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Have you got the aptitude for the apprenticeship/traineeship you want?

The Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information Service has developed a Practice Aptitude Quizzes web page at http://www.aatinfo.com.au/Career-Resources/Industry-Career-Information---Quizzes, which provides information and quizzes for a range of industries. Some of the industries included are Tourism, Allied Health, Community Recreation, Financial Services and Horticulture. Visit the site to see if you have the aptitude for some of the jobs in the industries listed.

I want an apprenticeship - how do I find an employer?

There are several strategies you can use to find employers who are looking for apprentices. These include:

- visiting Centrelink
- reading newspapers that have job ads (e.g. ‘Careerone’ in the Saturday Courier-Mail)
- searching the Internet, e.g.
  - http://jobsearch.gov.au
- contacting Group training organisations
- scanning school and community notice boards
- contacting trade and professional associations
- approaching previous employers e.g. from work experience or part-time work
- talking to your school VET coordinator and Guidance Counsellor/Officer.

In addition, check out your social network (parents, extended family, neighbours, and friends’ parents). Usually there is someone who knows someone who is looking for an apprenticeship. Also, don’t be afraid to approach employers who have not advertised a vacancy. Up to 70% of jobs are obtained through contacts not advertisements.

If you want an apprenticeship in 2015 – begin your search now
Year 12s, don’t wait until you finish school in November to start looking for an apprenticeship. Start now as many employers begin to recruit for 2015 from this time of the year. The first thing you need to do is decide on the type of apprenticeship you want. The Queensland Training Information Service website at http://qtis.training.qld.gov.au/Apprenticeship has a list of apprenticeships available in Queensland. Click on apprenticeships you like for more information about the job. You can also talk to people already in the job and/or do work experience to help you with this decision. The following websites have useful steps to help you gain an apprenticeship:


The top 10 most endangered jobs of 2014


US job search site Career Cast has released a study into the job market, forecasting expected decline in employment opportunities out to 2022 (see the report at http://www.careercast.com/jobs-rated/most-endangered-jobs-2014). Its top 10 endangered jobs of 2014 are:

- **Postman** – The rise in Internet communication has resulted in a profound decline in postal jobs. In Australia, daily mail deliveries may be reduced to three-day-a-week services later this year.
- **Farmer** - Advancements in agricultural technology and machinery has meant fewer hands can do more.
- **Meter reader** - Gone are the days of waiting for the meter man. Utility companies can now implement remote-viewable readers, saving a trip out to customers.
- **Newspaper reporter** - It’s not front-page news that the digital age has dramatically reshaped newsrooms across the world.
- **Travel agent** - Be it booking trains, planes, automobiles or hotels, the consumer is often happier to surf for the best travel deals they can find and skip the middleman.
- **Forestry worker** - Better technology often means bigger machines, leaving less room for the little guy trained in the felling of trees.
- **Flight attendant** - The airline industry over the last decade has undergone plenty of shocks, and the high-flying crews have not been immune. Long-term hiring projections are not looking good for flight attendants over the next decade.
- **Drill-press operator** - drill-press operator was listed as one of the least stressful jobs in 2013, but these manufacturing jobs will be much harder to find by 2022.
• **Printing worker** - As the world becomes more digital there is less need for hard copy printing.

• **Tax examiners** - Technology has reshaped the role of the tax office, meaning fewer hands are needed on deck. The Australian Tax Office, for instance, is expected to shed more than 2300 full-time jobs in 2014-15 as a result of budget cuts.
Discover the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)


Submariners – the deep elite

Ever thought of what it would be like to work on a submarine? Now you have an opportunity to experience it. The Defence Jobs website at http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/submariners/# will take you on a virtual tour of the inside of a submarine. The site has information about some of the jobs available on submarines.

Jazz Institute
Develop your career profile

The myfuture website at http://www.myfuture.edu.au/mycareerprofile has a My Career Profile (MCP) tool. MCP uses your responses to a number of questionnaires and activities (e.g. interests, skills, knowledge) to develop your profile and to match it to suggested jobs. You can read about the suggested jobs on the myfuture website and select those that most appeal to you. This is a good place to begin if you are having trouble getting started with your career exploration. Once you have a smaller list of possible jobs, you can broaden your exploration to include:

- Career interviews – talk to people already in the jobs
- Work observation – spend a day with someone in the job
- Work experience – spend a week experiencing the job.

