## Applying to QTAC in 2023





## Today, we will talk about

- Who is QTAC
- Admission Criteria
- ATAR recap
- Preferencing
- Responding to offers
- Adjustment Schemes and EAS
- How to find course information
- Key Dates
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- Contact us



## Who is QTAC?

Not-for-profit organisation Apply through QTAC for over 1800 courses at 17 Queensland institutions

Calculate and release the Queensland ATAR And so much more!

### Apply through QTAC to study at any of these Queensland institutions































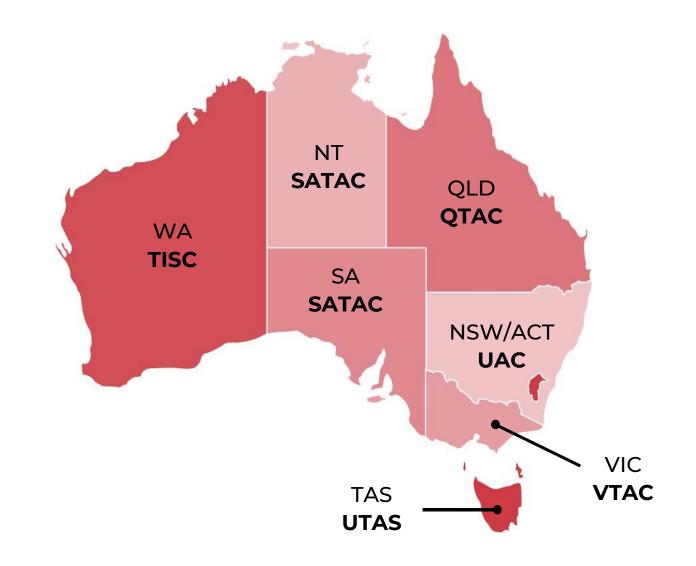




## Looking to study interstate?

**Check out** 





#### Admission Criteria 101

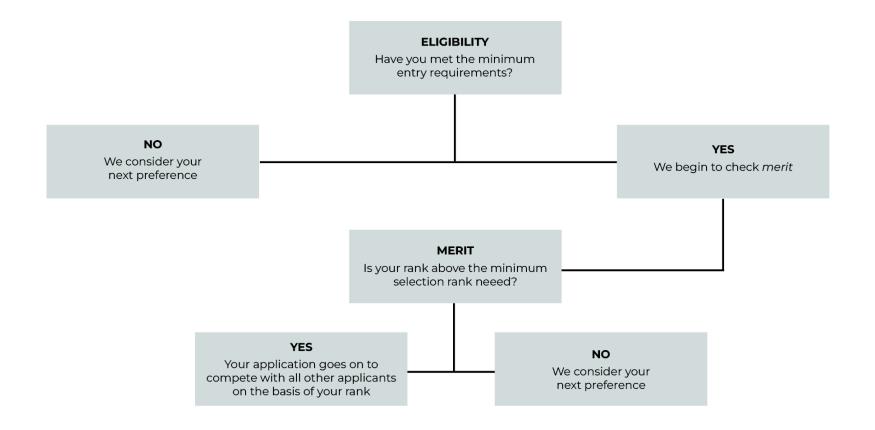
Institutions determine their own rules for admission and QTAC implements them.

Rules are applied consistently within institutions, but rules change from institution to institution.

### Eligibility and Merit

an unbreakable pair

### **Breaking it down**



## Eligibility requirements

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

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

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qtac.edu.au/fixed-closing-dates

## Nursing and Midwifery

Before you can be considered for a place in a Nursing or Midwifery course, the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) requires that **all applicants demonstrate their English language proficiency**, regardless of their country of origin or language spoken.

Option 1. English primary language

Option 2. Current AHPRA registration

Option 3. English language proficiency test

#### **Education**

For entry to initial teacher education (ITE) courses, applicants need to meet both academic and non-academic entry requirements.

**Academic entry requirements** include subject prerequisites and ATAR/selection rank thresholds.

To meet the **non-academic entry requirements,** applicants must complete a questionnaire that demonstrates they have the key competencies outlined by the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) associated with being an effective teacher.

QTAC emails applicants a link to the questionnaire after they apply for an ITE course.





## How is merit determined?

Your merit is determined by your QTAC Selection Rank.

Applicants are allocated ranks based on their assessable qualifications.

Selection ranks can come from:

- ATARs
- Overseas Year 12 qualifications
- Completed AQF qualifications (Cert III & IV)
- Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas
- Tertiary study (minimum 2 subjects required)
- Music, dance, and drama qualifications
- Bridging and preparation courses



#### **Meet Harry**

Harry is a current Year 12 student on track to receive a Queensland ATAR.

