

Applying to QTAC

In 2026

Acknowledgement of country

QTAC acknowledge the traditional owners of the land where we gather today and pay our respects to elders past, present and 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 we work with.

Who is QTAC?

- Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre
- Not-for-profit organisation
- Apply through QTAC for over 1800 courses at 17 Queensland and northern New South Wales institutions
- Calculate and release the Queensland ATAR and IBAS
- And so much more!

Looking to study interstate?

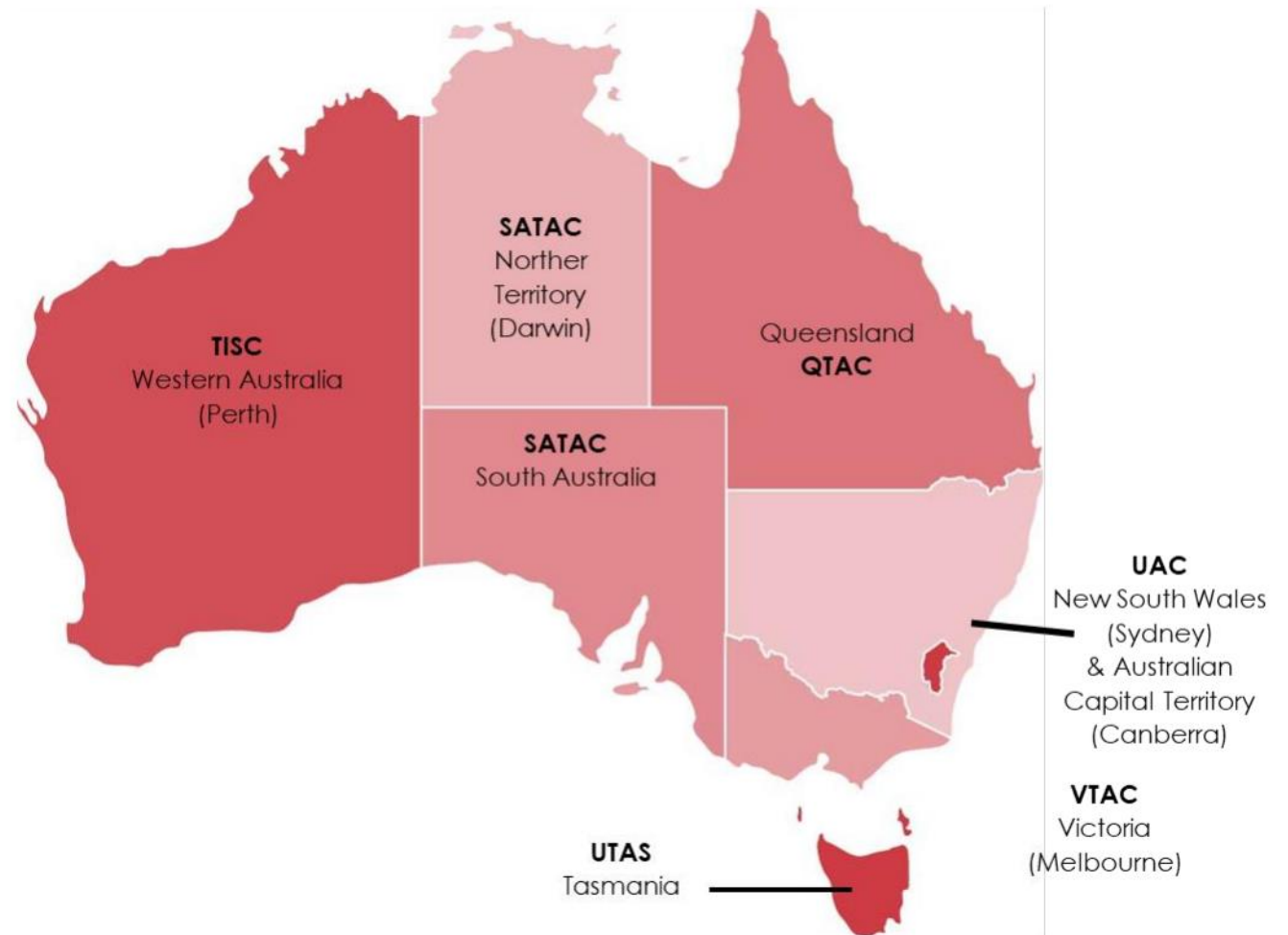
Each State

- Are completely independent of one another
- Deliver the ATAR and IBAS
- Have an Admissions Cycle (starting with a time of year, you can begin an application to commence study)

Check out



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.

Meet Sarah

- Sarah is a current Year 12 student preparing to receive a Queensland ATAR.
- Her favourite subjects are English and Biology
- She has her sights set on going to university in Brisbane.
- Samantha's dream career is teaching.





**How can Sarah find her
course options?**

FIND A COURSE

Search over 1800 courses

education

Select Institution

Search

Preferences

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 or IBAS is released.

Ordering your preferences

1
2

Desired Courses

Courses you want to study the most

3
4

Back-up courses

Courses you would be happy to study

5
6

Pathway Courses

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

Sarah's course preferences

- 1** Bachelor of Education - Griffith
- 2** Bachelor of Music - Griffith
- 3** Bachelor of Education (Primary) - CQU
- 4** Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Education (Secondary)- UQ
- 5** Bachelor of Primary Education- UniSC
- 6** Bachelor of Education (Primary) - JCU

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.

Eligibility and Merit

an unbreakable pair

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/key-info/

How is merit determined?

