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Announcements



You're 18 ... you need to vote in the upcoming referendum - be informed before voting

On 14 October Australia will vote in 'The Voice' referendum. If you are 18 years old, it will be the first time you will vote and being able to vote should never be taken for granted. *Options Career Information* is not telling you how you should vote but we do strongly encourage you to be well informed so that when you do place your vote, you know why you voted Yes or No. So it's time to do some quality research other than on social media.

The Australian Electoral Commission has put together the easy to understand and neutral 'Your official referendum booklet' with information including:

- What may change in the Constitution
- The official Yes and No cases
- Official guide to the 2023 referendum
- How to vote
- What happens at the polling place

When researching, stop and consider. Check all sources for accuracy and reliability. Click [here](#) to access the Electoral Commissions booklet and be informed. Your vote really will count!



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Apprenticeships & Traineeships



Connect to jobs, training, and apprenticeships

The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training has information and opportunities that may assist you in gaining a job and/or accessing further training. You can subscribe to *Connected jobs and training* which is a regular e-newsletter with apprenticeship, traineeship and job alerts. Subscribing to *Connected jobs and training* will help keep you informed of the latest information about Queensland and Australian government programs and incentives, which could help you gain a job or a qualification. You will receive the 2022 school leaver's guide which provides valuable information on industry, jobs in demand, tips on career exploration, subsidised training, job searching and information on a wide variety of supports for young people. [Click here to subscribe.](#)

Key Apprenticeship and Traineeship resources to help you find that great opportunity

The [Australian Apprenticeship Pathways website](#) has free resources to help parents, students and employers navigate apprenticeships and traineeships pathways. This includes:

- [Job and Training Descriptions](#) – sample descriptions for over 2500 job descriptions filtered by state, choice of industry or keyword
- [Job Pathways Charts](#) – potential career pathways that can begin with an Apprenticeship
- [Pre-apprenticeship Finder](#) – find a pre-apprenticeship in the industry of your choice by location
- [Practice Aptitude Quizzes](#) – general industry-based literacy and numeracy quizzes illustrating the levels required when undertaking Australian Apprenticeship qualifications
- [Literacy and Numeracy Quizzes](#) – Interactive quizzes to gauge if you are apprenticeship ready
- [Career Interest Explorer](#) – A quiz to understand which type of career or work you are best suited for.
- [Co-branded resources](#) – Resources such as fast fact sheets, steps to an Australian apprenticeship flowchart etc. which can be easily downloaded and customised for free.



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Queensland Government's incentives, costs and financial support for apprenticeships and traineeships

[The Queensland Government](#) has several funding programs to assist employers, apprentices and trainees to build their skills in Queensland. These include:

[User Choice](#): This program provides a public funded contribution towards the cost of training and assessment services for eligible Queensland apprentices and trainees with funding aligned to the skills needs of industry.

[Wages and conditions](#): Learn more about your wages, conditions of employment and your employer's workplace requirements, including safety at work and supervision in the workplace.

[Free apprenticeships](#) Funding to cover the full cost of training with a training provider when you choose a high priority apprenticeship or traineeship. Just choose the qualification you want, land an apprenticeship or traineeship with an employer and they will cover the cost of you training. Your employer will pay your wages but you might have to meet costs related to any uniform or other training resources.

[Eligible qualifications under Free apprenticeships for under 25s](#)

Here you will find a list of the eligible qualifications under the Free apprenticeships for under 25s program.

[Skilling Queenslanders for Work](#) Under Skilling Queenslanders for Work, you may be able to commence an apprenticeship or traineeship at a reduced or no cost.

[Cost of training](#) Training costs can include travel, accommodation, uniforms, equipment, text books, materials, tuition costs, parking or transport costs.

[Financial support](#) including [Travel and accommodation subsidy](#), [Youth Allowance](#), [Austudy and ABSTUDY](#), [Financial support and loans](#), [living away from home allowance](#), [disability support](#).

Training is a key part of an apprenticeship and traineeship

Apprenticeships and traineeships are competency based which is a combination of formal learning and workplace training which gives you the ability to apply skills and knowledge, even in new situations and environments. You gain experience and training on-the-job with your employer and complete formal training towards a nationally recognised qualification with a Registered Training Organisation. [Click here](#) to find an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network provider and to read more about:

- training options
- training in the workplace
- what is a training organisation?
- the training contract



Australian Defence Force



Australian Defence Force (ADF) information sessions

The Australian Defence Force holds [information sessions](#) where you can find out what the ADF offer, job prospects, life in the ADF and much more. Click on a link below for more information about the session including location and event time. You need to register if you are wanting to attend a session.

- 04/10/2023 [Cairns: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 05/10/2023 [Robina: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
[Brisbane: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 09/10/2023 [Cairns: Army Reserve Information Session](#)
[Maroochydore: Army Careers Information Session](#)
- 11/10/2023 [Health Careers Information Session](#) - In person and online
[Brisbane: Army Careers Information Session](#)
- 16/10/2023 [Robina: Army Careers Information Session](#)
[Tannum Sands: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 17/10/2023 [Cairns: Army Careers Information Session](#)
[Maroochydore: Defence Careers Information Session](#)



Thinking about a trade in the ADF?

Some ADF trade jobs are similar to those found in the civilian world while others are unique to the military and will see you working with some of the most technically advanced equipment and systems in the world. All come with a great salary from the day you start, comprehensive training, travel and amazing experiences. [Click here](#) for more information about Trade opportunities in the Australian Defence Force.



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Career Exploration



Australia's Careers Online website (COL)

This [website](#) has several helpful career development resources. These include:

- [COL's Job Guide](#) - with information on over 500 Australian Jobs
- [Job Seeker's Workshop](#) - choosing a career and how to prepare your job application
- [Job Links Directory](#) – with links to websites on specific occupations and general job search resources

Exploring careers in health

With the current high demand for health workers and the healthcare industry's strong future growth prospects, if you are considering careers in this industry, you can look forward to an expanded number and range of opportunities. You can use myfuture to research different options including:

- [Learn more about the Healthcare and social assistance industry](#)
- [Explore occupations on the Health career bullseye](#)

From decision paralysis to discovery

Britt-Mari Sykes, a Canadian career practitioner, says that she is increasingly seeing decision paralysis among young adults or what she has started to call **Passion Paralysis**. This paralysis stems from the fear and trepidation that many young adults experience in trying to narrow down, choose and commit to one career path. Many young adults entering the workforce, now and in the future, will have more than one career during their lives. This will mean different experiences of work – roles, skills, responsibilities and environments. Click [here](#) to read her 12 ideas to help you navigate a successful career journey.



