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Apprenticeships & Traineeships



Benefits of an apprenticeship pathway

In today's changing world of work, Australia needs a capable, skilled and adaptive workforce. According to The Good Universities Guide there are [five advantages](#) of apprenticeships and traineeships such as:

- You earn while you learn
- You can choose from a wide variety of interests
- Training is flexible
- You will receive a nationally recognised qualification
- You can start them at school

Frequently asked questions about Apprenticeships and Traineeships

You may have questions about starting an apprenticeship or traineeship. Australian Apprenticeships Pathways has answers to most of your questions. [Click here](#) to find out:

- At what age can I start an apprenticeship or traineeship?
- Should I do a pre-apprenticeship before starting an apprenticeship?
- Can I do an apprenticeship or traineeship while I am at school?
- What is the difference between an apprenticeship and a traineeship?
- Where can I find information about Australian Apprenticeships in my state?
- How can I find an apprenticeship or traineeship in a specific industry?

Post school options - Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships offer nationally recognised qualifications and pathways to over 500 occupations across Australia, from traditional trades to new and emerging occupations. You can explore the many options available by clicking on the links below:

- [Learn more about apprenticeships](#)
 - Australian Apprenticeships offer a world of possibilities
 - Start an apprenticeship at school
 - Australian Apprenticeship Pathways
 - VET. It's Right Now - industry perspective video
 - Career stories
 - Rachel Bacon flying high with an Australian Apprenticeship
 - Inspiring through success: An Indigenous student's perspective
 - Sara Burke has created a career with style
 - Joel's fascination with agricultural machinery began early

- Dental Assistant Jane Alia knows the drill
- Chef Colin Wilson is a master in the kitchen
- [Australian Apprenticeships offer a world of opportunities](#)
 - Find an apprenticeship that suits you
 - Improve your chances
 - Job opportunities and job search websites

Some apprenticeship opportunities

Check out the apprenticeship opportunities through Connected Jobs and Training. Click [here](#) to find apprenticeships in the following areas:

- Automotive
- Building/Trades
- Business and ICT
- Electrotechnology and Utilities
- Metal and Engineering
- Painting and Decorating
- Plumbing



Upcoming Australian Defence Force information sessions

For details about the following events and more information on Army Reserve Information Sessions, visit the [Defence Jobs Australia Facebook site](#), or visit the [ADF's Upcoming Events page](#).

31/10/2023 [Townsville: Army Careers Information Session](#)

01/11/2023 [Monto: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

[Gold Coast: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

02/11/2023 [Gayndah: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

04/11/2023 [Southport: Army Reserve Open Day](#)

08/11/2023 [Cairns: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

09/11/2023 [Aviation Careers Information Session](#)

[Toowoomba: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

15/11/2023 [Townsville: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

Career Exploration



Career Quiz from Skills Road

The Skillsroad Career Quiz could help you figure out how to turn your passion/interest into an actual career. The quiz can help you find a career pathway that matches your natural skills and passions. [Click here](#) to do the quiz.

Find your work type

The Find My Work Type resources can help you identify your career interests which are the activities that you enjoy doing or are interested in. Once you understand what your career interests are, you can start exploring the industries and occupations that are related to them. On the Australian Apprenticeships Pathways, you can undertake:

- [Career Interest Explorer](#) - Answer work type related questions to test the strength of your interests
 - Analytic and Investigative - Solve problems through observation, analysis and critical thinking
 - Conventional and Organising - Use your attention to detail, work with data and follow instructions to achieve goals
 - Creative and Artistic - Express yourself through artistic ideas, self-expression and innovation
 - Manual and Realistic - Work with your hands to create or fix things, working outdoors, with machines or other tools
 - Persuading and Enterprising - Influence people by persuading, leading or promoting products and ideas to them
 - Social and Helping - Help people, often through advising, teaching, guiding or treating them
- [Find Job and Training Descriptions](#) - These descriptions can help you explore potential apprenticeship and traineeship pathways and occupations

[Industry Information](#) - Use your work type to explore industries that you could work in.

Job Pathways Charts

The Australian Apprenticeships Resources for Students website has published Job Pathways Charts that show you potential career pathways that can begin with an Australian Apprenticeship. There are 48 industry areas covered and all VET pathways can lead to university study. [Click here](#) to read more about these pathways.

No real plan for next year yet?

It is a hectic time of the year for Year 12, but it is best to finish up school with a plan for 2024 - you can always change it. To get some ideas as to where to start your research, you can complete the activities in *My career profile* on the myfuture website to help identify your interests, skills and more, then explore your results, including suggested occupations, employment prospects and training pathways. [Log in to My career profile](#). Registering is free and means that you can log back in and keep working on your profile, at a later date.

Values can help career decision making

Our 'values' shape the career choices we make, but what exactly are values and how can you identify the values that are important to you and that will positively impact your career? Psychologist, Sabina Read, has [written an article](#) outlining what values are, how they can influence your career choices and a list of some common values to help you start to think about what's important to you. Ask yourself, which of the following values are important to you and are there any you want to add:

- **Adventurous:** To be adventurous; to actively seek, create, or explore novel or stimulating experiences
- **Assertiveness:** To respectfully stand up for my rights and request what I want
- **Authenticity:** To be authentic, genuine, real; to be true to myself
- **Caring:** To be caring towards myself, others, the environment
- **Challenging:** To keep challenging myself to grow, learn, improve
- **Cooperation:** To be cooperative and collaborative with others
- **Creativity:** To be creative or innovative
- **Curiosity:** To be curious, open-minded and interested; to explore and discover
- **Fairness:** To be fair to myself and others
- **Humourous:** To see and appreciate the humorous side of life
- **Independence:** To be self-supportive, and choose my own way of doing things
- **Open-mindedness:** To see things through/from other's points of view, and weigh evidence fairly
- **Power:** To strongly influence or wield authority over others, e.g. taking charge, leading, organising
- **Respectful:** To be respectful towards myself or others; to be polite and show positive regard
- **Self-development:** To keep growing, advancing or improving in knowledge, skills, character, or life experience
- **Supportiveness:** To be supportive, helpful, encouraging and available to myself or others
- **Trustful:** To be trustworthy; to be loyal, faithful, sincere and reliable



Competitions

2024 St Kilda Film Festival

Accredited by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the St Kilda Film Festival is an Academy Awards® qualifying event, with award-winning films from the Festival, eligible for consideration in the Short Film Awards and Documentary Short sections of the Oscars®. The Short Film Competition has a prize pool of cash and in-kind craft awards, including a \$10,000 prize for Best Short Film. Other awards include Best Director, Best Achievement in Screenplay, Best Documentary and Best Achievement in Cinematography. Submit your short film for consideration in Australia's Top Shorts program by 31 January 2024 and [click here](#) to enter.

