



# Applying to QTAC

## in 2023

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THE FUTURE



# Acknowledgment of country

QTAC acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land where we gather today and pay their respect to Elders past and present and to emerging community leaders.

QTAC also acknowledge the important role of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the field of Education and in the communities that they work with.



# Today, we will talk about

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

**Consider this...**

**What does  
2024  
look like  
for you?**

# Who is QTAC?

Not-for-profit  
organisation

Apply through  
QTAC for over  
1800 courses at  
17 Queensland  
institutions

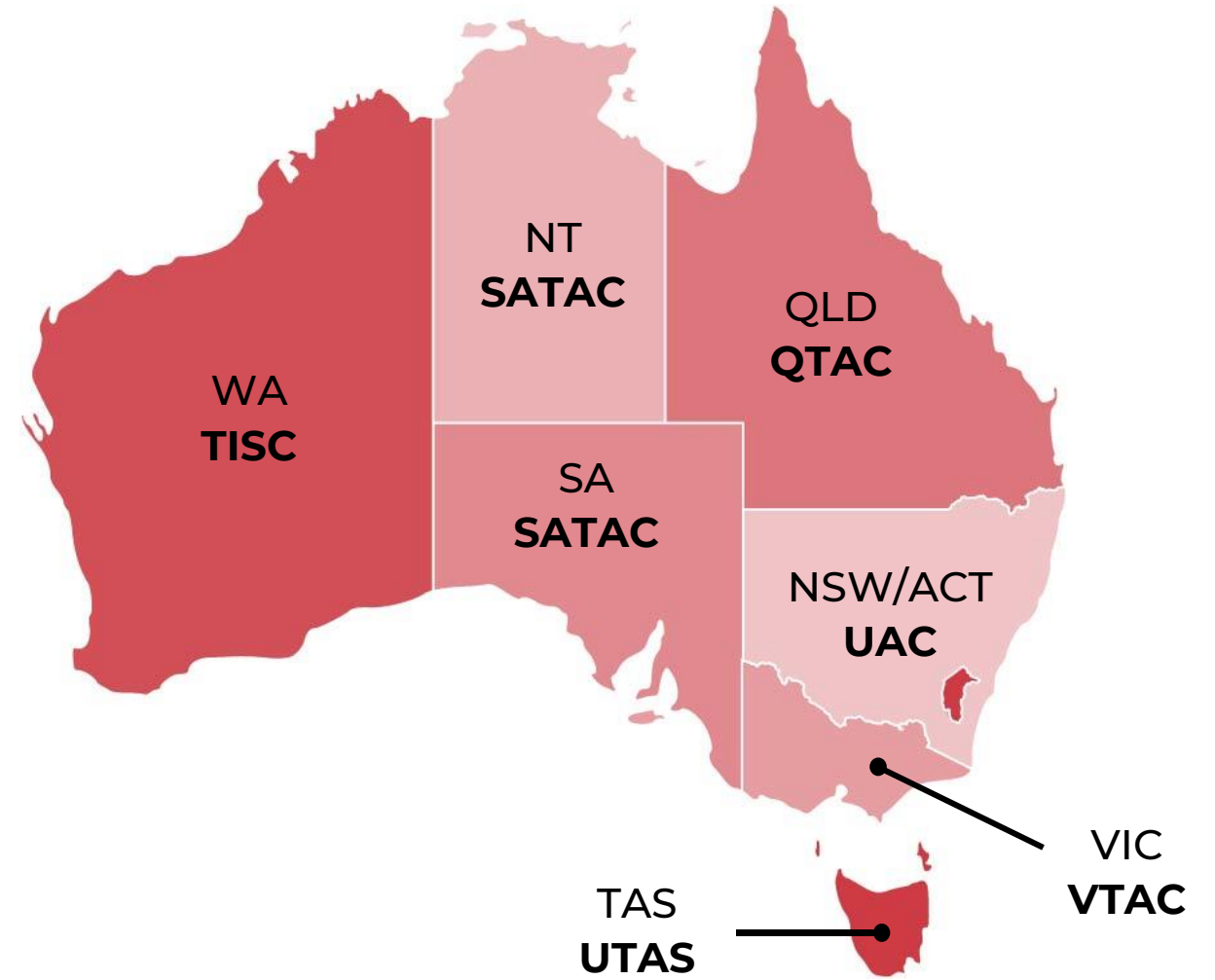
Calculate  
and release the  
Queensland  
ATAR

And so  
much more!

