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## Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Pathways

If you are interested in an Australian apprenticeship or traineeship and don't know where to start, the [Australian Apprenticeships Pathways](#) is a useful website. It contains information for people considering career options, employers looking at recruitment and those providing support and advice. The Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website is an Australia wide information hub for:

- [Students](#) providing tools and resources to assist them research apprenticeship and traineeship pathways
- [Job Hunters](#) seeking apprenticeship and traineeship information as well as job hunting ideas
- [Employers](#) providing apprenticeships and traineeships information and support for employers
- [Industry Insiders](#) providing tools and resources for people delivering apprenticeship and traineeship services and advice

## What are Australian Apprenticeships?

The term 'Australian Apprenticeships' covers both apprenticeships and traineeships, which start when an employer creates a job and decides to use this pathway for employing and training staff. They are available to anyone of working age with eligibility to work in Australia. There are no specific school levels, certificates or other qualifications needed to start one. Australian Apprenticeships offer opportunities for you to train, study and earn an income at a variety of Vocational Education and Training qualification levels in many occupations and can be either full-time, part-time or school based.

[A school-based apprenticeship or traineeship](#) allows you to start your training while you are still at school and will contribute credit towards your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). You can find out about school-based apprenticeships and traineeships on the [Apprenticeships Info website](#).

Apprenticeships are required for skilled trade areas such as electrical, plumbing, carpentry, cabinetmaking, automotive, hairdressing, etc. Traineeships are undertaken in vocational areas such as office administration, information technology, tourism, hospitality, beauty therapy, etc. Traineeships can take from one to three years to complete, while apprenticeships can take up to four years to complete. There are over 500 jobs that offer Australian apprenticeships in over [30 different industries](#) and the [Queensland Training Information Service website](#) has a list of current apprenticeship and traineeship qualifications. When you finish your Australian Apprenticeship, you will have a nationally recognised qualification that can take you anywhere in Australia and is held in high regard in many overseas countries as well.

## Work-based education leads to better employment outcomes

A new [NCVER review reveals work-based education](#) can lead to better employment outcomes for vocational education and training (VET) students and provide productivity gains for employers in the form of job-ready workers. [Read more here](#). Other benefits include:

- **Students:** smoother transitions into ongoing employment and the chance to develop broad occupational skills.
- **Employers:** productivity gains through 'work-ready' recruits, current employees can upskill in the workplace, and new skills are transferred more effectively to work tasks.
- **Training providers:** a positive reputation, better relationships with employers, more motivated students, and better student outcomes.

# AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

## Australian Defence Force (ADF) GAP Year applications now open

Want a gap year with a difference? Consider joining the Australian Defence Force for a year. Get an exciting 12-month taste of life in the Navy, Army or Air Force, full job training, meaningful work, memorable experiences and more. [Click here](#) to find program benefits and jobs available in 2022. ADF Gap Year program applications are [now open](#).

## Australian Defence Force (ADF) Work Experience program

The Defence Work Experience Program is planning activities for 2021. As placements are planned and confirmed, they will be advertised through [their website](#) and you can click on the “Placements” tab for specific course information. You need to check their website regularly throughout the year for updates and courses on offer.

## Australian Defence Force Information Sessions

Stay informed about important upcoming [Queensland and National ADF events](#) and information sessions by visiting the ADF Defence Jobs or the ADF [Facebook](#) site.

- 28/01/2021 [Townsville: New Year, New Career Information Session](#)  
[Cairns: New Year, New Career Information Session](#)  
[Mooloolaba: Management & Leadership Information Session](#)
- 2/02/2021 [Ayr: ADF Careers Night for Parents & Teachers](#)  
[Murgon: Defence Careers Information Session](#)  
[Bundaberg: A Night in the Army Reserve](#)
- 03/02/2021 [Maroochydore: New Year, New Career Information Session](#)  
[Kingaroy: Defence Careers Information Session](#)  
[Gold Coast: New Year, New Career Information Session](#)  
[Ingham: ADF Careers Night for Parents & Teachers](#)
- 04/02/2021 [Brisbane: New Year, New Career Information Session](#)  
[Charters Towers: ADF Careers Night for Parents & Teachers](#)

08/02/2021	<a href="#">Brisbane: Army Reserve Info Session</a>
09/02/2021	<a href="#">Cairns: ADF Careers Night for Parents &amp; Teachers</a>
	<a href="#">Townsville: Night in the Army Reserve</a>
	<a href="#">Toowoomba: Women in Defence Information Session</a>
	<a href="#">Gladstone: ADF Careers Night for Parents &amp; Teachers</a>
10/02/2021	<a href="#">Gold Coast: Leadership &amp; Management Careers Information Session</a>
	<a href="#">Caboolture: Defence Careers Information Session</a>
11/02/2021	<a href="#">Brisbane: Australian Defence Force Academy Information Session</a>

## Defence Jobs websites

The [Defence Jobs website](#) is your first port of call for information about jobs with the Australian Army, Navy and Air Force. You can use the site to answer the following questions:

**[Can I join the ADF?](#)** You can check out specific information regarding eligibility requirements including: Quick Eligibility Check, Your Commitment, Citizenship, Age and Gender, Health and Fitness, Behaviour and Appearance.

