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# Apprenticeships & Traineeships



## Explore Occupations

There are hundreds of occupations that you can do an Australian Apprenticeship in. The Australian Apprenticeship Pathways job and training descriptions can help you explore potential apprenticeship and traineeship pathways. Find out what is involved in that role, the training and employment and wage data for the industry. [Find out more here.](#)

## Having a driving licence may give you an edge when applying for an apprenticeship

In some trade areas employers are more likely to take on an apprentice who has a driver's licence. This is especially true in the construction and automotive industries where there are multiple and changing worksites or you need to test drive cars. Construction apprentices depending on parents and/or public transport to get to the worksite may not be practical or even possible.

If you are interested in applying for an apprenticeship, especially in the construction or automotive industry, consider applying for your learner driver licence when you become eligible (16 years of age). Once you turn 17, have 100 hours or more of supervised driving experience and pass the practical driving test, you will be issued a provisional licence. This licence allows you to drive unsupervised. Visit the [Department of Transport and Main Roads website](#) to find out more about obtaining a driver's licence. Leaving this until the end of Year 12 may put you at a disadvantage.

## Start your apprenticeship or traineeship while you are still at school

Starting an apprenticeship or traineeship while still at school is a real option. You need to be confident that you really want to follow this career when you leave school so it's best to think about doing some work experience in the area before you make the commitment. It's important that you talk to your parents and people at your school, such as your VET Coordinator or Guidance/Career Counsellor to gain a good understanding of your options. You could start a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SATs) in Year 10 once it is arranged.

A SAT will give you a head start on the training you require while still being eligible to complete your secondary education. This training is a formal course through TAFE or another registered training organisation in addition to your on-the-job-training. Your school timetable will be altered so you can meet your apprenticeship and school obligations. Normally, when you have a SAT, you spend one or two days with your employer and the rest of the week at school.

It's possible to complete a traineeship while still at school. Apprenticeships however, normally take longer. School-based apprenticeships are usually converted to full-time apprenticeships when you leave

school. Find out more about SATs at [Queensland Government Apprenticeships Info website](#) and the [Australian Apprenticeships Pathways](#) websites and organise a meeting with your school's VET Coordinator and/or Guidance Counsellor/Officer to talk about SATs opportunities.

### **What is a Blue Card and do I need one?**

You will need a blue card if you are paid for your work or are a student enrolled in a tertiary course (including certificate, TAFE and university courses) and need to do a practical placement. Students studying a VET (Vocational Education and Training) course such as Certificate III or Diploma, in which they are required to do a work placement involving young people (under 18 years of age) are required, by law, to have a Blue Card. The Blue Card system in Queensland is used to monitor those who work with young people. Its aim is to reduce the risks of harm to young people by creating a safe and non-threatening environment. The Registered Training Organisation (RTO) conducting the VET course (a school or outside organisation) is responsible for applying for Blue Cards on behalf of the students doing a course. You can read more about Blue Cards on the [Blue Card Services website](#).

# AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

## ADF Gap year - Apply now

You can now apply for the 2022 Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year, to experience life in the Navy, Army or Air Force. It's an opportunity to experience military life, without committing to a longer period - 'signing up'. An ADF Gap Year is a way to have an adventurous year, gain valuable skills and work experience and get paid for it. [Currently there are 19 roles](#) to choose from for your 2022 Gap year experience including administration, cabin crew, artillery operator, driver, engineer and more. Be aware that it is a very popular program and once all roles are filled the program will close. [Click here](#) to find out how to apply and you must be an Australian citizen, aged between 18 and 24 years on admission and have completed Year 12 (required passes vary by job).

## Australian Defence Force information sessions

Stay informed about important upcoming [Queensland and National ADF events and information sessions](#) by visiting the Defence Jobs website. View the specific events information link for more details including location, times and to book your tickets. Further information about these events and Army Reserve Information Sessions can be accessed on the ADF [Facebook](#) site.

- 09/03/2021 [Cairns: Gap Year Information Session](#)  
[Loganlea: A Night in the Army Reserve](#)
- 10/03/2021 [Gold Coast: ADFA Information Session](#)  
[Toowoomba: Recruiting Now Information Session](#)  
[Townsville: Gap Year Information Session](#)
- 11/03/2021 [Maroochydore: Communications, IT & Intelligence Information Session](#)
- 13/03/2021 [Gold Coast: I Can, You Can Women in Defence Luncheon](#)
- 15.03/2021 [Gladstone: Gap Year Information Session](#)
- 16/03/2021 [Gold Coast: Gap Year Information Session](#)  
[Cairns: A Night in the Army Reserve](#)
- 17/03/2021 [Rockhampton: Gap Year Information Session](#)
- 18/03/2021 [Toowoomba: Gap Year Information Session](#)
- 22/03/2021 [Spring Hill: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 23/03/2021 [Toowoomba: Army Reserve Information Session for Employers](#)

[Southport: Army Reserve Information Session](#)

24/03/2021

[Brisbane: Health Careers Information Session](#)



## Are you choosing a course for the right reasons?

[Deciding on a course](#) can be tough. You need to think about what you want to study, how you want to do it and where, and whether it's a realistic path towards your preferred career. There are big differences between courses, so how do you know you're [making the right choice](#)? There are many reasons on which to base your decision, but some are far smarter than others. To make sure you stay on the right path, the article [Are you choosing a course for the right reasons?](#) lists some reasons to avoid:

- You're expecting a high score so you're opting for a tough course
- The field of work seems glamorous
- You're feeling pressure to commit to a specific uni or course
- You've heard the job pays well

## Australian occupations

JobJumpstart says that 'Occupation' is the name given to the type of work a person does. For example, a doctor, mechanic, project manager, physiotherapist or cabinet maker. You'll probably work in a number of different occupations over the course of your working life. Many of the skills and abilities developed working in one occupation are directly transferable and applicable to others. The [Job Outlook website](#) has information on hundreds of different occupations. They also offer job descriptions, average wages and main tasks. By exploring the website, you can get a sense of the kind of work that might suit you. The site can also help you understand the skills and roles that will be in demand in the future. [Click here to find some tools that can help you in your research including:](#)

- Know about jobs and employers
- Get job and career ideas
- Identify the skills you need for the job you want

## Have you heard of Hospital Orderlies, Journalists and other writers or Window Dressers?

[Hospital Orderlies](#) assist with the provision of care to patients in a hospital by ensuring wards are neat and tidy, lifting and turning patients and transporting them in wheelchairs or on movable beds and providing direct care and support. They are also known as wards persons or patient services assistant. You can work as a hospital orderly without formal qualifications, however, a certificate II or III in health support services or health services assistance may be useful.

[Journalists and Other Writers](#) research and compile news stories, write and edit news reports, commentaries and feature stories for presentation in print and electronic media and compose written material to advertise goods and services. You usually need a university qualification in journalism, writing, communications or another related field to work as a journalist or other writer. Some workers have a Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualification.

[Visual Merchandisers](#) plan and install internal, window and fixed displays to show goods to their best advantage. They are also referred to as a Window Dresser. You can work as a Visual Merchandiser without formal qualifications. Some on the job training may be provided. A certificate III or IV in visual merchandising or sales and marketing might be helpful.

## Key features of the myfuture website for students

You can discover over 350 occupations, or complete activities using *My career profile* to help identify your skills, interests and values and obtain a list of suggested occupations to explore. You can also search courses, learn about industries, read career articles from experts and real-life stories about pathways others have taken from school to work. [Learn more about features for students](#)

## Not sure how to start thinking about your career options?

The High Five are wise concepts to consider when making career decisions.

1. **Change is constant** - The world of work is always changing. You also change as you develop personally and experience life. Don't be afraid of change; accept it and use it as an opportunity.
2. **Know yourself and follow your heart** - A most important skills in career management are self-awareness – knowing your interests, abilities, values, aspirations and the things/people that influence you. Start your job ideas list with jobs you would most like (dream jobs) even if they are currently unrealistic. This can get you started and lead to other jobs you hadn't thought of.
3. **Focus on the journey** - It's good to have goals, both short and long term. However, you should not be so focused on them that you miss opportunities that may emerge along the way.
4. **Learning is ongoing** - Learning doesn't stop just because you finish your course and get a job. Just as change is constant so is the need to keep up to speed with new technologies, new methods of practice and emerging trends in your career field.
5. **Access your allies** - These are the people who can help and support you during your career journey, your school guidance officer/counsellor, teachers, your family and friends, sport coaches and others within your social network. You can learn much from other people's experiences.

## The ConocoPhillips Science Experience

The ConocoPhillips Science Experience is a fun 3 to 4 days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students. Each program is designed to provide students with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists. You can attend any one of the programs listed on the [Where and When](#) page where you will also find program dates, locations, application and fees details, application closing dates and more. Speak to your Science teacher if you are interested in attending.

## Thinking about what to do after finishing school?

[Job Jumstart](#) has three tips to help you to start to sort through the options you have after finishing school:

1. Not sure what study or jobs you might want to do? Reflect on what activities you like doing and what you want out of a job. This can help you understand the types of jobs that might suit you. When thinking about jobs that might interest you, it's good to know what's really involved, including the skills, training and qualifications needed for the job. Start your research by visiting [myfuture](#) and [Job Outlook A - Z jobs](#).

2. Mightn't get the ATAR you were hoping for? Wondering what your options are if you didn't get the ATAR score you needed to get into your chosen university course? Speak with your Guidance Officer/Career counsellor and/or VET coordinator to find out your options so when the time comes you know how best to preference your course options at the end of school to ensure that you have a pathway that will get you where you want to go.

3. Want to earn while you learn? Apprenticeships and traineeships are available in over 500 different occupations. If you're interested in bringing in some cash while learning new skills and you want to take on an apprenticeship or traineeship look into the option of a [school based apprenticeship](#). Remember that not all jobs need further study or training.

## Why work experience?

The best way to explore a job you are interested in is to try it. This sounds obvious, doesn't it? However, it is often the last thing people think of when exploring jobs and making career decisions. The following are ways you can try a job.

- Work observation/shadowing - spend one or two days with someone already in the job
- Work experience – spend up to a week working in the job
- Volunteering – volunteer your services to an organisation that has jobs you are interested in
- Part-time paid work – explore the possibility of part-time or casual work in your preferred career area
- Join an activity group where you can try out some of the skills you will need in the job you like e.g. join the Air Force Cadets or the St John Ambulance Cadets
- Participating in various programs associated with specific career areas e.g. Engineering Link projects

The benefits of trying a job are:

- Learning about what the job involves
- Having a structured, supervised, hands-on experience
- Experiencing a work environment – the world of work isn't like school!
- Gaining a new referee to add to your resume
- Developing contacts that may help you gain employment in the future.

