

Introduction

Australian tertiary providers know that everyone's pathway after school can look different.

A qualification from TAFE, a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) or an approved private provider can help you get a job, build skills improve your tertiary rank and your chances of getting into uni.

Many Queensland universities accept completed VET AQF Certificate III, IV Diploma or Advanced Diploma qualifications as a standalone entry pathway for undergraduate degrees.

The table below shows the VET entry pathways for each major Queensland university that takes part in QTAC.



Frequently Asked Questions

I received both an ATAR and a VET qualification. Which one should I use in my application?

Each university will assess your application using your highest result. The table below explains how each university converts and ranks completed VET qualifications. For some undergraduate degrees (often health-related courses), universities may only accept graded VET qualifications or an ATAR. The conversion information is a **guide only**, so it's important to check directly with your preferred university for the most up-to-date details.

Will any kind of VET qualification help me gain entry to study an undergraduate degree?

No – each qualification is weighted differently under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). The AQF ranks qualifications from Level 1 to Level 10 (Certificate I at Level 1 through to a Doctoral Degree at Level 10). Most universities offer VET entry pathways for students who've completed a Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma. Some universities also accept a Certificate III for entry into selected degrees and university Diplomas.

What is an articulation agreement?

You might see terms like articulate, articulation agreement or credit calculator on uni websites when looking at VET options. Articulation means a uni lines up your VET study with their degree, so you can get credit for what you've already completed – helping you finish your degree faster. Some unis offer a VET entry pathway first, then let you apply for credit once you're enrolled.

Articulation and credit options are best if you already meet the entry requirements for the degree. They're not usually suitable if you didn't get an ATAR or are trying to boost your entry rank. Check the table below to see which universities offer VET entry pathways and which offer articulation agreements.

My preferred degree does not recognise my VET qualification. What can I do?

All major universities offer lots of different pathways to help you get into your preferred degree.

These can include school or principal recommendation schemes, tertiary access courses and prep or bridging programs.

You can also try to boost your entry rank by sitting the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT). It's a multiple-choice aptitude test offered through QTAC. Universities will only use your STAT result if it improves your rank. Your best move? Contact the universities directly to find out which options are right for you.

Am I eligible for government assistance for VET study fees?

A VET Student Loan (VSL) is a government loan that helps eligible VET students pay their tuition fees. You only repay it once you earn enough. VET Student Loans are available for some diploma-level (and above) qualifications. They're only offered through approved Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) The VSL Student Manual explains who's eligible, how to apply, available courses and approved providers and how to manage your loan. Check it out [here](#).

PLEASE NOTE: Institutions may update this information during 2026. It is **RECOMMENDED** that you check for any updates throughout the year.

INSTITUTION	VET ADMISSION PATHWAY OFFERED?	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	ALLOCATED TERTIARY RANK	APPLICATION PROCESS
Australian Catholic University	YES	ACU has VET approved education partners . Alternatively contact ACU to see if your outside VET qualification can help you gain entry to your preferred course.	For non-partnership institutions delivering VET qualifications Contact ACU regarding their allocated VET Tertiary Ranks	Apply directly to ACU for approved VET partner Other VET qualifications, apply via QTAC
Bond University	YES	Bond will only consider Certificate IV and higher for applications. Excluded VET Pathway degrees: Actuarial Science, Law, Biomedical Science, Business Law, Laws and the Bond Medical Program (and any double degree that includes any of these programs).	Certificate IV: 74 Diploma: 78 Adv Diploma: 91 If you received an ATAR, Bond will consider the higher ranked of the two qualifications (ATAR or VET) for admission.	Apply directly to Bond via this link For more information click here (scroll down).
Christian Heritage College	YES	CHC assesses applications based on QTAC Rank (e.g. ATAR or VET qualification) combined with one or more of the following criteria: • subject prerequisites • written statement • interview • referee reports • English language proficiency	Certificate III: 68 Certificate IV: 74 Diploma: 82 Adv Diploma: 91	Apply via QTAC For more details, click here
CQ University Australia	YES	CQU accepts completed Certificate III, IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma. For more information click here	Certificate III: 68 Certificate IV: 74 Diploma: 82 Adv Diploma: 91	Current or previous CQU VET students, apply directly here Students with external VET providers, apply via QTAC

