



Year 12 Information Session
Wynnum State High School

We would like to Acknowledge the traditional caretakers of the country on which we walk, live and learn. We respectfully acknowledge the Quandamooka First Nations people as the traditional caretakers of Redland City, Wynnum and areas of Moreton Bay including the Bay Islands.

We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We recognise their continued connection to Country, Waterways and Community and recognise their long history on the land open which our school was built and, the care they gave to these lands for thousands of years. May their strength and wisdom be with us.



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What will be covered

- QCE and ATAR
- Adjustment schemes and EAS
- Who is QTAC?
- Applying to QTAC
- TAFE
- Key dates
- Study tips and wellbeing



QCE AND ATAR



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QCE and ATAR

The Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and the ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) are different and have a different purpose.



QCE

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



ATAR

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

For questions about the QCE, including assessment and subject results, please contact www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior



QCE eligibility

(Queensland Certificate of Education)

- Literacy and numeracy tick (all Year 12 students have met this criteria)
- 20 credits achieved over a set amount of learning contribute to your QCE:
 - General, Essential and Applied subjects
 - VET certificate courses (or a minimum standard of completed competencies – Completion of Certificate II up to 4 QCE points; Completion of Certificate III up to 8 QCE points)
 - University subjects

QCE calculations



Year 11		Year 12	
Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
FA1, FA2	FA3, FA4	IA1, IA2	IA3 General EA Applied IA4
Successful = 1 point	Successful = 1 point	Successful across BOTH units = 2 QCE points Unsuccessful = 0 points	

Units 3 & 4

- General subjects: Result calculated out of 100 across Units 3 & 4
- QCAA determine the cut-off for a C in General subjects after results are awarded, the cut-off varies for different subjects.
- Students should already know what they have received in their IA1 (results have been confirmed by QCAA) and their provisional results for IA2 and some IA3 (these will be confirmed by QCAA on 12 September)
- Confirmed results can be accessed via the myQCE in the Student Portal

ATAR

(Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank)

- Primary mechanism used nationally for tertiary admissions.
- Indicates a student's position relative to other students.
- 2000-point scale from 99.95 down to 0.00. However, ATARs less than 30.00 are reported as '30 or less'.
- Queensland ATAR is calculated by QTAC for entry into tertiary courses. It is the standard pathway for tertiary study in Queensland.

You MUST pass English/Essential English to be eligible for an ATAR

How is ATAR calculated?

Step 1: Results in Units 3 and 4 are added together by QCAA to give a mark out of 100.

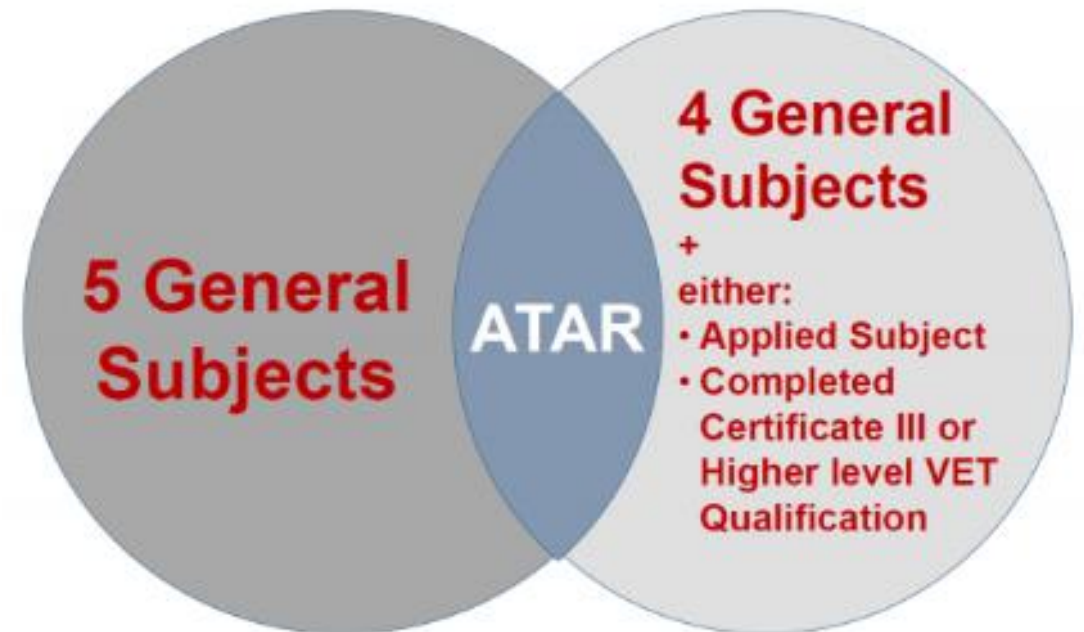
Step 2: QCAA provides these overall raw subject results and any completed VET qualifications to QTAC

Step 3: QTAC undertakes the subject scaling process

Step 4: The best 5 scaled subject results (from eligible inputs) are added together for each student = Best 5 Subject Aggregate

Step 5: Students are placed in a descending order of merit based on their Best 5 Subject Aggregates

Step 6: Students are allocated into the 2000 ATAR bands



Inter-subject scaling (calculated by QTAC)



- In the ATAR calculation process, scaling is the most difficult part to understand. It is however, a necessary part of the process to ensure fairness.
- Raw subject results are adjusted for a given subject to allow results for that subject to be **fairly** compared with the results from any other subject when calculating ATARs.
- Scaling outcomes for individual subjects are not predetermined and are expected to be different from one year to the next based on the performance of the student cohort for each year. Although trends will form, school, students and parents are advised not to use historical scaling data to predict future outcomes.
- QTAC provides an information handout to explain this in depth, with examples of how it applies to students.

