Welcome to QTAC
Year 12 School Talk
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What is QTAC?

• We are a not-for-profit organisation
• We are not part of the Queensland Government

Our role

• We take and assess approximately 70,000 applications per year from Year 12 and non-Year 12 applicants
• We make offers in over 1,700 undergraduate courses on behalf of 17 institutions
Institutions we make offers for:

**Universities**

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

**Colleges/Private Providers**

- Christian Heritage College (CHC)
- Griffith College (formally QIBT)
- SAE Creative Media Institute

**TAFE Queensland** (Mostly Advanced Diploma & Diplomas*)

* Cert IV and below is usually direct entry
Admissions rules vary:

• Institutions determine their own admissions rules and QTAC implements them

• Rules are applied consistently within institutions but rules change from institution to institution
Interstate Applications
• Are made to the relevant Tertiary Admissions Centres.
• Students can have multiple applications running concurrently.

International students
• Qld International Yr 12s can apply through QTAC.
• Check with institution for advice on where to apply.
QTAC Key Dates

- QTAC Guide arrives in schools
- QTAC Applications open 3 August
- Early closing dates for some courses 30 September
- First offer round for Yr 12 17 November
- Last day to change preference for January round 8 January
- Major Offer Round – 16 January

Other Key Dates

- Register for UMAT by 2 June
- Sit UMAT 26 July
- QCS Test 29-30 August
- Scholarship Applications Due
- Last Day Yr 12 17 November
- OP’s released 16 December
QTAC Resources

PRINT
QTAC Guide
  - Read the fine print and check website for more current information

Tertiary Prerequisite Guide

ONLINE
  - QTAC Website (including videos) www.qtac.edu.au
  - Course Search (on website)
  - QTAC App

SOCIAL MEDIA
  - Facebook
  - Twitter
  - Instagram
QTAC Website

• **Courses & Institutions**
  – Course Search
• **Applications**
  – Apply here
  – Entry Requirements
  – Offers and Responses
  – Videos
• **Key Dates and Fees**
  – Course Offer dates and vacancies
  – Fixed closing dates
• **For Schools**
• **For Parents**
Course Search

Find a course

Enter keyword or QTAC course code

All institutions

All regions

2016/2017 Admissions (Semester 3, 2016: Semester 1 and 2, 2017)

Search

Browse via area of study

- Bridging and Tertiary Preparation
- Built Environment and Design
- Business and Tourism
- Creative and Performing Arts
- Education
- Engineering and Technology
- Health and Recreation
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Information Technology
- Law
- Primary Industries and Environment
- Sciences
Bachelor of Zoology

Location: New England and North West NSW

CSP: $8912 (1st year contribution)

Start: Oct 2016; Feb 2017; Jun 2017

QTAC code/campus: 626731/Armidale

University of New England

Overview

Entry requirements

Career possibilities


Course outline: Students learn all aspects of the biology of animals including structure, function, anatomy, physiology, ecology, behaviour and evolution. Graduates understand major zoological concepts and are aware of how these are connected with the biological, environmental, rural, and physical sciences. Students also learn to solve problems, analyse scientific data and communicate scientific information to experts and the wider public. Students develop field and laboratory techniques and learn to evaluate social and ethical issues related to zoology and animal interactions with their environment and with people. For more course information, visit Bachelor of Zoology at UNE. It is recommended that students who have not completed the assumed knowledge or recommended study consider including the Diploma in Science in their preferences (quotas apply to this course).