Your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor or VET Coordinator can help you organise work experience. Read '[Tips for finding work experience](#)' on the [myfuture website](#) for other ways of finding work experience.

# Financial Assistance & Scholarships



## **Budgeting as a Student – tips on how to manage your money with new expenses!**

The University of Queensland has published a '[Budgeting as a Student](#)' webpage to provide some penny pinching tips for university students. Some of the suggestions include:

- Going to [Market Day](#) during O-Fest to collect free pens
- Checking if your textbooks are available [second hand](#)
- Keeping your books in good condition and [selling them](#) at the end of the semester

The website goes further to provide tips on:

- Staying fed
- Getting around
- Social life and wellness

There are multiple links to other resources and organisations throughout the website. Be sure to check it out if you are considering university next year!

## **Business, Economics and Law Scholarships for women of Samoan heritage**

Established in 2016 and maintained by an annual donation from Janelle Donnelly, the purpose of the scholarship is to encourage and support female students of Samoan heritage to undertake studies in the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law at The University of Queensland. The scholarship is valued at \$1500 and applications for 2021 have now closed but keep an eye on the [JM Donnelly Scholarship website](#) for more information for Scholarships in 2022.

## **TAFE Queensland Scholarships**

TAFE Queensland offer scholarships in two main categories: Merit scholarships and Access and equity scholarships. [Click here](#) to read more and to find out which courses are scholarship eligible and to register to receive further scholarship information from TAFE Queensland.

## **Tuckwell Scholarship applications now open**

The [Tuckwell Scholarship Program](#) awards 25 Scholarships each year and offer talented and motivated students the opportunity to realise their potential by providing financial support, personal enrichment and development opportunities. Most importantly, Scholars can connect with and learn from one another within their home on campus, Scholars House at ANU. Before commencing an application, you should:

1. Review the [Conditions of Award](#);
2. Read the [2021 Tuckwell Scholarship Application Guide](#); and
3. Discuss your interest, suitability and eligibility for the Scholarship with a teacher, principal, Head of Year or careers counsellor.

To apply to commence study at ANU on a Tuckwell Scholarship in 2022, you must:

1. Complete and submit the [ANU Direct Application](#) as soon as possible and before 14 April 2021 (11.59PM AEDT)
2. Complete and submit the Tuckwell Scholarship Stage 1 Application Form as soon as possible and before 18 April 2021 (11.59PM AEDT).

The [ANU Direct Application](#) will ask if you wish to apply for a Tuckwell Scholarship to which you must answer “yes” if you wish to apply.



# Indigenous

## 5 career tips for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student

Working out what your career will look like is challenging for everyone. Click here to read about 5 career tips for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders including:

- Develop your emotional intelligence
- Build your networks
- Get that internship/work experience
- Find mentors
- Lifelong learning doesn't really hurt!

## Indigenous Accountants Australia website

There are many paths to an exciting career as an accountant. Whether you are in high school, TAFE, university or working in a different field Indigenous Accountants Australia is here to offer advice and support.

[Indigenous Accountants Australia](#) is a combined network of the major accounting bodies in Australia - CPA Australia and the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand. They raise awareness of the benefits of accounting within Indigenous communities and connect Indigenous students to careers in the business world. Together they work with some of the major employers in the business world to promote accounting as a profession and offer support to all Indigenous students undertaking business, finance and accounting studies.

Their website contains information for students regarding:

- [Become an Accountant](#)
- [Meet an accountant](#)
- [News and Events](#)

Visit the resource section of their website to view a range of interesting additional information on:

- [Employment](#)
- [Scholarships](#)
- [Universities](#)
- [Government](#)
- [Videos](#)
- [Employers](#)
- [Students](#)

## **Indigenous Scholarships Portal**

The [Indigenous Scholarship Portal](#) helps students find over 300 scholarships for undergraduate study at Australian universities as well as more than 100 postgraduate scholarships for study in Australia and overseas. The [Indigenous Scholarships Portal](#) provides a list of scholarships available for Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander students currently studying at universities, TAFEs or registered training organisations (RTO's).

## **Indigenous career stories in nursing**

Indigenous nurses could provide cultural connections, that ultimately result in better outcomes for their indigenous patients. If you're interested in finding out a bit more about careers in nursing or midwifery, here are a few resources that could help you out:

[How to become a Registered Nurse \(RN\)](#)

[How to become a Midwife](#)

[How to become a Pathology Collector](#)

[Careers in the Aged Care Industry](#)

[Click here to find out](#) more about a career in nursing or midwifery along with scholarship and pathway information.



# Interstate & International

## Interstate Tertiary Applications

In addition to applying through QTAC for Queensland tertiary courses, you can apply for courses in other states. All states except Tasmania use a tertiary admission's centre. All applications are online. You should familiarise yourself with the application processes and key dates for applications.