Sample ATAR from 2022 cohort

STUDENT ONE

French	96 - A
Physics	89 - A
Chemistry	83 - B
Specialist Maths	86 - A
Math Methods	84 - A
English	67 - B

97.65

STUDENT TWO

Music	97 - A
Music Extension	99 - A
Specialist Maths	92 - A
Math Methods	91 - A
Accounting	96 - A
English	86 - B

97.00

Accessing your ATAR

- Current Year 12 students can open their ATAR account with QTAC from August.
- Students who wish to study interstate also need to create an ATAR account.
- ATARs will be released in December.



Login

Welcome to the QTAC ATAR Portal

Email Address *

Password *

[Forgot password?](#)

LOG IN

Sign-up

Please provide your details to access your ATAR once released.

Email Address *

Note: Please use a personal email address, not your school email address.

Password *

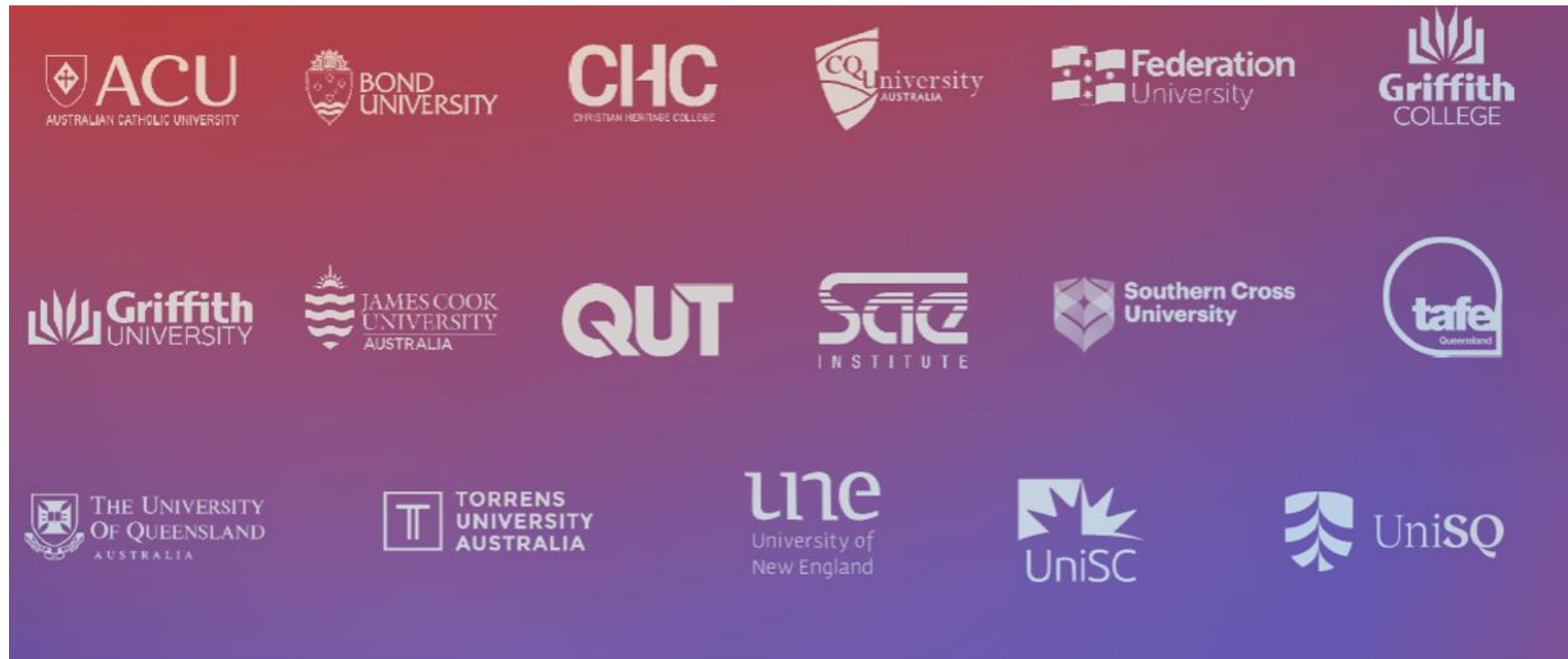
Confirm Password *

SIGN UP



Who are QTAC?

- Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre
- Apply through ATAC for over 1800 courses at 17 Queensland institutions
- Institutions determine their own rules for admission and QTAC implements them.
- Rules are applied consistently within institutions, but rules can vary from institution to institution.