**[What jobs can women apply for in the Australian Defence Force \(ADF\)?](#)** Across every one of the ADF's 200+ roles, there are excellent career opportunities for women. Further information is available regarding:

- Equal opportunities and career equality
- Lifestyle and flexibility
- Support for Family Needs
- Health and Fitness

**[What Defence jobs would suit me?](#)** Explore the Jobs section of the ADF website to find an ADF job that you would enjoy. You can search by category or by job.

**How can I experience what it's like before I join?** There are several resources on the website that can increase your understanding of life in the Defence Forces. For example:

- Discover what [Life in the ADF](#) is like by exploring their website which provides information on jobs, lifestyle and benefits, joining the ADF and information for students
- Join the [Australian Defence Force Cadets](#), where you will develop leadership, team building and survival skills
- Explore the [Training](#) opportunities available in the ADF, including [Sailor Training and Officer Training in the Navy](#), [soldier training in the Army](#), [Army officer training](#), [Airman/Airwoman Training and Officer Training in the Air force](#) and [Reserves](#)
- Consider Defence Force Work Experience (when available again) which provides a unique experience into the wide variety of careers available in the ADF
- Visit [Submariners](#) to experience working and living under water
- [Discover ADFA](#) by taking an interactive journey inside the Australian Defence Force Academy
- Check out [Your Future is Up?](#) for Air Force experiences
- Connect with the ADF on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#) for current activities



## 6 sectors presenting emerging occupations

New scientific discoveries and rapid changes in technology highlight the prospect of new and exciting careers in the 21st century. The digital age, for example, has meant that we have never been more globally connected than we are today. So what will this mean for the future? What opportunities are on the horizon for school leavers or for those who are thinking about changing career paths? There are many new and emerging jobs and industries in Australia that didn't exist in their current form a few years ago. [Find out more here.](#)

## Career Interest Explorer

The [Career Interest Explorer](#) is a quiz that tests the strength of your interests and shows you which work types you probably prefer. You can [Research Industries](#) by choosing a work type which best fits your interests. The [Work Type Explorer](#) helps you explore occupations within your selected work types. Your interests can change over time, so it's good to redo the Career Interest Explorer each time you do some more career investigation. Or you can move through the Work Type Explorer and Research Industries pages to find information about the work types that you prefer.

## Find my work type

[Find My Work Type](#) has three sections: Career Interest Explorer, Work Type Explorer and Research Industries. You can identify your work interests as your career interests can help you decide on your future career pathway. Career interests are different to abilities and skills. They are activities that you enjoy doing or are interested in. There are seven work types which include:

- [Analytic and Scientific](#) - Work out solutions to problems through theories and ideas, and by investigation and experimentation.
- [Creative and Artistic](#) - Express yourself and your ideas through your work.
- [Helping and Advising](#) - Help people, often through advising, teaching, guiding or treating them.
- [Nature and Recreation](#) - Many occupations involve working outdoors and are active and physical.
- [Organising and Clerical](#) - Occupations that gather facts and figures, and recording and interpreting them.
- [Persuading and Service](#) - Selling, or promoting ideas or a point of view, often industries involving people.
- [Practical and Manual](#) - Working with a lot of tools and equipment, and their hands, to make things.

## Join the YMCA Youth Parliament

Are you interested in community issues? Then you might be interested in joining the [YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament \(QYP\)](#). The program is wholly run by an executive team, all under the age of 25; truly making it a program by young people, for young people. If you are between 15 and 25 years of age, you are invited to nominate. Nominations for the 2021 program are now open. You can nominate via their [website](#).