His favourite subjects are Biology and Physics.

He has his sights set on going to university in Brisbane.

Harry's dream career is nursing.



### To stay on track for an ATAR, Harry must study:

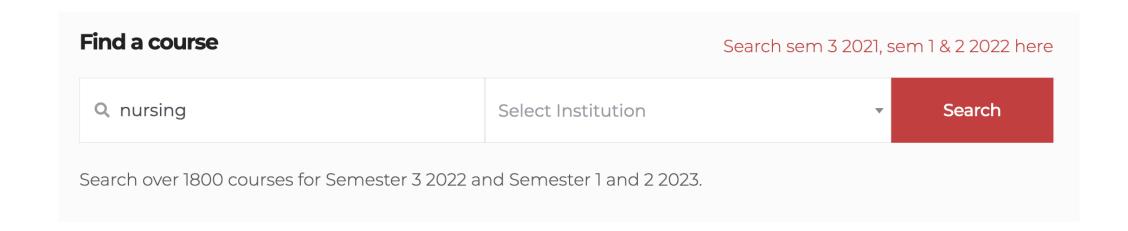


The only compulsory subject for ATAR eligibility is English. Harry must complete an English subject with a letter grade of 'C'.



### How can Harry find his course options?

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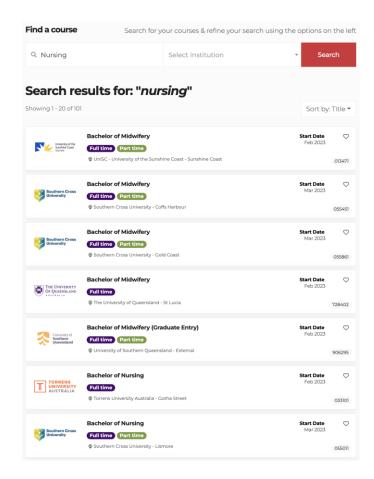




#### How can Harry find his course options?

To keep his options open, Harry has entered a keyword for his course and clicked *Search*.

As you can see, the search results have returned a list of courses from various institutions relating to Nursing.

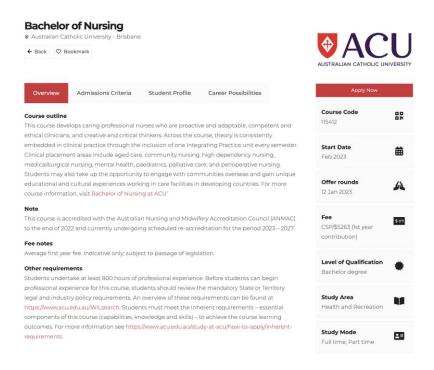




### How can Harry find his course options?

Once Harry has found a course he would like to explore, he can click on the course for more information for:

- ✓ An overview of the course
- ✓ Admission Criteria
- ✓ Student Profile
- √ Career Possibilities



### Preferences

Before you submit your QTAC application, you will need to make a list of your 6 favourite courses.

This is known as course preferencing.

## What is preferencing?

Preferencing is an important part of the application process as **only one offer is received at a time**, based on your **highest eligible preference**.

You can list up to 6 preferences on your application.

## If you change your mind, that's okay

You can change your preferences for free 3 times.

You can change your preferences after the application is lodged, even after an offer is made.

It is a good idea to keep 1 of your free changes of preferences until after your ATAR is released.



#### **Back to Harry**

Harry knows he really wants to study nursing, but it's a really good idea to have a backup plan.

Harry has been researching backup courses and pathway options, just in case he can't get straight into Nursing.

When it comes time for him to make his course list, he should start by thinking about the order of his list.

## Ordering your preferences

Desired Courses

Courses you want to study the most

Back-up courses

Courses you would be happy to study

Pathway Courses

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



#### Harry's course preferences

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

# What are Pathway courses?

#### Other tertiary study

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

#### Combined diplomas/degrees

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

## University may not be right for everyone

If you are not looking at going to university, you might like to consider:

- ✓ TAFE
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Trade qualification

Everyone will have their own individual journey.

Don't forget QTAC is here to help match students with an opportunity that's right for them.

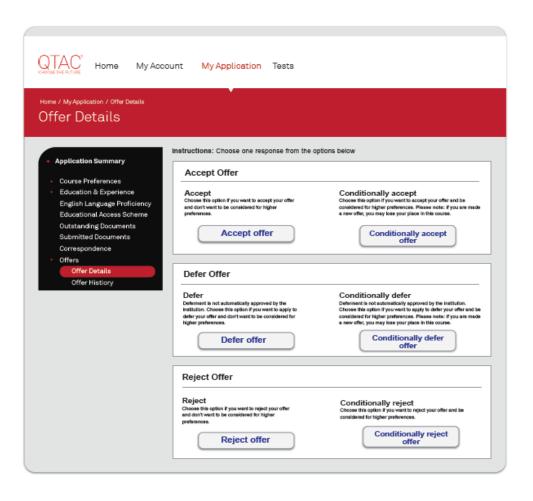
#### There are options available to you!