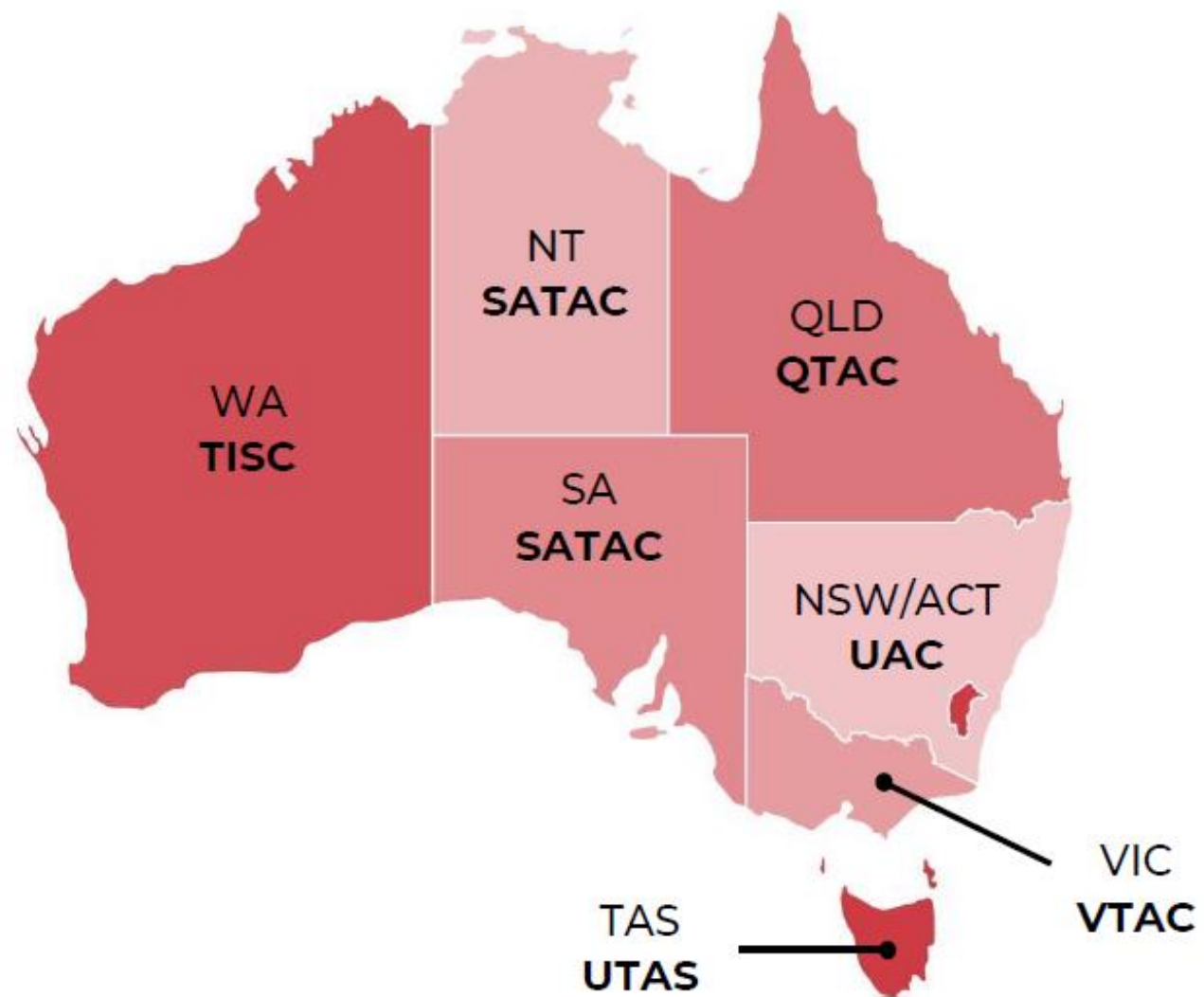


2023 Year 12 Students

1 Aug 2023 – 29 Feb 2024: \$55

1 Mar 2024 onwards: \$98

Looking to study interstate?