Jobs Hub website

The Australian Government is supporting job seekers and employers to connect in a rapidly changing jobs market. Job Hub allows you to explore available entry level job opportunities and can also help you identify similar jobs matching your skills for a broader range of options. Click [here](#) to find out more information on:

- Agriculture, forestry and fishing
- Care and support work
- Children's education and childcare
- Construction and traffic control
- Contact and call centres
- Hospitality and tourism
- Logistics, Warehousing and Transport
- Retail
- Jobs in demand by location
- Find employers
- Updates and Information

Make a difference: 10 jobs that help people

Want to make a difference in people's lives? While there are countless ways to contribute to others, choosing a career that helps people allows you to have a direct impact on the well-being of others and is an incredibly fulfilling and rewarding experience. Jobs that help people are those that aim to improve the lives of others in some way. These jobs can be found in a variety of different sectors, from healthcare and social work to business and education. Click [here](#) to read CareersEvent.com's list of 10 jobs that help people that you may want to find out more about.

Sports and Recreation industry

The sports and recreation industry are not just about entertainment, it also plays a crucial role in the well-being of all Australians. When most people think about this sector, they immediately think about competitive sports but there's much more to it. Sports and recreation contribute to the physical and mental well-being of different communities in a variety of ways. It's a rewarding industry to get involved in and the number of career pathways will probably surprise you! Most organisations within the sports and recreation industry are small to medium enterprises that work closely with the local community. These could be:

- Community sports and fitness centres or gyms
- Professional sport and fitness facilities, such as stadiums
- Professional athletes and competitive sports players
- Sports coaching groups
- Sports facilities management and groundskeeping
- Sports nutrition, therapy and wellbeing
- Sporting events management

[Click here](#) to read (click link at bottom of page) more about this industry including:



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- Jobs within this industry and entry pathways
- Graduate employment and gender split
- Qualifications and average salary
- Industry growth

Tips on choosing a course

Each course is a unique mix of many different ingredients from the subjects studied, to the student body, to the end career it leads to. You can use these points as a checklist of things that you need to know about the courses of interest. There are many factors to consider when you are weighing up courses and the institutions that offer them, but the key considerations include:

- What you will learn
- How you will be learning it
- The conditions and cost
- The end result

Click [here](#) to read the full article from The Good Universities Guide.



Competitions



Australian Stockholm Junior Water Prize 2024

The Australian Stockholm Junior Water Prize is an annual water science competition for high school students. Students are challenged to create solutions for water challenges, with the national prize awarded at Ozwater. The winner of the Australian competition is invited to participate in the [Stockholm Junior Water Prize](#). The competition is open to high school students who have conducted water-related projects of environmental, scientific, social or technological importance. Students may enter as individuals or groups of two. Submissions close on 1 March 2024 and click [here](#) for tool and information kits and entry details.

The Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad (OZCLO)

This contest is for high school students from Years 7 – 12. Participants work in teams of four on a range of language-analysis problems. The competition is held at the school with teams submitting their answers through an online quiz. Some regions offer offline alternatives. Visit the [website](#) to learn more about the 2024 competition. Teams [must register](#) by 1 March, 2024. If you are interested, talk to a teacher or your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor about entering the Olympiad.



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Disabilities

Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Support Program

Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Support Program is a payment that assists employers of eligible Australian Apprentices with disabilities. For more information about this disability program or questions on employment help for job seekers with a disability, illness, or injury, [call](#) the People With Disability line or visit a [service centre](#).

Employment Assistance Fund

Help is available through the [Employment Assistance Fund \(EAF\)](#) which gives financial aid to eligible people so they can buy work related modifications, equipment, help and services. It is good to tell prospective employers that they can access the EAF through Disability Employment Services or job active organisations.

Tertiary study applicants with a disability

If you have a disability, tertiary institutions have services and facilities available such as:

- help with physical access needs
- access to specialised technology and equipment
- sign language interpreters
- note-taking services.

The level of help available is assessed by the institution's disability officer or similar. You should contact the relevant institution and discuss with them what you need. Click [here](#) to find out more along with a list of the institutions' disability support services.



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Employment, Job & Labour Market Info



ABS Labour Force Data - August 2023

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has released its Labour Force Data for August 2023. Click [here](#) to access more information.

- unemployment rate remained at 3.7%.
- participation rate increased to 67.0%.
- employment increased to 14,096,100.
- employment to population ratio remained at 64.5%.
- underemployment rate increased to 6.5%.
- monthly hours worked increased to 1,954 million.

Australia's booming film and television industry creates jobs for below-the-line crew

From Baz Luhrmann's blockbuster biopic Elvis to Russell Crowe's vision for Aussiewood, Australia is gaining popularity as a location for long-form TV drama and film productions. More "below-the-line" workers are needed to manage large-scale productions both in studio and on location but how realistic is it to find work behind the scenes and what is the formula for success? Click [here](#) to read the ABC's article which talks more about the below-the-line workers in the entertainment and film industry.

Teamwork Skills: Definition and Examples

Having strong teamwork skills is essential to succeeding at work no matter what industry you are in or job title you have. Working well with clients, colleagues, managers and other people in your workplace can help you complete tasks efficiently while creating an enjoyable environment both for yourself and others. An organisation that focuses on good teamwork skills is typically a healthy, high-functioning workplace. In this [article](#), Indeed will take a closer look at what teamwork skills are, how you can improve your team work skills and other soft skills that can help you be a good teammate.



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Understanding full-time and part-time work

People work a wide variety of hours, from those working a few hours a week to people who work very long hours (e.g., over 60 hours a week). A useful and longstanding approach to summarising this spectrum of hours is to categorise people as either 'full-time' or 'part-time'. When interpreting employment and hours levels and movements in the context of full-time and part-time work it is important to be aware of:

- how the headline estimates of full-time and part-time employment are derived, and
- other approaches to understand full-time and part-time work that are also possible from Labour Force Survey data

Click [here](#) to find out what makes up full time employment, part time employment and more.