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



# Looking to study interstate?



Check out



[courseseeker.edu.au](https://courseseeker.edu.au)

# Admission Criteria 101

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

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

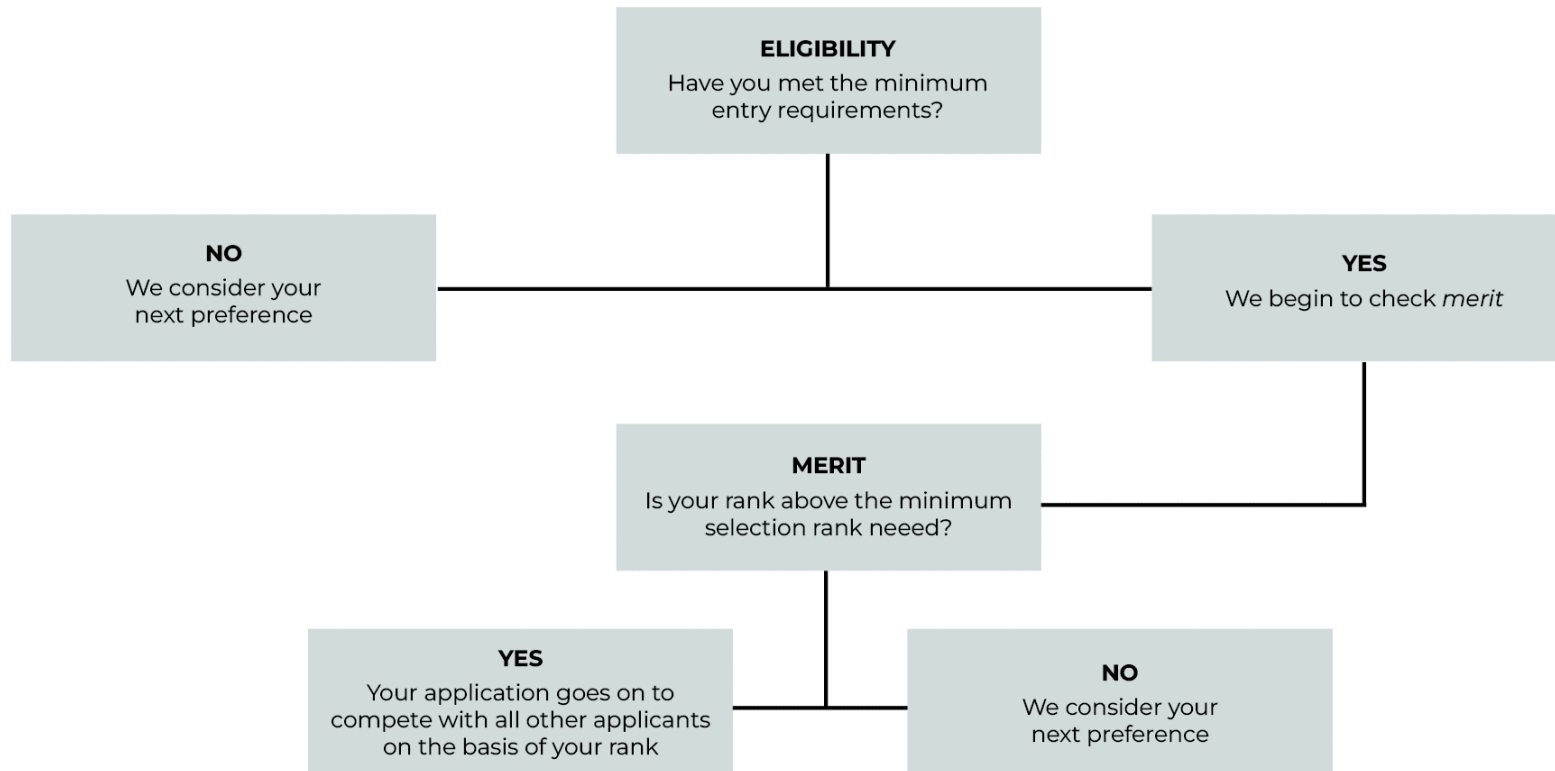




# Eligibility and Merit

an unbreakable pair

# Breaking it down



# Eligibility requirements

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

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



[qtac.edu.au/fixed-closing-dates](https://qtac.edu.au/fixed-closing-dates)

# Nursing and Midwifery

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

Option 1. English primary language

Option 2. Current AHPRA registration

Option 3. English language proficiency test



# Education

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

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

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

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

A woman with short brown hair, wearing a blue button-down shirt, is leaning over a table. She is holding a black camera with a lens attached, and she is looking through the viewfinder. In front of her on the table are several bowls and a small dish, including a bowl of green leafy vegetables and a bowl of white rice. The background is a blurred indoor setting.