Check out

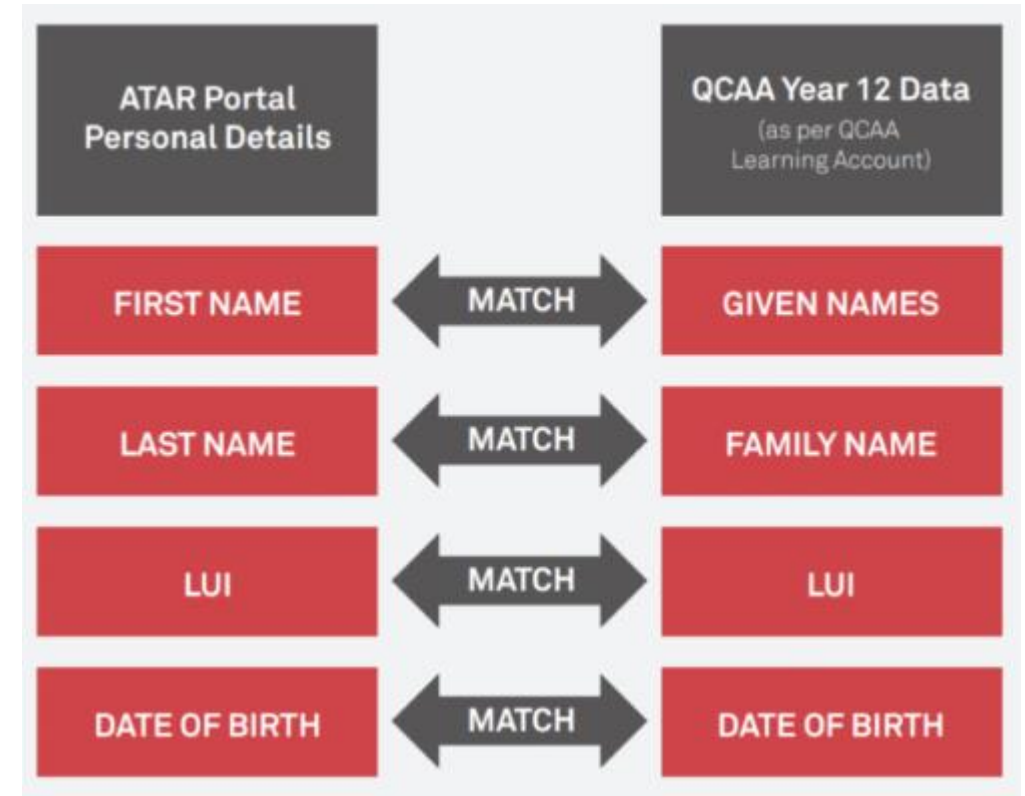


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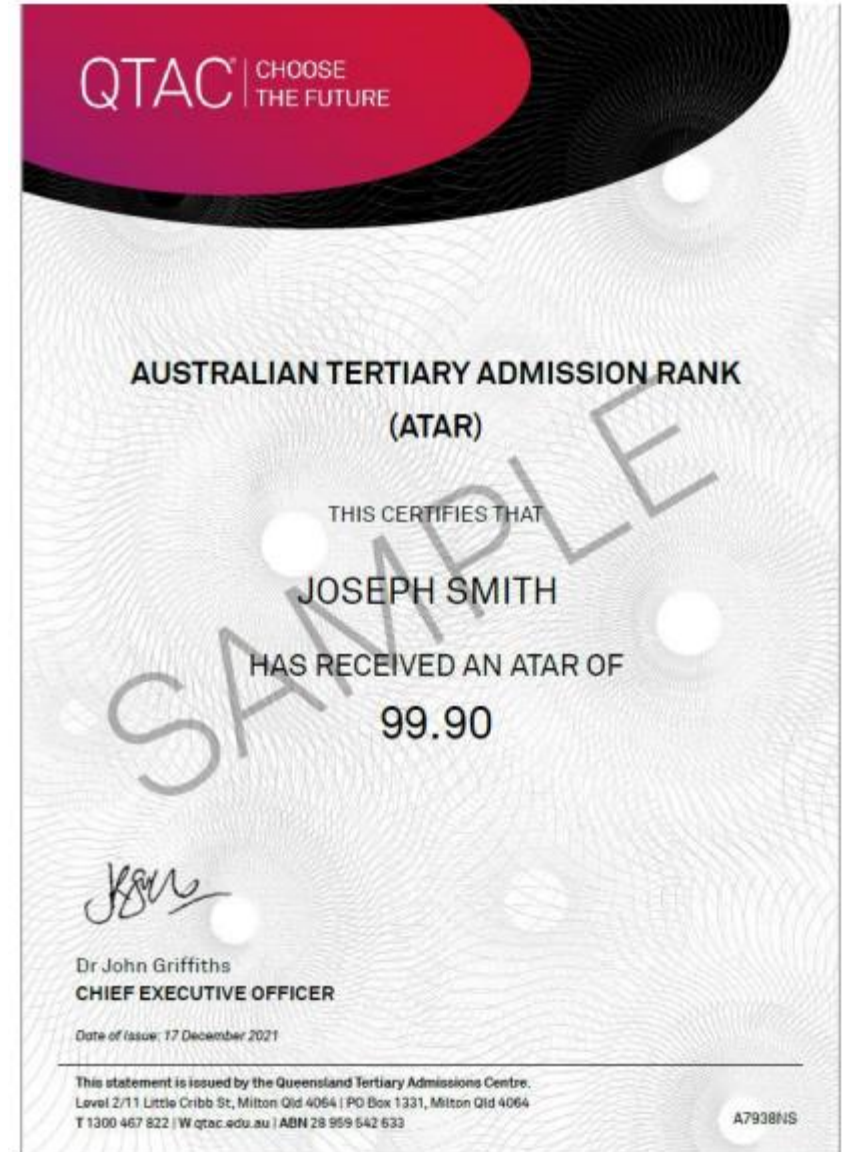
Setting up your ATAR account

- Use the QCAA version of given names as the first name in the ATAR portal
- Check that your date of birth is correct
- LUI number is needed
- Students should set up a personal email address as once you have graduated your EQ email address is no longer current



ATAR Release

- ATARs are released online only.
- Students will be able to receive an ATAR release notification via email and print a results notice.
- Eligible students will be able to print their ATAR Certificate once ATARs have been released.
- QTAC have both an appeals and verification process. They can be found in the policies page on the QTAC website.