## New Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment

The Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment has a [new website](#) where you can find information about:

- Early Childhood
- Schooling
- Higher Education
- Skills and Training
- Employment
- International Education
- Feature articles
- Announcements

Check it out and make more informed career decisions

## Start investigating your career options now

### Important to know:

- Career exploration can give you a sense of control about your future! Remember that you are only exploring jobs for your first step in life, not for your whole life. The future world of work will continue to present exciting opportunities over time, which will lead to future jobs and careers, probably even ones that haven't been invented yet.
- Remember, there is not one 'ideal' job for you. There may be several jobs that will build on your skills, knowledge and experience and will give you the things you want from a job (e.g. enjoyment, challenge, good income, working in a team, prestige, management opportunities, work/life balance, variety, skill development, self-employment, respect, travel or a combination of all of these).

### Where to start:

- Make a list of the jobs you have already considered. The list can include your dream job (i.e. a job you would love to have but are unsure what you need to do to get it)
- Talk with five people who know you well (include a parent/guardian and a teacher). Ask them what jobs they think you would like and why. Some of their suggestions will be worth investigating further, so add them to your job list but remember it's only their opinion
- Think about your favourite subjects at school. Use the [Career Bullseyes](#) to find jobs related to these subjects. Select the jobs you find interesting and add them to your job list.
- Do a careers questionnaire. There are many career questionnaires that can help you learn more about yourself and the jobs you might like.
  - [Job Outlook - Career quiz](#)
  - [myfuture](#) (sign up when entering for the first time - it's free for Queenslanders)
  - [Career Quest](#)

Add to your job list, any jobs you found interesting based on the questionnaire you did. You probably have 10 or more jobs on your list by now. The next step is to research these jobs in more detail and come up with three or four you like the most. The following websites will help you. Delete any jobs from your list that don't meet your interests or expectations.

- [Job Outlook](#)
- [myfuture](#) (Log in and go to Occupations)
- [The Good Universities Guide – Careers Guide](#) (click on the relevant industry area to find the job)

You now have a list of jobs, aligned to your interests and expectations worth exploring further. What things can you do next?

- consider speaking with people already in the jobs;
- doing a work observation (i.e. following a person in the job for a couple of days)
- seeking work experience in the jobs you've identified
- speak to your school Guidance Counsellor/Officer who can help you organise these activities and opportunities

Remember this is an ongoing process and your list can change as you move through school and gain more work and personal insights.

## Where to next

Visit the [CareersEvent.com](#) website and check out the [Welcome to Your Seminar Hub](#). You can click on a category that best suits your dream career, select from a series of video seminars and downloadable information from Universities, Colleges and more and plan your next career move! Categories include:

- Information technology
- Creative Arts
- Science
- Defence
- Tourism and Travel
- Universities
- Health
- Skills-based
- Teaching
- Student Accommodation
- Application process
- Private Colleges

# Employment

## Day in the life of a Bachelor of Paramedicine student at ACU

Take a look at what it's like in the day of the life of an ACU Bachelor of Paramedicine student [here](#).

## Have you heard of Tanker Drivers, Technical Cable Joiners or Telecommunication Network Engineers

[Tanker Drivers](#) drive tanker trucks requiring a specially endorsed class of licence, to transport bulk liquids. They can specialise in Milk Tanker Driver, Petrol Tanker Driver, Water Tanker Driver. You can work as a Tanker Driver without formal qualifications. Some on the job training may be provided. A certificate II or III in Gaseous Fuel Delivery Operations or driving operations might be helpful.

[Technical Cable Joiners](#) join insulated electric power cables installed in underground conduits and trenches, and prepare cable terminations for connection to electrical equipment and overhead lines. You usually need a certificate III in cable jointing to work as a Technical Cable Joiner. This course is often completed as part of an apprenticeship.

[Telecommunication Network Engineers](#) plan, design, and monitor complex telecommunications networks and associated broadcasting equipment. They are also known as Communications Specialist (ICT), Telecommunications Consultant, or Telecommunications Specialist. You usually need a bachelor or postgraduate degree in engineering with a major in telecommunication network engineering to work as a Telecommunications Network Engineer. Some workers have a Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualification.

## Looking at a job in policing or security?

There are several employing organisations you can investigate. These include:

- [Queensland Police Recruiting](#)
- [Australian Federal Police](#)
- [Australian Defence Force](#)
- [Australian Secret Intelligence Service](#)
- [Australian Security Intelligence Organisation](#)
- [Australian Border Force](#)
- [Queensland Corrective Services](#)
- [Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol](#)

When you are exploring these websites, you can investigate:

- What are the jobs (and job titles) used by the organisation?

- What are the duties undertaken in these jobs?
- Entry requirements – age, education level, tests required, physical/medical requirements, criminal checks, drivers licence, etc.
- If you get the job, do you have to live away from home?
- Do they recommend you do specific university or TAFE courses?
- Would having a second language be an advantage?
- What is the recruitment process?
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Can you contact the organisation by email from the website for other questions you might have?