The Best Short film competition

Whether you're a seasoned filmmaker, content creator or just starting out this competition may be of interest to you. Entries for the SAE Emerging Talent Prize close **7:00pm January 5, 2024 AWST** and for all other categories 7:00pm January 22, 2024 AWST. See prize categories [below](#). Click [here](#) for more details and how to enter - it could be a great holiday project over summer!

Disabilities



Are you a Year 12 student or leaving school?

NDIS is available to support students in their final year while they are preparing to leave secondary school. These supports give you the skills and confidence to help you move from school to employment. They offer individualised supports for up to 2 years after finishing school to help you get ready for work and plan your pathway to employment. They are also tailored to meet your individual employment goals and may include:

- work experience in open employment
- job skills training
- travel training

Click [here](#) for more information.

Help Employment and Training

Help Employment and Training is a disability employment service that provides tailored employment and training solutions to job seekers, students and employers across South East Queensland. Whether it's finding meaningful employment, growing your business or developing and learning new skills, they believe employment changes people's lives. [Click here](#) to find out more information including how to find an employer.

Ostara Australia

Ostara Australia is a national not-for-profit organisation that works closely with the Australian Government, member services, communities and employers to provide employment services for those job seekers who are the most disadvantaged in Australia. They work with employers to remove these barriers to meaningful employment. [Visit their website](#) to find out more about:

- Employability and Training
- Upskilling
- Disability Advocacy
- Mental Health Support
- School Leaver Employment Support

Employment, Job and Labour Market Info



Computer Skills for your resume

Many people interact with computers in their careers. Promoting computer skills on your resume can help you show an employer that you're a capable person who can complete tasks with computers efficiently. Developing these skills can help you advance in your career. An article from the Indeed Editorial Team explains what computer skills for a resume are, provide examples of these skills and explain how to develop, use and promote them. Click [here](#) to read their article.

Find out more about the AR/VR industry

SAE artificial reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) lecturer, Dr Scott Roberts gives his insight into Australia's multi-billion dollar industry, the opportunities available to graduates, and the potential the technology has to make meaningful changes to people's lives. [Click here to read more](#) about where Dr Roberts thinks this dynamic industry is heading.

How to read an online job advertisement

An accurate reading and understanding of an online job advertisement is essential for preparing your job application. An online jobs site may have a short advertisement to attract your attention, with a link to a longer advertisement. The longer advertisement may still not provide all the information you need, particularly for public sector jobs. [Following](#) are ten critical details to note when reading an online job advertisement including:

1. Name of organisation
2. Sub-unit and location
3. Job type and status
4. Salary
5. Duties and accountabilities
6. Selection criteria
7. How to apply
8. Eligibility
9. Position/inquiries contact
10. Submitting an application and closing date

It's Time to Rethink Traditional Career Trajectories

The past few years have ushered in a tsunami of workforce, workplace and workload changes going far beyond remote and hybrid work. Nearly every aspect of work is shifting in some way. Across generations, people are questioning how, where, with whom and even why to pursue a particular vocation or create a specific professional identity. Click [here](#) to read more from April Rinne

Looking for a job in 2024?

If you are looking for work during secondary school or beyond and/or considering an apprenticeship, then you can learn how to find opportunities, produce quality applications, prepare for job interviews and more from the myfuture's [job seeker resources, tips and templates](#).

The Growth Mindset Advantage: 6 Essential Skills For Success

Unlocking personal and professional success can hinge on the fundamental concept: the growth mindset. Coined by [psychologist Carol Dweck](#), the idea of a growth mindset asserts that our abilities and intelligence are not inborn or fixed traits but can be cultivated through dedication and learning. This approach encourages you to take risks, be persistent and stay curious. In other words, it's having a "can-do" attitude that helps you reach your goals, both personal and professional, by embracing learning and resilience along the way. Click [here](#) to read the article in full including:

- Committing to learning and growth
- Developing problem-solving and persistence
- Seeking support and collaboration
- Cultivating patience
- Learning hard lessons and adapting
- Being Flexible and Goal-Oriented

The Parents and Guardian' Guide to education, training and work opportunities for young people

[The Parents and Guardians' Guide to education, training and work opportunities](#) for young people summarises the resources and information available to help you explore all the education, training and work options available to your young person. Parents and Guardian's Guide has also been translated into [additional languages](#). The [School Leavers Information Kit](#) contains more detail and is designed for your young person to help them navigate their post school options.

Want a job in a sport?

Working in the AFL or any other sport for that matter, doesn't just mean being a player or a coach. There are hundreds of roles behind the scenes that impact the game days. These include Advertising Account Executive, Administrative Assistant, Dietitian, Medical Practitioner, Chef, IT Manager/Computer Engineer,

Marketing Officer, Statistician, Physiotherapist, Podiatrist, Events Manager/Coordinator and Journalist. Read the article [Behind the scenes at the AFL](#) on the Good Universities Guide website to learn more about these jobs and how they relate to the AFL and other professional codes.

Who's hiring now for Christmas and after school?

The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training's Connected Jobs and Training has information about who's hiring staff now! Click [here](#) to find out more about employers who are looking for staff and what jobs are available for the holiday season as well as full time work after leaving school.