ADJUSTMENT SCHEMES



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Selection Ranks and Adjustment Factors

- ATARs are calculated only on the students' actual QCE subject results, which have been scaled.
- Adjustment Factors (EAS, subject adjustments, etc) are applied **after** the ATAR is calculated.
- Applicants may also be assigned a separate Selection Rank for completed VET qualifications.
- QTAC continues to administer Adjustment Factor schemes which have been determined by individual institutions (who all have different requirements around this)

ATAR

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Adjustment Factors

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Applicant Selection Rank



Educational Access Scheme (EAS)

- EAS helps if your studies have been negatively affected by circumstances beyond your control
- Help you compete more equitably for an offer
- You can apply to EAS as part of your QTAC application
- Must include all the appropriate application forms and documentary evidence

Home Environment
and Responsibility



Financial
Hardship

English Language
Difficulties



School
Environment

Personal Illness
or Disability



Note: Outstanding EAS documents may stop you from receiving an offer. If you decide not to submit documents, let QTAC know ASAP.

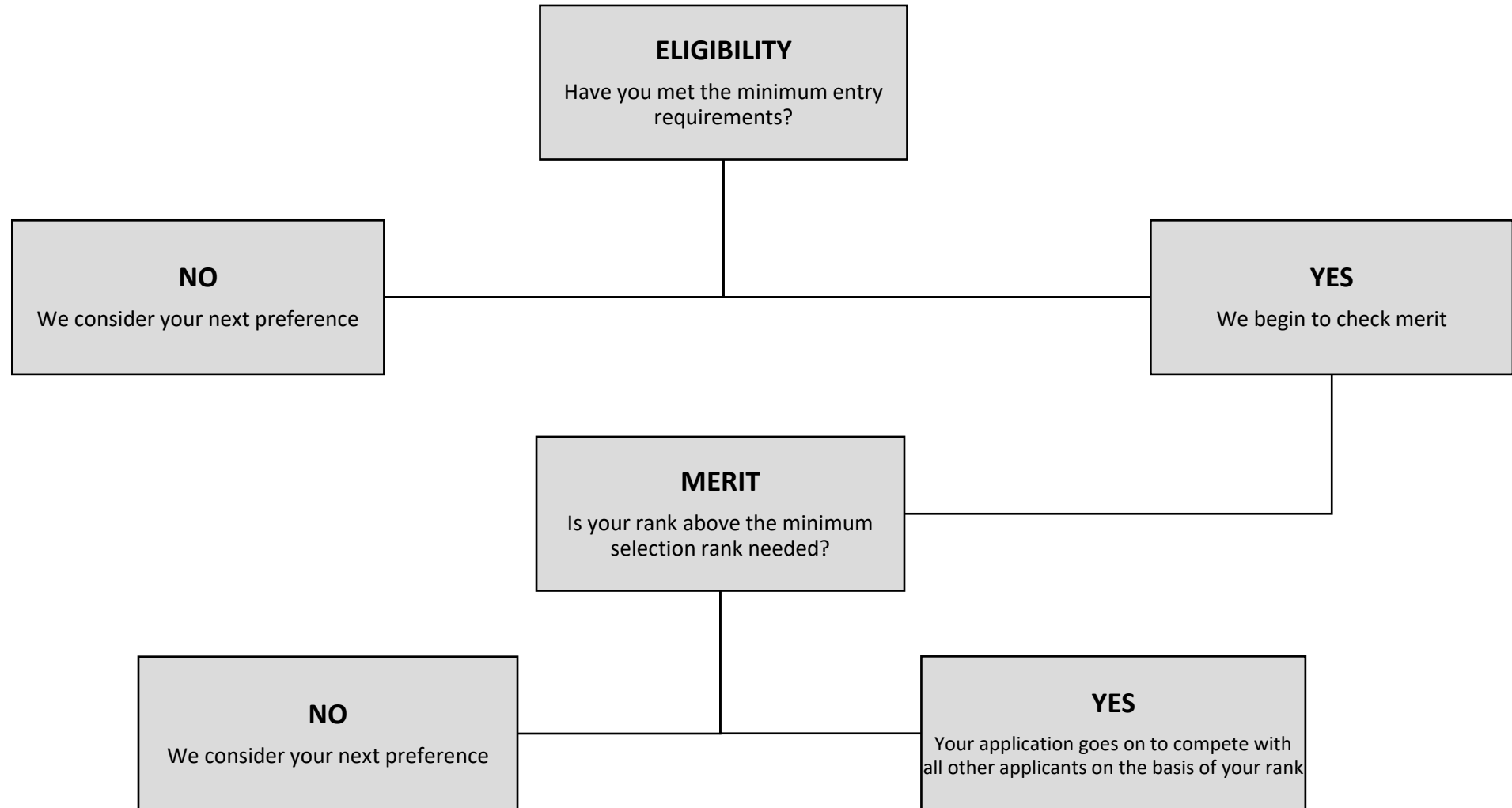


APPLYING TO QTAC



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Eligibility and Merit



Eligibility requirements

- Age requirements
- Subject prerequisites
- Portfolios, auditions, or interviews
- Essays or personal statements
- Questionnaires or exams (medicine and dentistry may require UCAT)

Some of these requirements might need to be submitted by a deadline. While researching your courses, make a note of early closing dates:



qtac.edu.au/fixed-closing-dates



How is merit determined?

Merit is determined by your QTAC Selection Rank.

Applicants are allocated ranks based on their assessable qualifications.