Your Guidance Officer or School Counsellor or Careers Advisor will be your first step to gaining more information or suggestions about a career within the services.

## The future of work will be hybrid

According to Mccrindle's third phase of research that explored the impacts of COVID-19, since a global pandemic was declared, two in five Australians (41%) have worked from home. Almost one in four (24%) are still working from home, while 13% are now back in the office. Although Australians have enjoyed working from home, only 14% of employed Australians see their ideal working situation as one where everyone is working from home all of the time. The future of work is likely to be hybrid, with three in five Australians (61%) looking for a degree of flexibility in their working arrangements with a mix of working from home and in the office or workplace. [Find out more about this valuable research here including:](#)

- The office is not dead, but it will look different
- Young Australians are driving the new normal of work to be characterised by greater flexibility and collaboration
- COVID-19 is revolutionising the workplace

## What Jobs Will be in Demand in 2024?

According to the Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business, and the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER), the three predicted industry areas that are expected to have a massive spike in employment are nursing, software and applications programming and teaching. These rapidly expanding industries make up a high proportion of expected job openings between 2017 and 2024, but [a report by NCVER](#) details that this is mostly as a result of replacement demand rather than employment growth. [Find out more here.](#)

## What are job clusters?

The [Foundation for Young Australians \(FYA\)](#) researched 1,000 occupations and identified seven large job clusters based on similar skills wanted by employers. These clusters are:

- The Artisans (builders and maintainers)
- The Generators (sellers and servers)
- The Coordinators (balance the books and do repetitive tasks)
- The Informers (teach and provide information)
- The Designers (use expertise to construct or engineer things)
- The Carers (improve the wellbeing of others)
- The Technologists (understand and manipulate digital technology).

## How is it relevant for job identification?

- The skills you get from working in one job could be transferred to 13 other jobs. It is important to recognise the skills you have and understand their transferability.
- With seven new job clusters, you could choose a cluster based on your strengths and interests rather than on one dream job.
- You could get a 'foot-in-the-door' to a job cluster through an entry level job in the cluster and progress from there to other jobs that you find rewarding.
- Some job clusters have stronger prospects than others. It would be wise to consider clusters with strong prospects and jobs that are most likely to grow.
- You could develop a portfolio of skills that will give you a broad range of options within the type of work you want to do in the future. This could future proof your employment.

Read FYA's full report, [The New Work Mindset](#), to see examples of jobs within job clusters and the transferable skills they share. The FYA has developed a fun [quiz](#) to identify a job cluster for you based on how you respond to the quiz. If nothing else, it will help you understand the job cluster concept. After you complete the quiz, read '[What the blazes should I study so I can get a job in the future?](#)' for more about job clusters.

# Financial Assistance & Scholarships



## Australian University (ANU) Tuckwell Scholarship

ANU offers a unique [Tuckwell Scholarship](#) which allows you to study a [single or double undergraduate](#) program, including honours and vertical degrees (degrees that combine undergraduate and graduate study, across a range of disciplines, completed in a reduced time-frame), in any discipline offered at ANU for up to five years. It is best to do some research around the application process and eligibility before the scholarship opens early in 2021 for entry to ANU in 2022.

## Check out scholarships for 2021

Universities, TAFE Queensland, private education providers, the Commonwealth and Queensland governments, some professional associations and industry groups offer scholarships. Common categories include:

- Sporting scholarships
- Equity scholarships for low income students, students with disability, women and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
- Scholarships for specific fields of study
- Financial hardship scholarships
- Campus scholarships
- International student scholarships
- Academic scholarships.

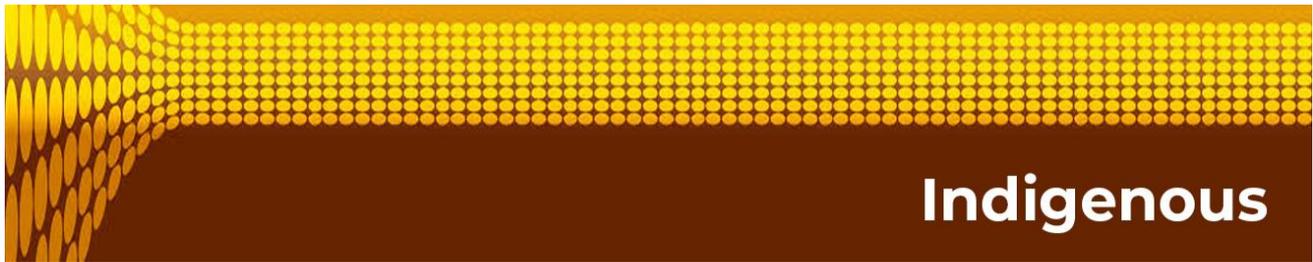
A scholarship can help with course fees, textbooks, accommodation costs, transport and living expenses. No matter what your further education and training goals, it's worth finding out what's available. You can get scholarship information from:

- Scholarship pages on University, TAFE Queensland and other education institute websites by clicking on their search tab and type in Scholarships
- [Study Assist website](#)
- [The Good Universities Guide](#)
- [Rural and Regional Enterprise scholarships](#)
- Your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor.

Scholarship information for the following year is generally available on University websites from Term 2 each year.

## **Learn to manage your money now**

Whether you have a job or receive an allowance, understanding how to manage your money can help you survive and thrive. The Queensland Government has put together some tips to provide you with some useful advice to help you to get in control of your money to help you achieve your goals. You can find out about: [Banking](#), [Budgeting](#), [Credit and debt](#), [Financial counselling](#), [First job](#), [Getting a car](#), [Getting a pet](#), [Insurance](#), [Investing](#), [Mobile phone deals and plans](#), [Moving out of home](#), [Online transactions](#), [Saving](#), [Scams](#), [Study costs](#), [Superannuation](#), [Tax](#), and [more information](#).



## **Indigenous Careers with the Australian Government Development Program**

The [Indigenous Careers](#) website connects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with Australian Government Jobs. Their website contains a range of useful information and links including:

- [Current vacancies](#)
- [Recruitment Pathways](#)
- [Indigenous Australian Government Development Program](#)
- [Temporary Employment Register](#)

## **QUT Campus tours for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students**

The [Oodgeroo Unit](#) is the QUT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student support centre, committed to developing better access to university education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Contact the Unit to arrange a campus tour and you can request a [resource pack](#).

## **Queensland Government - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Careers and Training**

Visit the [Queensland Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander](#) website and access information relating to:

- [Education and Training](#)
- [Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Program](#)
- [Employment and Business](#)
- [Managing your home and money](#)
- [Legal support and reporting crime](#)
- [Family and Social Support](#)
- [Driving and Transport](#)
- [Health and Staying Active](#)
- [Cultural Awareness, heritage and the arts](#)
- [Environment, land use and native title](#)
- [Having your say](#)

The website also contains information for current cadetships and traineeships, graduate opportunities and other useful job and application information.

# Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



## 2021 Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo

[The 2021 Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo](#) to be held on Tuesday 20 July 2021 is a must for anyone interested in starting, changing or upgrading their career including – high school students and their parents, mature age and post graduate students. Get expert advice during the Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo for your transition from education to employment. This annual event held at Venue 114 offers a wealth of information for visitors including:

- Access the latest careers, course study and employment options.
- Advice on enrolment procedures.
- Talk to local and national employers.
- Opportunity to talk to admissions staff.
- Meet with interstate and overseas exhibitors.
- Info on bursaries, scholarship and application procedures.
- Compare courses from different providers.
- Students services, GAP and exchange programs.

## 2021 TSXPO Tertiary Studies Expo

The 2021 TSXPO is on again. Plan your visit to the Tertiary Studies Expo, Brisbane to be held on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 July 2021 from 10am - 4pm. Get expert advice for your transition from education to employment at all stages of your journey. Travelling to TSXPO at the Royal International Convention Centre via bus or train is made simple with student fares from Translink! Check the [getting here page](#) for details. Before visiting the event:

- Download the [competition details](#), complete the form and bring with you to deliver to the TSXPO prize barrel during the event.
- View the [online exhibitor list](#) and note companies of interest to speak with.
- Read over the [visitor tab](#) and complete the [student worksheet](#) to bring with you to the event.
- Look over the [seminar program](#) to highlight sessions you plan to attend.

## 2021 Townsville Careers Expo

Visit the [2021 Townsville Careers Expo](#) to be held on Monday 2 August, 2021 if you are starting to research your options, changing or upgrading your career including. The Expo offers a wealth of information for visitors including –

- Access the latest careers, course study and employment options.
- Advice on enrolment procedures.
- Talk to local and national employers.
- Opportunity to talk to admissions staff.
- Meet with interstate and overseas exhibitors.

- Info on bursaries, scholarship and application procedures.
- Compare courses from different providers
- Students services, GAP and exchange programs

## Career and tertiary expos in Queensland in 2021

Career and tertiary expos are a great resource for exploring career and course options. At these events, you can talk to representatives from universities, TAFE, private colleges, employers, and industry groups. These events are held annually throughout Queensland, usually during the first half of the year. They will be reported in later bulletins.