The information you gather from these activities will help you prioritise your job ideas list and help you make decisions about what you would like to do in the future.

Jazz Institute
Competitions

**Engflick – a short film competition**

The aim of this competition is to increase awareness of the engineering profession and the role engineering plays in our lives. Entries should be between 40 seconds and five minutes in duration and reflect the theme of the competition, which is ‘A better world with engineers’. Visit [http://engflick.com/](http://engflick.com/) for competition details. The closing date for entries is 21 August 2014.

**Ipswich Enviropplan Photographic Competition 2014**


**The Pixel Prize – a competition for photographers**

This competition is open to secondary students who have a passion for photography. This year’s theme for the competition is ‘community’. See [http://www.thepixelprize.com.au/](http://www.thepixelprize.com.au/) for details about the competition. Entries close on 9 September 2014.
Applications are open for B Arts (Screen) at the Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS)

AFTRS is a national screen arts and broadcast school located in Sydney, NSW. The B Arts (Screen) will be offered for the first time in 2015. This course is for those with a passion for the screen. FEE-HELP is available for eligible students. The due date for applications is 1 November 2014. Find out more about the course, the entry requirements and the application process at http://www.aftrs.edu.au/news/news-2014/bas-apps-open.

Assistance for people with disability

The myfuture website at http://myfuture.edu.au/tools-and-resources/assistance-for-people-with-specific-needs has recently been updated with information about support services for people with a disability.

Australian Catholic University updates

Early Achievers’ Program (EAP) – Applications are now open for this program. EAP provides a pathway for entry to ACU courses that looks at students’ contributions to the community, not just their OP. Applications close on 20 October 2014. See http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternate_entry/early_entry for details.

Campus tours – If you missed out on the ACU open day and would like to visit the campus, book a campus tour at http://www.acu.edu.au/campustours.


Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS) courses in Brisbane

AFTRS will offer the following short courses at the State Library of Queensland in Brisbane.


News from the University of Queensland (UQ)

More scholarships for students from low income backgrounds – The UQ-Link program will offer three times more scholarships valued at $3,000 in 2015. Other benefits of the program include five bonus ranks and access to a range of support services. Find out more at http://scholarships.uq.edu.au/scholarship/uq-link-program.

Intensive programs in Maths B, Chemistry and Biology to meet prerequisites – Students who need to meet prerequisites in these subjects can participate in a four-week program in November/December 2014 on the St Lucia campus. Student results from the program will be available for the QTAC major offer round in January 2015. Visit http://www.uqcollege.edu.au/ for details.

Virtual tours of UQ’s Engineering Precinct – These are available now. They can be accessed at http://www.eait.uq.edu.au/virtual-tour.

UQ concurrent diplomas – These are available in Music Performance, Languages and Global Issues. They can be studied in conjunction with an undergraduate degree. See http://www.uq.edu.au/study/index.html?page=189462&pid=949 for more information.

Selected career and course dates for August 2014*

12 – Queensland University of Technology B Music audition registration due date https://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/additional-entry-requirements

16 – 24 - National Science Week http://www.scienceweek.net.au/

18 - Griffith University Queensland Conservatorium audition applications due http://www.griffith.edu.au/music/queensland-conservatorium/programs-courses

18 - Audition application due date for B Music, University of Queensland http://www.uq.edu.au/music/2015-auditions-210197


21 - Psychology experience day at Bond University http://bond.edu.au/faculties/society-and-design/events/BD3_031300

27 - University of Southern Queensland Toowoomba Campus Year 10 Careers Day

29 – University of Southern Queensland Early Round Scholarship applications close
www.usq.edu.au/study/high-school-students/early-round

* Open days are listed in the ‘Open Days’ section of this news bulletin.

Study a university course in Japan

Nagoya University is recruiting Australian students. The undergraduate programs offered are automotive engineering, biological sciences, chemistry, fundamental and applied physics and social sciences. The programs are taught in English so Japanese language proficiency is not required at the time of admissions. For further information, visit http://admissions.g30.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/.