Study mode: Full time, Part time

Duration: 3 years Full time or 6 years Part time
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**OP/rank:** 12/74

**Assumed knowledge:** Maths B or C

**Recommended study:** Biology and/or Chemistry

**Primary fields:** C or D

**Secondary fields:** D
Researching options

- QTAC Website [www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au)
- Institution Open Days
- Expos and Careers Markets
- QTAC Guide and Tertiary Prerequisites
    - Including Free digital version
- [www.gilt.edu.au](http://www.gilt.edu.au)
Applicants are assessed on 2 criteria:

1. **Eligibility**
   - Have you met the minimum entry requirement for the course?
     - NO  
     - YES
     - System moves to the next preference
     - System begins to check merit

2. **Merit**
   - Is your rank above the cut off?
     - NO  
     - YES
     - System moves to the next preference
     - Application goes on to compete with all other applicants on the basis of rank
Bachelor of Music

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<th>QTAC Code and Location</th>
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**Prerequisites:** English (4.5 SA); audition; interview. **Additional entry information:** The Conservatorium places emphasis on the audition and its own internal testing, however, the OP or its equivalent may also be included as part of multiple selection criteria. Applicants must nominate their specialisation/s on their QTAC application. Audition specialisations are: bassoon; cello; clarinet; composition; cornet; double bass; euphonium; flugel horn; flute; French horn; guitar; harp; jazz bass; jazz clarinet; jazz drums; jazz flute; jazz guitar; jazz piano; jazz saxophone; jazz trombone; jazz trumpet; jazz violin; jazz voice; oboe; organ; percussion; piano; saxophone; tenor horn; trombone; trumpet; tuba; viola; violin; voice. Applicants should select ‘other’ for specialisations such as: harpsichord; recorder; baritone horn; soprano cornet; viola da gamba; jazz vibraphone. Applicants must also lodge an Application for Audition/Folio with the Conservatorium, visit griffith.edu.au/music-audition. The Griffith OP 1-6 Guarantee does not apply to this program.

**Closing date:** Applicants must lodge the Application for Audition/Folio with the Conservatorium by 15 August 2016. QTAC applications for this program close 21 October 2016, however applicants are strongly advised to submit their QTAC application by the on-time due date 30 September 2016.

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

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

° Admission was based on special entry requirements in addition to academic achievement.
Prerequisites

• Year 11 and 12 Authority subjects (or acceptable alternatives)
• Must be completed and passed or you will not be considered for the course
• English (4, SA) - Means QCAA English, studied for 4 semesters, exiting at a Sound Achievement
• Published 2 years in advance in the QTAC Tertiary Prerequisites Guide
• May be alternatives to satisfying the English prerequisite – see the QTAC website under entry requirements
Other eligibility requirements may include:
• English Language Proficiency
• Portfolio, audition or interview
• Essay or other submission
• Exam (some medicine and oral health requires UMAT)

Other considerations:
• Prior study
• Age requirements
• Crime/health checks (not an entry requirement but may be needed for clinical placements or subsequent employment)
Initial teacher education

Selection guidelines for initial teacher education courses (pre-service teachers)

As part of the Australian Institute for Teaching and Leadership (AITSL) revised Standards and Procedures (2015), applicants to initial teacher education courses (pre-service teachers) must satisfy both academic and non-academic entry criteria for selection to the course.
Prerequisites vs Assumed Knowledge or Recommended Study

• **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
Merit

• Use QTAC schedules to compare different and diverse qualifications
• Interstate admissions centres have different schedules and rules
• Qualifications do not have time limits
• The higher the qualification, the higher the possible rank you can achieve
• OP: 1 => 25 or Rank: 99 => 1

Qualifications Accepted:

• Current Year 12 (OP, OP Ineligible, IB, external senior and non-standard)
• Interstate Year 12
• Overseas Year 12
• Tertiary study – Bachelor/Masters (min 2 subjects required)
• Completed AQF qualification (Cert III and IV)
• Diploma, Advanced diploma
• Music, dance, drama qualifications (some music qualifications must also have a certain level of theory)
• Bridging and preparatory Courses

Accepted qualifications for Non Year 12s:

• Employment (at least 0.5 year full time)
• Formal work qualifications (Defence forces, trade quals)
• Special Tertiary Admissions Test
Students may have multiple qualifications from school or a training provider

- Senior Statement
- Tertiary Entrance Statement OP 9
- Competency Based Certificate III in Business
- Queensland Certificate of Education
- AMEB Music For Leisure Grade 7 (+ Grade 3 Theory)
### Compare 2016 OPs with QTAC selection ranks

Use these 2016 comparison tables as a guide only. Find tables for 2017 results on QTAC’s website from late December 2017.