QTAC is always here to assist with your pathway to study.

For more information on preferences, pathway options, and course availability, contact our team on 1300 467 822.

Congratulations, you received an offer.
What now?

#### Responding to your offer



#### I'm happy & I'm ready to enrol

ACCEPT

Check with the institution for enrolment details and dates

I no longer wish to study this course

**REJECT** 

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

DEFER

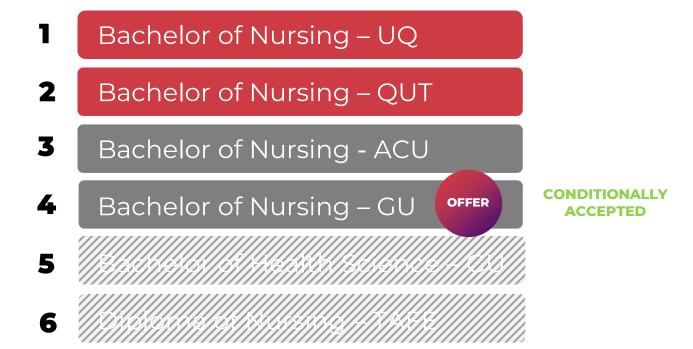
Check with the institution for deferment details

I'd like to be considered for my higher preferences

) CONDITIONALLY RESPOND

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

## What else do I need to know about responding to an offer?



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

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

## What else do I need to know about responding to an offer?

- Contact QTAC to check if you can reactivate a previous offer or change the response to your offer.
- If you enrol in a course and no longer wish to study it, withdraw from it with the institution to avoid financial or academic penalties.
- Check your offer email for response information some institutions will only let you conditionally accept an offer for a short amount of time.
- Some institutions may require you to enrol within a certain timeframe in order to secure your place. Check your offer email for details.



#### **More about Harry**

During Year 12, Harry has been struggling with some personal problems and he is worried they will have a negative impact on his grades and his chances of getting into his dream course.

He spoke to one of his teachers about his problems and they told him about QTAC's Educational Access Scheme, which might allow for his ATAR/selection rank to be adjusted.

## Adjustment Schemes

# Selection Ranks and Adjustment Factors

ATARs are calculated only on the students' actual QCE subject results, which have been scaled.

Adjustment Factors (EAS, subject adjustments, etc) are applied **after** the ATAR is calculated.

ATAR + Adjustment Factors

Applicant Selection Rank

# Selection Ranks and Adjustment Factors

Applicants may also be assigned a separate Selection Rank for completed VET qualifications.

Depending on the institution, your application may be considered based on the Selection Rank of your completed VET qualification or your adjusted ATAR. For many institutions, your highest rank is considered first.

QTAC continues to administer Adjustment Factor schemes which have been determined by individual institutions.



# Educational Access Scheme (EAS)

- Helps if your studies have been negatively affected by circumstances beyond your control
- Applies adjustment points to your rank to help you compete more equitably for an offer
- You can apply to EAS as part of your QTAC application
- Must include all the appropriate application forms and documentary evidence
- Different institutions award different adjustment factors so one may allow more or less adjustments than another

### **EAS Categories**

### Home Environment and Responsibility





Financial Hardship

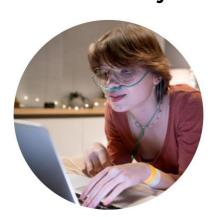
**English Language Difficulties** 





School Environment

Personal Illness or Disability



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

## Other adjustment schemes

Each institution has their own adjustments that are applied at the time of application:

- Regional schools
- School relationships
- Subject Schemes
- Elite athletes
- Introductory study
- Equity
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

## ATAR

## What is an ATAR?

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

# QCE and the ATAR

#### What is the difference?

For questions about the QCE, including assessment and subject results, please contact QCAA (Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority).