Study in New Zealand at the University of Otago

The University of Otago offers courses in commerce, health sciences (including medicine), humanities and sciences (see http://www.otago.ac.nz/departments/ for details about the courses offered). Australian citizens and permanent residents pay the same domestic fees as New Zealand citizens. Find out more about entry for Australian students at http://www.otago.ac.nz/prospectivestudents/australia/index.html.

Updates from the University of Melbourne

Scholarship applications are now open - See http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/scholarships for details. The Melbourne National Scholarships may be of particular interest to interstate students.

Open day – This will be held on 17 August 2014. For details, visit https://openday.unimelb.edu.au/.

Interstate student and family information day – This event will be held on 3 October 2014 at the University of Melbourne. Find out more at http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events.

Courses at the University of Melbourne - Use the course search function at http://www.coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au/ to explore the range of courses on offer at the University of Melbourne.

Latest information for future students - The Future Students website at http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/ provides the latest information for students thinking of applying for the university.

Want to do engineering but don’t meet the entry requirements?

Griffith University offers students a pathway into engineering by sitting the Aptitude for Engineering Assessment examination. Successful students will receive admission into the B Engineering or the B Engineering Technology at either the Nathan or Gold Coast campuses. Registrations to sit the exam close on 9 September 2014. The examination will be held on 20 September 2014 in Brisbane, Gold Coast, Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton and Bundaberg. For more information, visit http://www.griffith.edu.au/engineering-information-technology/griffith-school-engineering/future-students/aptitude-engineering-assessment.

Jazz Institute
Applying for university scholarships

Even if you think you may not get one, go ahead and apply for a scholarship. What do you have to lose? Scholarships tend to fall into one of the following categories:

- Academic
- Equity
- Indigenous
- Sports
- Field of study (e.g. engineering, IT)
- International
- External (e.g. sponsored by an organisation outside of the university)

Every university website has a scholarship web page with details about the scholarships available, the value of the scholarship, the selection criteria and the application process. The initial application for most university scholarships is online, followed by a submission of supporting documents, which you mail or deliver to the university. The following are links to Queensland university scholarship web pages.

- CQ University [http://www.cqu.edu.au/study/scholarships](http://www.cqu.edu.au/study/scholarships)
- The University of Queensland [http://scholarships.uq.edu.au/](http://scholarships.uq.edu.au/)
- University of the Sunshine Coast [http://www.usc.edu.au/study/scholarships](http://www.usc.edu.au/study/scholarships)

Business scholarship

ICT Excellence Scholarships at the University of Queensland

2015 ICT Excellence Scholarships, worth $3000 each, are available to commencing students in:

- B Information Technology
- B Multimedia Design
- B Engineering (specific subject areas required)
- B Science (specific subject areas required)
- A dual program, which includes any of the above programs.


John Eales Rugby Excellence Scholarship at Bond University

This scholarship provides an opportunity for an outstanding young rugby union star to be mentored on and off the field. Applications for this scholarship are now open and will close on 30 September 2014. Visit http://www.bond.edu.au/study-at-bond/scholarships/australian-applicants/BD3_027351 for more information.

Northparkes Mines 2015 Indigenous Scholarships

These scholarships allow successful applicants to study a wide range of courses aligned to the mining industry, including:

- **Non-Technical Careers** – Nursing; Occupational Health/Safety/Science; Physiotherapy; Accounting; Environmental Science; Community Relations; Human Resources/Training
- **Technical Careers** - Mining Engineering; Electrical Engineering; Mechanical Engineering; Metallurgy; Geoscience.

Applications for this scholarship are now open and will close on 31 January 2015. For more information and to download an application, go to http://www.northparkes.com/scholarships.aspx. Other Indigenous scholarships can be found on the Aspiration Initiative website at http://theaspirationinitiative.com.au/.

QUT Business Scholarships

The Queensland University of Technology’s (QUT) Business School offers the following scholarships for school leavers commencing their studies in 2015. See more information about these scholarships at https://www.qut.edu.au/business/courses-and-study/scholarships.