**Consider  
this...**

**What type of  
courses may need  
you to submit  
a portfolio?**

And this...

**What type of courses may need you to attend an interview?**



# How is merit determined?

Your merit is determined by your QTAC Selection Rank.

Applicants are allocated ranks based on their assessable qualifications.

Selection ranks can come from:

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





## Meet Harry

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

His favourite subjects are Biology and Physics.

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

Harry's dream career is nursing.



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

5 General  
subjects

OR

4 General subjects  
*plus*, either:

- 1 Applied subject; or
- Completed Cert III or higher-level VET qualification

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



## How can Harry find his course options?

 [qtac.edu.au/course-search](https://qtac.edu.au/course-search)

### Find a course

Search sem 3 2021, sem 1 & 2 2022 here

 nursing

Select Institution 

Search

Search over 1800 courses for Semester 3 2022 and Semester 1 and 2 2023.



## How can Harry find his course options?

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








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

Find a course Search for your courses & refine your search using the options on the left

Q Nursing Select Institution Search

Search results for: "nursing"

Showing 1 - 20 of 101 Sort by: Title

	<b>Bachelor of Midwifery</b> Full time Part time UnISC - University of the Sunshine Coast - Sunshine Coast	013471	Start Date Feb 2023	♥
	<b>Bachelor of Midwifery</b> Full time Part time Southern Cross University - Coffs Harbour	055451	Start Date Mar 2023	♥
	<b>Bachelor of Midwifery</b> Full time Part time Southern Cross University - Gold Coast	055861	Start Date Mar 2023	♥
	<b>Bachelor of Midwifery</b> Full time The University of Queensland - St Lucia	728402	Start Date Feb 2023	♥
	<b>Bachelor of Midwifery (Graduate Entry)</b> Full time Part time University of Southern Queensland - External	906295	Start Date Feb 2023	♥
	<b>Bachelor of Nursing</b> Full time Torrens University Australia - Gotha Street	033101	Start Date Feb 2023	♥
	<b>Bachelor of Nursing</b> Full time Part time Southern Cross University - Lismore	055011	Start Date Mar 2023	♥





## How can Harry find his course options?

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

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

### Bachelor of Nursing

Australian Catholic University - Brisbane

← Back | Bookmark

Overview

Admissions Criteria

Student Profile

Career Possibilities

#### Course outline

This course develops caring professional nurses who are proactive and adaptable, competent and ethical clinicians, and creative and critical thinkers. Across the course, theory is consistently embedded in clinical practice through the inclusion of one Integrating Practice unit every semester. Clinical placement areas include aged care, community nursing, high dependency nursing, medical/surgical nursing, mental health, paediatrics, palliative care, and perioperative nursing. Students may also take up the opportunity to engage with communities overseas and gain unique educational and cultural experiences working in care facilities in developing countries. For more course information, visit [Bachelor of Nursing at ACU](#)

#### Note

This course is accredited with the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) to the end of 2022 and currently undergoing scheduled re-accreditation for the period 2023 – 2027.

#### Fee notes

Average first year fee. Indicative only; subject to passage of legislation.

#### Other requirements

Students undertake at least 800 hours of professional experience. Before students can begin professional experience for this course, students should review the mandatory State or Territory legal and industry policy requirements. An overview of these requirements can be found at <https://www.acu.edu.au/WILsearch>. Students must meet the inherent requirements – essential components of this course (capabilities, knowledge and skills) – to achieve the course learning outcomes. For more information see <https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/how-to-apply/inherent-requirements>.



Apply Now

#### Course Code

115412

#### Start Date

Feb 2023

#### Offer rounds

12 Jan 2023

#### Fee

CSP/\$5263 (1st year contribution)

#### Level of Qualification

Bachelor degree

#### Study Area

Health and Recreation

#### Study Mode

Full time, Part time



# Preferences

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

This is known as course preferencing.

# What is preferencing?

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

You can list up to 6 preferences on your application.



