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Apprenticeships with Aurizon

Aurizon Holdings provides rail and road-based freight services across Australia. The company offers apprenticeships in the following areas:

- Electrical Tradesperson
- Telecommunications Tradesperson
- Heavy Fabrication (Boilermaker)
- Mechanical and Diesel Fitter and/or Turner
- Vehicle Builder/Vehicle Trimmer
- Vehicle Finisher.

For more information and to download a brochure, go to http://www.aurizon.com.au/careers.

Automotive, technical and parts apprenticeships

Students can apply for automotive apprenticeships with major vehicle manufacturers across Australia through Vantage Automotive Pty Ltd. Visit http://www.vantageautomotive.com/ and click on ‘Apprenticeship Programs’ for more information.

What do I need to know when I start a job?

The Fair Work Ombudsman website at http://www.fairwork.gov.au/find-help-for/young-workers-and-students has a ‘Guide for young workers’ which can be downloaded from the site. The Guide covers topics such as employment conditions, employment awards and agreements, pay rates and much more. Also, the site has a ‘Starting a new job’ online learning course, which can help you prepare for starting a job.
How do I start my application for the Australian Defence Force?

The first step in this process is to submit an application to Defence Force Recruiting (DFR) by telephoning 13 19 01 or lodging an application from the http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/ website. The online application process starts when you click ‘Start your application’ interactive button at the bottom of the home page of the website.

This step in the process is to obtain enough information for the DFR to book you in for a Your Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) session. You are then sent a confirmation pack containing information on the next step of the process and any further information you need to bring to the YOU session. For further information about the application process, see http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/recruitmentCentre/howToJoin/Default.aspx.

Women in the Australian Defence Force (ADF)

The Defence Jobs website has specific information for women contemplating joining the ADF. For example:

- See http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/army/lifestyle/women/ for an insight into the lifestyle of women in the Australian Army
Buy Smart Competition

Try your hand at creating an innovative way to present a consumer issue to an audience of your choice by entering this competition. It is open to Queensland students in Years 4 – 12. You can enter individually or in a group of up to six. The closing date is Friday 12 September. Find out more at http://www.qld.gov.au/buysmartcomp.

Haywire

If you’re aged 16 - 22, and live outside the big cities (e.g. Brisbane), you can enter a story about your life and the issues affecting your community in the Heywire competition. Entries close 16 September 2014. Winners of this competition are invited to take part in the annual Heywire Regional Youth Summit in Canberra. Find out more at http://www.abc.net.au/heywire/.

Poster Competition – Cannabis and the Law


Premier’s ANZAC Prize

In 2015, this prize will give 70 eligible Queensland students an opportunity to attend the ANZAC centenary commemoration in Gallipoli. The prize is open to secondary students in Years 8 – 11 in 2014. Applications close on Friday 19 September 2014. Visit http://www.education.qld.gov.au/anzac-prize for details.

The Australian Innovation Challenge

This year the ‘Challenge’ has a Young Innovators category, open to anyone under the age of 21 years. If you have a great idea that could help Australia grasp opportunities or steel us against future economic or environmental shocks, you should enter this $65,000 challenge. Find out more at
Engineering Link Project

If you missed out on the Engineering Link Projects offered earlier this year throughout Queensland, you might be interested in one of the following programs:

- **Toowoomba Regional Engineering Project**: Friday 8 August 2014. This is a one-day workshop for Year 11 and 12 students who want to know more about an engineering career.
- **Mt Isa Regional Engineering Project**: Thursday 14 August 2014. This is a one-day workshop for Year 10, 11 and 12 students.
- **Sydney Engineering Link Project**: 1 – 2 October 2014 (during the school holidays). Over the two days, students will experience different hands-on activities in a range of engineering disciplines facilitated by practising engineers. Registrations close on 22 September 2014.