## New York Film Academy Australia virtual open day

The [New York Film Academy Australia](#) will be holding an Online Open Day on 13 February commencing at 12 noon. The sessions are live and you can submit questions to the hosts to be answered live during the session. The Online Open Day will include information on the following and you can [register here](#):

- Programs and areas of study they offer
- Equipment you will work with during your time there
- Learn about their faculty and alumni
- Village Roadshow Studios and Warner Bros. Movie World partnerships
- Application and enrolment process
- Explore your pathways to degrees
- Financial options

## World Science Festival Brisbane and regional areas

Do you wonder what science is all about? Find out through an interesting and entertaining program. The festival will take place between 24 and 28 March 2021 at various venues around Brisbane and regional Queensland. View the program on the [festival website](#) and see your Science teacher now if interested or you might miss out. Explore a variety of science events across Brisbane and Regional Queensland.

### ***Brisbane***

From 24 – 28 March 2021. From engaging and enthralling conversations with leading scientists and experts to a collision of science and art over 5 days there is something for all ages at World Science Festival Brisbane in 2021.

### ***Regional Events***

The Festival will continue bringing science to Regional Queensland! Each region will host a community day including science events for all ages and Street Science! Events will be held at:

#### **Townsville**

7 - 7 May 2021

Holiday Program – 18 September – 4 October 2021

#### **Chinchilla**

6 - 7 June 2021

**Gladstone**

29 - 30 August 2021

**Toowoomba**

10 - 11 October 2021

Holiday Program – 26 June - 11 July 2021

**Ipswich**

7 - 8 November 2021

Holiday Program – 18 September - 4 October 2021

[Join the World Science Festival Brisbane mailing list](#) to be the first to hear about program announcements and further information!

# Private Provider Updates

## Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS)

No experience is necessary to join the 5 day [Feature Documentary Intensive](#) course starting 1 February where you'll learn how to develop your idea into a production. Award-winning filmmaker [Dylan Blowsen's](#) experience, constructive feedback and practical ideas will also guide you on how to get started in the industry. Limited spaces remain so [enrol today](#). Other [short courses](#) starting soon include AFTRS' [Industry Certificate: Production Accounting](#) starting 8 February and [Budgeting Fundamentals: Online](#) starting 15 February. [Enrol here](#).

## Brisbane Arts Theatre short courses

The independent [Brisbane Arts Theatre](#) are offering a range of 2021 weekend student workshops. Training is available for students from 8 to 18 years and various skill levels. Visit their website to register and for up to date event details, including:

- [Performing Arts Workshops](#) from 9am to 11am on Saturday mornings or 12 noon - 2pm Sunday afternoon
- [Musical Theatre Workshops](#) from 9am to 11am Sunday mornings
- [Teen Creative Workshops](#) from 9am to 11am on Saturday mornings

## NIDA courses in Brisbane

NIDA Open are giving [children](#), [young people](#) and [adults](#) in Brisbane the opportunity to engage in a variety of short courses including [acting](#), and [tv presenting](#), in order to unlock their creative potential. Open classes in Brisbane include:

- [Term classes](#) for children and young people
- [Core Techniques](#) and [Screen Acting Techniques 2](#) short courses for adults



# QTAC & Tertiary Entry

## What do I have to do to get into a university course in 2021?

In Queensland, you apply for most tertiary courses through the [Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre](#) (QTAC). QTAC is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation. It calculates the ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) for all eligible students and then processes QTAC applications on behalf of Queensland universities, some interstate universities, TAFE Queensland and some private colleges.

Each year in June, QTAC distributes the *QTAC Guide* to all Year 12 students in Queensland. This book contains information about the application and offer process as well as the courses on offer through QTAC for the following year. The guide provides course information for over 1600 courses. It is wise to double check this information on their website.

The online application usually opens in early August and closes in December for most offer rounds. QTAC make offers to students from November through to February. Year 12 students can change their course preferences (for most courses) after they have submitted their application, but this must be done within the specified QTAC guidelines/timeframe set out in the QTAC book and on their website.

Through QTAC you can apply for up to six courses across different institutions. However, you only receive one course offer. It is recommended that you connect with QTAC on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#) for important news updates.