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Completed AQF Certificate III or Certificate IV (competency-based)\textsuperscript{a,b}

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\textsuperscript{a} This table is subject to change.
\textsuperscript{b} This table is not applicable for applicants who have received a grade of ‘not yet competent’ and have not subsequently repeated the subject and achieved a ‘competent’ grade. Refer to QTAC for information on how ‘not yet competent’ grades are assessed.
\textsuperscript{c} Refers to any version of the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) designed by the Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd and administered since April 2010. For previous STAT results, contact QTAC.
Note – theory is also needed for some AMEB music qualifications as per the next table
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Students may have multiple qualifications from school or a training provider…

- OP 9
  - Rank = 81
  - (in 2016)

- Certificate III
  - Rank = 68

- AMEB Music For Leisure Grade 7
  - (including theory)
  - Rank = 84
If you are OP ineligible…

Queensland Certificate of Education
Certificate III Rank = 68
Senior Statement

Your best 20 semester units will be allocated a rank plus other qualifications will be considered separately.
OP ineligible students:

• Given a rank based on completed study
• Use best 20 semester units (from Authority, Authority Registered and VET)
• If less than 20 semester units the rank is calculated pro-rata
• Used for Queensland entry only
• Still need to meet entry requirements
• Subjects are provided a weight (these change yearly as a result of analysis by QCAA)
• QCS results can increase the OP ineligible rank (but a poor result **will not** decrease your rank)
### OP Ineligible Calculator

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**Step 2: Estimate rank based on 2016 data**

**OP ineligible Rank Estimation**

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Cut-offs

- Prior to allocating courses, eligible applicants are placed in an order of merit based on their ranks.
- Allocation moves down this list until courses fill up.
- Cut-off is the rank at which offering stops as the course is full.
- As cut-offs are not pre-determined they change due to supply and demand. The more popular the course, the more qualified applicants and the cut-off goes up. The opposite also applies for courses that are less popular.
- Top up rounds and Semester 2 cut-offs are often higher due to fewer places and more applicants.
- Cut-offs are published after the major offer round on the QTAC website.

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Medicine and Dentistry

- Selection is very competitive
  Additional Selection Methods are used:
  - UQ: Academic merit + UMAT
  - GU: Academic merit + ATAR
  - JCU: Academic merit + application + interview
  - BU: Academic merit + interview

- Watch out for preferencing
  - OP 1 may not be enough to gain entry

- Need to register for UMAT by 2 June 2017
  - Exam is on 26 July
  - UMAT provides results directly to institutions, not need to supply UMAT ID to QTAC
Preferences:

• Applicants can list up to 6 preferences
• Applicants receive only 1 offer in their highest eligible preference
• Preference carefully
• Use previous cut-offs as a guide but cut-offs can change
• Can change preferences after they have lodged the application
• A change is made every time they press the save button
• First 3 changes are included in the application fee, then $42 per additional change
Our suggested preference order ... 

1st: Preferred Courses

2nd: Back-up Courses

3rd: Pathway Courses

Courses you want to study the most.

Less competitive courses that you want to study.

Courses that will help you upgrade into a course you really want to study.
Offer Rounds:

- Open courses are offered on an ongoing basis
- Courses that are selective are offered in a Major Offer Round (usually in January)
- Some will make early offers (in November and December)
- Early offers will only be made to applicants in their first preference so if your first preference does not offer until January you will not be considered until then
- Year 12’s cannot receive an offer before the last day of school so the first offer round year 12’s can compete in is 17 November 2017
- An applicant can have semester 1 and 2 courses on their preference list but if your first preference is for Semester 2 you will not be considered until then so you may need to swap your preferences around after Semester 1.
Do all your preferences have the same major offer round?