Unpacking the Intergenerational Report: What could work look like in 40 years?

The Australian HR Institute has published an article that unpacks the Intergenerational Report and what work will look like in 40 years' time. The Report paints a picture of what Australia might look like in 40 years' time. A range of workplace experts share their thoughts on how employers should respond. Click [here](#) to read their article including:

1. Ageing population
2. Productivity rates
3. Climate change impacts
4. Digitisation of work
5. Gender pay gap

myfuture Clean Energy Sector Resources

Career Development Association of Australia has put together some information on the clean energy sector which is a fast growing and exciting career space with a range of opportunities emerging in wind, solar, hydro and battery storage. myfuture has developed career resources to highlight some of these roles as Australia moves towards a shared goal of net zero emissions by 2050. Be inspired by reading interesting real-life [career stories](#) of people who work in this sector and discover the different pathways they took to their chosen careers.

Also check out the new Solar Panel Installer infographic in myfuture's [School to Work pathways](#) range. The infographics will help you to visualise various pathways you can take from school to work and help you to question and explore your options and to research the possibilities.



Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Bond Scholarships

Applications are open now for Bond's Excellence, Leadership and Indigenous scholarships. They close on various dates so check out each scholarship for relevant information. Check your eligibility and [apply](#) direct checking the closing dates so you don't miss out on a great opportunity.

Griffith uni scholarships and awards

Scholarships provide financial support while you study, allowing you to focus more on your learning. You'll also get more out of your university experience through exclusive networking events, meeting mentors and developing job-ready skills. Scholarship application rounds open 1 July each year. To ensure you're considered for all the scholarships you might be eligible for, they recommend you apply annually. Once submitted, your application will remain current until 30 June. If your application is successful, they'll notify you by email. Please note applying for a scholarship is separate to applying for a place at university. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- One application for all scholarships
- Collect your information
- Submit your application
- Search for scholarships

QTAC application number for scholarship applications

You may need your QTAC application number when applying for scholarships. This number was on the last screen of your QTAC application after you have paid the application fee. It is also in your application confirmation email and in your online QTAC Account information section of your application.

QUT Scholarships

QUT offers a wide range of scholarships to future students. Application processes can differ, so it is important that you are across the requirements and key dates for each scholarship. Below is a selection of scholarships on offer for 2024.

- QUT Business School's [Corporate Partners in Excellence Scholarship \(CPIE\)](#), worth \$42,000 in 2024, combines academic rigour, networking and professional development opportunities with two career-launching semester-long internships. Applications are now open and close Sunday 8 October.
- QUT Business School's [Dean's Scholars Program](#) brings together academically-talented peers in a structured program designed to sustain academic excellence and inspire an interest in research. Students who place the Bachelor of Business (Dean's Scholars Program) as their first QTAC preference and receive an offer to the course are automatically entitled to a scholarship offer.
- Twenty [Faculty of Business and Law Excellence Scholarships \(FBL\)](#) will be offered to commencing Business, Law, and Property Economics students who achieve a minimum unadjusted ATAR of 95.00 and place a related QUT degree as their top QTAC preference. FBL Excellence scholars receive \$5,000 in their first year of study, automatic membership to the College of Excellence and priority access to student leadership opportunities and case competitions. No application is required.
- Applications for QUT's [Women in Engineering Scholarship](#) are now open and close Monday 11 December. The scholarship is valued at \$6,000, paid over two years. Students who identify as female, plan to start university in 2024 and have QUT Engineering as their first preference are eligible to apply.

[Explore all QUT scholarships.](#)

SAE Creative Media Institute Scholarships

SAE's annual scholarship program is designed to increase representation and access to higher education for outstanding creative applicants. They offer a range of domestic scholarships to assist students during their studies, including full and partial tuition scholarships. Applications are now open for 2024. Click [here](#) to find out more including:

- How to apply
- Types of scholarships
- Application tips

UQ Sporting Scholarships

UQ Sport offers sporting scholarships and athlete support programs to assist exceptional athletes in balancing their studies with the demands of elite-level sports. If you are training to be a professional athlete, who wishes to undertake university studies, check out UQ's scholarship offerings. Click [here](#) for more information and applications close 31 October.



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UQ's First Nations Peoples economics and business scholarships

Scholarship applications for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who wish to study economics and/or business at UQ are now open. Options include financial support funding and study fee-waivers. [Find out more](#) about these opportunities and apply today.

UniSQ Academic Excellence Scholarships

There is no application process for this [scholarship](#). All students with the required ATAR will be automatically considered for the scholarship. To be considered, you must:

- Submit your QTAC application and preferences by the required dates
- Place your chosen UniSQ course as your first preference via QTAC

UniSQ scholarships

Scholarships and bursaries can relieve the financial pressure, allowing you to focus more on your study success. Scholarships are not only for high academic achievers, they can also be awarded for sporting achievements, community service, financial hardship and relocation support. [Click here](#) to find out how you can tap into money to help you study.



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First Nations Peoples



Young Indigenous Women's STEM Academy - CSIRO

Applications are open for Year 8 students to apply to the [CSIRO's Young Indigenous Women in STEM Academy](#) for Queensland. The Academy is an opportunity for young Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander women who have an interest and aspirations in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

The Academy provides a holistic, streamlined and culturally appropriate approach to improving young women's access to STEM opportunities and careers by connecting them with researchers, industry and a community of likeminded Indigenous female peers across the country. The program has been designed to combine STEM extension activities and individualised support for participants, including financial support, academic support and goal setting support. More information is available on the program [here](#). Young women can apply online [here](#).

Gap Year Program News



Considering a gap year

International travel is far more accessible than it has been in the last few years. Overseas Gap Year opportunities are now open. If you are in Year 11 or 12, it's a good time to start to research your GAP year options. To avoid missing out, it's important to begin your exploration early. Start with the following list:

[Camp America](#)

[Lattitude Global Volunteering](#)

[Letz Live](#)

[Projects Abroad](#)

[Ski Internship Courses](#)

[Southern Cross Cultural Exchange](#)

[World Education Program Student Exchange](#)

[Youth for Understanding \(YFU\) Australia](#)

Always thoroughly investigate any gap year programs you are considering. Get your parents involved in this process. Talk to people who have participated in the program and attend information sessions and webinars.