You apply directly to Queensland education institutions that do not use the services of QTAC. Queensland students can apply for interstate courses through interstate tertiary admissions centres (the exception is Tasmania where you apply directly to the University of Tasmania). To find out more about universities in Australia and the courses they offer, visit:

- [Course Seeker](#)
- [QILT](#)
- [The Good Universities Guide](#)
- [Rate your Uni](#)

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# Universities

## **Life after ATAR: Navigating the world of offers, preferences and pathways**

Know someone who finished Year 12 last year and is still unsure about which pathway to take? It could be helpful for them to read [The Good Universities Guide's information](#) on Making sense of your ATAR, Change of Preference (It may not be too late to change), Offers, Pathways to uni, Vocational Education, taking a gap year. There are helpful links throughout the article that may be of value in the future.

## **The Good Universities Guide 2021**

*The Good Universities Guide* is a comprehensive and current and will enable you to make an informed choice when selecting a course and provider to achieve your career goals. You can find information on the following and more:

- institution profiles grouped by state
- entry requirements and ATAR cut-off scores
- financial assistance, fees and scholarships
- an updated editorial section.

It's never too early to start your research that will assist your career decision making. [Click here](#) to find out more and to purchase a copy.

## **The top performers in The Good Universities Guide 2021 ratings**

The annual Good Universities Guide 2021 [ratings provide](#) a series of rankings and insights on Australian universities, helping you in the decision-making process when deciding where to study. The ratings are grouped into the areas of Characteristics, Educational experience and Graduate outcomes.

## **Torrens University Australia returns to campus**

Torrens University Australia will be providing students with the option of returning to campus from T1, 2021. [Find out more here.](#)

## **Australian Catholic University**

## ACU College announcement

ACU College has been the centre for delivering vocational education and training (VET) qualifications and short courses at ACU as a registered training organisation. It was announced on 7 December 2020 that the university will be discontinuing the College. Consequently, no new enrolments will be taken for ACU College from the beginning of 2021, however they will be teaching out programs for current students who have commenced studies at the College.

## ACU Pathway Finder

ACU admission pathways are designed to help you meet the entry requirements of your chosen course. Use their new [Pathway Finder](#) to discover which courses have relevant pathways in your study areas of interest. You can also explore their entry programs such as ACU Guarantee. Using the [Pathway Finder](#) is simple. You can narrow down your admission pathways by study area and course, or you can explore your options based on your personal situation. You can [book a guided visit](#) or visit their [Youtube channel](#).

## Bond University

### Bond: Thinking about Bond Uni?

Deciding on a degree or program is a personal choice. It's about choosing the right program for you; your interests, your future. Whether you're venturing into a new area of study or looking to build upon your experience and knowledge in a particular field, Bond offers a range of undergraduate degrees and programs, diplomas and non-award programs. [Click here](#) to discover more about Bond program, semester intake and entry requirements.

## Central Queensland University

### CQUniversity a brief overview

[Locations](#) - CQU has 10 Queensland campuses including [Brisbane](#), [Bundaberg](#), [Cairns](#), [Emerald](#), [Gladstone](#), [Mackay, City](#), [Mackay, Ooralea](#), [Rockhampton, City](#), [Rockhampton, North](#), [Townsville](#). Visit the [Locations webpage](#) for more information about these, interstate and overseas campuses/centres.

[Range of courses](#) – CQU offers [apprenticeships and traineeships](#), [TAFE courses](#) and university programs. Visit the home page of the [CQU website](#) for links to the fields of study available. Modes of study include on-campus, full-time, part-time and distance education depending on the course.

**Pathways** - There are several pathways into degrees at CQU. These include certificate and diploma vocational courses and the [Skills for Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies \(STEPS\)](#).

[Start Uni Now \(SUN\)](#) – SUN enables students in Years 11 and 12 (Year 10s are eligible for Term 3, November intake only) to study CQU subjects while still at school. The application due date for Term 1, is 12 February 2021. You may be eligible for direct entry into a degree program at the end of Year 12 if you pass at least one SUN subject from a degree program. Visit the [SUN website](#) to see if SUN is for you. [Click here](#) to find term dates and application closing dates for Terms 1, 2 and 3, 2021

[CQU YouTube site](#) has videos on the CQU locations and courses. They are brief and will give you a good overview of CQU and what it offers.

## Griffith University

### Explore Griffith

Start your exploration of Griffith University on the [Study at Griffith webpage](#). Learn about Griffith campuses and courses, university life and much more.

## James Cook University

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JCU offers many course options with campuses in Cairns and Townsville and smaller campuses in Brisbane (which offers courses to international students), Mackay, Mount Isa, Thursday Island and Singapore. Visit the [Campuses site](#) for more information about these locations. Use the [JCU home page](#) to browse courses. JCU is one of the world's leading institutions focusing on the tropics. Courses prepare students for issues facing northern Australia and the tropics.