- New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory - [Universities Admissions Centre](#) (UAC)
- South Australia and the Northern Territory - [South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#) (SATAC)
- Tasmania - Apply directly to the [University of Tasmania](#)
- Victoria - [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#) (VTAC)
- Western Australia - [Tertiary Institutions Service Centre](#) (TISC)

## USA sports scholarships and university placements

Many universities and colleges in the USA offer sports scholarships to students from other countries. To be considered for these scholarships you have to be able to demonstrate your sporting and academic potential. The process involved in researching available scholarships and applying for them is quite complex. There are several organisations that offer a service to help you through the process. It is important to find out as much as you can about the organisations and, if possible, talk to previous clients. The following are examples:

- **Study and Play in the USA** – This organisation has had over a decade of experience helping young Australians gain sports scholarships in the USA. During this time, it has established regular contact with head coaches in a wide range of sports across the US. Visit the [website](#) for more information.
- **Aus Recruit** – This organisation is a scholarship placement agency that represents talented student-athletes interested in obtaining sport scholarships to US universities. It has been operating since 2002. Read about the services provided by Aus Recruit on its [website](#).
- **Internationally Educated** – This organisation assists students and their families through the selection and application process for US universities. More information on the [website](#).
- **Student Placement Australia New Zealand** – This organisation offers several programs including an athletic and academic scholarships program through Go Campus. Find out more on the [website](#).

## Australian employers offer advice to young job seekers

The Australian Government surveyed more than 3000 Australian employers to find out what advice they would give to young people looking for a job.

Employers said they look for:

- Education and training - work in Australia is becoming more skilled and around 90 per cent of new jobs in the future will require a Vocational Education and Training (VET) or university qualification.
- Employability skills - the top skills sought by employers are communication skills, teamwork, problem solving ability, organisational skills, creativity and initiative.
- Experience - workplace experience gives you a foot in the door, contacts and referees. Options include work experience placements, part-time or casual jobs, temporary or contract jobs, apprenticeships or traineeships, internships and volunteering.

Where to find a job:

- You need an excellent résumé and job application that is short, gives examples and is free from spelling and grammatical errors.
- Every job is unique and your approach to each application should be tailored. Research the business and explain how your skills make you the right fit for that role.
- Prepare for the interview by practicing interview questions, preparing some questions about the job and business, explain what skills you will bring to the job and plan what you will wear.

Employers also mentioned that some young people have unrealistic expectations of work, including:

- being unprepared for the demands of the workplace
- the level of pay they would receive
- wanting to start at the top instead of working their way up.

For more information on what employers look for in young workers, see the fact sheet ['Looking for a Job - Employer Advice for Young People'](#) on the Labour Market Information Portal.

## Phone Apps

There are several phone apps that can provide some labour market information. For example, [Career Quiz Australia](#) and [Job Seeker](#) which can be downloaded for free from the iTunes app store and Google Play.

## Rental, hiring and real estate services

The rental, hiring and real estate services industry includes all enterprises predominantly engaged in renting and leasing assets, as well as businesses engaged in selling, buying and managing real estate. Property operators and real estate services sector businesses earn their income from the sale or lease of property. According to the Construction & Property Services Industry Skills Council, this sector is being impacted by technological opportunities, resulting in the need for its workforce to up-skill and complete specialised training to take advantage of these advancements. The following sectors of the rental, hiring and real estate services industry offer employment opportunities in property operators and real estate services and rental and hiring services. [Click here to read more about this industry.](#)

## The Australian Bureau of Statistics' January Labour Force data

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has released its January Labour Force data with:

- the unemployment rate decreased to 6.4%
- Participation rate decreased to 66.1%.
- Employment increased to 12,939,900.
- Employment to population ratio increased to 61.9%.
- Underemployment rate decreased to 8.1%.
- Monthly hours worked decreased by 86 million hours.

To read the report, [click here](#).

## The Labour Market Information Portal

The Labour Market Information Portal (LMIP) is an online resource that brings together data, reports and insights to help you better understand your local labour market. LMIP has information that unlocks deeper insights into the jobs in demand in your region and local labour market conditions. Knowing how jobs in Australia are changing gives you a big picture view of where future opportunities might be. [Click here to access the portal.](#)

## Why is labour market information important?

To make good career decisions for the future, you need to have some idea of the employment prospects for the jobs you are interested in. The following resources can be helpful in this process:

- **Labour Market Information Portal (LMIP)** – Content on the [LMIP](#) is divided into three sections:
- Explore the data – here you can find regional labour market data, including five-year growth figures by industry
- Gain insights – here are reports based on the data, including the 2016 Industry Employment Projections Report
- Downloads – this section allows you to download a range of data as an Excel file.
- **The Department of Jobs and Small Business website** – The [Skill Shortages](#) webpage on this site identifies the areas of skill shortage nationally and by state/territory. It also provides skill shortage information by occupation.
- **Job Outlook** - The [Job Outlook website](#) provides information (skills, knowledge, abilities, interests, and activities relevant to each occupation) on over 300 occupations. Included in the information for

each occupation is a section on job prospects which includes the number of workers in the occupation and the expected employment growth for the next five years.

- **Graduate Careers Australia** – This [website](#) provides a range of graduate-related publications and research on topics such as salary trends and graduate employment opportunities.

