those found to have falsified documents will be banned from applying for up to two years.
  - Remember, QTAC selection Ranks are not displayed in the online application
    - Exception – OP-ineligible Selection Rank

See website for full details, updates & course changes.
Current Applicant Online Service

Step 11

- Update details
  - Pay outstanding QTAC fees
  - Change your address, contact details or PIN
  - Authorise another person to act on your behalf
- View and print
  - Confirmation of Lodgement
  - Cover sheets
  - Electronic correspondence
- Change your course preferences
  - First 3 change of preference are free
  - The 4th and any subsequent change of preference cost $35 each
  - Each “SAVE” registers a change of preference
- Track your application
  - Check assessment progress in “My qualifications”.
  - Track offer dates for each of your preferences.
- After Year 12 results are released
  - Check if you have met the minimum entry requirements for each preference
  - View your OP Ineligible selection rank if applicable
- View and respond to an offer
Step 12

Offers and Responses

Applicants only receive **one offer at any one time** per semester - in their highest eligible preference.

Offer Rounds

- **Some courses**
- **Major Offer Round**
  - All courses
  - Most offers are made
- **Subsequent Offer Rounds**
  - Some courses
  - Remaining vacancies only
- **Early Offer Rounds**

See website for full details, updates & course changes.
Finding out your offer...

- **Login to your application**
  - On the day offers are released to view, print & respond to your offer.
  - QTAC will send an email and may send an SMS notification.
  - Print your offer letter from the home page
  - Watch out for early offers!

- **You must respond to an offer.**
  - Respond online using the RESPOND TO OFFER tab
  - Generally you must respond **within 7 days**
  - If you do not respond to an offer in time, not only do you forfeit that offer, your application becomes inactive - You will not be considered for any preferences in any future offer rounds!
    - If your offer lapses and you still wish to be considered in future offer rounds, contact us immediately.

---

Accept Offer  
Defer Offer  
Reject Offer

- **Enrol in the course (as per institution instructions)**  
- **You will receive a letter from the institution advising you of any further action required.**  
- **NO further action**
How to Respond to an Offer

- Accept, defer or reject an offer
  - If deferment is not allowed, the defer option will not appear.
    - CQUniversity Australia has a different process

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Institution</th>
<th>Deferral Policies</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Australian Catholic University</td>
<td>Applicants offered an undergraduate place can defer commencement of their course for up to two years. Deferral is not available for postgraduate courses.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Australian Maritime College</td>
<td>Applicants offered an undergraduate place may apply to defer their study. Deferrals will only be granted to students who meet one of the following criteria: Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) of at least 95, or a completed International Baccalaureate Diploma with a score of at least 36, or a university Graduation Average (UGPA) of at least 5. For more information on deferment contact the Student Centre on 1300 363 866. Applicants do not need to apply through QTAC for their deferred place unless wanting to apply for other QTAC preferences.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bond University</td>
<td>Bond University does not grant deferment for the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery - undergraduate or graduate entry.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Christian Heritage College</td>
<td>With the exception of the Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary), applicants offered a place for February 2015 can automatically defer their studies for six to 12 months. Applicants offered a place commencing mid-year may be able to defer their studies. Contact Christian Heritage College to confirm requirements.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CQUniversity Australia</td>
<td>Deferral is available for most courses. Successful applicants must select ‘accept’ when responding to their offers through QTAC and CQUniversity’s student system. Contact CQUni.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Deferment – How to build in a break

- The best option is to apply now for Sem 1 2015 courses and then defer your start.
  - See Deferment Policies Page 13 QTAC Guide
  - Bonus ranks schemes do not apply to non-year 12 applicants.

- Many courses have semester 2 entry.
  - The Major Offer Round for most Semester 2 courses will occur in June 2015.
  - Cut-offs for Semester 2 intakes may be more competitive than Semester 1 intakes.
  - So, apply for Semester 1 2015 courses, and then request deferment for 6 months, if permitted.
Examples of cut-off changes Sem to Sem

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course</th>
<th>Sem 1 2013 Cut-off</th>
<th>Sem 2 2013 Cut-off</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>More Competitive</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>QUT B Nursing</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GU B Business / B Commerce</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Less Competitive (Infrequent)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CQU B Accident Forensics</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

How to Respond to an Offer

- **Select a conditional or firm response**
  - If you conditionally accept or defer an offer and:
    - You receive an offer in your higher preferences in the next offer round, you will lose your original offer.
    - You are unsuccessful in gaining a place in your higher preferences in the next offer round, you will retain your original offer.

Please note QTAC advise to think carefully before choosing this option. If you conditionally reject your offer and then do not receive any further offers, you give your course place away. Before conditionally rejecting an offer, contact QTAC or visit the QTAC website for more information.
Respond by the due date

Enrol with your institution

QTAC Presentation - Information current as at date of presentation.
See website for full details, updates & course changes.
QTAC Presentation - Information current as at date of presentation.
See website for full details, updates & course changes.