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Interstate & International



QUT International student study guide

QUT has developed a step-by-step guide for how to apply and accept an offer as an international student plus a number of resources to help you make an informed decision about future study. Click [here](#) to download the International Guide and to access their International student resources including:

- Scholarships
- Adjustment schemes
- ATAR requirements
- Changing your preferences
- Student life
- Real-world learning





Generation Z: life at 22

Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth (LSAY) has developed their latest infographic in their series [Generation Z: life at 22](#). It explores how young people fared when they were 22 years old in 2022. At age 22, young Australians are transitioning from study into full-time work, and many are already in the job they want as a career. Results from the surveys also show young Australians are experiencing increasing rates of financial stress and probable mental illness.

Visit their [infographics](#) page to view the other infographics in the Generation Z series.

Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth (LSAY) 2015 cohort (Y15) 2022 data now available

The latest data for the Y15 cohort is now available and includes results from the 2022 (wave 8) surveys when respondents were on average 22 years old. Last year's surveys collected information about young people's post-school education and training, work, income, health, financial stress and their living arrangements. Information on [how to access the LSAY data](#) is available from the LSAY website.

USI: All you need to know

The USI (Unique Student Identifier) is a student's individual education number for life. From January 2023 the USI will be mandatory for all higher education students graduating in 2023 or beyond. You need a USI if you are:

- a higher education student graduating in 2023 or beyond
- undertaking Nationally Recognised Training (e.g., VET qualifications)
- a higher education student seeking Commonwealth financial assistance (e.g., a HECS-HELP loan)
- an international student studying onshore in Australia

Australian school students need to create a USI before they apply for tertiary study. There is no minimum age requirement to create a USI so senior students are encouraged to create their USIs. Your USI and LUI numbers are NOT THE SAME THING. Find out more about the USI on the Australian Government website usi.gov.au



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Post School Info



Leaving school - information for Year 12 students

[The Australian Government Services Australia website](#) provides information to help you choose your next step if you have just finished or will soon leave school. Information that you can find on the website include:

- Help to decide what to do after school
- Help to prepare for your next steps
- Help for apprentices or trainees
- Help to continue study
- Help to get a job
- Help to transition from state care

School Leavers Information Kit

Life after school can be full of exciting opportunities. As you make your next move, the School Leavers Information Kit (SLIK) can help you uncover all the education, training and employment options available to you. Click [here](#) to access the kit and information including:

- Life after school – what will you do next?
- Choose a pathway that's right for you
- Explore different journeys for school leavers
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
 - People with disability
 - Regional, rural and remote school leavers
- Resources - including a PDF or DOCX copy of the kit

The Year13 website

[Year13](#) is an online resource for post school options. You can find out information on:

- Career Quiz
- Gap and travel Options
- Course finder
- Centrelink checker
- Career hub
- Job search
- Articles and videos



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Private Provider Updates



Updates

Aviation Australia Flight Attendant Training

Aviation Australia delivers courses across the aviation industry. Find out about course options including:

- [Aircraft Maintenance Engineering](#)
- [Cabin Crew](#)
- [Pilot Courses & Training](#)
- [Remote Pilot](#)

Griffith College student support

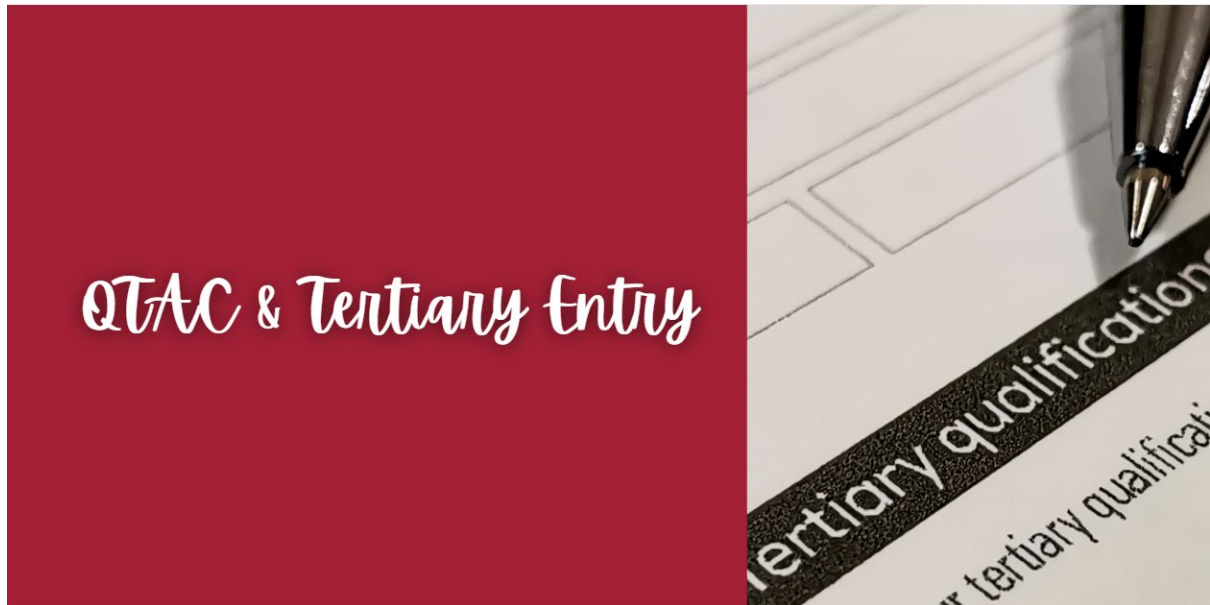
At Griffith College you can get uni-ready with a comprehensive range of support services to help you tackle any barriers to success. They provide the following forms of student support:

- Wellbeing support
- Academic support
- Peer to peer support
- Reporting and disclosure support

Click [here](#) to find out more about the College, the courses that are offered and the support available.

SAE Creative Media Institute Info night

SAE is holding an info night on campus on 4 October from 6 - 8pm. During the info night you will discover how you can kickstart your career in Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games or Music. This is your chance to explore the exciting career opportunities available in the creative industries. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.



Connect with QTAC

You can check for updates as well as ask questions using social media. QTAC is active on [Facebook](#), [X](#), and [Instagram](#).

Did you use the 'desired – back-up - pathway' plan when organising your preferences?