Work Trials - Insights from employers

Employers use work trials to decide whether someone has the skills to do the job and whether they will fit in with the team. Click [here](#) for some insights from employers on what they look for during a work trial, including tips on preparing for one:

- What should I expect during a work trial?
- What do employers look for during work trials?
- How can I use this information?
- Tips for preparing for a work trial
- More resources to help you

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



ACU Scholarships and fee information

ACU offers a range of scholarships and fee information for commencing students ranging from academic achievement to supporting equality. There are nearly 400 scholarships on offer. Some scholarships contribute a one-off payment, while others provide support for each year of your degree. You can apply for as many scholarships as you want. View the available scholarships and fees structure [here](#). Make sure you submit applications by the due date as some scholarships have already closed.

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Uni Scholarship for rural and regional students

2024 applications for scholarships open on 1 December 2023 and successful recipients will be notified early in 2024. What you need to know:

- This Scholarship is for students living in rural and regional Australia.
- Any subject can be studied under this scholarship provided that it is at undergraduate bachelor's degree level in an approved Australian course.
- You must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- Only first-time, first year university students wishing to study full-time in 2024 can apply.
- You can demonstrate your passion and desire to supporting rural communities both now and into the future.
- You can demonstrate community involvement

[Click here](#) to find more information.

Griffith University Adam Scott Foundation Sports Business Scholarship

The Adam Scott Foundation Business Scholarship is for students who have overcome adversities in their life, are passionate about business and may also have an interest in sport.

The scholarship is for payment of the student contribution charges (CSP/HECS).

Applicants must apply and gain entry to one of the following Griffith courses in 2024:

- B Business
- B International Tourism and Hotel Management
- B Sport Development
- B Business/B Government and International Relations

- B International Tourism and Hotel Management/B Business
- B of Advanced Business (Honours)

Visit the [website](#) for more information. Applications close on 29 January 2024.

QUT Adrian Scott Rural Journalism Scholarship

The [Adrian Scott Rural Journalism Scholarship](#) supports a student from a regional, rural or remote location to study in a Bachelor of Communication at QUT. This scholarship offers financial assistance to relocate, valued at \$8,000 for two years, paid in four instalments to help with your study. Applications close 1 March 2024. Visit the [QUT website](#) to find out more.

QUT tips for applying for scholarships

Click [here](#) to read more about some tips for applying for scholarships at QUT including:

- [What is a scholarship](#)
- [Who can apply](#)
- [What are the benefits](#)
- [How to apply](#)

The QUT Dalwood-Wylie Foundation Scholarship now open

The Dalwood-Wylie Foundation Scholarship assists students from regional and remote areas requiring financial support to study acting or drama at QUT. You will receive a \$5,000 payment to support your transition to university to be used towards relocation, accommodation or education expenses. Applications close 1 March 2024. Visit the [QUT website](#) to find out more.

Torrens University faculty scholarships

Are you planning to study Business and Technology, Creative Technology, Design, Education, Health or Hospitality, or study at the Blue Mountains International Hotel School? Torrens University may have a 2024 scholarship for you. If you're motivated, future-focused and keen to fast-track your career, you are encouraged to apply for one of [their scholarships](#). Successful students get up to 20% off their course fees and access to a range of exclusive opportunities.

UQ Kathy Hirschfeld AM Scholarship Endowment for Women in Engineering

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage and support first year female students who are currently experiencing financial barriers to undertake studies in engineering at The University of Queensland . The award is valued at \$4,500 for one year. See the [website](#) for details. Applications close on 3 March 2024.

UQ key scholarships

Here are a few key scholarships that are currently open and accepting applications. All information about scholarships can be found on UQ's [Scholarships website](#).

2024 Academic Scholarships

Applications close 24 November 2023. [Click here](#) for more information.

Macoun Family Scholarship in Finance

Female students from non-metropolitan Brisbane state schools in Bachelor of Advanced Finance and Economics (BAFE). Applications close 26 January 2024. Click [here](#) for more information.

Schools of Business and Economics Indigenous Student Scholarship

Indigenous students in Economics. Click [here](#) for more information. Schools of Business and Economics Indigenous Student Scholarship - closes March 2024

HUB24 Regional QLD Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Scholarship

Students experiencing financial hardship and wanting to study:

- B of Computer Science
- B of Information Technology
- B of Engineering (Honours)

Applications close 3 March 2024. Click [here](#) for more information.

Calboonya Legacy Information Technology and Computer Science Scholarship

For students experiencing financial hardship and enrolled in:

- Bachelor of Computer Science
- Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours)
- Bachelor of Information Technology
- Bachelor of Information Technology (Honours)
- Bachelor of Science (Computer Science Major)
- Bachelor of Science (Honours) (Computer Science Major)
- any dual program including the above programs.

Applications close 03 March 2024. Click [here](#) for more information.

UniSQ Academic Excellence scholarships

The [USQ Academic Excellence Scholarships](#) are automatically awarded to eligible Year 12 Students who put USQ as #1 on their QTAC application for 2024 and achieve the required ATAR. You do not have to put in an application.

UniSQ Residential College Scholarships

Residential College Scholarships are for those looking to live on campus. Each scholarship will have a maximum value of:

- \$6000 (for students studying in Trimesters), or
- \$7500 (for students studying in Semesters).

Scholarships to be paid as a reduction in Residential College fees across each semester/trimester of 2024. Click [here](#) for more information.

First Nations Peoples



Laurie Cowled Indigenous Scholarship for Business Students

You'll receive \$5,000 over one year, paid in two semester instalments. Half of each instalment will be paid towards your fees, and half will be paid into your nominated bank account, post-census. You must be:

- a female Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person
- commencing or continuing your business studies at QUT in 2023
- studying a Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Business - International, Master of Business, or a double degree that includes a Bachelor of Business component
- enrolled full-time or part-time.

School-leavers and TAFE graduates are encouraged to apply. Click [here](#) for more information and applications close on 5 November 2023.