**Important career/course dates for your diary July – October 2014**

**July**

30 - Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)  

31 - Bond University scholarships for current Year 12 students application due date  

**August**

5 – QTAC online applications open  

18 - University of Queensland B Music application for audition applications close  

18 – Griffith University, Queensland Conservatorium B Music audition applications close  

**September**
12 – Queensland University of Technology’s B Music, B Fine Arts (Dance Performance) and B Fine Arts (Dance) online registration due date
https://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/additional-entry-requirements

30 – QTAC due date for on-time applications http://www.qtac.edu.au/

October

10 – Online registration due date for QUT’s B Design (Honours (Fashion), B Fine Arts (Acting), B Fine Arts (Technical Production) and B Fine Arts (Visual Arts)
https://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/additional-entry-requirements

Musical Theatre Summer School 2015

Applications are now open for students 13 years of age and above, who have a passion for music, to participate in a week of singing, dancing, acting and performance. This Griffith University summer school will be held in January 2015. To find out more and to apply, visit http://www.griffith.edu.au/music/musical-theatre/high-school-and-community-programs.

News from the University of Southern Queensland (USQ)

Creative Arts auditions – Within the B Creative Arts at USQ there are five areas of specialisation (Creative media, Creative media – multimedia, Music, Theatre and Visual arts). Applicants for this course are required to attend an audition and/or interview. Visit http://www.usq.edu.au/study/apply/audition to register.

Audition workshops – To assist students with preparing for auditions, USQ is offering audition workshops at each of its campuses and at selected regional locations. Find out more at http://www.usq.edu.au/audition-workshops.


- 3 August - Fraser Coast campus
- 17 August - Toowoomba Campus
- 24 August - Springfield campus

Year 10 Careers Day – This event will be held on Wednesday 27 August 2014. Find out more at http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events. Interested students should see their Guidance Officer/Counsellor about attending this event.

The Science Experience – This three-day event is for students in Years 9 and 10 who have an interest in science. It will be held from 23 – 25 September 2014 (during the holidays). See http://www.usq.edu.au/hes/outreach-and-engagement/the-science-experience for more information.
**Vice-Chancellor’s Principal's Recommendation Scholarship** – USQ will offer forty of these scholarships to high achieving students who receive a principal’s recommendation for 2015. Applications close on Friday 29 August 2014. Details can be found at [http://www.usq.edu.au/scholarships/usq/vice-chancellors-principals-recommendation](http://www.usq.edu.au/scholarships/usq/vice-chancellors-principals-recommendation).

**Open Universities Australia (OUA)**

OUA offers online higher education courses. Through OUA, students can:

- Study online, so they have flexibility about when and where they study
- Choose from a large range of undergraduate courses
- Select individual undergraduate units instead of a whole course
- Study with Australian universities e.g. Monash, Griffith, Macquarie, Curtin, RMIT, University of New England, University of South Australia, Australian Catholic University and many more
- Graduate with the same qualification as an on-campus student
- Access online support services.


**Psychology experience day at Bond University**

This event provides students in Years 11 and 12 with an opportunity to attend workshops and classes to experience what it is like to study psychology at Bond. The event will be held from 9 am – 2 pm on Thursday 21 August 2014. Visit [http://bond.edu.au/faculties/society-and-design/events/BD3_031300](http://bond.edu.au/faculties/society-and-design/events/BD3_031300) to download the program and to register to attend.

**Snippets from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT)**

‘Go for IT gURL’ – This is a two-day program for Year 10 female students who are interested in gaining hands-on experience in the study of information technology. In 2014 the program will be held on 27 and 28 October. Interested students should contact their IT teacher about attending this program. Also see [https://www.qut.edu.au/science-engineering/about/events](https://www.qut.edu.au/science-engineering/about/events).

**Caboolture Open Day** – Check out the courses offered and the campus at Caboolture on Sunday 17 August 2014. Find out more at [https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events](https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events).

**Q-Step** – This scheme is for students from a low-income background. Successful applicants can receive up to three OP bonus points (or six ranks) as well as a financial scholarship. Applications for Q-Step are through QTAC’s Educational Access Scheme – financial hardship category. Visit [https://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/special-entry-programs](https://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/special-entry-programs) for more information about this scheme and other special entry schemes.
Socialise with James Cook University (JCU)

Students interested in courses at JCU can keep in touch with the latest JCU news through Twitter, Facebook and YouTube. Visit http://www-public.jcu.edu.au/social/ for more information.

TASTE is coming: Apply early!