Go to the [QTAC website](#) and P9 in your QTAC Guide for information about this plan. Your sixth preference should be one that you have a very good chance of gaining entry, given its previous adjusted ATAR/rank threshold and your results. You also need to check the offer round dates of your preferences and make changes if the dates differ (preferences need to be chronologically organised according to the offer round of the courses you are applying for). Courses you are offered in early offer rounds can be conditionally accepted and you can change your preferences for subsequent offer rounds if necessary. Have you deleted all wasted courses? Wasted courses include those that:

- You do not meet the entry requirements
- You would not do if you got an offer for them
- Located in regional centres that you have not consulted your parents/guardians about
- Are too difficult or impossible to commute to given where you live
- Are very competitive and you listed them below much less competitive courses

How to Respond to an offer

Visit the QTAC [Offers](#) webpage for specific information about responding to your offer. It is essential that you respond by the due date (within four (4) days of receiving your offer). If you don't, your offer will lapse, and you will not be considered for any other offer rounds. When you receive an offer, you have four response options to choose from (find them using the link earlier in the article). If you choose 'Reject offer' - this option will see your QTAC application no longer active.



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For the first three response options above, you can accept, reject or [defer](#) your offer. If you do miss a due date, contact QTAC ASAP. Also, it may not be wise to reject an offer. If you are considering doing this, first contact QTAC on 1300 467 822 to discuss this move. For more information about responding to offers visit the QTAC [website](#).

Key dates for QTAC applications

If you haven't yet applied, consider applying as soon as possible and before Term Four becomes totally hectic (as it will). The absolute final date to apply for courses commencing in Semester One, 2024 is:

Round Offer preferences	Due date to apply and submit documents	Final change to
17 November 2023	10 November 2023	not applicable
21 December 2023 2023	7 December 2023	12pm, 18 December
11 January 2024 2024	8 December 2023	11.59pm, 3 January

Click [here](#) for a full list of the QTAC deadlines. However, you need to be aware that by these dates, many of the courses with [fixed closing dates](#) are no longer available and some Year 12 students will have already received early offers.

Manage your application - Did I get an offer?

After you have lodged your application, it is a good idea to use [Application Services](#) to go back into your application from time to time to:

- Update your contact details - Phone QTAC on **1300 467 822** to change your name, date of birth, citizenship status, gender, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, Maori, Pasifika or Australian South Sea Islander status, gender or qualification details.
- See if you have received any correspondence from QTAC about your application
- See if you are meeting the entry requirements
- See if you have submitted any and all necessary additional documentation
- See if you get an offer?
- Q&A section

QTAC will usually communicate with you using the email address on your application (this should be your personal email - not your school email). Get into the habit of checking your emails regularly. Think of linking your emails to your smart phone to make it easy for you to regularly check. Read Pages 13 of your QTAC book for more information.

It is recommended that Year 12 students apply to QTAC early. Some courses have early and/or fixed closing dates which must be met, and you can find these on Page 18 of your 2024 QTAC Guide. Also, if you are competitive (ATAR results) you may be offered a place before the major offer round in January. View the key dates [here](#).



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What happens if I defer my QTAC offer?

Deferment lets you delay starting your course. Usually, you can defer for up to a year, but some institutions let you defer for longer while others do not allow deferment. In most cases, you can defer when you respond to your QTAC offer and the institution will contact you to advise what to do next. See page 14 in your QTAC book or click [here](#) to find each institutions' deferment policy.

Year 12 Subject Adjustment Schemes

Some universities offer adjustment factors when you successfully complete specific subjects in Year 12. Adjustment factors are additional selection ranks that make you more competitive for entry into your nominated course. Each university has its own scheme. You don't have to apply for these schemes as adjustment factors are automatically applied through QTAC. School subject adjustment factors only apply to Year 12 qualifications (e.g., ATAR and IB and some non-ATAR pathways) on leaving school. Click on the links below for a summary of Year 12 Subject Schemes:

- [ACU](#)
- [Griffith University](#)
- [QUT](#)
- [UQ](#)
- [UniSC](#)
- [UniSQ](#)
- [JCU](#)



Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority



External assessment info

If you are studying QCAA General subjects, you will sit external assessments at the end of Year 12 as part of your assessment for each subject. External assessments are subject-based written exams that are:

- common to all schools
- summative — they count towards your final subject result for QCAA General subjects
- developed and marked by the QCAA.

Most students sit external assessments at their school, but there are circumstances where a [variation to venue](#) may be required. Click [here](#) to read about:

- How do they contribute to results?
- What do they test?
- How are they developed and marked?
- Key dates and details
 - External assessment timetable
 - Equipment
 - Directions for students
 - EA basics - approved equipment
 - EA basics - response books
- Resources to help you prepare
- 2023 external assessment guide
 - Sample papers and past papers
 - Tips to help you study and stay motivated
- What to do if you are unwell
- How can I stay updated about changes to external assessment?
- Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments
- Understanding Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments (AARA)



Study Skills & Wellbeing



10 tips for students to survive Year 12

Surviving Year 12 is so much easier when you have a plan of attack. From sleeping to eating, here are Torrens University's top 10 survival tips for Year 12 students that are proven to take the pressure off. Click [here](#) to read about:

1. Get enough sleep
2. Don't skip meals
3. Take regular breaks
4. Be organised
5. Don't cram
6. Review your notes
7. Study with friends
8. Turn your phone off
9. Maintain perspective
10. Ask for help

Music to study to

Struggling to stay focused? Listening to music can help you keep calm, increase productivity, boost your mood and motivation and even help you stay in the zone for longer. While listening to your favourite band might be great for keeping your spirits high, it might end up in a two-hour dance-a-thon and end up being more of a distraction. But which music is the best for studying? Click [here](#) to read The Good Universities Guide's ideas of good music options to study by.

Why have a revision program?

Revising can be a little daunting, but keeping a revision program will help you keep track of what you need to do so you don't waste time going over some topics too often at the expense of others. Click [here](#) to read Melbourne Uni's following suggestions:

- Why should you use a revision program?
- Creating a revision program
- Download a template

Writing essays in exams

The best way to do well in essay exams is to prepare and practice. Melbourne Uni has put together some ideas, tips and strategies to help you revise, organise your thoughts and write clearly during your exams. Click [here](#) to read more.