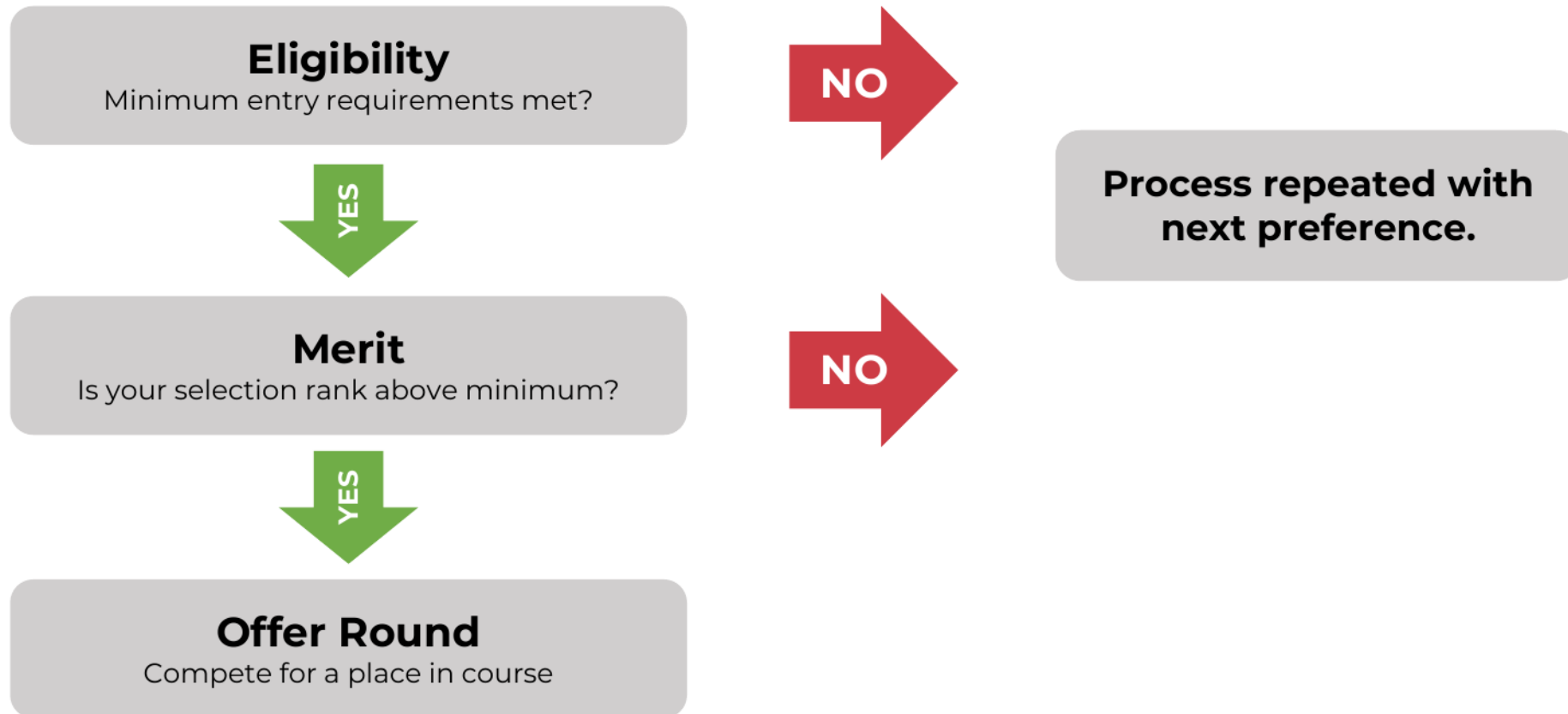
Your merit is determined by your QTAC Selection Rank.

Applicants are allocated ranks based on their assessable qualifications.

Selection ranks can come from:

- ATARs
- IBAS
- 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

Breaking it down



Offer Rounds

January Offer Round		Eligibility requirements met	Course rank cut off		Sarah's ATAR 62.5
1	Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Education (Secondary) - UO	YES	72	↓	
2	Bachelor of Music - Griffith	NO		NO OFFER	
3	Bachelor of Education (Primary) - JCU	YES	64.55	↓	
4	Bachelor of Education - Griffith	YES	62.15	OFFER	
5	Bachelor of Primary Education - UniSC	YES	62.7		
6	Bachelor of Education (Primary) - CQU	YES	6w		

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

Congratulations, you have received an offer.

**But what if you
have changed
your mind?**

December Offer Round

- 1 Bachelor of Education - Griffith
- 2 Bachelor of Music - Griffith
- 3 Bachelor of Education (Primary) - CQU
- 4 Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Education (Secondary) - UQ
- 5 Bachelor of Primary Education - UniSC
- 6 Bachelor of Education (Primary) - JCU

ACCEPT

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**But it's not your
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December Offer Round

- 1** Bachelor of Nursing - QUT
- 2** Bachelor of Nursing - ACU
- 3** Bachelor of Nursing - Griffith
- 4** Bachelor of Nursing - UniSC
- 5** Bachelor of Health Sciences-Griffith
- 6** Diploma of Nursing - TAFE

OFFER

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CONDITIONAL
ACCEPT

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

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

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

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ATAR Release

- **Friday 18 December 2026**
- **ATARs are released online only.** There will be a facility to receive ATAR release notification via email.
- 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

Extra Help

Remind Me

Receive helpful information and reminders of key dates for QTAC Applications and ATAR release



QTAC[®] ATAR Navigator

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Any questions?

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