For academic excellence
• Corporate Partners in Excellence – valued at $36,000; applications open on 1 September and close on 14 November 2014
• Dean’s Honours Program – valued at $20,000; to apply for this scholarship, you put the B Business (Dean’s Honours) on your QTAC application
• Business Academic Excellence Scholarship – valued at $5,000; to apply for this scholarship, you put the B Business on your QTAC application.

For Indigenous students

• Indigenous Student Intern Scholarship – valued at $23,450; to apply for this scholarship, you put the B Business on your QTAC application.

Scholarships at the International College of Management (ICMS)

ICMS is private college located in Sydney. It offers accredited degree level courses in business related fields such as:

• Event Management
• Hospitality Management
• International Tourism
• Property Services Management
• Retail Marketing
• Sports Management.

ICMS is offering a number of scholarships for students (domestic and international) commencing in 2015. Selection is based on merit, aptitude and ability. Find out more at http://www.icms.edu.au/scholarships.

Scholarships for children and grandchildren of military veterans


St Andrew’s College scholarships

St Andrew’s College is a residential college within the University of Sydney. It has up to one million dollars for student scholarships, bursaries and prizes in 2015. Read about their scholarship program at http://www.standrewscollege.edu.au/current-students/scholarships-and-prizes/. Information about the college and its various support programs and activities can be accessed at http://www.standrewscollege.edu.au/prospective-students/. Students wishing to obtain further information can telephone (02) 9565 7300.
The 2015 University of Queensland (UQ) academic scholarships are now open

The university wide academic scholarships available at UQ are:

- **UQ Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships** (awarded to applicants achieving at the very top of the OP1 band or equivalent) valued at $12,000 per year for up to five years
- **UQ Excellence Scholarships** (awarded to OP 1 applicants who demonstrate outstanding academic leadership and/or community service achievements during their senior secondary studies) valued at $6,000 for up to four years
- **UQ Merit Scholarships** (awarded to OP 1 – 3 applicants who demonstrate significant leadership and/or community service) valued at $6,000 for the first year of study.

All three scholarships can be applied for on the one application. Applications close on 31 October 2014. Specific information about these scholarships and the application process can be found at [http://scholarships.uq.edu.au/program/uq-academic-scholarship-program](http://scholarships.uq.edu.au/program/uq-academic-scholarship-program).

**Tips for applying for university scholarships**

The following are tips to help you maximise your chance of gaining a scholarship:

- Apply for all the scholarships for which you are eligible
- Read the information on the university's scholarship web page
- Follow the directions exactly and answer all parts of each question
- Include all documents requested.
- Ensure that written applications are readable and provide examples to back up attributes and achievements.
- Start preparing your application early.
- Collect ideas for your application over time – start with dot points
- Do drafts of your application – get feedback (see your guidance officer/counsellor)
- Ask referees for supporting statements early, not at the last minute. They are usually very busy people
- When required, include examples of personal attributes and achievements such as:
  - Awards gained
  - Leadership (including coaching)
  - Volunteering and other community participation
  - Teamwork (sport, work, etc.)
Initiative.

- Include your career aspirations and how the university course can help you achieve them.
- Submit your application by the due date.

Some universities hold scholarship preparation workshops. For example, QUT's Academic Scholarships Seminar will be held on 2 October 2014. See https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/academic-scholarships-seminar for more information about this seminar.

**University of Southern Queensland (USQ) Early Round Scholarships**

For the first time, USQ is offering the following scholarships to Year 12 students while they are still completing high school in 2014.

- **Vice-Chancellor’s Principal’s Recommendation Scholarships** – These scholarships are valued at $12,000 each. The selection criterion for the scholarships includes academic achievement, participation in academic extracurricular activities and leadership experience. See http://www.usq.edu.au/scholarships/usq/vice-chancellors-principals-recommendation for details.

- **Future Community Leader Scholarships** – These are valued at $6,000 each. They will be awarded to applicants who demonstrate participation in their school and local community and involvement in USQ events while at school. Find out more at http://www.usq.edu.au/scholarships/usq/future-community-leader.

The application due date for these scholarships is Friday 29 August 2014.

**UQ School of Economics Undergraduate Scholarships**

Current Year 12 students can apply for the following University of Queensland (UQ) scholarships:

- Year 12 Domestic Australian Scholarship
- Year 12 Onshore International Scholarship
- Year 12 Indigenous Scholarship.