The Agricultural Skills and Technology Experience (TASTE) is a four-day program for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 who are considering a career in agriculture, horticulture, conservation and land management. The program will be run in the September school holidays at Longreach Pastoral College, Emerald Agricultural College and Narayen (Emerald Agricultural College property via Mundubbera). The program dates are:

- 21 - 25 September 2014: Longreach Pastoral College experience
- 21 - 25 September 2014: Narayen - cattle and horses emphasis
- 28 September –2 October 2014: Emerald Agricultural College experience, including cropping, cattle and horses

TASTE is a very popular program, so apply early. For more information and to download the ‘TASTE 2014’ flyer, see http://www.aacc.edu.au/taste/.

The University of Queensland’s UQ Link Program

The UQ Link Program helps financially disadvantaged students to study at UQ. Successful applicants can be awarded a UQ Link Scholarship valued at $3,000 per year (up to three years), 5 bonus ranks and other support. Students apply for this program through QTAC’s Educational Access Scheme (EAS). See http://scholarships.uq.edu.au/scholarship/uq-link-program for more information.

University of Queensland's (UQ) Young Scholars Program due date soon

This program provides high achieving secondary school students with an opportunity to engage with UQ’s academic community and to enhance their leadership skills. Don’t miss out. Apply now. Complete applications must be received by UQ by 5 pm on Friday 8 August 2014. See http://www.uq.edu.au/youngscholars/.
ACER International Student Scholarship (AISS)

International students intending to study business at an Australian university can apply for this scholarship, usually valued at $50,000. The scholarship applications normally open in March of each year. Information for the next round of AISS will be available at http://www.acer.edu.au/aiss in early 2015. If you would like the AISS Office to inform you when the next round of AISS registration is open, express your interest by email. A link to the email address is on the website.

Low Income Health Care Card

Students may be eligible for this card if they are on a low income and meet the Low Income Health Care Card income test (this card is not subject to an assets test). Find out more at http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/low-income-health-care-card.

Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme: Undergraduate

The scheme is an Australian Government initiative to support students studying an accredited nursing or midwifery course, which on completion will enable them to practice as an enrolled nurse, registered nurse or midwife. Applications close on Monday 15 September 2014. For more information, see http://www.acn.edu.au/nahss_ug.

Peggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme

The aim of this scheme is to increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with professional health qualifications. Applications for this scholarship are now open and will close on 16 September 2014 for studies commencing in 2015. See http://www.acn.edu.au/phmss for more information.
Camp America information session

Camp America organises summer camp jobs in the US for Australian students. The program will hold an information session from 6.30 – 7.30 pm on Wednesday 14 August 2014 at the George Williams Hotel, Brisbane. See [http://campamerica.com.au/](http://campamerica.com.au/) for more information and to RSVP.

Lattitude Global Volunteering applications due soon


Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (SCCE)

SCCE offers a number of exchange programs for students in Years 9 – 12 to countries in Europe, Asia and North and South America. SCCE will hold an information session from 7 – 9 pm on 12 August 2014 at Brisbane Girls Grammar, Brisbane. The organisation is currently offering the following scholarship programs.

- Year 11 and 12 scholarship for December 2014 – January 2015 in which students go on a two-month exchange in Europe (France, Germany or Italy).
- Scholarships for current Year 9 students for a five-month exchange program from January – June 2015 in France, Germany or Italy.


Student Exchange Australia New Zealand information sessions

This program enables students to spend from two to 12 months living overseas with a host family and attending a local school. Destinations include Argentina, Denmark, Japan, the UK and the USA. It will hold the following information session in August 2014:

- 7.30 pm Wednesday 6 August – Redcliffe Library meeting room, Redcliffe
- 7.30 pm Thursday 21 August – Chermside Library, Chermside

**World Education Program (WEP) Australia information evenings**

WEP provides international exchange programs. WEP will hold information evenings in August 2014:

- 6 August – Sunnybank Hills Library, Brisbane
- 12 August – Townsville RSL, Hermit Park
- 27 August – Chermside Library, Brisbane

National Skills Week 25 – 31 August 2014

The theme this year is ‘The Magical Mystery Tour of Skills’. Its aim is to highlight the opportunities and career pathways available through Vocational Education and Training. Visit the website at http://www.nationalskillsweek.com.au/ to view the list of activities organised for the week.