# Private Provider Updates

## **Charlton Brown**

Charlton Brown is a private registered training organisation and employment agency that trains and places graduates in employment locally, nationally and internationally. It is in Spring Hill Brisbane and offers courses in Early Childhood, Aged Care, School Aged Children, Disability Support, Youth Work, Business and Leadership and Welfare and Community Services. If you are interested in finding out more about these courses, visit the [website](#).

## **Jschool - Diploma of Journalism**

Jschool is an Australian independent college of journalism established in 2001. It offers an accredited one-year Diploma of Journalism. The course prepares students for an entry-level position in journalism. For more information, visit the [Jschool website](#).

## **NIDA acting on Screen Grades 11-12 courses**

Each term NIDA's focus is on a specific area of performance practice to ensure students have a varied experience and learn a range of essential creative skills. Students can join at the start of any term during the year. NIDA Open Acting on Screen courses are designed across a four term structure within the following learning framework:

**Term one** Improvisation and Performance Craft

**Term two** Voice and Movement

**Term three** Devising and Contemporary Practice

**Term four** Script Work and Technique

[Click here](#) for more information and to apply.

## **SAE QANTM**

If you are considering studying creative media (Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games, or Web & Mobile) [check out SAE's](#) and speak to their experienced team and learn how you can pursue your passion in this dynamic and expanding industry. [Book a tour](#) and check out their facilities and equipment, meet with lecturers and ask any questions you might have about studying at SAE.

## **The Rural Experience Program**

How can you get real insight into next generation rural and regional careers? Rural and regional careers are changing and are a big part of Australia's future growth potential. Think ag-tech, agribusiness, engineering, renewable energy, environmental management and health care services. If you are in Years 10 - 12 you can join The Rural Experience and spend a week in a rural region to discover what life and work is like beyond the city. You will get first-hand experience of many of the career opportunities in a regional community and have a chance to enjoy some of the local tourism activities. Find out more at [The Rural Experience 2021 Student Brochure](#) and at [The Rural Experience](#). Talk to your Guidance Officer/School Counsellor or careers advisor if you are interested in learning more.



# Project, Leadership and Entrepreneur Opportunities

## Join a LEO Club

[Leo clubs](#) are sponsored by Lions Clubs International. They encourage young men and women, 12 – 30 years of age, to serve others in their community and around the world. By joining a Leo Club you will gain:

- Leadership Experience
- Teamwork and Social Skills
- Self Esteem
- Problem Solving and Decision Making Skills
- Career Possibilities
- Fun

Typical Leo projects include Environment, Citizenship, Drug Awareness, Public Service, Youth Welfare, Youth Exchange, Health, School Support, Save Sight and Spotlight on Children. Find out more on the [Leo Clubs website](#).



# ***QTAC & Tertiary Entry***

## **Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR)**

All states in Australia call their Year 12 tertiary entry score an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR). The ATAR is a number between 0 and 99.95 (highest) with increments of 0.05. The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) provides all Tertiary Entrance data to QTAC who then calculates individual ATARs. If you are applying for interstate courses, the relevant tertiary admissions centre can obtain your ATAR directly from QTAC. You can learn more about ATARs and how to obtain an ATAR statement from the [MyQCE portal](#).

## 10 reasons to study at TAFE Queensland

Deciding what you're going to do with your life is a huge decision and ultimately, the only person qualified to decide is you. Part of making that decision about investigating and evaluating your options and taking your first step is to look at all options open to you. Every pathway has benefits and positive outcomes. TAFE Queensland have put together the top 10 reasons why you should you study at TAFE Queensland. [Click here to read](#) about:

- Flexibility
- Industry-standard facilities
- Experienced teachers
- Support services
- Recognition of prior learning
- University pathways
- Student satisfaction
- Student outcomes
- Award winning



# Universities

## Medical Schools in Australia

Queensland students interested in gaining entry to a medical course can apply to medical schools throughout Australia. The [Australian Medical Council website](#) has a list of [Australian medical schools](#) with links to each school. There are three major entry points for medical courses in Queensland.

These are:

- Direct entry from Year 12 (Bond University and James Cook have this type of entry)
- Graduate entry after completing an undergraduate degree (Griffith University and the University of Queensland have this type of entry)
- Provisional entry for high achieving Year 12 students (Griffith University, University of the Sunshine Coast and The University of Queensland have this type of entry)

Some of the other states/territories also offer these three pathways. Visit the following websites for more information about medical studies pathways in Australia.

- [Australian Medical Association – Becoming a doctor](#)
- [Medical Board of Australia – Medical Specialisations](#)

## University Clinical Aptitude Test ANZ (UCAST) 2021

The University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT ANZ) is an admissions test used by the UCAT ANZ Consortium of universities in Australia and New Zealand for their medical, dental and clinical science degree programmes. It helps universities to select applicants with the most appropriate abilities and professional behaviours required for new doctors and dentists to be successful in their clinical careers. It is used in collaboration with other admissions processes such as interviews and academic qualifications. The UCAT ANZ is a computer-based test delivered in Pearson VUE test centres throughout Australia, New Zealand and at some overseas locations.