To be eligible, students must apply by the due date and be accepted into the B Economics for 2015. Applications close on 21 November 2014. For details see http://www.uq.edu.au/economics/scholarships-prizes-bursaries.

**Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships at the Queensland University of Technology**

These scholarships are now open. They include:
• Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships (Academic) – applications close on 21 November 2014 (110 scholarships worth $30,000 each)
• Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships (Creative Industries) – no application process required as recipients are chosen from the pool of Creative Industries course applications (16 scholarships worth $10,000 each)
• Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships (Elite Athlete) – applications close on 21 November 2014 (8 scholarships worth $30,000 and 12 scholarships worth $10,000)

To find out more, visit https://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/undergraduate-scholarships.

Jazz Institute
EA Ski and Snowboard Training instructor scholarship

EA offers instructor training and internship programs at top ski resorts around the world (e.g. Canada, USA, Japan, Switzerland, New Zealand). These programs offer training and an opportunity to obtain paid employment. EA is offering a scholarship place for the 2014/15 winter season. Find out more at http://www.easkiandsnowboard.com/scholarship-application/.

Gap year program events and due dates in August 2014

12 - World Education Program Australia (WEP) information session at Townsville RSL, Townsville http://www.wep.org.au/info/information-evenings


21 - Student Exchange Australia New Zealand information session at Chermside Library, Brisbane http://studentexchange.org.au/info-sessions/in-person-city-sessions/


27 - World Education Program Australia (WEP) information session at Chermside Library, Brisbane http://www.wep.org.au/info/information-evenings

Projects Abroad high school projects

This organisation invites students in Years 10 and 11 to participate in two-week summer (December/January) volunteer projects in countries such as Cambodia, Fiji, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. For more information, visit http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/projects/high-school-projects/.
Jazz Institute
Interested in filmmaking?

On the myfuture website you can listen to a talk by Neil Bilas who is a new media producer and filmmaker. This is one of myfuture’s regular guest speaker forums. To access the Neil Bilas talk go to http://www.myfuture.edu.au/, click on ‘Explore careers’, ‘Talk with real people about your career’ and ‘Chat with real people about their career’.

Virtual scientists – Learn about careers in research science

Meet research scientists who work in the fields of animal science, environmental management, mathematics, biological science, astrophysics, ecology, occupational health and safety, plant science, earth science, nanotechnology and food science at http://www.science.uq.edu.au/virtual-scientists.

Want to become a police officer?


Jazz Institute
Adult Tertiary Entry Expo

This expo provides an opportunity for adults to explore their tertiary study options. It will be held from 9.30 am – 3.30 pm on Saturday 30 August 2014 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Go to http://www.atee.edu.au/ for details.

Aviation Australia Information Night and Expo

Aviation Australia offers training for those wishing to be Aircraft Maintenance Engineers or Flight Attendants. It will have an information night on Saturday 16 August 2014. For more information and to register to attend, visit http://www.aviationaustralia.aero/. Don’t forget the Aviation Careers Expo on 23 August 2014 at Aviation Australia. You can download the expo prospectus at http://www.aviationaustralia.aero/expo/.

Billy Blue College of Design Open Day

The Billy Blue College of Design is a private college with campuses in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth. It provides tertiary and certificate level accredited courses in various aspects of design (e.g. communication, interior, fashion, digital media). FEE-HELP is available for eligible student undertaking degree courses. The Brisbane campus will hold its open day on Saturday 23 August 2014. For more information and to register your attendance, go to http://www.billyblue.edu.au/news-events/upcoming-events.

Canberra Tertiary Open Day

The following institutions located in Canberra will hold their open day on the same day - 30 August 2014.

- Australian Catholic University
- Australian Defence Force Academy (University of New South Wales)
- Australian National University
- Canberra Institute of Technology
- University of Canberra

**CATC Design School Open Day**

CATC Design School offers accredited diploma level courses in graphic design, interior design and photography. VET FEE-HELP is available to eligible students. The School will hold open days at its campuses in Queensland on the following dates:

- 10 – 2 pm on Saturday 16 August 2014 Gold Coast campus
- 11 am – 3 pm on Saturday 23 August 2014 Brisbane Campus.