Pearl Duncan Teaching Scholarship

If you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and are studying or intend to study an undergraduate or postgraduate teacher qualification, the Queensland Government's Pearl Duncan Teaching Scholarship might be right for you. The scholarships are valued at up to \$40,000 and the opportunity to secure permanent employment as a teacher in a Queensland state school after graduation. You must complete Year 12 this year and be commencing or continuing an undergraduate Initial Teacher Education (ITE) program, such as a Bachelor of Education, in the first semester of the year after you graduated Year 12. Applications close on Friday 08 December 2023. See the [website](#) for details.

SAE First Nations Scholarship application closing date extended

SAE is seeking First Nations Scholarship applications. Their Creative Media Institute is extending its First Nations scholarship deadline to encourage more students to apply. This is a great opportunity if you are wanting to get a head start on your studies. SAE are proud to support Indigenous Australian creatives with the opportunities to develop skills and achieve their goals within the creative media industry. Applying is simple, just complete a simple online application form. In your application, you will need to include a 250 word statement and a link to your online portfolio of projects that you have created at work, school or home! Applications close on 10 November and click [here](#) for more information.



Gap Year Program News

Gap year may be an option

Deferring future study is a big decision and it may not be an option for everyone. However, if you are planning a gap year before commencing post-school education it can still be productive for your career. Check out [Gap years: making them work for you.](#)

Interstate and International



Compare US colleges and universities

When researching US colleges and universities, you can open an account on the [College Board website](#) to save all your college planning activities. The website has a [Compare Colleges page](#) where you can compare up to three colleges. It can help you organise your research.

World University Rankings 2024

Looking for the top university in the world to study at? The World University Rankings for 2024 have been released. University of Melbourne was the highest Australian university at Rank 37 through The Times Higher Education rankings. The highest Queensland university was The University of Queensland, Rank 70. You can access this and more information [here](#). There are several different World rankings organisations, so it is good to get a cross section of results.



Private Provider Updates

AMC Training and Consulting: Cert III in Individual Support

[AMC Training and Consulting](#) delivers courses for those interested in entering the Caring industry. The courses they offer are:

- [CHC33015 Certificate III in Individual Support - Specialising in Ageing](#)
- [CHC33015 Certificate III in Individual Support - Specialising in Disability](#)
- [CHC33015 Certificate III in Individual Support - Specialising in Home and Community Care](#)
- [CHC43115 Certificate IV in Disability](#)
- [CHC33015 Course Dates](#)

An inside look at SAE's new music degree

The music industry of today demands professionals who have a unique blend of creativity, adaptability and business acumen. SAE's new Bachelor of Music degree has been designed to support aspiring musicians and music creators with the modern skills to not only survive but excel in the ever-evolving music landscape. Hear from SAE's Music Course Leader, David Turner who dived deeper into the degree and its transformative potential to support students' future careers in music. Click [here](#) to find out more.

JMI 2024 courses and audition information

Entry into JMI's accredited courses is through a successful audition. [Click here](#) and complete the JMI audition application form. Only **domestic students** should apply this way and if you are an international student, visit their [International Students](#) page for information on how to apply. Once you have submitted your application form, JMI will contact you directly to arrange a time for your audition. There is a \$30 audition fee payable at the time of your audition. Before completing the form, make sure you have looked at the [audition requirements](#) for the course/s you are applying for. If you have any queries regarding these audition requirements, please [contact JMI for an information session](#). You can apply for:

- Bachelor of Music in Jazz Performance and/or
- Diploma of Music in Jazz Performance

JMI Brisbane Summer Jazz Clinic

This is a four-day jazz performance clinic designed for musicians of all ages and abilities. The clinics are delivered in a fun and friendly environment and are ideal for beginner, intermediate and advanced jazz players. It will be held from 8 – 11 January 2024. Find out more [here](#).

Qld School of Film and Television 2024 High School Program

Applications are now open for QSFT's [Certificate III in Screen and Media](#) in 2024. This is a twelve-month program for high school students, with students attending one class per week. It will give you the opportunity to complete a nationally recognised qualification that provides the fundamental skills necessary to work in the film and television industry. Scholarships may be available. For more information visit the website linked above and speak to your Guidance Officer or VET Coordinator.

Shillington College short graphic design course information session

Join Shillington College for an upcoming online Info Session where you can. The Info Session will show you what to expect from their [design bootcamp](#), what Shillington is all about and even give you a taste of your future creative career. The Zoom Info Session will be held on 1 November at 5:00pm AEST and [click here](#) to register for the event.

Short courses from Australian Film TV and Radio school (AFTRS)

The following short courses are being offered in November through AFTRS. Check them out here (scroll down the page) to see if they fit into your calendar.

- [Budgeting Fundamentals](#) | 6 November (online)
- [Mobile Content Creation](#) | 7 & 30 November (online or on-campus)
- [Intro to VFX & 3D Animation](#) | 13 November (online)
- [Videomaking Intensive: Shoot, Edit, Publish](#) | 13 November (on-campus)
- [Presentation Skills](#) | 14 November (on-campus)
- [Screen Business Essentials: Navigating Growth](#) | 16 November (online)
- [TV Shooter Producer Intensive](#) | 20 November (on-campus)
- [Podcasting for your Brand](#) | 21 November (online)
- [Camera Assisting Intensive](#) | 27 November (on-campus) n



Avoid relying on online ATAR calculators

Some Year 10 and 12 students are using ATAR calculators found online to help them choose either their senior subjects or tertiary pathway for 2024. You should avoid using these calculators because they cannot accurately predict a Queensland student's ATAR or how Queensland Senior subjects will scale. No one (including QTAC and university experts) are able to produce a calculator that can accurately predict Queensland ATARs to be awarded from 2024. As always, it is recommended that you choose subjects and undergraduate degrees based on what:

- you enjoy
- you think you will achieve well in
- subject prerequisites for tertiary courses Year 10 students need for tertiary courses after leaving school

You can read about QTAC subject scaling on their [website](#) and subject scaling outcomes for students completing Year 12 in 2023 become available in 2024.

QTAC FAQs

Q Will I get an offer for all the courses I applied for through QTAC?