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Griffith University	YES	GU will accept VET qualifications from Certificate III and above GU partners with TAFE to offer direct guaranteed admission to many degrees. More information: VET pathways to Uni Guaranteed Admissions Scheme	Certificate III: 68 Certificate IV: 74 Diploma: 87 Adv Diploma: 93 Subject prerequisites must still be met. Excluded programs. (scroll down)	Apply through QTAC directly Partnership applications should be made direct via either Griffith's online application form or TAFE Direct admissions
James Cook University	YES	Completion of VET qualifications guarantees entry to some courses. Click here to see which JCU courses are available to VET students.	James Cook University does allow some VET qualifications (like Cert III, Cert IV and Diploma) to help your selection rank for entry – but it doesn't publish fixed ATAR-equivalents the way some other unis do. Instead:	Apply via QTAC
Queensland University of Technology	YES	QUT will accept a successfully completed Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma. Non-AQF Performing Arts qualifications ie AMEB (7th grade or above) can give you a selection rank for entry to QUT courses. For more information click here. Certificate III can be used for competitive entry into QUT Diploma courses	Guide for AQF VET: Certificate IV: 74 Diploma: 87 Adv Diploma: 93 AMEB 7th or 8th Grade: 84 Cert III provides entry into QUT's Diploma programs. Certificate III: 68	Apply via QTAC
SAE University College	YES	SAE requires the completion of an AQF Certificate IV, Diploma or higher or QCE for consideration for entry into a selection of Bachelor Degrees For more information click here	SAE doesn't assign tertiary ranks to completed VET qualifications: VET is considered for entry.	Apply directly to SAE
Southern Cross University	YES	SCU offers Guaranteed Entry for completion of certain TAFE qualifications and also offers reciprocal pathways with specific registered training organisations. Click here for more details	Certificate IV: 73 Diploma: 75 Adv Diploma: 76	Apply directly via SCU Online Portal or via QTAC

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The University of Queensland	YES* * can only be used by current Year 12 students for entry into Semester 2 of the year after you leave school	Qualifications can be graded or competency based UQ's VET pathway is only available to school leavers when they apply for entry to UQ from Semester 2 of the year after they finish Year 12. For more information click here	Non-school leavers only Certificate III: 68 Certificate IV: 74 Diploma: 82 Adv Dip: 91	Apply via QTAC
University of New England	YES	UNE has partnered with an approved list of VET providers. UNE also allows students to apply to enter an articulation program or gain credit for prior VET study.	Certificate III: ~68. Certificate IV: ~74 Diploma: ~82 Advanced Diploma: ~87	Contact UNE directly to discuss your VET qualification and pathway options.
University of Sunshine Coast	Yes	UniSC allows students to apply to credit VET qualifications once they have already been accepted to study. Alternatively, UniSC offers a free six-month Tertiary Preparation Program (TPP) . Click here for more information.	Certificate III – 68 Certificate IV – 74 Diploma – 82 Advanced Dip – 91 Some creative arts qualifications. – Music, dance and speech More info here	For UniSC's TPP Pathway, apply via QTAC
University of Southern Queensland	YES	UniSQ recognises prior VET qualifications and allows students to apply for credit once they have already been accepted to study.	Certificate III – 68 Certificate IV – 74 Diploma – 82 Adv Diploma – 91 (This information came directly from the University by phone). Click here to calculate the credit you can apply for from your VET course to an undergraduate degree.	Apply directly to UniSQ or through QTAC
Torrens University	Yes	Complete Year 12 & meet any specific course requirements	Case by case consideration	Apply directly to Torrens Uni