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TAFE Queensland Updates



Certificate 3 Guarantee

The Certificate 3 Guarantee supports eligible people to complete a first, post-school Certificate III qualification. The program also supports school students to access training and Queensland's Year 12 graduates to transition to employment by providing free training in high priority qualifications. The Certificate 3 Guarantee is targeted at Certificate III qualifications because they are considered the entry-level qualification most often needed to gain employment in many industry sectors. Click [here](#) for the full list of subsidised qualifications available on the Priority Skills List and [here](#) to find out about:

- How does the program work?
- How can RTO's participate
- What level of subsidy is available?
- Does the individual need to contribute to the cost of training?
- What outcomes are expected?

TAFE at Schools update

If you're a Year 10, 11 or 12 student in 2023 you may be able to complete a TAFE Queensland qualification while you're still at school. You can choose from a variety of Certificate I to Certificate III courses from hospitality to horticulture, early childhood education to engineering and everything in between. For more information see your Guidance Officer or VET coordinator and visit the TAFE at School [website](#). There are TAFE at School guides that provide all the information about courses, costs, timetables etc. Click on the relevant link for you: [Greater Brisbane](#), [North and Far North Queensland](#), [Darling Downs and South West](#), [Gold Coast](#), [Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay](#). 2024 applications and enrolments are now open, and information can be found in the TAFE at School Guide for your location above.



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Universities



Early offers

Offers made through Universities' Early Offer schemes for Year 12 are mostly being made by QTAC, however, some are made directly from the institution. Your options are; accepting the offer outright, accepting the offer conditionally or deferring (depending on the university). Check with the university directly or contact QTAC.

If you accept an early offer outright, your QTAC application will stop there, as you have accepted an offer. If a university does allow you to conditionally accept an early offer and you choose this option, to be considered for a preferred course in future offer rounds, you need to go back into your QTAC application and reorder your course preferences. Click on the following links to find out university specific information.- [ACU](#), [Bond](#) [UniSC](#) [CHC](#) [CQU](#) [GU](#) [JCU](#) [QUT](#) [SCU](#) [Torrens](#) [UNE](#) [UniSQ](#), [UQ](#). If you have any questions, it is best to check with the university directly.

Eligibility requirements for Nursing/Midwifery and Teaching courses

If you are considering studying to be a nurse or teacher don't forget to complete the additional eligibility requirements for all courses relating to nursing, midwifery and teaching. Remember, when applying to these courses, you may have a competitive ATAR/selection rank and satisfy subject prerequisites, however you will not be considered for an offer if you do not comply with additional eligibility requirements relevant to their course. Click on [Nursing/Midwifery](#) and [Teaching Entry](#) for more information.

Fast track options - are they suitable for you?

Most institutions use a semester system with two periods of study: the first from around March to June, followed by a short winter break and the second from around July to November, followed by a long summer break. Some institutions and courses have a third period of study that takes place during the traditional summer break. These three periods are called trimesters. By cramming an extra semester's worth of material into each year, students can graduate from their course in a



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quicker time (for example, a standard three-year bachelor's degree may be completed in two years). These accelerated options are known as "fast-tracked" courses. [The Good Universities Guide has put together an article](#) that sets out the positives and negatives of the fast-track option so you can decide if it's for you.

Find the institutions that offer the degree/s you are keen on

[Course Seeker](#) is an Australian Government initiative where you can search and compare thousands of courses from different institutions across Australia. The website displays course information, entry requirements, admission processes, student satisfaction and graduate survey results. It is particularly helpful if you are thinking of studying interstate.

Navigating the world of offers, preferences and pathways

The Good University Guide can give you some strategies for after you receive your ATAR. December is a busy time of year with results being released and some big decisions to be made for 2024. Once you get your ATAR, you may have lots of questions on where to go and what to do next. Find more information [here](#) about making sense of your ATAR, change of preference, offers, pathways to uni, vocational education and taking a gap year.

Open Universities Australia

If you can't get to a uni campus (perhaps interstate or you are regional) or only want to study one subject/course to start with, then Open Universities Australia may be your answer. Open Universities Australia (OUA) offers online higher education courses and through OUA, you can:

- Study online, so you have flexibility about when and where you study
- Choose from a large range of undergraduate courses
- Select individual undergraduate units/courses/subjects instead of a whole course
- Study with Australian universities e.g., Monash, Griffith, Macquarie, Curtin, RMIT, Swinburne University of Technology, University of South Australia and many more
- Graduate with the same qualification as an on-campus student
- Access online support services.

Eligible OUA students may be able to access HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP or VET Student Loans depending on their course. Find out more on the [OUA website](#).

The Educational Access Scheme (EAS) reminder

If you have been negatively impacted by circumstances beyond your control, EAS may assist you in reaching your study dreams with rank adjustments. You might think of the obvious factors impacting you like financial hardship, illness or disabilities, however, EAS may also help in times of natural disasters. [Read EAS article](#) and click [here](#) to learn more about EAS including eligibility and how to apply.



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Tips for making the most of O Week

After leaving school, the big, wide world of TAFE or Uni can be downright 'scary' for a fresh high-school graduate. Luckily, all universities provide some type of orientation, known as O Week, for new students to welcome them and give them a chance to adapt to the environment before classes start. Click [here](#) to read tips about O Week generally including: stepping out of your comfort zone, getting organised, if you already know people at uni, join forces and if you get lost, there's an app for that!

Top Universities for study in 2023/2024

[The Good Universities Guide 2023/2024 ratings](#) explores university characteristics, student experience and graduate outcomes of all universities in Australia. They provide a series of ratings and insights across a range of indicators as no institution is perfect at everything. The rankings are high-level indicators and should be used to compare insights, varying strengths and characteristics of each institution. You can filter them by state, study level and subject area. Be sure to [check out the blogs](#) for a round-up of the top universities for postgrad and undergrad study.

Using VET qualifications for competitive entry to University

Most universities offer an entry pathway using your VET qualifications. University policies differ and can change at any time so it's best to check their websites for any changes. These ranks are relevant to students who HAVE NOT sat the STAT test or gained a score less than 150.