Selections ranks can come from:

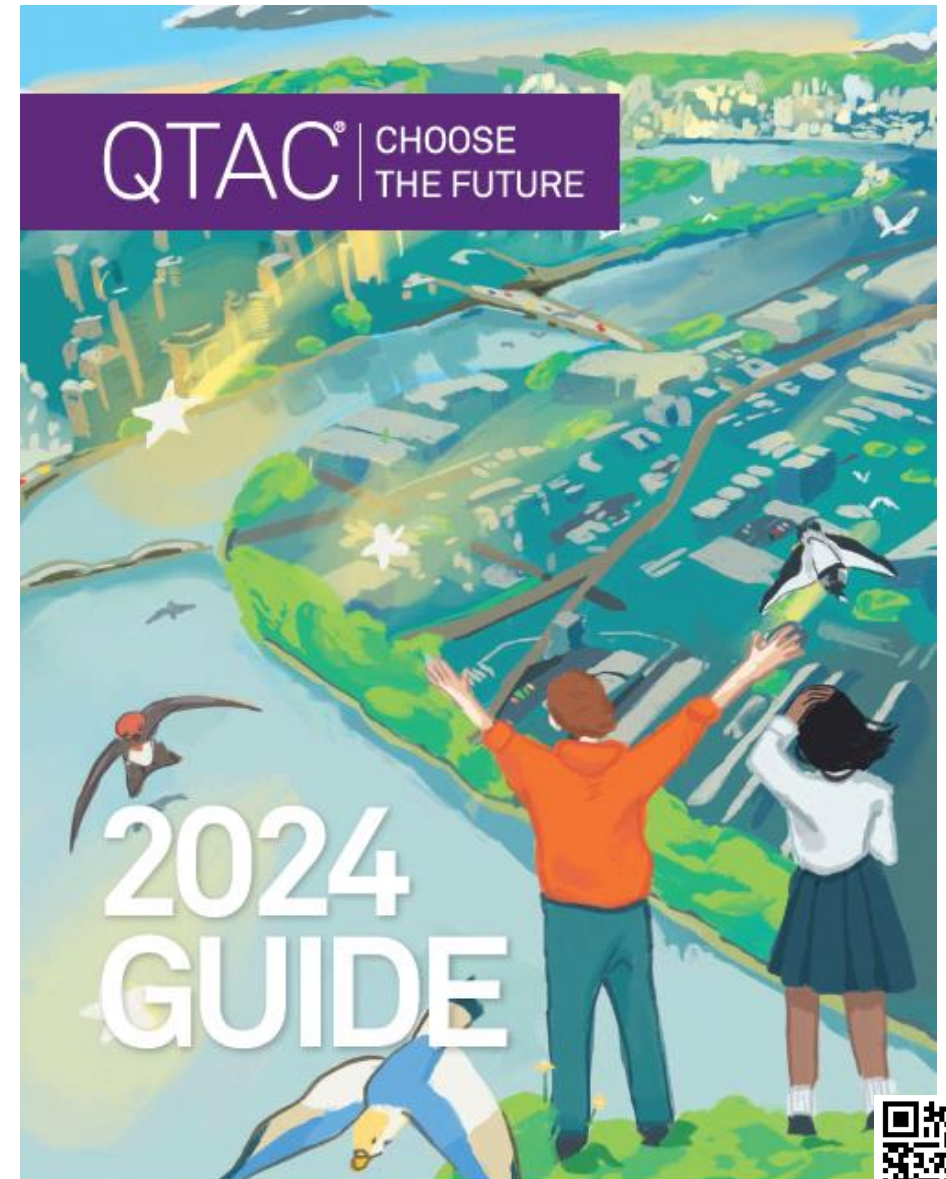
- ATARs
- Completed AQF qualifications (Cert III and IV)
- Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas
- Tertiary study (minimum 2 subjects required)
- Music, dance, and drama qualifications
- Bridging and preparation courses

QTAC Course Guide

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

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

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



Preferences

- Before you submit your QTAC application, you will need to make a list of your 6 preferred courses.
- Preferencing is an important part of the application process as **only one offer is received at a time**, based on your **highest eligible preference**.
- You can change your preferences for free 3 times.
- You can change your preferences after the application is lodged, after your ATAR is released and/or even after an offer is made.

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Desired Courses

Courses you want to study the most

2

3

Back-up courses

Courses you would be happy to study

4

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Pathway Courses

Courses that will help you upgrade into the course you really want

6

What are Pathway courses?

Other tertiary study

- Less competitive degrees
- Different campuses
- Regional institutions
- Bridging and tertiary preparation courses

Combined diplomas/degrees

- Apply for entry into a Diploma
- Guaranteed entry into the Bachelor course if the Diploma is successfully completed
- Get credit for study done within the Diploma, and graduate with two qualifications

Ordering your preferences – an example

A student named Justice Laws has a estimated ATAR of 90.

Remember this is an estimate, so create a safety range around this score eg. 85-92.

Justice is a good English student & has a strong interest in pursuing Law as a career.