- **Yes**
  - Enter your preferences in their current order

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

• Some institutions do not allow deferment
• Some courses may not be deferrable
• Best option is to apply for Semester 1 and defer your start
• See QTAC website for more information
Upgrading Pathways

Consider the following options if you are unlikely to get straight into the course you want:

- Other tertiary study (less competitive degrees, different campuses of the same institution, regional institutions)
- Dual-award programs i.e Combined diploma/degrees
- Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas
- Bridging courses (to meet prerequisites)
- Preparatory courses
- Work and apply as a non year 12 (can then include STAT)
- Other options (including full fee and external senior)

NOTE:

- You still need to meet entry requirements (pre-reqs) and then compete on merit
- Once complete you then reapply through QTAC (or internally within the institution)
- Institutions often recommend particular upgrading pathways – check with them
Upgrading via Tertiary Study

- Once you have completed a year of tertiary study eligible for a separate rank
- Can get a rank for less study but they are not as competitive
- Can apply for credit transfer if you do a similar course (similar course at the same institution is easiest to transfer)
- Semester 1 results are not released until after QTAC’s Semester 2 major offer round
- Be careful of failing…
Dual-award programs (Combined Diplomas/Degrees)

- Enter into a Diploma (these usually have lower cut-offs and fewer entry requirements)
- If you pass you get guaranteed entry into the Bachelor course
- Get credit for study done so far (often start in 2nd year of the Bachelor)
- Supported entry to tertiary study
- End up with 2 qualifications
- Can be used to meet prerequisites for Bachelor Study
AQF Diplomas/Advanced Diplomas

• Best to complete the study as you will get a better rank
• Check course is accredited prior to enrolling if you want to use it to upgrade later
EAS

• During your application you will be asked if you want to apply for EAS

• If you do, a coversheet requiring a personal statement will be generated for each category

• Also need to supply supporting documentation
There are 5 EAS Categories –

1. Financial Hardship
2. Home Environment and Responsibility
3. English Language Difficulties
4. Personal Illness or Disability
5. Educational Disruption
Educational Access Scheme (EAS)

For domestic and international applicants

Experienced unavoidable circumstances beyond their control that have negatively impacted their most recent study

May receive bonus points (added to your rank) to help applicants compete on a more equitable basis. Institutions decide how many bonus points applicants may receive.

Bonuses are capped at a maximum number each institution will accept

Still need to meet entry requirements
Applicants who are eligible under Financial Hardship may also qualify for assistance including:

- Institution Access and Equity schemes
- Scholarships (Financial Hardship)
- Bursaries (Financial Hardship)
- Support services
- Special programs
- Other assistance (including disability support)

Refer to QTAC Site for more information.
Access and Equity Schemes applied for through QTAC:

• QUT’s Q-Step
• UQ’s UQ Link

All other schemes apply direct to the institution

Check institutions website for more details.
Bonus Schemes

- Vary from institution to institution but may include:
  - Regional schools bonuses
  - School relationships bonus
  - Elite Athlete Schemes
  - Introductory study schemes
  - Equity Schemes
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander schemes

- There are exclusions to all schemes – check with the institution.
OP Guarantees

• Usually only apply to the January round
• Course exceptions – see institution websites
  • GU guarantee spot if OP 1-6
  • QUT guarantee spot if OP 1-5
  • UQ guarantee spot if OP 1-5

Subject Bonus Schemes (if you achieve a SA or better)

• ACU, GU, QUT, SCU, UQ, USQ and USC
• Check institutions’ websites
Bonuses:

• Most are applied automatically

• Bonus points are applied to a student’s rank NOT their OP (so if a student has OP 9 = Rank 81 and received 2 bonus points that makes that rank 83 - the points are not added to the OP Score)

• Subject bonuses can only be applied to a Year 12 qualification (OP, OP Ineligible or IB) and cannot be attached to other qualifications (ie music or VET quals)