Year 12 VET qualifications and the tertiary ranks they are awarded by institution

Institution	Certificate III	Certificate IV	Diploma
QUT	68 (QUT Diploma entry only)	74	87

Institution	Certificate III	Certificate IV	Diploma
Griffith Uni	68	74	87
UniSC	68	74	82
CQU	68	74	82
Bond	NA	74	78
ACU	Check with ACU	74	82
SCU	67	73	75
TAFE	72	74	84
UQ			



If you're a current Year 12 student and you're not eligible for an ATAR, you won't receive a selection rank for your secondary studies. If you apply to start studying at UQ in the year after you finish Year 12, you can only use your secondary education qualification to gain an entry score.

[JCU](#)

If you completed a Certificate III or a Certificate IV qualification while at school, you are guaranteed entry into a number of JCU undergraduate courses. Some courses require additional subject prerequisites to be met and are detailed in the [Handbook](#) found on each course page.

What I wish I'd known before finishing school

Bridie McArthur has written an article for the Good Universities Guide website where she talks about the information, she wished she knew about university life before leaving school. [Check it out](#) and read about:

- If you want to go to uni, take advantage of early entry
- Make the most of all your school has to offer
- Explore all your options for post-graduation
- Try to minimise stress
- There are so many pathways you can take

Australian Catholic University

Talk with Industry webinar series - Nurses, Midwives and Paramedics

On 5 October, ACU will be hosting an online webinar where you can hear from ACU alumni who work as nurses, midwives and paramedics. You will hear from ACU alumni about their experiences working as nurses, midwives and paramedics. Take part in a Q&A session with ACU graduates and learn what it is like working on the frontline, using your skills to help people when they need it the most. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Central Queensland University

Certificate and diploma pathway courses

CQU's certificate courses are designed with industry input and range from nursing, hospitality, kitchen operations, commercial cookery and more. Whether you are looking for entry-level Certificate I and II courses, or if you wish to up skill with Certificate III and IV courses, you will be sure to find the level you are looking for. With seamless pathways between their courses, you can work towards entry to a university course. Click [here](#) to see a full range of VET courses available.



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Griffith University

Accommodation at Griffith University

Choose to live on campus at Nathan or Gold Coast or off-campus with one of their off campus partners. For international students, a Homestay is another great option to experience life with a local family while you study. Click [here](#) to find out more about their accommodation options including:

- On campus
- Homestay
- Off Campus

Application support information

Whether you're planning to study an undergraduate or postgraduate degree, choosing the best pathway and managing the application process is straightforward with the Griffith Uni's tools, tips and tutorials. Click [here](#) to access the following application tutorial videos:

- Getting ready to apply for undergraduate study
- Troubleshooting your undergraduate study application
- What happens next - undergraduate applications
- Financing your study
- Support options

Griffith Honours College

Griffith Honours College provides experiences and opportunities that help high-achieving undergraduate students reach their full potential. Admission is limited and based on academic and personal achievement. Future and current undergraduate students are encouraged to apply. Click [here](#) for more information about:

- Application - Secondary schools initiative, Future student eligibility, International and non-school leavers
- Honours College benefits
- Opportunities

Griffith Uni Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee information webinar

On 10 October 2023 from 5 pm–6 pm (AEST), Griffith Uni will be holding an online webinar that will focus on their Year 12 Early Guarantee program. You'll be able to hear from and chat directly to Griffith Uni study advisers to get your questions answered, so you can lock in your study plans sooner and take the stress out. If you've listed a Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee-eligible degree in your QTAC preferences, or are just looking for more information about Year 12 Early Offers, you will find the webinar informative. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.



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Tips and important info for applying to study at Griffith University

The Griffith High School Student webpage will help you to prepare for your transition to university. It provides everything you need to know about the Queensland ATAR, Griffith's Guaranteed Admission Scheme, the International Baccalaureate Diploma, VET pathways and bridging course options, adjustment factors and much more. Click [here](#) for more information.

James Cook University

Accommodation options

Live in the heart of uni and experience JCU's relaxed NQ lifestyle, balancing strong study ethic with exercise, good food, sport, recreation and continual fun! Interested? You'll create your own stories and memories for life, in a safe, secure family environment. Click [here](#) to find out what options are open to you.

Queensland University of Technology

Elite Athlete Program

If you're an athlete and you've been competing at an elite level, you may be eligible for QUT's Elite Athlete Program. The program can give you access to academic flexibility, support services, personal and professional development opportunities, scholarships and funding and sometimes an adjustment to your selection rank to assist with entry to QUT. Click [here](#) for more information on:

- Support and learning
- What you get
- Eligibility
- How to apply

First Nations Peoples admissions pathway

The [Oodgeroo Unit](#) offers the Centralised Assessment and Selection Program (CASP), which can help Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants get into most courses at QUT. Future Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students are encouraged to apply for admission to QUT via this program as it gives you the best chance of getting into your desired degree. Applications are now open and click on the link to find out more including:

- Overview
- Details
- Requirements
- How to apply



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From vast galaxies to intricate code: Elevate your studies with a science minor

Whether you venture into the world of engineering, health or business, QUT's Faculty of Science opens doors to exhilarating fields such as astrophysics, climate science, programming, statistics and wildlife ecology. With a large range of uni-wide minors available, you can follow your passion and boost your degree with a complimentary study area. Learn more about [astrophysics at QUT from Dr Michael Cowley](#) and explore the [five exciting minors](#) delivered by the Faculty of Science.

Languages at QUT

Through the [Brisbane Universities Language Alliance](#), you can study a range of [languages offered at QUT](#), at Griffith University or at the University of Queensland. You may be able to study a language as either:

- a minor (4 units)
- a second major (6 units)
- optional units (electives)

Learn more about adjustment schemes

Adjustment schemes could make a real difference to your application for Uni through QTAC. You can apply for as many adjustments as you're eligible for, up to a maximum of 10.00 ATAR or selection ranks across all schemes. Click [here](#) for more information and how to apply for:

- Educational Access Scheme
- Regional, Rural and Remote Adjustment Scheme
- Year 12 Subject Scheme
- First Generation Adjustment Scheme

Mathematics Summer School reminder

If you're a dedicated Year 11 student looking to dive deep into the world of numbers, challenge your abilities, and connect with fellow maths enthusiasts we've got an incredible opportunity just for you! Join us in January 2024 at the QUT Mathematics Summer School - a unique experience that's about more than just learning; it's also about networking and connecting with like-minded individuals who share your passion for mathematics. [Secure your spot today](#). Applications close on 16 October.