Some pathways to medicine / dentistry / clinical sciences will not require the UCAT ANZ and a different test may be required so you should refer to the websites of the [universities](#) to which they intend to apply to know what their application process requires. Click on the links below to find out about UCAT ANZ:

- [UCAT ANZ Eligibility](#)
- [UCAT ANZ 2021](#) - You need to book a test date and time here and bookings close on 17 May 2021
- [UCAT ANZ Test Format](#)
- [UCAT ANZ Universities](#) - Find out which universities require you to sit UCAT ANZ
- [UCATANZ Concession Scheme](#)
- [Preparation Advice and Practice Tests](#)
- [UCAT ANZ Test Day](#)
- [UCAT ANZ Results](#)

## Australian Catholic University

### ACU Impact

Impact brings you compelling stories, inspiring research, and big ideas from ACU. After one visit to Uganda as a teenager, ACU Alumni of the Year and Young Alumni of the Year award winner, Anne-Marie Reddan's life changed forever and she's never looked back. She now runs Yimba, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to helping Ugandan youth stand on their own two feet. [Read Anne-Marie's story, plus many more, at ACU Impact](#)

### Bachelor of High Performance Sport

ACU offers a unique and accelerated pathway to completing a bachelor then Master of High Performance Sport in four years. Unlike the three-year Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science, the Bachelor of High Performance Sport has a fast-track two and half-year option, where students enrol in summer and winter units. Graduates of the bachelor program can articulate into the master's in the following semester and can obtain Level 2 Strength and Conditioning Coach Accreditation, a key requirement to be employed in elite sporting positions. Graduates of the master's will be equipped with specific knowledge in performance analysis and strength and conditioning. Interesting, then [read more about the course here](#).

### Did you know?

- ACU is rated first in Australia for graduate employment (Longitudinal 2020, full-time employment)
- They have been awarded five stars for full-time employment, learner engagement and skills development (Good Universities Guide 2021)
- 91 per cent of ACU graduates are employed overall, with 77% in full-time employment (2018, domestic undergraduate students) (Graduate Outcomes Survey – Longitudinal 2020, full-time employment)
- Employers are more satisfied with ACU graduates than graduates of other Australian universities — we're first in Australia for employer satisfaction (Employer Satisfaction Survey 2019)

### Personal guided tours

ACU offers personal guided tours of the campus where you are paired with a current student studying your course of interest. [Book your tour now](#).

## Australian National University

### Application webinars

ANU future student webinars can help you take the first step towards submitting a successful application to study at ANU. During the webinars you will learn about the direct application process, scholarships, accommodation options and what student life is like at ANU. [Click here to see the calendar of webinar events covering:](#)

- Walk through your application - 10 March

- Thinking of studying at ANU (information from Colleges) - 17 March
- Scholarships on offer at ANU - 24 March
- Accommodation at ANU - 31 March
- Student life and support services - 7 April
- Application steps - 14 April
- Completing the direct application form - 24 April and 28 April
- Application Q&A - 5 May and 19 May
- ANU Applications - the cocurricular or service requirements - 12 May

## Applying for entry in 2022

Between now and 24 May 2021, you can apply directly to ANU which can take some of the stress out of Year 12. ANU make offers based on your Year 11 or Year 12 results (whichever are better) and will honour these for study in 2022 as long as you complete Year 12 and receive an ATAR. As early as 9 August, you could receive an offer that covers admission, scholarships and a guaranteed room in campus accommodation. [Start your application here](#) and applications close on 24 May 2021.

## Bond University

### 2022 Undergraduate Guide now available

[The Bond 2022 undergraduate guide](#) is now available where you will find information on the following and more:

- How is a degree structured
- What your ATAR rank really means
- What can I study:
  - Architecture and Building environment
  - Business and Commerce
  - Communication and Creative Media
  - Law
  - Humanities, Languages and International Studies
  - Health Sciences and Medicine
  - Social Sciences, Psychology and Counselling
- Pathways to Bond
- Accommodation
- Fees and costs

## Health Simulation Experience Day

Experience what it is like to manage the care of real patients, from start to finish. Health Simulation Day is your chance to consult with clinical doctors, physiotherapists, dietitians, occupational therapists, biomedical and exercise scientists and other allied health professionals, gaining a deep understanding of the different career options available in the health sciences. The day will be held on Saturday 12 June 2021 and Sunday 04 September 2021. Contact Bond at [HSMEvents@bond.edu.au](mailto:HSMEvents@bond.edu.au) to register your interest in attending.

## Student for a Semester

[Bond University's Student for a Semester program](#) gives high achieving Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to gain an authentic university experience before they finish high school. Student for a Semester students enrol in a Bond University subject, attend lectures and tutorials on campus, complete assignments and sit their subject exams. They mix with other uni students, meet academics and get involved in university life. Applications for the 2021 May semester open on 17 March 2021.

## Central Queensland University

### University Experience Day

CQU are holding several campus university experience days allowing Year 12 students an opportunity to explore their post-high school options, including both higher education degrees and TAFE courses. It provides high school students an opportunity to experience a day in the life of a CQUni student.