• Still need to meet entry requirements
QTAC Costs

Current Year 12’s
- Fee (3 August – 28 February) $ 42

Change of Preference
- First 3 changes are included
- Fourth and further changes $ 42
Paying for the application:

• Pay by credit card or BPAY
• **Remember**— application is not processed until payment is received
• Prepayment Vouchers
Study Costs

- Public universities – Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) and full fee
- TAFE – subsidised and full fee courses
- Private Institutions – full Fee

Types of courses:

- CSP – part of the course tuition is subsidised by the government. Students are required to pay part of the cost (the student contribution) rather than the full tuition fees. Must be an Australian Citizen, NZ Citizen or permanent visa holder and meet residency and enrolment requirements)
- Full Fee – no government assistance, students are required to pay the full tuition amount
Course Costs:

- Listed on Website not in QTAC Guide
- CSP courses are broken up into bands based on national need
Financial Assistance

- **HECS-HELP** - loan scheme for eligible students enrolled in Commonwealth Supported Places to pay their student contribution amounts.

- **FEE-HELP** - loan scheme that assists eligible fee paying students pay all or part of their tuition fees. There is a total amount of FEE-HELP a person can access.

- **VET STUDENTS LOANS** – loan scheme for eligible students enrolled in vocational and education and training at approved VET providers to pay their tuition fees. There is a limit to the amount a person can borrow during their lifetime.

**NOTE** – not all students who are eligible for CSP are eligible for HECS-HELP and may have to pay student contributions up front.
OTHER HELP

• **OS –HELP** – loan scheme for New Zealand Special Category Visa (SCV) holders. Must have come to Australia as a dependent child and meet the relevant residency criteria.

• **SA – HELP** - a loan scheme that assists eligible students to pay for all or part of their student services and amenities fee.

**Human Services – income support:** (www.humanservices.gov.au)

• Youth Allowance – ages 16-24 for students who are dependent or independent

• **ABSTUDY** – Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students whether depended or independent

• Austudy – 25 year or older and independent

• Relocation scholarships

• Student start up loans, student start up scholarships
Repaying HELP Loans

• Once they are 11 months old HELP Loans are indexed in line with changes in the Consumer Price Index

• Start being paid off once the holder reaches an income threshold ($54,869 in 2016-17) even if they are still studying

• Can make voluntary repayments

• More you earn the higher the percentage that you pay off the loan

For more information visit:
www.studyassist.gov.au
Scholarships

- A lot available – worth a look
- Scholarships in:
  - Academic
  - Sporting
  - Equity
  - Indigenous
- See Institution websites for details
- Apply directly to institutions
QTAC Key Dates

- **June**: Register for UMAT by 2 June
- **July**: QTAC Guide arrives in schools
- **August**: QTAC Applications open 3 August
- **September**: Sit UMAT 26 July; QCS Test 29-30 August; Early closing dates for some courses 30 September
- **October**: Scholarship Applications Due; First offer round for Yr 12 17 November; Last Day Yr 12 17 November
- **November**: Last day to change preference for January round 8 January
- **December**: Scholarship Applications Due; OP's released 16 December
- **January**: Major Offer Round – 16 January

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Timelines – things to note…

- One annual admission period – commences on 1 August 2017 and goes until 30 June 2018.

- Same application allows you to apply for:
  - Semester 1, 2018
  - Semester 2, 2018

- **Beware of early closing dates** - some requirements prior to 29 September


- Some **courses require an audition/interview or portfolio of work** (mainly music, fine art and design courses) and **these are due early**

- Courses with interviews and auditions do not accept late applications
How to apply
What you need before you apply

- LUI
- Check your QCAA learning account
- Email address
- Additional qualification details
- Preference details
- EAS Details
- Authorise someone?
- How are you going to pay?
Some tips

