



Frequently Asked Questions

What are early admission / entry schemes?

TAFE and most universities offer early admission (early entry) schemes.

Here's how they work:

- each uni or TAFE has its own name and rules for their scheme
- you usually apply in Year 12
- if you're successful, you could get an offer as early as September

Early entry can take the pressure off exams and give you peace of mind before the end of the year.



How do I apply for early admission?

Each uni and TAFE does early admission a bit differently.

- some universities ask you to apply directly on their website
- others use QTAC or a mix of both
- requirements and steps can change during the year

Check the table below and double-check with the institution before you apply, just to be safe.

What grades do I need to apply for early admission?

Most institutions still have minimum entry rules you need to meet.

- you'll usually need to reach the ATAR or other minimum entry score for your course
- each uni or TAFE sets its own requirements, which may include current or past grades
- if you don't meet the minimum score or course prerequisites results, you could lose your offer

Check the table below and always confirm the latest info with the university or TAFE before applying.

Can international students apply for early admission?

In most cases — yes!

- many universities accept international students doing Year 12 in Australia
- international students can often apply for early admission
- some unis use a separate application process

Always check with the university's International Student Office so you know exactly what to do.

I am/would be an interstate student. Can I apply for early admission to a QLD University?

Yes — and it works both ways

You can apply for early admission in QLD or NSW as long as you're in Year 12 and studying:

- a QCE
- an IB Diploma (IBD)
- an HSC

Where you study doesn't lock you into one state — you've got options.

What courses are excluded from early admission schemes?

Some degrees — like medicine, dentistry, nursing, veterinary science and physiotherapy are often not included in early admission schemes. Always check with your chosen university before you apply to make sure your course is eligible.

Do I need to submit a QTAC application for early admission?

Maybe — it depends on the uni

Each university has its own rules for early admission.

- some need only a QTAC application
- others need both a uni application and a QTAC application
- you might have to list the early admission course as your #1 QTAC preference or your offer won't count

Always read each university's early admission scheme carefully so you don't miss a step or a date.

What if I don't get an early offer?

Don't stress — if you're unsuccessful, you can still be considered in a later offer round. Even if you apply directly to a uni or TAFE, it's smart to also list the same course in your QTAC application — just in case!

What if my Principal won't support my application for early admission?

Not always.

- some early admission schemes don't need a school or Principal's recommendation
- others do require your school's support
- if a recommendation is required and your school can't provide one, you won't be considered for that uni

Check the table below and always confirm the latest rules with the university — policies can change.

Can I still apply for a scholarship if I opt to gain early entry to my course?

Yes! You can apply for scholarships in the same way you would for any entry pathway.



Please Note:

- Institutions may update or change this information during 2025. It is RECOMMENDED that you check for any updates throughout the year!
- Visit the Institutions' websites and read each program in detail before applying!

The following table summarises the Early Admissions schemes.

Tertiary institutions' early admission pathway schemes

INSTITUTION	SCHEME NAME	KEY DATES	ELIGIBILITY	APPLICATION PROCESS
Australian Catholic University	ACU Guarantee	Applications for 2027 are not yet open as of publication. Check their website and/or click here to register your interest Offers made early September.	ACU Guarantee program assesses you for entry to ACU based on your Year 11 results plus certain other factors such as your personal achievements, not just your academic results. If successful, you still must complete your Year 12 exams.	Apply directly via ACU portal Other admission pathways information Check website for any prerequisite or other requirements in the two FAQ sections. NOTE: A short personal statement could improve your application.
Bond University	Entry for Australian Year 12 Students	Open: Now Close: N/A Conditional Offer made as soon as possible.	Year 11 (Sem 1 & 2) and 12 (Sem 1) results. You must still complete Year 12 and pass any subject prerequisites for the course that you are interested in.	Apply directly via Online Portal 2027 Entry information will be out mid 2026
Christian Heritage College	Early Offer Pathways Principal's Reference Pathway Heas Start Pathway Home School Pathway	Open: Now Close: September 2026 Offer: You will receive an email from CHC	Principal's Reference letter Year 11 and (Sem 1) 12 results for some courses	1. Apply directly to CHC's online portal 2. Submit QTAC application – with your desired course listed as your preference #1 You can find more information on their website.
Griffith University	Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee Check university website later in 2026 for program updates for 2027 entry.	Open: August via QTAC Close: October – Check Uni website Offers: Between September and December – Check Uni website Documentation uploaded to QTAC by – Check QTAC website	Submit QTAC application by date to be advised by Griffith Uni. List one of the eligible degrees you are interested in applying for Upload supporting documentation by QTAC's course due date	Apply via QTAC. You'll receive an invitation to apply within 3 days of submitting your QTAC application. Once Griffith website has been updated for 2027 you will find more information at website including courses that are included in their Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee program.