- Explore study options available after high school and participate in a fun, experiential day at a CQUni campus
- Experience two course areas of interest and participate in hands-on activities delivered by CQUni teaching staff and current students
- Whether you choose to study on campus or online get a taste for student life – receive a personalised timetable, tour the campus and talk to students about their experience with us.
  - 12 March 2021 [Mackay University Experience](#)
  - 19 March 2021 [Cairns University Experience](#)
  - 26 March 2021 [Townsville University Experience](#)
  - 26 March 2021 [Gladstone University Experience](#)

## Griffith University

### Bachelor of Dental Health Science new entry requirements webinar

Join Griffith staff as they introduce their Bachelor of Dental Health Science. They will step you through the new application process, including the requirement to complete the Universities Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) by 17 May 2021, to study in 2022. You will be able to ask your questions about the application deadlines, the UCAT and their Multiple Mini Interview (MMI). The webinar will be held on Tuesday 9 March from 5.30 - 6.30pm. [Click here to register.](#)

### GriffithBUSINESS Responsible Leaders of the Future Conference

Open to Years 10, 11 and 12, the Responsible Leaders of the Future Conference will offer full-day program that will provide you with a hands-on experience and will challenge you to problem solve, develop ideas and suggest solutions to reimagine how organisations and leaders face 21st century challenges. You will work together with a diverse and talented cohort to explore how you can disrupt traditional models and explore themes and skills like entrepreneurialism, leadership, sustainability, equity, innovation and adaptability. The

conference will be held on 24 May at the Gold Coast campus and on 26 May at the South Bank campus. You need to email [gbs-undergrad@griffith.edu.au](mailto:gbs-undergrad@griffith.edu.au) to register so you will need to talk to your business teacher or Guidance/Career Officer so they can register you.

## Queensland University of Technology

### Chemistry bridging program

Successfully completing the chemistry bridging program will give you the assumed knowledge in chemistry for QUT courses and meet the science prerequisite for courses in education. [Find out more.](#)

### Mathematics bridging program

Successfully completing the mathematics bridging program will give you the assumed knowledge in Mathematical Methods for QUT courses and meet the maths prerequisite for courses in education. [Find out more.](#)

### Pathways to QUT Webinar

On Thursday, 6 May post-school and mature-age students can get information about ways to gain entry to QUT, switching courses and support to help settle into study. [Register now.](#)

### Physics bridging program

Successfully completing the physics bridging program will give you the assumed knowledge in physics for QUT courses and meet the science prerequisite for courses in education. The program is delivered online with a combination of self-paced content and two scheduled weekly 90-minute sessions. [Find out more.](#)

### START QUT Information Webinar

Are you a Year 11 or 12 student, or a parent of a student, who's interested in finding out more about the START QUT program? Find out about studying a university subject while still in high school and hear from past START QUT students about their experiences from the program. [Register now](#) for the START QUT webinar to be held on 30 March from 5 - 6pm.

### START QUT Semester 2 applications

[START QUT](#) applications for Semester 2, 2021 will open to current Year 11 and 12 students on Wednesday 31 March and close on Monday 31 May. To find out more information about studying a university subject while still in high school, be sure to register for the [START QUT Information Webinar](#) by Tuesday 30 March.

## **Vermilion High applications now open**

Are you writing original music and interested in getting it professionally recorded and released? Vermilion High is an entrepreneurial start-up from QUT's student-run record label, Vermilion Records. Applications are now open and close 18 April, 2021. [Apply now.](#)

## **The University of Queensland**

### **Employability Award**

This program encourages undergraduate students to further develop their skills beyond the classroom and to produce well-rounded, highly sought-after graduates. You can enrol in the program at any time during your undergraduate (including honours) degree. Find out more on the [website.](#)

### **Integrated Pathology Learning Centre (IPLC)**

Are you interested in finding out more about diseases and how to combat them? When visiting the [Integrated Pathology Learning Centre \(IPLC\)](#), you will participate in workshops that cover a wide range of issues, exploring the pathology underlying health problems and disease prevention. This free program is available for students in Years 9 - 12. You may be interested in you study Biology, Psychology, Health, Sport & Recreation and Visual Art and Year 9 & 10 Science. If you are interested speak to your Science teacher or your Guidance Officer/School Counsellor as they need to book a session, by contacting the UQ Student Recruitment team.

### **Medicine Information Night**

Learn about studying Medicine at UQ. Hear from leading medical experts, UQ alumni and current students on the changing medical climate, how to apply for medicine at UQ and tips for success. This event will be held on Wednesday 21 April and is open to Year 12's and their parents/guardians. Places are limited [so click here to receive updates on the event.](#)

### **School of Pharmacy - Book a visit**

The School of Pharmacy is now taking school bookings for their laboratory based experience at the [Pharmacy Australia Centre of Excellence \(PACE\)](#). This opportunity allows you to gain valuable insights into the dynamic health industry through hands-on and interactive activities involving pharmaceutical science. You will attend a short orientation followed by a tour of the PACE facilities and will have the opportunity to engage in a drug compounding workshop. Talk to your Science teacher or guidance Officer/School Counsellor to book a PACE visit by emailing the UQ Student Recruitment team.

### **Science Ambassador Program**

Raise the profile of science within your school and recognise high-achieving and motivated senior students by nominating them as UQ Science Ambassadors. The program challenges students to develop their

leadership abilities and communication skills and offers them the chance to connect with like-minded students across Queensland as well as academics and [UQ Science Academy Leaders](#). The program starts in March and nominations close on Thursday 1 April 2021. [Click here to find out more](#).

## **Science and Engineering Challenge**

This hands-on competition is designed to help Year 9-10 high students foster their interest in STEM. You will problem-solve to design an earthquake-proof tower, build a hovercraft or bridge, provide electricity to a city or create an environmentally-friendly house. The event will be held on Thursday 13 and Friday 14 May. [More information can be found here](#).