**Charlton Brown open day**

Charlton Brown, a registered training organisation and employment placement agency, offers accredited certificate and diploma level courses in childcare, aged care, disability care and community services. Charlton Brown is accredited for VET FEE-HELP and the Certificate III guarantee. It will hold an open day on Saturday 16 August 2014. Students wishing to attend should telephone 3216 0288 to register. For more information about this institute and its courses, visit [http://www.charltonbrown.com.au/](http://www.charltonbrown.com.au/).

**Expos in August 2014**

13 - Mackay and District Careers Expo  

22 - Police Expo  


**Health and Beauty Careers Open Day**

The Australian Institute of Applied Sciences will hold this event on Saturday 30 August 2014 at its Brisbane campus. This day would be of interest to students seeking to explore career interests in natural medicine, beauty, massage, hairdressing and health and fitness. Visit [http://www.aias.edu.au/about/upcoming-events/brisbane-open-day](http://www.aias.edu.au/about/upcoming-events/brisbane-open-day) for details and to RSVP.

**Pharmacy Experience Day**

The University of Queensland (UQ) will hold this event on Sunday 31 August 2014. It will be held at the Pharmacy Australia Centre of Excellence (PACE) at Woolloongabba, Brisbane. The day will include an information session about UQ’s B Pharmacy, guided
tours, a mini lecture (A Taste of Pharmacy), a sausage sizzle and much more. Visit http://www.uq.edu.au/pharmacy/begin-your-career to register your attendance.

**Selected institution open days in August 2014**


17 - University of Melbourne Open Day [https://openday.unimelb.edu.au/](https://openday.unimelb.edu.au/)


17 - University of the Sunshine Coast Gympie Campus Open Day [http://www.usc.edu.au/study/study-at-usc/information-events](http://www.usc.edu.au/study/study-at-usc/information-events)

17 - University of Queensland Gatton Campus Open Day [http://youruq.com/openday](http://youruq.com/openday)

17 - Queensland University of Technology Caboolture Campus Open Day [https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events](https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events)


24 - CQU University Rockhampton Campus Open Day [http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar]


30 - Australian National University, Canberra Open Day [http://www.anu.edu.au/thoughtleaders/openday/]

30 - The University of Sydney Open Day [http://sydney.edu.au/open_day/]

31 - Australian Maritime College, Tasmania Open Day [https://www.amc.edu.au/openday]

31 - University of Tasmania Open Day [http://www.utas.edu.au/open-day/]

**TAFE Gold Coast Coomera Campus Open Day**

This event will be held from 9 am – 1 pm on Thursday 21 August 2014. It will provide participants an opportunity to check out the Media, IT, Music, Production, Design and Civil Engineering courses offered at the campus. Students interested in attending this event should contact their school Guidance Officer/Counsellor.

**TAFE Gold Coast Information Sessions**

TAFE Gold Coast will hold the following sessions for students interested in the 2015 Schools Program and/or Direct Entry/Post Year 12 study. This is an opportunity to find out about the courses offered and check out the campuses.

- Services and Business - 5 – 6 pm Tuesday 26 August 2014 at the Southport campus
- Trades – 5 – 6 pm Wednesday 27 August 2014 at the Ashmore campus
- Health and General Education – 5 – 6 pm Wednesday 10 September 2014 at the Southport campus
- Creative Industries – 5 – 6 pm Thursday 11 September 2014 at the Coomera campus

Visit [http://tafegoldcoast.edu.au/](http://tafegoldcoast.edu.au/) and click on ‘Events’ for details about these sessions. You will need to register your attendance.

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Applying interstate for university courses

In addition to applying through QTAC for tertiary courses, Queensland students can apply for courses in other states. All states except Tasmania use a tertiary admissions centre like QTAC. All of the applications are online.

- **Tasmania** - Apply directly to the University of Tasmania [http://www.utas.edu.au/](http://www.utas.edu.au/) - 2015 course applications are now open – the ‘on time’ application due date is 30 September 2014
- **Western Australia** - Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC) [http://www.tisc.edu.au/](http://www.tisc.edu.au/). The ‘on time’ due date for applications for 2015 is 30 September 2014.