# If you change your mind, that's okay

**You can change your preferences for free 3 times.**

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

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



## **Back to Harry**

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

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

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

# Ordering your preferences

**1**

## **Desired Courses**

Courses you want to study the most

**2**

**3**

## **Back-up courses**

Courses you would be happy to study

**4**

**5**

## **Pathway Courses**

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

**6**



## Harry's course preferences

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

# What are Pathway courses?

## **Other tertiary study**

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

## **Combined diplomas/degrees**

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



# University may not be right for everyone

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

- ✓ TAFE
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Trade qualification

Everyone will have their own individual journey.

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

## **There are options available to you!**

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

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



**Congratulations, you  
received an offer.  
What now?**

# Responding to your offer

The screenshot shows the QTAC 'Offer Details' page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'My Account', 'My Application', and 'Tests'. Below that, a red banner reads 'Home / My Application / Offer Details' and 'Offer Details'. A sidebar on the left lists various application sections, with 'Offer Details' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Instructions: Choose one response from the options below' and contains three sections: 'Accept Offer', 'Defer Offer', and 'Reject Offer'. Each section has two buttons: 'Accept offer' and 'Conditionally accept offer' (or 'Defer offer' and 'Conditionally defer offer', or 'Reject offer' and 'Conditionally reject offer').

I'm happy & I'm ready to enrol

**ACCEPT**

Check with the institution for enrolment details and dates

I no longer wish to study this course

**REJECT**

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

**DEFER**

Check with the institution for deferment details

I'd like to be considered for my higher preferences

**CONDITIONALLY RESPOND**

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

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

1 Bachelor of Nursing – UQ

2 Bachelor of Nursing – QUT

3 Bachelor of Nursing - ACU

4 Bachelor of Nursing – GU

OFFER

CONDITIONALLY  
ACCEPTED

5 Bachelor of Health Science – CU

6 Diploma of Nursing – TAFE

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

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

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

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





## More about Harry

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

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

The background is black with several overlapping circles in shades of red, pink, and purple. The circles vary in size and are scattered across the frame, creating a modern, abstract aesthetic.

# Adjustment Schemes

# Selection Ranks and Adjustment Factors

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

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

ATAR

+

Adjustment Factors

=

Applicant Selection Rank

# Selection Ranks and Adjustment Factors

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

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

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



# Educational Access Scheme (EAS)

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

# EAS Categories

**Home Environment  
and Responsibility**



**Financial  
Hardship**

**English Language  
Difficulties**



**School  
Environment**

**Personal Illness  
or Disability**



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



# Other adjustment schemes

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

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



**ATAR**

# What is an ATAR?

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

# QCE and the ATAR

## What is the difference?

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

 [qcaa.edu.au](https://qcaa.edu.au)



### QCE

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

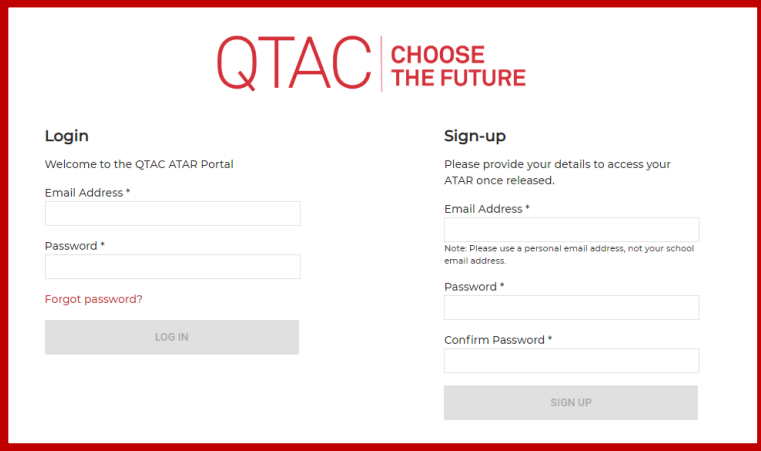


### ATAR

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

# Accessing your ATAR

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



The screenshot shows the QTAC ATAR Portal interface. At the top right, the QTAC logo is displayed next to the slogan "CHOOSE THE FUTURE". The page is divided into two main sections: "Login" and "Sign-up".