National Student Volunteer Week 4 – 10 August 2014

10 things to ask a health professional

When seeking information about health science occupations, it is important to talk to people who are already in the job. These conversations can be very valuable, especially if you prepare questions in advance. The following questions are suggestions from the My Health Career website at https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/career-university/what-to-ask-a-health-professional.

- What aspects of the career do you like the most or find to be the most rewarding?
- What aspects of the career do you dislike the most or find to be the most challenging?
- What aspects of the profession do students/graduates find to be the most challenging as they are going through the course or entering the workforce?
- What are the differences between how the average person perceives the profession and what you actually do on a day-to-day basis?
- What are the characteristics or personal attributes of a successful practitioner in your profession?
- Please outline a standard case and an unusual case you have come across.
- How much money could a new graduate, experienced practitioner or business owner expect to make?
- What are the different branches or areas of specialization in the profession?
- Has the profession changed over the time of your involvement?
- Looking forwards, where are the opportunities and threats in the profession?

I want to be a pilot but I’m not sure I’m suited for the job

If you are unsure about your aptitude to be a pilot, you could investigate sitting for a pilot aptitude assessment. Find out more from the Pilot Aptitude Assessment website at http://www.pilotassessment.com.au/.

ICT for girls

On the Australian Computer Society website at https://www.acs.org.au/ you can view interviews with women who have chosen ICT as a career. During these interviews the women talk about the various paths they have taken to end up doing what they love. Another good resource for female students interested in ICT is the Dot Diva
website at http://www.dotdiva.org/. This site profiles women who have made a difference through computing.

**More than pretty pictures: A career in graphic design**

The following are excerpts from an article written by Molly Wiltshire-Bridle and Mike Kermode.

In broad terms, graphic design is the creation of design and images through both art and technology to communicate a visual message. It might identify a product or company, or communicate a certain ‘feel’ for a product or website. It might be an attention-grabbing call to action or organise information in a more user-friendly manner. It might seek to invoke a certain emotion or just provide pleasing packaging and aesthetics.

Contrary to popular opinion, graphic design involves much more than the ability to put together pretty pictures. It requires attention to technical detail as well as a raft of problem-solving skills, from those that are strictly rational, analytical and objective, to those that are inspired, artistic and subjective. It also requires the ability to follow a brief and meet a deadline – because ultimately, it’s about delivering what clients want, when they want it.


**Science Matters**

Interested in a science career? Keep in touch with emerging topics with the University of Melbourne’s Science Matters website http://sciencematters.unimelb.edu.au.
Open Days, Expos & Career Markets

Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP) Information Evening

Interested in working in Psychology, Counselling, Case Management, Coaching or People Management? If so, you may be interested in attending this information evening at ACAP’s Brisbane campus at 6 pm on Wednesday 20 August 2014. ACAP offers accredited degree and diploma courses. FEE-HELP and VET FEE-HELP are available for eligible students. For more information and to register to attend, visit [http://www.acap.edu.au](http://www.acap.edu.au).

Aviation Careers Expo

This event will be held from 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday 23 August 2014 at Aviation Australia, 25 Boronia Road, Brisbane International Airport Precinct. The Aviation Careers Expo has a strong focus on careers, training and employment. Download the Aviation Career Expo Prospectus at [http://www.aviationaustralia.aero/expo/](http://www.aviationaustralia.aero/expo/).

Brisbane beauty therapy Open Day

The Australian National College of Beauty (ANCB) will hold an open day from 10 am – 2 pm on Saturday 23 August 2014 at its Brisbane campus in Fortitude Valley. ANCB offers the Diploma of Beauty Therapy. VET FEE-HELP is available for eligible students. For more information, see [http://www.ancb.edu.au/events/open-day-brisbane](http://www.ancb.edu.au/events/open-day-brisbane).

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/).

Griffith University Open Days

Griffith will hold its open day on 10 August 2014 at its Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank campuses. On the open day website at [http://www.griffith.edu.au/open-day](http://www.griffith.edu.au/open-day) you
can register for updates, download a program and app and plan your day. Also, this site has ‘Tips for Open Day’ to help you make the most of your day.

**IDP Brisbane International Students Expo**

This event will be held from 11 am – 5 pm on Friday 8 August 2014 at the Hilton Hotel. It will give international students a chance to talk to representatives of education institutions from around Australia. Visit [http://www.australia.idp.com/whats_on/idp_expo_august-september_2014.aspx](http://www.australia.idp.com/whats_on/idp_expo_august-september_2014.aspx) for details.