Interstate course information (entry requirements, previous cut-offs, course majors, etc.) can be accessed from the websites of the tertiary admissions centres listed above and the websites of the specific institutions. It can also be obtained from ‘guides’ (like the QTAC Guide) published by the tertiary admissions centres. Some of the interstate guides can be purchased in Queensland from selected newsagents (mainly in Brisbane) and the QTAC office at Park Road, Milton. You can also purchase them from interstate admissions centres.

The following websites are helpful for finding information about interstate courses and financial support.

- My University [http://www.myuniversity.gov.au/](http://www.myuniversity.gov.au/) - this site has a course and institution search function
- Study Assist [http://studyassist.gov.au](http://studyassist.gov.au) - this site has information on financial assistance

The websites of the interstate admissions centres provide information about how interstate students can apply. The sites normally have a table comparing OPs with
ATARs (the tertiary entry score for all states except Queensland). If you have problems with the application contact the centre by phone or email.

In addition to information about courses and the application process, you should research:

- accommodation options, including application processes and due dates
- cost of living, including transport
- university support services available to students
- availability of scholarships and other financial support.

If you get an offer from QTAC and from interstate, you then have to decide which offer to accept. If you have done your research well, this should not be too difficult a task.

**What level of qualification should I apply for?**

There are different levels of qualifications you may be eligible to apply for at the end of Year 12. Which level is the best for you? The following information may help with your decision-making.

**Bachelor Degree**

Length: Usually 3-5 years full-time

Content: Usually theoretical

How competitive: Entry is usually competitive. May need to meet prerequisites

**Associate degree/Advanced diploma**

Length: Usually 2 years full-time

Content: Combination of theory and practice

How competitive: May need to meet prerequisites. May need to complete a diploma first

**Diploma**

Length: Can be 1-2 years duration full-time depending on the institution and the course

Content: Tends to be practical with some theory

How competitive: Entry to many diplomas is not competitive although some diplomas are very competitive. May need to meet prerequisites

**Certificate I, II, III, IV**

Length: 1 month - 1 year full-time
Content: Usually very practical

How competitive: Usually not competitive

To decide on the best level of qualification for you, consider the following.

- The study/training requirements of the job you want.
- Your previous study results.
- Whether you are a hands-on or theory person.
- The cost of the course.
- The length of time you are prepared to study.

Year 12 students - Win an iPad mini!

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority is offering Year 12 students the chance to win an iPad Airs. All you have to do is log into your learning account before 31 August 2014. You will need your LUI (Learner Unique Identifier) and password to log in. If you don't know your LUI, ask your school for it. See https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au/12851.html for more information.

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Forgetting takes place most rapidly shortly after you stop studying a subject. The greatest loss is within a few hours. The speed with which you forget gradually slows down as time goes on.

This is why it is more effective to do your revision over a number of weeks, rather than the night before the exam. Plan your review of material to take place first the day after it is studied, a second time about a week after that, and finally a few weeks later.

See [https://uwaterloo.ca/counselling-services/curve-forgetting](https://uwaterloo.ca/counselling-services/curve-forgetting) for information about the Curve of Forgetting.

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Year 12 questions about QTAC and the application process

Q - I’m in Year 12 and want to study science at a Queensland university next year. How do I apply for a course?

A - You can apply for up to six courses through QTAC (Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre) on an online application on the QTAC website at http://www.qtac.edu.au (click on ‘Online services’). The online application for entry in 2015 is now active. The ‘on time’ application due date is 30 September 2014. There are many information sheets and videos on the QTAC website to help you apply for courses.

Q - Where do I find information about OP cut-offs for courses?

A - OP/Rank cut-offs can change from year to year so you never know exactly what they will be when you apply for courses. However, accessing cut-offs from previous years will give you a guide as to what they might be in the future. The following resources can be used to find out previous OP/Rank cut-offs:

• 2015 QTAC Guide
• Institution course brochures, websites, open days
• The ‘Search Courses’ function on the QTAC website will also provide you with previous OP/Rank cut-off information.

Q - I am going to have a gap year in 2015 and start university in 2016. Should I still apply to QTAC for courses this year?