A No. You will only receive one offer for your highest eligible course that you are competitive for. Therefore, it is essential to order your courses according to your preference, putting the course you most want first and having a 'safety net' course as your 6th option.

Q Will I get a letter in the mail from QTAC with my offer on it?

A No. If you have an offer, QTAC will notify you by email or SMS. You need to log on to your application on the QTAC website for details of your offer and to respond to your offer. Because there are numerous offer-round dates (see [Course offer dates](#)), you must check your emails regularly (including your Junk folder).

Q Is there anything I can do if I don't respond to an offer by the due date?

A Yes. Contact QTAC immediately. QTAC may be able to reinstate your offer.

Q What happens after I have accepted an offer of a course place?

A You enrol at your institution by the due date. Most institutions will have an 'Enrol here' link on the QTAC website. If there's no enrolment link, your university will contact you directly.

Q I have applied for courses that start in Semester One and Semester Two 2024 on my QTAC application. Is this OK?

A Yes, if the Semester One courses are listed before the Semester Two courses. However, a better strategy is to put only Semester One courses on your application in the first instance. After the major offer-round for Semester One courses on 11 January 2024 (see page 18 in the QTAC book), you can put Semester Two courses on your application if you have not received your preferred offer.

Q What should I do if I don't get an offer?

A First check your application on the QTAC website. You may be ineligible for the courses you applied for. This will be indicated on the Preferences page of your application beside each course preference. Reasons for not receiving an offer may include:

- Quota restrictions (that is, your ATAR/rank did not meet the minimum threshold)
- Failure to satisfy minimum entry requirements (prerequisite subjects, audition, etc.)
- Failure to pay QTAC processing/application fee
- Preferencing your courses incorrectly (e.g. putting semester two courses before semester one courses; not including a 'good' pathways option for your 5th and 6th preferences)
- Applying after the due date for the offer-round
- Not submitting required documents
- Not responding to an earlier offer.

If you don't get an offer and none of the above points apply, contact QTAC immediately.

Q What do I have to do when I receive an offer?

A You must respond to QTAC by the due date. You usually have four days to respond. If you don't respond by the due date, your offer will lapse and your application will become inactive. When you respond to your offer, you have two main options:

- Make an outright acceptance, deferment or rejection OR
- Conditionally accept your offer so you can be considered for higher preferences in future offer rounds. If you choose this option, you must go back into your QTAC application and put your preferences back into your application.

See more information about responding on the [Offers](#) page on the QTAC website.

If you were ineligible for the courses you applied for, you can change your course preferences for consideration in any subsequent offer-round if further offers are made. QTAC usually publishes remaining course vacancies on its website after a major offer-round. You can also contact QTAC by phone, email or Facebook for advice.

Tertiary application reminders

Have you put important dates in your phone or diary? Including:

- Scholarship application due dates (see the scholarship page on the institution websites)
- QTAC offer-round dates (check the [Course Offer Dates](#) on the QTAC website)

- When Year 12 results are uploaded to your Student Portal account so you can access them through your [myQCE Student Portal](#)
- When QTAC will be emailing you or you can log into your QTAC ATAR account to find out your ATAR
- The last date you can change preferences for the offer rounds on 17 November, 21 December 2023 and 11 January 2024 (see [Key Dates and Fees](#) on the QTAC website or Page 18 in your QTAC book).
- Date that you must have submitted any required documentation for each offer round (Page 18 in your QTAC book)

Do you have all your QTAC documents and numbers in a safe place?

Including:

- Your *2024 Year 12 Guide*
- A copy of your QTAC preferences
- Your QTAC password
- Your QTAC reference number
- Your LUI, Learning Account password and USI.

If you are going on holidays over Christmas, especially overseas, you should take these with you.

Release of Year 12 results and ATARs

Queensland Curriculum Assessment Authority (QCAA) will release students' final subject results and Senior Education Profiles on their [myQCE website](#) on Friday 15 December 2023. QTAC will release students' ATARs via the [ATAR Portal](#) on the same day. You need to register for the Student Portal and ATAR Portal so you can find out your results on 15 December.

Study Skills and Wellbeing



A suggestion as to what to do if you get a mind blank in an exam

Art of Smart has an article which outlines some strategies that may suit you if you get a memory blank during exams. They say that it happens to the best of us! That's why in the video, Rowan will show you how to deal with a mind blank in an exam so that you can come back into focus and maximise your marks anyway. Click [here](#) to read about the steps including (only use these if they assist you):

- Step 1: Acceptance
- Step 2: Meditation
- Step 3: Hydration
- Step 4: Self-Talk
- Step 5: Self-Confirmation
- Step 6: Have a Plan!

De-stress with Mental Stillness

This is the time of the year when our stress levels soar. Unfortunately, stress not only affects mental and physical health but can also impact on exam performance. To help us manage our stress, Generation Next and Sydney University's Department of Psychiatry have developed a free, easy-to-use app. The Mental Stillness App provides simple guided-meditation sequences on video that can be used on demand. It can be downloaded for [iPhones/iPads](#) and [Android devices](#).

Study skill resources

The University of Queensland's (UQ) Student Services Learning [website](#) has online guides and workshops to help you with all aspects of study. While these are provided for UQ students, most of them are equally useful for Years 11 and 12 students including general study skills, exam tips, assignment writing and workshops.

Adult Tertiary Preparation Course

If you don't think you will gain entry to your preferred tertiary course or you need to meet subject prerequisites, consider completing the Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation. You can learn about this course by visiting the TAFE [website](#).

TAFE Queensland offers more than trade courses

See where TAFE can take you by getting the qualifications that you need. TAFE offer a wide range of qualifications from Certificates to Diplomas, to Degrees, to trade qualifications all across many different industry areas. Click [here](#) to read more about the different pathways that TAFE offer.

Unilearn Ready Program

The Unilearn Ready Program can help you get a Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) Selection Rank or complete your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Completing three subjects in 30 weeks, this full-time program is delivered entirely online, allowing you to study at a time and place that suits you. You will need to complete the compulsory core subject Academic Literacy Skills and choose two of the following elective subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Introduction to Economics, Introduction to Mathematics, Senior Mathematics, Senior English or Physics. You can watch this [short video](#) to learn more about the Unilearn Ready Program. Click [here](#) to find out more about the program and how to apply.