**Jazz Music Institute Open Day**

This institute is located at Bowen Hills, Brisbane. It offers degree, diploma and certificate courses in jazz. The Institute is FEE-HELP and VET FEE-HELP approved. It will hold an open day on Saturday 2 August 2014. Find out more at [http://www.jazz.qld.edu.au/](http://www.jazz.qld.edu.au/).

**New York Film Academy (NYFA) Australia Gold Coast Open House**

NYFA invites students interested in filmmaking or acting to its open house from 12 – 2 pm on 16 August 2014. Students under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. For more information and to RSVP, see [http://www.nyfa.edu.au/nyfa-events/](http://www.nyfa.edu.au/nyfa-events/).

**Open day for natural therapies**

The Australian College of Natural Therapies will hold an open day from 10 am – 2 pm on Saturday 23 August 2014 at its Brisbane campus in Fortitude Valley. This institution offers accredited tertiary level courses in nutrition, naturopathy, Western herbal medicine, massage, health science and sport development. Eligible students have access to FEE-HELP and VET FEE-HELP. For more information and to register for the day, visit [http://www.acnt.edu.au/about-us/events/brisbane-openday](http://www.acnt.edu.au/about-us/events/brisbane-openday).

**SAE Qantm Open Day**

The open day at SAE Qantm Brisbane campus provides an opportunity to check out the campus and the courses offered. It will be held from 11 am – 3 pm on Saturday 23 August 2014. SAE Qantm offers accredited tertiary level courses in the fields of animation, audio, design, film, games, and web and mobile. FEE-HELP and VET FEE-HELP are available for eligible students. For more information and to register for the event, visit [http://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events/](http://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events/).

**Selected interstate tertiary institution open days**
If you are thinking of applying for university studies interstate, you will need to begin your research as soon as possible. Information you should seek, includes:

- location of the institution (does it have more than one campus?)
- courses offered, entry prerequisites, previous ATAR cut-offs (go to [http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/atar/](http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/atar/) and click on ‘Year 12 Comparison Table’ to see a comparison between ATARS and OPs)
- cost of accommodation and when to apply
- travel costs
- support for interstate students
- scholarships
- application process (do you use a tertiary admissions centre or apply directly?)
- application due dates
- overseas exchange programs.

You can obtain much of this information from the websites of the institutions. Attending an open day would also be useful. The following are a selection of 2014 interstate open days:

- **Australian Maritime College, Tasmania**: Sunday 31 August [http://www.amc.edu.au/openday](http://www.amc.edu.au/openday) (Queensland students can apply through QTAC for courses at this institution)
- **Australian National University, Canberra**: Saturday 30 August [http://students.anu.edu.au/events/openday/](http://students.anu.edu.au/events/openday/)
- **Monash University, Victoria**: 2 – 3 August [http://destination.monash/openday/](http://destination.monash/openday/)
- **The University of Melbourne**: Sunday 17 August [https://openday.unimelb.edu.au/](https://openday.unimelb.edu.au/)
- **The University of Sydney**: Saturday 30 August [http://sydney.edu.au/open_day/](http://sydney.edu.au/open_day/)
- **University of New South Wales**: Saturday 6 September [http://openday.unsw.edu.au/](http://openday.unsw.edu.au/)

**Sunshine Coast Imaginarium – USC Open Day**

This event, which includes the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) Open Day, will be held from 11 am – 2 pm on Sunday 10 August 2014 at the Sippy Downs campus. Participants will be involved in a range of events and activities such as the Creative Space, the Discovery Centre, the Think Tank and the Sports Spectacular. Sound intriguing? Find out more at [http://www.usc.edu.au/imaginarium](http://www.usc.edu.au/imaginarium).

**TAFE Gold Coast Coomera Campus Open Day**
This open day will be held from 9 am – 1 pm on Thursday 21 August 2014. Participants will have an opportunity to learn about courses in media, IT, music, production, design and civil engineering. Visit http://tafegoldcoast.edu.au/ for more information. See your school guidance officer/counsellor if you wish to attend this event.