		QTAC Code & Location	Course name	Prerequisites	Lowest ATAR/selection rank offered Sem 1, 2022	Offer Round date
1 ST	IDEAL COURSE	718001 St Lucia UQ	Bachelor of Law (Honours)	One of: English, Literature, English & Literature Extension or English as an Additional Language	97.50	11 Jan 2024
2 ND	IDEAL COURSE	417301 Gardens Point QUT	Bachelor of Laws (Honours)	Completion of Year 12 or 18 years of age	87.00	11 Jan 2024
3 RD	BACKUP COURSE	417301 Gold Coast GU	Bachelor of Laws (Honours)	One of: English, Literature, English & Literature Extension or English as an Additional Language	82.40	11 Jan 2024
4 TH	BACKUP COURSE	417902 Gardens Point QUT	Bachelor of Justice	Completion of Year 12 or 18 years of age	70.20	11 Jan 2024
5 TH	PATHWAY COURSE	228512 Mt Gravatt GU	Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice	Any General or Applied English Subject	65.05	11 Jan 2024
6 TH	PATHWAY COURSE	555472 South Bank TAFE	Diploma of Justice Studies	None	*	11 Jan 2024

Courses in the same area of interest (points to Course name column)

Meets prerequisites – studies English (points to Prerequisites column)

ATAR cut offs are becoming less competitive (points to Lowest ATAR/selection rank offered Sem 1, 2022 column)

All the same Offer Round (points to Offer Round date column)

Remember

- Check key dates for applications.
- Try to choose six preferences in order of importance for you.
- Ensure that you receive a receipt after submitting your application.
- Ensure that you fulfil all prerequisites and course entry requirements for the courses that you wish to apply for.
- Any changes to your preferences should be completed in one submission in order to lower costs.
- Ask QTAC for help if you need it.

RECEIVING QTAC OFFERS



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Understanding Offer Rounds

OFFER DATE	DUE DATE TO APPLY AND SUBMIT DOCUMENTS	DUE DATE TO CHANGE PREFERENCES
Friday, 17 November 2023	Friday, 10 November 2023	Not applicable
Thursday, 21 December 2023	Thursday, 7 December 2023	12:00pm Monday, 18 December 2023
Thursday, 11 January 2024	Friday, 8 December 2023	11:59pm Wednesday, 3 January 2024
Thursday, 6 June 2024	Thursday, 23 May 2024	11:59pm Friday, 31 May 2024

An important note:

- QTAC only review eligibility and merit for one preference at a time i.e. QTAC will only review your second preference if you do not meet the requirements for an offer on your first preference
- If you place a preference for a later offer round (e.g. June offer round) QTAC will hibernate your application until this offer round. No other preferences will be reviewed and you will not be considered by QTAC for an offer in earlier rounds.

Responding to your offer

The screenshot shows the QTAC 'Offer Details' page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'My Account', 'My Application', and 'Tests'. Below that, a red header contains 'Home / My Application / Offer Details' and 'Offer Details'. A sidebar on the left lists various application stages, with 'Offer Details' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Instructions: Choose one response from the options below' and contains three sections: 'Accept Offer', 'Defer Offer', and 'Reject Offer'. Each section has two columns of options with corresponding buttons.

Response Option	Description	Button Label
Accept	Choose this option if you want to accept your offer and don't want to be considered for higher preferences.	Accept offer
Conditionally accept	Choose this option if you want to accept your offer and be considered for higher preferences. Please note: if you are made a new offer, you may lose your place in this course.	Conditionally accept offer
Defer	Deferment is not automatically approved by the institution. Choose this option if you want to apply to defer your offer and don't want to be considered for higher preferences.	Defer offer
Conditionally defer	Deferment is not automatically approved by the institution. Choose this option if you want to apply to defer your offer and be considered for higher preferences. Please note: if you are made a new offer, you may lose your place in this course.	Conditionally defer offer
Reject	Choose this option if you want to reject your offer and don't want to be considered for higher preferences.	Reject offer
Conditionally reject	Choose this option if you want to reject your offer and be considered for higher preferences.	Conditionally reject offer

I'm happy & I'm ready to enrol

ACCEPT

Check with the institution for enrolment details and dates

I no longer wish to study this course

REJECT

I'm happy, but I'm not ready to enrol yet

DEFER


Check with the institution for deferment details

I'd like to be considered for my higher preferences

CONDITIONALLY RESPOND

Check in on the next offer round date to see if you've received a new offer

Conditionally accepting an offer

- 1 Bachelor of Nursing – UQ
- 2 Bachelor of Nursing – QUT
- 3 Bachelor of Nursing - ACU
- 4 Bachelor of Nursing – GU 
- 5 Bachelor of Health Science – CU
- 6 Diploma of Nursing – TAFE

CONDITIONALLY
ACCEPTED

If you conditionally accept an offer, you will need to rearrange your preferences so that any other courses you wish to be considered for sit **ABOVE** your conditionally accepted offer.

Note: you can't conditionally accept a first preference. Move the preference down to conditionally accept it.



KEY DATES 2023/2024

August	<p>1st - QTAC applications open for 2024 courses</p> <p>1st - ATAR account registration opens</p> <p>Some audition and portfolio applications close this month – check course details</p>
September	<p>Early closing dates for some courses</p>
October	<p>Reminder to get EAS and supporting documents submitted</p> <p>Closing date for some early entry courses</p>
November	<p>17th - Last day Qld Year 12</p> <p>17th - Offers released</p>
December	<p>7th - Due date to apply & submit documents for December offer</p> <p>8th - Due date to apply & submit documents for January offer round</p> <p>15th - ATAR and QCE released</p> <p>18th - 12pm Due date for change of preferences prior to next offer round</p> <p>21st - Offers released</p>
January	<p>3rd - 11:59pm Due date for change of preferences prior to next offer round</p> <p>11th - Offers released</p> <p>Offers continue to be released from 19th January</p>

Fee – free TAFE



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Fee-free TAFE

- Fee-Free TAFE courses have been specifically chosen based on local skills demand and advice from industry.
- Completing training in these high-priority areas will guarantee you graduate with in-demand skills and strong job prospects.
- With Fee-Free TAFE training you can feel confident for what comes next, knowing you're job ready with the industry-relevant skills employers are looking for.