- Email account (personal – not school)
- Authorised people
- Check details retrieved are correct
- Keep contact details up to date
- Payment – be careful with BPAY
- Supply documentation by due date
- Check email regularly
- Apply for a Tax File Number
Documentation

• May or may not need to provide documentation (eg AMEB)

• If QTAC does not automatically have access to a qualification, you’ll need to supply (AMEB and other external providers)

• Coversheet will be emailed after you have completed the application

• Applicants need to check email regularly to see if further documentation is needed
Once lodged you will get an email confirmation with:

- Tax invoice/Receipt
- Confirmation of lodgement
- Coversheets (check due dates)
International Students

- International student should nominate their agent in the authorised person field – some institutions also provide a form for agents details
- Cut off dates may differ (JCU international students applications by 31 August 2017)
- Need to contact institution for information as relates to international students (especially course costs).
- Generally cut-offs similar for international students however often 2 separate quotas
- Current Year 12 international students mostly apply through QTAC. Other international students apply direct to institutions.
- Offers are made directly by institutions and students may receive multiple offers or offers conditional on Year 12 results.
- What international applicants can see on My Application is slightly different also
Application Service - after you apply, you can:

- View your application
- Check you are meeting minimum requirements
- Change preferences (can add courses, delete courses or completely change preference order)
- View preference history
- Check course details (including major offer rounds and if you meet course requirements)
- Get any correspondence from QTAC
- Check if documentation has been received
- Check assessment progress
- View OP ineligible selection rank once Year 12 results have been released

Need to contact QTAC to:

- Add qualification
- Withdraw application

Accounts are restricted until payment is received.
Finding your offer

• You’ll get an email and SMS – need to go into ‘My Application’
• Login to ‘My Application’ – click on ‘Respond to Offer’ tab.
• You’ll get SMS if offer is about to lapse.
Responding to an offer:

• Can accept, defer or reject
• Outright or conditional
• If you conditionally accept, defer or reject an offer and you get a subsequent offer – you forfeit your initial offer
• Can change preferences after offer if needed
• Follow link to enrol at the institutions
• If deferment is not allowed it will not appear as an option
Accept Offer

Enrol in the course (as per institution instructions)

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Defer Offer

You will receive a letter from the institution advising you of any further action required.

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Conditionally Accept

Check for an offer in the next offer round

Conditionally Defer

If you receive another offer for the same semester start you automatically forfeit your previous offer

If you do not receive another offer you retain your previous offer

Enrol with the institution

Conditionally Reject

If you receive another offer for the same semester start you automatically forfeit your previous offer

If you do not receive another offer for your deferred place you will receive a letter from the institution advising you of any further action required

QTAC does not recommend this option

If you conditionally reject your offer and then do not receive any further offer you give your course place away

Contact QTAC or visit the QTAC website for more information.
Conditionally Accept

If you receive another offer for the same semester start you automatically forfeit your previous offer
If you do not receive another offer you retain your previous offer

Conditionally Defer

If you receive another offer for the same semester start you automatically forfeit your previous offer
If you do not receive another offer, for your deferred place you will receive a letter from the institution advising you of any further action

Conditionally Reject

QTAC advises to think carefully before choosing this option.
If you conditionally reject your offer and then do not receive any further offers, you give your course place away

Check for an offer in the next offer round

If you receive another offer in the next offer round, you will have the option to accept, defer, or reject the offer depending on your preference.
Offers
Why didn’t you get an offer?

• Did not meet the entry requirements
• Needed to compete for a place and your OP or selection rank did not meet the cut-off
• Did not pay your application fee
• Ordered your preferences incorrectly
• Applied after the due date, or too close to an offer round, and we could not assess your application in time.

If you are unsure why you did not get an offer call QTAC on 1300 467 822
Options after no offer

• Need to preference carefully to avoid this situation
• Institution who was the applicant’s first preference may make contact with pathway options (less competitive options that lead into their first preference course)
• Can change preferences to put in other courses
Stay in touch!

...via email, phone and social media. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for regular updates.
Questions?