**Townsville Careers Expo**

This event will be held on Monday 11 August 2014 with sessions from 10 am – 1.30 pm and 4 – 7 pm. It will be held at the Townsville RSL Stadium. Check out the exhibitors, seminars, CCIQ Job Shop and the iPad competition on the website at http://www.careersevent.com/townsville09/Home.php.

**University of Queensland (UQ) Open Days**

UQ will hold its 2014 open days on the following dates:

- Sunday 3 August – St Lucia campus
- Wednesday 6 August – Ipswich campus
- Sunday 17 August – Gatton campus

The website at http://youruq.com/openday has information about the program at each campus. From this site you can download the UQ open day app. The app has the full program of information sessions and activities at each campus, a search function for activities you wish to attend and maps to help you navigate the campuses.

**University open days in August 2014**

3 - University of Queensland St Lucia Campus [http://youruq.com/openday](http://youruq.com/openday)

3 - University of Southern Queensland Fraser Coast Campus [http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events](http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events)


6 - University of Queensland Ipswich Campus [http://youruq.com/openday](http://youruq.com/openday)


10 - University of the Sunshine Coast Sippy Downs Campus ‘Imaginarium’ [http://www.usc.edu.au/study/study-at-usc/open-day-and-information-events](http://www.usc.edu.au/study/study-at-usc/open-day-and-information-events)

10 - Griffith University [http://www.griffith.edu.au/](http://www.griffith.edu.au/)


17 - University of the Sunshine Coast Gympie Campus
http://www.usc.edu.au/study/study-at-usc/open-day-and-information-events

17 - University of Queensland Gatton Campus http://youruq.com/openday

17 - Queensland University of Technology Caboolture Campus
http://www.qut.edu.au/study/events

17 - University of Southern Queensland Toowoomba Campus
http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events


24 - James Cook University Townsville Campus http://www.jcu.edu.au/openday/

24 - University of Southern Queensland Springfield Campus
http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events

24 - CQUniversity Rockhampton Campus http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar
QTAC updates

Year 12s apply by the TTT

QTAC anticipated that a new application process would be in place for Semester 1, 2015 applications (as described on Page 54 of the QTAC Guide). However the rollout of the new application has been moved to Semester 2, 2015. Consequently 2014 Year 12s will apply via the Twelve to Tertiary (TTT) application on the QTAC website at http://www.qtac.edu.au/OnlineServices/OnlineServices.html. You will need your LUI (or IB student number) and PIN (the day and month of your birth) to start your application.

QTAC App

It is proposed that this new app will be released in August 2014. You will be able to use the app to search and bookmark courses and access key dates, institution information, how to apply instructions and FAQs.

International students

If you are an international student who is completing your Year 12 studies in Australia you can apply through QTAC. QTAC provides the institutions you have applied to with the information on your application. However, offers to international students are made directly by the institution, not QTAC. Entry requirements, study costs and offer dates for international students may differ from those for domestic students. International students should contact the international office of the institutions in which they are interested for more information. See http://www.qtac.edu.au/Applying-International/Introduction.html for a list of international office contacts.

Course changes

There have been a number of course changes since the publication of the QTAC Guide. A consolidated list of these changes is available on the QTAC website at http://www.qtac.edu.au/Courses/CourseChanges.htm.

Online applications open on 5 August 2014
In a few more days QTAC will activate its online application. Year 12 applicants have until 30 September 2014 to submit their application to avoid a late fee of $130, which will be imposed from 1 October 2014. See page 4 in the QTAC Guide for key dates, or access these on the website at http://www.qtac.edu.au/Applying-NonYear12/KeyDates.html.

Ordering preferences

Because course cut-offs can change from year to year, it is important to have a strategic approach to ordering your course preferences on your QTAC application. Instructions for doing this can be found at http://www.qtac.edu.au/InfoSheets/OrderingPreferences.html and on page 56 of the QTAC Guide.

QTAC’s Educational Access Scheme (EAS)

This scheme provides special consideration to applicants who have been disadvantaged. The five EAS categories are:

- Financial hardship
- Home environment and responsibilities
- English language difficulty
- Personal illness and disability
- Educational disruption.

'The above information has been gathered from a range of sources including publicly available websites, institutional and organisational newsletters, student and career advisers and guidance officers. Every effort has been made to ensure the information provided is accurate and up-to-date at the time of publication.'

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