View courses by study area



Business and IT



Creative industries



Education and community



Environment and animal services



Health and science



Infrastructure and transport



Service industries



Trades

MAKE
GREAT
HAPPEN



Financial Assistance for further study



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Higher Education Loan Program (HELP)

- Financial help is available to students through the Australian Government and institutions to assist with the costs of study.
- **Higher Education Loan Program (HELP)**
- The HELP comprises of a loans program that allows students to defer payment of their course fees.
- To be eligible, you must be an Australian citizen, New Zealand Special Category Visa holder or permanent humanitarian visa holder.



Income Support

A variety of Australian Government income support schemes are available to students, including Youth Allowance, Austudy, ABSTUDY and student start-up loans and scholarships.



studyassist.gov.au



servicesaustralia.gov.au

Scholarships

- Most institutions offer scholarships that recognise merit including academic excellence and sporting achievement, equity scholarships, which assist regional and rural students. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and students from low income backgrounds to access study.
- Scholarships can cover a range of costs from course fees to living and accommodation expenses.
- You should contact the individual institutions you are interested in attending for further information on the type of scholarships they offer.

Support through the end of Year 12



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Links to study tips

Retrieval Learning

Requires DELIBERATE remembering or recalling of information.

It is being PRESENT when learning.

It is REVISING things many times

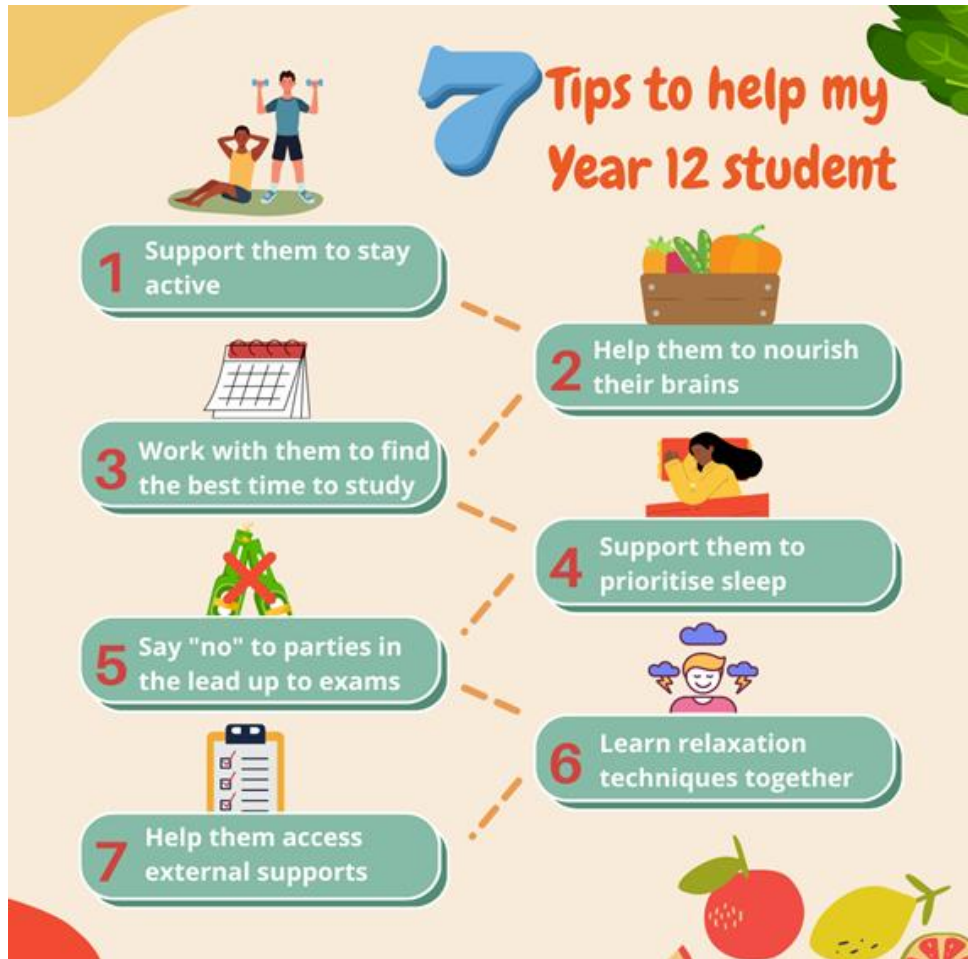
It is having the ability to recall learnt material when NEEDED



<https://myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au/get-motivated/get-organised>



Resources to support your young person



- ✓ 24/7 access to online and phone counselling for you and your student
- ✓ Fact sheets
- ✓ Video tutorials
- ✓ Online coaching and mentoring for students to discuss study and job pathways
- ✓ Resume building and support for job interviews



<https://my.headspace.org.au/>



<https://parents.au.reachout.com/>