Alternative pathways to Uni

If you are wanting to go to Uni but don't have a tertiary rank to get you there, then click [here](#) to read about some alternative pathways to higher education. You can find out about eight pathways you may not have thought about. The article from myfuture discusses:

1. Enabling courses
2. Enabling outreach courses
3. Bridging courses
4. Special Tertiary Admissions Test
5. Vocational education and training (VET) and TAFE pathways
6. Credit for recognised learning (CRL)
7. Portfolio entry
8. VET in schools

How to decide whether to defer your course

Deferring was once sternly frowned upon. There was a fear that once you had a taste of freedom, studying would be on the backburner. Perceptions have changed significantly. It's now considered by many as a well-earned break from study and a chance to learn, grow and be better prepared for the opportunities and challenges of adulthood. With graduate employers on the lookout for well-rounded people with 'work ready' skills, it's clear why taking a gap year after school is gaining popularity. Click [here](#) for some pointers to help you think through this option.

The Good Universities Guide's ratings categories

The annual Good Universities Guide ratings have been revealed! This annual data reveals statistics and rankings of different universities across Australia, allowing you to make informed decisions when selecting a university to suit your own personal preferences and needs. These performance ratings and rankings are created using a combination of resources provided by the Department of Education and graduate and student experience surveys in Australia. Click [here](#) to read the breakdown of the 2023/2024 ratings which include but are not limited to:

- Learning Resources
- Overall Experiences
- Skills Development
- Student Support
- Teaching Quality
- Social Equity
- Staff Qualifications
- Student Demand
- Student:Teacher Ratio
- First Generation
- Learner Engagement
- Graduate Salary
- Full-Time Employment
- International Student Progression Score

myfuture resources that will assist you find a tertiary pathway

You may be preparing to transition to post-school education or training or thinking about applying for jobs or may still be exploring career ideas. myfuture's resources can help your research. Click on the links below to find information about:

- [Explore alternative pathways to higher education](#)
- [Visit job seeker resources, tips and templates](#)

Australian Catholic University

Don't have the prerequisites for primary teaching?

The Diploma of Educational Studies is a great pathway if you do not meet the prerequisites (English, Science or Maths) for entry into an education course. You can complete the Diploma in one year and request a transfer into the desired initial education course and receive full credit (apart from the unit/s that you did not have as a prerequisite/s). You can read more [here](#) about the units you would study depending on what area of teaching you are interested in. This is a direct application to ACU, which means you do not list it as a QTAC preference. Contact ACU for more information.

Entry schemes/Adjustment factors

These schemes can help you improve your chances of gaining entry to ACU courses through the allocation of adjustment factors. You can be allocated a maximum of 12 adjustment factors. You don't have to submit an application for most entry schemes however, some require a direct application to ACU. Read the information carefully to be sure you meet all entry requirements and application processes. The [available schemes](#) are:

- Year 12 subject program (max 5 points)
- Elite Athlete and Performers Program (EAPP) (depends on level of competition)

- School relationship program (max 5 points)
- Campus program (max 5 points)
- Campus program (max 5 points)
- Regional Schools Program (max 5 points)
- State access and equity schemes (apply through QTAC)

You are required to apply for the following entry schemes:

- [QTAC's Educational Access Scheme](#)
- [ACU's Elite Athlete and Performers Program](#)

Talk with industry - Exercise Scientists and High Performance Sport Professionals

ACU is hosting online sessions where you can hear from ACU alumni about their professional experiences after completing their studies at ACU. Hear from ACU graduates about their work experiences and get tips and advice for pursuing a career in sport. Click [here](#) to hear from ACU alumni about their experiences working in sport and exercise science and high performance sport.

Central Queensland University

CQUniversity online chat session

If you are thinking about starting a TAFE or university qualification and have a few questions or would like to talk through your study options, join the CQU [on line chat session](#) from 3 – 6 pm on Tuesday 22 November 2023. Get to know CQUniversity a little better whether it's in relation to your course of interest, student support services or anything else to do with studying at CQU.

Christian Heritage College

Applications for the Christian Heritage College LAUNCH program

CHC is a Christian college of higher education. It offers degree courses in Business, Education and Humanities, Liberal Arts, Social Sciences and Ministries. It is located at Carindale, Brisbane. The LAUNCH program provides secondary students with an opportunity to get a head start by studying up to three CHC subjects in Semester Two of Year 11 and/or Semester One of Year 12 (one unit per semester). Successful completion of a CHC subject may provide automatic admission to a degree course at CHC on completion of Year 12. Applications for 2024 Semester One are now open. Click [here](#) for more information as 2024 information is published on their website.

Griffith University

Certificate and Diploma pathways to Griffith Uni

If you have completed an Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) Certificate III, IV or Diploma, you can receive a selection rank for admission to a broad range of Griffith degrees. Find out more [here](#).

Need help with your uni application? Book a Q&A

Griffith University's study advisers are available to chat with Year 12 students about ordering their preferences, the offer and acceptance processes and when and how to enrol in uni subjects. Students can book a 30-minute Q&A session to find out about their study options, receive personalised application support and get advice on the range of services available at Griffith. Make a booking [here](#).

Sports College applications

If you are competing at a state, national or international level you might be eligible to join the Griffith Sports College. Griffith Sports College supports you by helping you to devote time to training and competition while you complete your tertiary studies at Griffith University. [Apply now](#).

Study Griffith's Diploma of Languages part-time with any bachelor degree

Communicating in other languages can be beneficial in almost any career. With Griffith University's Diploma of Languages, you can continue learning a language taken at school or start a new language as a beginner while also studying a degree in another area. You can specialise in one of the following languages:

- Chinese
- Italian
- Japanese
- Spanish

The Diploma is taken part-time on top of your usual studies and completed in two years. Find out more [here](#).