START QUT Semester 1 2024 applications now open

Are you in Year 11 and interested in studying a university subject in Summer (STEM Intensive) or Semester 1 2024, receiving a selection rank adjustment and gaining potential credit towards a future degree at QUT? Applications for START QUT Summer 2024 (STEM Intensive) and Semester 1, 2024 are now open and close on 31 October 2023. Check eligibility requirements, browse available subjects, and apply on the [START QUT webpage](#).



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Testing the waters with marine research at QUT

As Zoe approached the final semester of her Bachelor of Science degree, she found herself at a crossroads, unsure of her future path. That's when she stumbled upon the QUT Vacation Research Experience Scheme (VRES). [Read more](#)

The University of Queensland

College accommodation options

UQ has 10 residential colleges on its St Lucia campus and a Halls of Residence on the Gatton Campus. Most colleges provide pastoral care, academic guidance, tutorial programs, community service activities and inter-college cultural, sporting and social programs. Visit the Live UQ [website](#) for information about the colleges and how to apply. It is important to apply early.

Discover and explore UQ's Bachelor of Arts

Are you thinking about an Arts degree but don't know much about what you will study or what jobs are at the end of your study? UQ's Arts Discovery Tool, will help you explore the Bachelor of Arts and its many career possibilities. Click [here](#) to find out more information about which of the following statements most interests you:

- Connect with other cultures
- Improve society
- Tells stories and engages audiences
- Explore the past to create a better future
- Help people
- Address global issues

Enhanced Studies Program (ESP) - Applications open now

The Enhanced Studies Program provides students with an opportunity to extend their knowledge and skills by completing one university subject during the first semester of Year 12.

- No tuition fees
- In person, External and Intensive course offerings available.
- ESP prepares students for university study by experiencing classes, completing assessment and enjoying campus life.
- Students who successfully complete ESP will be eligible to receive one adjustment to their ATAR.
- ESP students who later enrol in a relevant UQ degree may receive credit for their completed course.
- ESP study counts towards a student's Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

Applications close on Friday 17 November 2023 and click [here](#) for more information, 2024 brochure and to register.



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Immerse yourself in the university experience

Immerse is a one-of-a-kind online experience that allows you to 'step inside' and explore UniSC and all that there is on offer. Experience UniSC's world class teaching and learning spaces as real students and lecturers go about their day-to-day. Get a feel for UniSC and what to expect heading from high school to university. Click [here](#) for more information.

Queensland Mathematics Summer School

UQ's Queensland Mathematics Summer School (QMSS) introduces Year 10 students to the beauty of advanced mathematical ideas and new ways of thinking. Students commencing Year 11 in 2024 who have chosen to study QCE Mathematical Methods and Specialist Mathematics or IB Mathematics (HL or SL) are invited to apply now for the 2024 event. The summer school will be held from 15 January to 18 January 2024 and costs \$150. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

UQ's 'Trust Me, I'm an Engineer' online presentation

The 'Trust Me, I'm an Engineer' online presentation on Monday 9 October, from 4:00pm - 5:30pm has been developed for high school students, parents, guardians and current UQ engineering students to offer insights into the diverse opportunities in engineering. Throughout the presentation they will talk to engineers making an impact in industry and students sharing their university experiences and journey so far. Click here for more information and to register.

Undergraduate study area guides

Learn more about UQ's programs on offer in each of their study areas for 2024.

- [Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and Education undergraduate guide \(PDF, 14.4 ...\)](#)
- [Business, Economics and Law undergraduate guide \(PDF, 8.6 MB\)](#)
- [Engineering, Design, IT, Architecture and Planning undergraduate guide \(PDF, 14...](#)
- [Health, Behavioural Sciences and Medicine undergraduate guide \(PDF, 9.3 MB\)](#)
- [Science, Mathematics, Agriculture and Environment undergraduate guide \(PDF, 7.1...](#)

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Allied Health Degrees

UniSQ is offering the following new Allied Health degrees in 2023. You'll soon be able to apply for a place in [Occupational Therapy](#), [Social Work](#) and Human Services degrees, [Speech Pathology](#), Allied Health and Physiotherapy. Currently, UniSQ offers the following Allied Health degrees:

- [Bachelor of Occupational Therapy \(Honours\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Social Work](#)
- [Bachelor of Social Work \(Honours\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Speech Pathology \(Honours\)](#)

Keep checking the QTAC and UniSQ websites for more degree information.



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Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
03/10/2023	AFTRS: Applications now open for the 2024 Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production applications close
04/10/2023	ADF: Cairns: Defence Careers Information Session
04/10/2023	SAE Info night
05/10/2023	ADF Brisbane: Defence Careers Information Session
05/10/2023	ADF Robina: Defence Careers Information Session
05/10/2023	Sunshine Coast UQ Ready event
05/10/2023	The 2023 STAQ Queensland Science Contest
05/10/2023	UQ Ready Sunshine Coast session
08/10/2023	Griffith Uni Engineering GUESTS-at-School applications close
09/10/2023	ADF Maroochydore: Army Careers Information Session
09/10/2023	ADF Cairns: Army Reserve Information Session
09/10/2023	UniSC Early Offer Guarantee applications close
10/10/2023	Griffith Uni's Year 12 Early Guarantee program webinar
11/10/2023	ADF Brisbane: Army Careers Information Session
11/10/2023	ADF Health Careers Information Session - In person and online
12/10/2023	JCU Year 12 information webinar
13/10/2023	Early Offer Program
15/10/2023	Scott Reid Memorial Scholarship for Papua New Guinea at Griffith Uni applications close



16/10/2023	ADF Robina: Army Careers Information Session
16/10/2023	ADF Tannum Sands: Defence Careers Information Session
16/10/2023	Griffith Uni Early Offers application closing date
16/10/2023	QUT's 2024 Mathematics Summer School registrations close
17/10/2023	ADF Cairns: Army Careers Information Session
17/10/2023	ADF Maroochydore: Defence Careers Information Session
19/10/2023	MATER Education Open Day - Brisbane
20/10/2023	QUT final day to apply for Early Offer Scheme
23/10/2023	AFYRS Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production scholarship closes
31/10/2023	AIS Local Sporting Champions program scholarships
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
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
12/11/2023	UQ CASPer test (Vet Science) last date for 2023 entry held Monthly July to November
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
30/11/2023	University of the Sunshine Coast Equity Bursaries applications close