**Login Section:**

- Text: "Welcome to the QTAC ATAR Portal"
- Form: "Email Address \*" with an input field
- Form: "Password \*" with an input field
- Text: "Forgot password?"
- Button: "LOG IN"

**Sign-up Section:**

- Text: "Please provide your details to access your ATAR once released."
- Form: "Email Address \*" with an input field
- Text: "Note: Please use a personal email address, not your school email address."
- Form: "Password \*" with an input field
- Form: "Confirm Password \*" with an input field
- Button: "SIGN UP"

You can register for  
your ATAR and access a  
range of resources at  
**[qtac.edu.au/atar](https://qtac.edu.au/atar)**

# Setting up your ATAR account

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

Access the ATAR troubleshooting fact sheet at:

 [qtac.edu.au/atar](https://qtac.edu.au/atar)



# Setting up your ATAR account

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

The screenshot displays a student dashboard with a red header. The main content is organized into several sections:

- Hello Student**: A greeting at the top.
- Your Australian Tertiary Admission Rank**: A table with columns for Graduating Year, Date of Issue, and ATAR Score. The table is currently empty, showing "No Results Found".
- Your Details**: A form showing personal information:
  - Name: LUI
  - Student One: 0987654321
  - Email: [Redacted]
  - Phone: +61 44423456
  - Date of Birth: 01/01/2002
- A note: "If your details are incorrect, you may not be matched correctly with your QCAA student data or ATAR results. If you need your details changed or updated please [lodge a request for assistance](#)."
- Your Data**: A table with columns for Exit Year, QCAA Data, and ATAR Data. A red button "Add Graduating Year" is located to the right of the table.

Exit Year	QCAA Data	ATAR Data
2020	Confirmed	Pending Release
- A note: "When your account cannot be matched to both QCAA or ATAR data you will be unable to receive your results for your graduating year. If you have no matches on QCAA or ATAR data and the data has been released please [lodge a request for assistance](#)."
- At the bottom, there is a checkbox "Share my ATAR results with my school" and a red "Opt-Out" button.
- A disclaimer: "Disclaimer: Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt ut labore et dolore magna aliqua."

# ATAR Release

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



## **Have a question about ATARs?**

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

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



# Key Dates

# It's a date!

Stay up-to-date

 [qtac.edu.au/key-dates](https://qtac.edu.au/key-dates)

<b>May</b>	UCAT booking deadline
<b>July</b>	UCAT testing begins
<b>August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• QTAC applications open for 2024 in early August</li><li>• ATAR account registration opens for Queensland Year 12s</li><li>• Some audition and portfolio applications close</li></ul>
<b>September</b>	Early closing dates for some courses
<b>October</b>	Reminder to get EAS and supporting documents submitted
<b>November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Last day of Queensland Year 12</li><li>• Offer rounds continue</li></ul>
<b>December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Due date to apply and submit documents for December offer round</li><li>• Queensland ATAR and QCE released</li><li>• Due date to change preferences for the December offer round</li><li>• December offer round</li></ul>
<b>January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Due date for change of preferences prior to the January offer round</li><li>• January offer round</li><li>• Further offer rounds</li></ul>
<b>February</b>	Further offer rounds

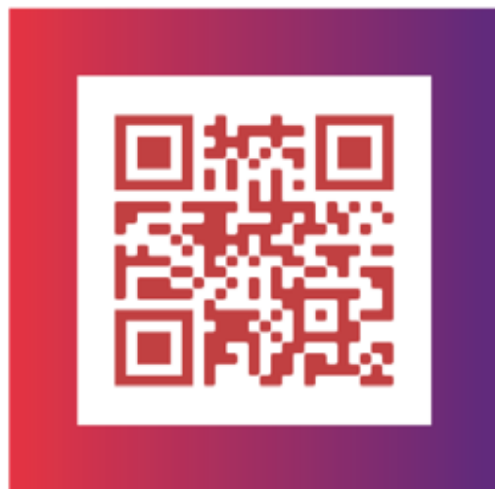
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**Extra help**





# QTAC Passport



## QTAC Passport

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

### ATAR and Applying for Tertiary Study

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

There are multiple study pathways available that don't require an ATAR. [Discover alternative pathways to tertiary study here.](#)

ATAR

Applications

Application Services

Preferencing Info

Getting an Offer

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

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

### Important Dates

**We're here to help!**

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

Key Dates

Fixed Closing Dates

Course Offer Dates

**Studying an International Baccalaureate (IB)?**

Find information on how to apply with QTAC [right here](#).

# Application tips

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



**Any questions?**