## **The UQ Faculty of Business, Economics and Law (BEL) Student Employability Team**

Students doing a degree in Business, Economics or Law at UQ have access to a student employability service (BEL SET). The team assists in the placing of students with employers and the provision of employability events. Learn more about BEL SET on the [website](#).

## **UQ College at St Lucia campus**

UQ College is a company owned by the University of Queensland (UQ) and located at the St Lucia campus. It provides alternate pathways to university study. One of the programs offered is the [Tertiary Preparation Program](#). This free 28-week program is offered in January, May and September. It is an approved UQ Bridging Program and provides recognised prerequisite subjects. Students who successfully complete this program can apply through QTAC with an entry rank based on their results in the program. Apply directly to UQ College for this program.

## **Updates on Careers that Shape the world event**

This event, to be held on 1 June 2021 provides Year 11 and 12 students with seminars on a range of study topics that will help them discover the careers that are right for them. UQ are still working on the 2021 timetable but this is a popular event, so it's important to watch for when registrations open for the sessions you are interested in. Visit the [website](#) for more details.

## **Torrens University Australia**

### **Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School**

[Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School](#) (BMIHMS) at Torrens University has campuses in Sydney, Melbourne and Leura (in the Blue Mountains). It offers internationally recognised hospitality and business degree courses in [International Hotel and Resort Management](#) and [International Event Management](#).

## University of New England

### The Joint Medical Programs

The [Joint Medical Program](#) (JMP) is offered jointly by the University of Newcastle and the University of New England. You can study on either a metropolitan (Newcastle) or rural (New England) campus. Clinical venues will give students metropolitan, regional and rural experience so they will be prepared to practice anywhere in Australia. This is a direct entry program that Year 12 students can apply for. There are no subject prerequisites for admission to this course. However, students may benefit from completing Chemistry and English. Applicants need to sit for UCAT and apply through [JMP](#) and [UAC](#). For more information, read the Joint Medical program brochure [here](#). Applications close on 30 September 2021.

## University of the Sunshine Coast

### Head Start with the University of the Sunshine Coast

USC's [Headstart](#) program gives students in Year 11 and 12 an opportunity to study USC courses while still completing high school. Students can get a taste of university life and prepare for future study while working towards a USC degree, expanding their knowledge and interacting with university staff and students. Headstart courses are available at the following campuses: Sunshine Coast, Caboolture, Fraser Coast, Gympie, Noosa and South Bank. Semester 2, 2021 applications close on 30 April 2021. [View available courses](#). Find out how to apply [here](#).

### Headstart Information evenings

[Headstart is a transition program](#) for Year 11 and 12 students to study first-year uni subjects while in Years 11 and 12. USC will be holding Headstart information evenings at their Moreton Bay campus on 16 March, at their Sunshine Coast campus on 18 March and will hold an online session on 23 March. [Click here to register to attend](#).

### USC and GU Joint Medical Program

Is your dream to become a doctor? The University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) has a joint medical pathway with Griffith University (GU). USC's Bachelor of Medical Science is your first step. This highly competitive program provides provisional direct entry (subject to entry requirements) to Griffith University's Doctor of Medicine program - and to your future medical career. For more information regarding this pathway, visit the [Bachelor of Medical Science](#) web page on the USC website.

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
09/03/2021	Bachelor of Dental Health Science webinar: new entry requirements
10/03/2021	ANU Walk through your application webinar
11/03/2021	Hansen Scholarship closing date
12/03/2021	CQU Mackay experience event
12/03/2021	Mackay Experience Day
16/03/2021	USC Headstart information session at Moreton Bay Campus
17/03/2021	ANU Thinking of studying at ANU (information from Colleges) webinar
17/03/2021	Bond Student for a Semester May trimester applications open
17/03/2021	Bond Uni Student for a Semester May semester applications open
17/03/2021	The Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in STEM Education applications close
18/03/2021	USC Headstart information session at Sunshine Coast Campus
19/03/2021	CQU Cairns experience event
19/03/2021	CQU Cairns University Experience day
23/03/2021	USC Headstart online information session
24/03/2021	ANU Scholarships on offer at ANU webinar
24/03/2021	QUT Advice Night
24/03/2021 to 26/03/2021	World Science Festival Brisbane and regional areas
26/03/2021	CQU Townsville and Gladstone University experience events
26/03/2021	CQU Townsville University Experience day
30/03/2021	START QUT Information Webinar
31/03/2021	ANU accommodation webinar
01/04/2021	2021 UQ Science Ambassador Program
01/04/2021	2021 UQ Science Ambassador Program nominations close
01/04/2021	UQ Science Ambassador Program nominations close
07/04/2021	ANU Student life and support services webinar
14/04/2021	ANU application steps webinar
18/04/2021	Vermilion High applications close
21/04/2021	Medicine Information Night
22/04/2021	CQU Bundaberg University Experience event
24/04/2021	ANU Completing the direct application form webinar

28/04/2021	A quick guide to QUT: Webinar information session for Year 9 and 10 students
28/04/2021	ANU Completing the direct application form webinar
30/04/2021	USC's Headstart program Semester 2 applications close