Queensland University of Technology

How to make friends while at uni and build networks

Many graduates believe that the best thing they did during their studies at Uni was to join a student club. Meet like-minded friends, connect with dedicated student communities, attend networking events and identify future employers. Click [here](#) to find out about QUT clubs and societies ... and have fun!

New climate science major

Climate change is the foremost challenge to the sustainability and habitability of the Earth. The [Bachelor of Science \(Climate Science\)](#) focuses on how you can tackle these mounting challenges and make a meaningful impact on the future of our planet, while gaining sought-after skills in data analysis, problem-solving and communication.

New engineering vertical degrees launching in 2024 - a reminder

QUT is launching three new engineering vertical degrees in 2024. Domestic students entering the bachelor component of the vertical double degrees will receive a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) for the master's component. Learn about the new vertical degrees:

- [Bachelor of Engineering \(Honours\)/Master of Sustainable Infrastructure](#)
- [Bachelor of Engineering \(Honours\)/Master of Renewable Energy](#)
- [Bachelor of Engineering \(Honours\)/Master of Advanced Manufacturing](#)

New vertical degrees: Bachelor degree + Master of Data Analytics

Across many industries it is now a critical skill to be able to confidently and capably translate data into clear and meaningful insights. QUT is now offering new vertical double degrees that allow students to graduate with a range of bachelor degrees plus a Master of Data Analytics degree within four years*. Year 12 students can list any of the following in their QTAC application this year.

- [Bachelor of Science/Master of Data Analytics](#)
- [Bachelor of Information Technology/Master of Data Analytics](#)
- [Bachelor of Mathematics/Master of Data Analytics](#)
- [Bachelor of Business/Master of Data Analytics](#)
- [Bachelor of Engineering/Master of Data Analytics](#) (5 years in length)

Sustainability Engineer Job kit is available

In this 8-page Job Kit, created by QUT in partnership with the publisher Careers with STEM, get insights, inspiration and role models for engineers driving sustainable practices that are making the world a better place. Download the free job kit [here](#).

Upcoming QUT Student Showcase Events

Each year, QUT's graduating students from diverse creative disciplines present their amazing work to their families, friends, the public, and industry professionals. These student showcases offer you the chance to experience what studying in the creative industries at QUT is like and discover some of the exciting career prospects that a university degree might unlock for you.

Acting

[JOAN MUST DIE* \(* I Never Liked Her Anyway\)](#) final year performances at QUT Gardens Theatre 6 – 9 November

Music

[QUT Music Society](#) – The Ron Hurley Theatre, Seven Hills – 2 November

Visual Arts

[inFORM](#) - QUT Visual Arts Gallery, Kelvin Grove Campus – 8 – 11 November

Design Festival

The Design Festival events are split into two events at QUT Kelvin Grove campus Z9 open to the public from 6 – 9pm:

- 2 November for [Interaction Design and Visual Communication](#)
- 15 November for Fashion and Industrial Design

Using your VET diploma for entry into QUT

Current Year 12 students using a completed VET diploma will be eligible to receive adjustments from the Educational Access Scheme, Elite Athlete Entry Scheme and Regional, Rural and Remote Adjustment Scheme (up to a maximum of 10 selection ranks) but will not be eligible to receive adjustments from the current Year 12 subject scheme. Adjustments from the current Year 12 subject scheme are only applied to a student's ATAR or completed IB Diploma selection rank. [Click here for more information](#).

Southern Cross University

Heading off to Southern Cross Uni next year?

Going to uni is a great adventure with many new academic, social and personal experiences on offer. Remember, help is always at hand if you have any questions about your [courses](#), [campuses](#), [student support services](#), [accommodation](#), [financial assistance](#) and [university life](#). Year 12 students are welcome to join one of the [on campus or Virtual Information Sessions](#) held in December, or book a personalised [campus tour](#) and talk with the staff face-to-face. The [Future Students](#) team members are also available by phone and email to help you every step of the way.

The University of Queensland

2024 Provisional Entry Doctor of Medicine application update

The UQ Medical School would like to advise that invitations to interview for a place in Provisional Entry Doctor of Medicine program were released on Friday 20 October. You should review the advice and

guidelines provided below:

Zoom Interview dates:

- Interviews will be held on **Friday 24 November** and **Saturday 25 November 2023**.
- If invited, you are required to book your interview by 9:00am (AEST), **Monday 6 November 2023**.

The minimum UCAT Threshold to receive an invitation to attend a Multiple Mini-Interviews (MMI) for both Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) and Bonded Medical Places (BMP) was:

- Inside of QLD: 3030 (There were a number of Queensland based applicants with a UCAT Aggregate Score of 3030, so finer selection criteria (UCAT 1 and UCAT 5) were used for interview selection).
- Outside of QLD: 3220
- Rural: 2660

You can now check the QTAC portal for your interview status which will be indicated as either 'CHECK' or 'INTERVIEW'.

- If indicating 'INTERVIEW', you have been invited to interview.
- If indicating 'CHECK', you are on a temporary hold status with the possibility of being considered in a top-up interview round. Additional invitations will be made in mid-December for a January offer round.

If you have not received an invitation or if the interview status has not been updated, UQ recommend considering the following steps:

- Review your preferences: Take the opportunity now to update your preferences to be considered for other programs and pathways.
- [Contact UQ](#) if you believe there may be an issue with your application or you require advice regarding alternative pathways.

Guarantee your place at UQ in 2024

UQ offers Guaranteed ATAR entry thresholds across most programs in 2024. This means you may be able to secure an early position in a UQ program based on your ATAR. You'll be able to lock in your position for Semester 1, 2024, if you select a UQ program as your first QTAC preference and meet or exceed the guaranteed ATAR threshold. Some things worth noting:

- This guarantee will be assured for offers up to and including the main offer round in January.
- It will also apply to eligible programs you've listed as lower preferences.
- Entry is always subject to you meeting English standards, prerequisites and any other entry requirements for your selected program.
- The guaranteed ATAR threshold includes adjustment factors (additional points added to your selection rank). UQ offers a range of admission schemes that can increase your selection rank based on special circumstances and subject choices. Click [here](#) to learn more about adjustment factors. Click [here](#) to see the full list of degrees within this program including dual degrees.