#### QCE

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

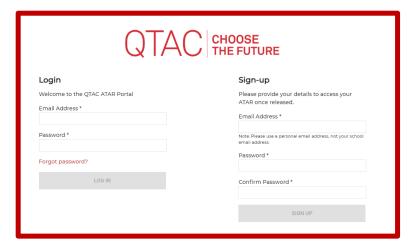


#### ATAR

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

# Accessing your ATAR

- Current Queensland Year 12 students can open their ATAR account with QTAC from August
- Students who wish to study interstate also need to create an ATAR account
- ATARs will be released in December
- If you wish to apply to commence tertiary study in 2024, you will also need to complete a QTAC application



You can register for your ATAR and access a range of resources at qtac.edu.au/atar

## Setting up your ATAR account

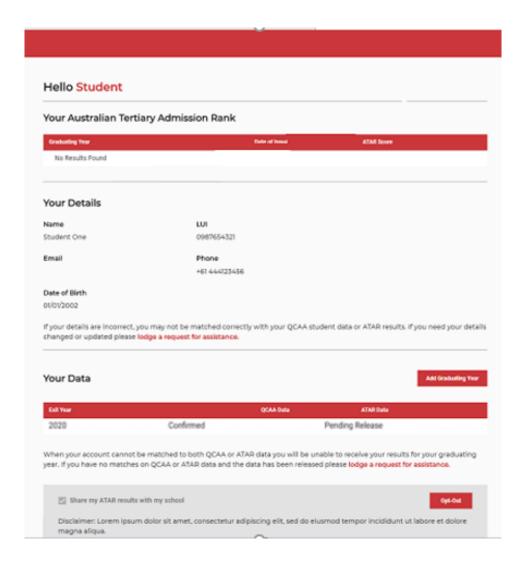
- Use the QCAA version of given names as the first name in the ATAR portal
- Check that date of birth is correct
- LUI number is needed
- Students should set up a personal email address
- If there is an error made, the system will provide the reason for the error, and the student can re-enter their details and try again

Access the ATAR troubleshooting fact sheet at:

Q qtac.edu.au/atar

## Setting up your ATAR account

- Once the registration is complete, the Dashboard shows the student's relevant personal information
- They can also see the data that is held for them, with confirmation from QCAA
- There is a function to enable students to change or update their details by lodging a request for assistance



### **ATAR Release**

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



#### Have a question about ATARs?

You can call the ATAR hotline on 1300 193 173 or email atar@qtac.edu.au

For more details on changes to subjects and curriculum, visit the QCAA website

## **Key Dates**

### It's a date!

#### Stay up-to-date

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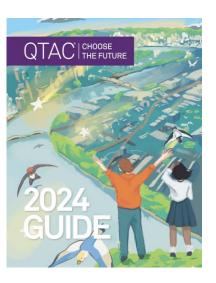
May	UCAT booking deadline
July	UCAT testing begins
August	<ul> <li>QTAC applications open for 2024 in early August</li> <li>ATAR account registration opens for Queensland Year 12s</li> <li>Some audition and portfolio applications close</li> </ul>
September	Early closing dates for some courses
October	Reminder to get EAS and supporting documents submitted
November	<ul><li>Last day of Queensland Year 12</li><li>Offer rounds continue</li></ul>
December	<ul> <li>Due date to apply and submit documents for December offer round</li> <li>Queensland ATAR and QCE released</li> <li>Due date to change preferences for the December offer round</li> <li>December offer round</li> </ul>
January	<ul> <li>Due date for change of preferences prior to the January offer round</li> <li>January offer round</li> <li>Further offer rounds</li> </ul>
February	Further offer rounds

## Extra help

# QTAC factsheets and publications

We have a range of resources available for students, parents and teachers at:

Q qtac.edu.au/publications







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## QTAC Passport



#### QTAC Passport Year 12 Students •

#### **QTAC Passport**

Find the key information you need for your journey from high school to higher education right here

#### **ATAR and Applying for Tertiary Study**

### It's always good to have a backup plan.

There are multiple study pathways available that don't require an ATAR. Discover alternative pathways to tertiary study here.

ATAR
Applications
Application Services
Preferencing Info
Getting an Offer

### Looking to attend some open days this year?

We keep an updated list of upcoming events from study providers on our Events and Expos page. Check back regularly as this info changes often.

#### **Important Dates**

#### We're here to help!

Find useful fact sheets on our Publications page, or call our team on 1300 467 822 to have a personal chat about QTAC, your application or tertiary study options.

Key Dates	
Fixed Closing Dates	
Course Offer Dates	

### Studying an International Baccalaureate (IB)?

Find information on how to apply with QTAC right here.

### **Application tips**

- ✓ Apply early
- ✓ Check key dates
- ✓ Use a personal email address
- ✓ Check your course entry requirements (ANMAC, Teacher Questionnaire, Portfolio)
- ✓ Authorise someone if you would like them to ask QTAC about your application
- ✓ Ask QTAC if you get stuck

## Any questions?

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### Thank you for attending, and good luck with your future studies!

Contact us

1300 467 822 qtac.edu.au