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CQUniversity Australia	Principal's Recommendation Scheme	Key dates will be available in April/May 2026	Principal's written recommendation Complete Year 12	Apply directly to CQU online application portal You can find more information on their website .
James Cook University	Early Offer Program Check university website early in 2026 for program updates for 2027 entry.	Open: August – Check Uni website Close: October – Check Uni website Offer will start from the beginning of September	School nomination/recommendation form List JCU as your first QTAC preference May need to meet course prerequisites etc You need to complete your Year 12 study program	Domestic students submit school nomination form to JCU and list JCU as your first preference on QTAC International students apply directly to JCU You can find more information on their website including courses that are included in their Early Offer Program.
Queensland University of Technology	Year 12 Early Offer Scheme	Open: Early August – Check Uni website Check Uni website: QUT email invitations sent weekly Close: October – QTAC application must be submitted to be considered for an early offer invitation.	Completion of a QCE, IB Diploma, VET Diploma or START QUT in 2 units On invitation, upload your school results and QUT will assess your eligibility. QCE students who either are completing at least five ATAR General subjects or a completed AQF VET Diploma IB students on an IB Diploma study plan, QCE or IB students who have successfully completed two START QUT units.	Access through QTAC Applications are by invitation only and if you wish to receive an invitation you must select one of the eligible QUT courses as your top QTAC preference. Refer to website for important Scheme details and key dates. Check their website later in the year. Approved applicants notified by QTAC email. You must check the website throughout the year for updates
Southern Cross University	Early Offer Program	Open: Early 2026 Closes: Check website Offers: November 2026	Principal's recommendation Minimum grade requirement. Entry requirements and selection criteria	Apply directly via SCU Online Portal Check website for key dates as they are published

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TAFE Queensland	Direct Application	Open Now	Queensland Year 12 students	Apply direct via TAFE online portal (application tab found on each course description page) Application also through QTAC for Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas You can find more information on their website.
The University of Queensland	ATAR Guarantee Check university website later in 2026 for program updates for 2027 entry.	Application through QTAC which Opens early August 2026 Closing date and Offer rounds: check the QTAC website key dates	Open to domestic and international students currently completing Year 12	Apply via QTAC Keep checking their website for 2027 information and updates
University of New England	Early Entry Scheme OR UAC School Recommendation Scheme Guaranteed offer for 2027	Open: Now Close: 1 st round 17 July 2 nd round 25 September Offer: Sept and Nov 2026	Principal's report (if applying through UAC – NSW Tertiary Admissions Centre) OR Early Entry Scheme (ATAR eligible)	Apply directly to UNE's online portal
University of Sunshine Coast	Early Offer Guarantee	Open: August – Check Uni website Close: October – Check Uni website Offer: Multiple offer rounds so check Uni website	Principal's recommendation on Completion of Year 12	1. Apply directly via UniSC's online portal You can find more information including updated key dates as they are published, on their website. You must check the website throughout the year for updates.
University of Southern Queensland	UniSQ Early Entry	Open: August – Check Uni website Close: October – Check Uni website Offer: Throughout September – Check Uni website	Principal's recommendation OR Completion of 1 or more UniSQ 'Head Start Course/s'	1. Apply directly with UniSQ 2. Apply to QTAC – UniSQ as Preference #1 You can find more information including updated key dates as they are published, on their website.

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