Multiple mini-interviews (MMIs) preparation for entry in 2025 (current Year 11 students)

Multiple mini-interviews (MMIs) are used to assess your personal qualities to ensure your values align with our mission and vision.

They also assess other qualities, such as your:

- kindness and compassion
- integrity
- adaptability
- verbal communication skills.

To learn more about how applicants are selected for interview, visit [Submit your application](#) and select your entry type.

Practical skills for the future

UQSkills' applications are now open for a range of nationally accredited courses (Certificate II to Diploma) which will prepare you for a job in the agricultural and veterinary nursing sectors. Students in Years 10-12 are eligible for these programs. See your VET coordinator or visit the UQSkills [website](#) for more information and courses available in 2024.

UQ Vet Science applications close soon

If you want to apply to study, including change of preferences, for the Bachelor of Veterinary Science, you'll need to do so by 30 November 2023. [Click here](#) for more information.

University of Southern Queensland

Diploma of University Studies

UniSQ's Diploma of University Studies is open to everyone over the age of 18 years and is a pathway to a university degree program. An overview:

- You will receive a university award qualification upon completion and this program provides a quality foundation for tertiary study to set you up for university success
- The core courses are offered online which will enable you to balance work, life and family commitments
- You can choose one of eight specialisations, allowing you to sample a study area you are interested in.
- Once successfully completed you can graduate with a degree qualification or, provided you meet all the entry requirements, you can transfer directly into an undergraduate degree to reach your career goals

[Click here](#) for more information on the program and following Diplomas:

- Diploma of University Studies (Business and Commerce)
- Diploma of University Studies (Creative Arts)
- Diploma of University Studies (Indigenous Community Development)
- Diploma of University Studies (Social Studies)
- Diploma of University Studies (Construction)
- Diploma of University Studies (Engineering)
- Diploma of University Studies (Science)
- Diploma of University Studies (Spatial Science)

You don't have an ATAR but want to go to USQ?

If you are not sure what ATAR you will get or won't get an ATAR but want to go and study at UniSQ, their pathway programs may help you get into uni. You can fast-track your pathway with their Accelerated Entry Pathway Program by beginning your university studies in a preparatory program over Semester 3 to gain entry into a USQ degree in Semester 1 2024. This is a free program and click [here](#) for more information and application details or contact the university directly..

University of the Sunshine Coast

Medical Science offered at the University of the Sunshine Coast

UniSC is offering [B Medical Science](#). It is a three-year program that will provide provisional direct entry into Griffith University's planned Doctor of Medicine program at the new Sunshine Coast University Hospital at Birtinya. Click on the previous link for more detailed information regarding:

- Entry requirements
- Special selection criteria
- Post-admission requirements
- Career opportunities
- Professional membership/accreditation
- Program structure
- Program notes
- How to apply

Applications lodged with QTAC after 8 December 2023 may not be considered in time for the mid-January offer round.

Worried your child won't get the ATAR they need?

For many High School students, the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) represents their final score after 13 years of School. Whatever the outcome, a student's ATAR represents one pathway to university study. Waiting for the final ATAR score can be nerve wracking. Read the article, [Does my ATAR really matter?](#)

from USC's Parent Lounge Updates about some suggestions about how you help your child navigate these times.

Upcoming Events



Date	Event
31/10/2023	ADF Townsville: Army Careers Information Session
31/10/2023	ADF: Townsville: Army Careers Information Session
31/10/2023	AIS Local Sporting Champions program scholarships
31/10/2023	Griffith Uni's Year 12 Early Offer scheme - last date to apply to QTAC
31/10/2023	QUT START QUT semester 1 2024 applications close
31/10/2023	QUT's START QUT Semester 1 applications close
31/10/2023	The Real Futures Grant applications close
31/10/2023	UQ Sporting Scholarships applications close
01/11/2023	ADF Gold Coast: Defence Careers Information Session
01/11/2023	ADF: Gold Coast: Defence Careers Information Session
01/11/2023	ADF: Monto: Defence Careers Information Session
01/11/2023	QUT Careers with STEM free webinar
02/11/2023	ADF: Gayndah: Defence Careers Information Session
04/11/2023	ADF: Southport: Army Reserve Open Day
05/11/2023	UQ's TC Beirne School of Law Leadership, Excellence and Diversity (LEAD) Scholarship applications close
07/11/2023	2024 SAE FlickerUp Schools & Youth competition
07/11/2023	FlickerUp film festival competition closes
08/11/2023	ADF: Cairns: Defence Careers Information Session
09/11/2023	ADF: Aviation Careers Information Session
09/11/2023	ADF: Toowoomba: Defence Careers Information Session
10/11/2023	SAE First Nations scholarship applications close
12/11/2023	UQ CASPer test (Vet Science) last date for 2023 entry held Monthly July to November
13/11/2023	UQ College bridging course enrolments close

14/11/2023	QUT's Year 12 Early Offer course preference change closes
15/11/2023	Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize entries close
17/11/2023	UQ Enhanced Studies Program for 2024 Year 12 students close
17/11/2023	UQ's 2024 Semester 1 Enhanced Studies Program applications close
22/11/2023	ACU's Scholarships opportunities webinar
22/11/2023	CQUniversity online chat session
30/11/2023	UniSC scholarship applications close
30/11/2023	University of the Sunshine Coast Equity Bursaries applications close
01/12/2023	QUT Campus tours
04/12/2023	CAS Hawker Scholarships 2024 applications open
06/12/2023	QUT Garden Point and Kelvin Grove campuses
07/12/2023	QUT Campus tours
11/12/2023	QUT's Women in Engineering Scholarship applications close
15/12/2023	QUT Real Decisions webinar
15/12/2023	Release of the 2023 ATAR results
18/12/2023	Griffith Uni's Vice Chancellor's Academic Achievement Scholarship