A - Yes. It is recommended that you apply for courses this year. When you receive an offer you can defer the course for a year (or more, depending on the institution) and commence your studies in 2016. This gives you a guaranteed place in a course for when you complete your gap year. If, during the gap year, you change your mind about the course, you can apply again through QTAC for a new preferred course.

Q - I’m not eligible for an OP. Can I still apply for university courses through QTAC?

A - Yes. Year 12 students not eligible for an OP will be allocated a selection rank when applying through QTAC. To calculate this selection rank, QTAC uses the achievement levels for Authority, Authority-registered and approved Vocational
Educational and Training (VET) subjects/modules reported on your Senior Statement. Results in the Queensland Core Skills Test (QCST) are also used to improve your selection rank. You must, however, satisfy required prerequisites. The handout ‘Queensland OP ineligible Year 12 students’ can be downloaded from the QTAC website at http://www.qtac.edu.au/InfoSheets/OPineligible.html.

Q - I heard that the Certificate III I am doing at school could be used as part of my QTAC application. Is this true?

A - Yes. Additional qualifications may be assessed separately by QTAC when you apply for tertiary entry. These qualifications include Vocational Education and Training (VET) studies (e.g. Certificate III and IV); Music, dancing and speech and drama qualifications (e.g. AMEB completed 7th or 8th grade) or university study (e.g. Start QUT). Find out more about additional qualifications on the QTAC website at http://www.qtac.edu.au/Applying-CurrentYr12/AdditionalQuals.html and on page 24 of the QTAC Guide.

Q - I have completed AMEB Speech and Drama Grade 7. Will this help my OP?

A - No. However, QTAC currently will allocate a Rank of 84 (comparable to OP 9) your highest (best) score will go first. to this qualification. For this to happen, your training organisation (teacher) should inform the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority that you have completed this qualification. This information should be in your Learning Account (see Student Connect at https://studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au/) and on your online QTAC application when you apply. When selecting students for courses the rules of the institution determine which of the two scores (OP or Rank) will go first. In most cases

Q - My family might be moving to a new house in December. How will the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) know where to send my OP?

A - If your contact details change after you leave school, you need to inform the QCAA and QTAC. You can change your address on your online QTAC application form. You can contact QCAA on 1800 804 991.

Q - What are these bonus ranks everyone keeps talking about?

A - There are a number of special admissions schemes that can assist QTAC applicants in special circumstances to gain entry to certain tertiary courses. The Year 12 Bonus Rank Scheme is one of these. Under this scheme, applicants are allocated bonus ranks for specific studies they undertake in Year 12. Seven universities in South-East Queensland have such a scheme. Go to http://www.qtac.edu.au/Applying-SAS/Year12Bonus.html to read about how this scheme works and the specific rules of the universities that offer it. Also see pages 35 - 43 in the QTAC Guide for information about other special admissions schemes.
Q - I didn’t study chemistry in Years 11 and 12. I want to do a course that has chemistry as a prerequisite. How can I pick up chemistry?

A - There are a number of bridging programs available that can help you meet subject prerequisites. Below is a selection. It is essential that you check that the university you want to get into accepts the bridging program you choose.

- UQ College Tertiary Preparation Program [http://www.uqcollege.edu.au/]
- Unilearn [http://www.unilearn.net.au/]

Q - Does the University of Queensland Bonus Rank Scheme apply to the MBBS (Provisional Entry for School Leavers) course?


Q - Does the Griffith University Bonus Rank Scheme apply to entry to its B Medical Science (MD Provisional Entry for School Leavers course)?

A - No. See the ‘Exclusions’ section in the information accessed at [http://www.griffith.edu.au/future-students/high-school-students/bonus-entry-options]

Q - I understand that to become a dentist through the Griffith University I must first complete the three-year B Oral Health in Dental Science and then do a two-year Graduate Diploma of Dentistry. Do you get a Commonwealth Supported Place in the graduate diploma or do you have to pay full-fee?

A - The Graduate Diploma of Dentistry at Griffith University is a full-fee course. Students can apply for a loan under the Commonwealth Government’s FEE-HELP Scheme. See [https://www148.griffith.edu.au/programs-courses/Program/OverviewAndFees?ProgramCode=4136] for more information about the graduate diploma.

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