Prospective students are welcome to visit the JCU campuses. [Guided campus tours](#) are available and need to be booked at least two weeks in advance. You can explore the Cairns and Townsville campuses via [interactive maps](#). You can also access [accommodation options](#) available.

## Melbourne University

### The University of Melbourne study opportunities

Are you thinking of studying interstate? Now is a good time to start your research as you will probably need to put in several Tertiary Admissions applications. Find out more about the opportunities at Melbourne University.

- [Find a course](#)
- [How to Apply](#)
- [Entry Requirements](#)
- [Support services](#)
- [Connect with University Melbourne](#)

You can also [subscribe](#) to the MyMelbourne monthly newsletter on the Future Students website.

## Queensland University of Technology

## Accommodation service

The QUT accommodation service provides students with information and advice on finding and securing accommodation. QUT accommodation service has a list of [accommodation providers](#), and a [self-help rental guide](#) to help plan and prepare for a rental journey. [QUT Studystays website](#) has a large collection of accommodation options and includes all the major commercial accommodation providers in Brisbane for easy access. To find out more, visit QUT's [Living in Brisbane](#) webpage or email [accommodation@qut.edu.au](mailto:accommodation@qut.edu.au)

## Ready STEM Go!

QUT has launched a new YouTube show, [Ready STEM Go](#). In each episode, host Mackenzi Oliver, (current STEM student) will journey into the lives of some QUT alumnus from around the world. Featuring real stories focussing on the path QUT alumni have taken to get where there are today.

## START QUT

START QUT gives you the best chance of finding a course you'll enjoy by trying out university subjects while you're in Semester 2 of Year 11 and Year 12. You can trial potential study areas, experience the university lifestyle and learn about the differences between high school and university. You'll be part of the student community and attend lectures, tutorials or workshops with other QUT students. Applications open 31 March, 2021. [Find out more](#).

## Science 360

Interested in studying science at QUT? You can experience QUT in their 360° world. Interact with their online environments and hear from real students who've learned at QUT. [Experience 360 degrees of QUT](#).

## Virtual tours

Explore the university for the real world with 360° videos and 3D tours of their facilities. [Take a tour now](#).

## What's on in 2021 for QUT Young Accelerators

QUT's Young Accelerators program offers on-campus curriculum-mapped STEM workshops and events that aim to excite and inspire learning by combining STEM with creative learning and entrepreneurship. [Take a look what's on in 2021](#).

## Why choose QUT?

As a Year 12 student, it is not too early for you to begin exploring your tertiary options for 2021. The [QUT website section for high school students](#) will help you start your exploration of the options available at QUT.

## The University of Queensland

### 2021 UQ Science Ambassador Program

Through this program, science teachers nominate Year 11 students to interact with UQ and assist their school's science teachers to raise the profile of science in the school. If you are in Year 11 and are interested in being a part of this program, talk to your science teacher and visit the [website](#). Applications are open now and close on 1 April 2021.

### Are you a future student of UQ?

Access the [Future Students](#) page on UQ's website to start your exploration of courses available at UQ. Find out about pathways to UQ and the activities you can participate in as a high school student.

## University of Southern Queensland

### Head Start at the University of Southern Queensland

USQ's [Head Start program](#) gives students in Years 10, 11 and 12 an opportunity to study a university subject while still at school. Successful completion of certain subjects could lead to guaranteed entry and academic credit into related degrees at USQ. [Key dates](#) and the closing date for applications for Semester 1, 2021 is 22 February 2021. Find out other semester closing dates and more by visiting the [Head Start website](#).

## University of the Sunshine Coast

### Creative writing outreach program

This practice-based program is designed to inspire student-writers to embrace their creativity and develop their understanding of narrative. The program will equip participants with the fundamentals of creative writing, while developing their analytical and grammar skills for use in their wider education. The program is delivered by USC Creative Writing academics. [Click here for more information.](#)

### Uni pathways

There are many ways to get started at uni. If you're exploring a career change, or haven't studied in a while, USC offers a range of study options that can help you build your skills and confidence and make a start on your goals. This includes the [Tertiary Preparation Pathway](#), a bridging course to help you brush up on your study skills and gain entry to a degree. [Click here for more information.](#)

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
30/01/2021 to 31/01/2021	Torrens University Australia Open Day 2021
13/02/2021	New York Film Academy Australia Online Open Day
22/02/2021	Semester 1, 2021 Head Start at the University of Southern Queensland closing date