



Options Career Information Bulletin

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Apprenticeships with Aurizon

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

- Electrical Tradesperson
- Telecommunications Tradesperson
- Mechanical and Diesel Fitters or Mechanical Fitter and/or Turner
- Heavy Fabrication (Boilermaker)
- Surface Trimmer
- Power Traction Linesperson

Traineeships are also available. For more information and to subscribe for job alerts, visit the [Aurizon website](#).

Automotive, technical and parts apprenticeships

Students can apply for automotive apprenticeships with major vehicle manufacturers across Australia through Vantage Automotive Pty Ltd. Visit [Vantage Automotive website](#) and click on 'Apprentice Programs' for more information.

The My Skills website

This [website](#) is a national directory of Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses and nationally-accredited providers. On the site, you can search by using a course type, occupation title or location. The information it returns includes:

- An overview of each course such as average fees and duration
- A list of providers of that course
- Career and course pathways
- Employment outcomes and average salary

The website also includes a list of Government supported courses, training stories, a VET Student Loan scheme calculator (for eligible courses), skills in demand in each state and overall student outcomes.

Want to be an electrician? Find out about Electro

Electro Group Training and Apprenticeships is a group training company that specialises in training people for the electrical industry. It employs and monitors the training of electrical apprentices. For more information, visit the [Electro Group website](#) (click on 'Apprenticeships'). While you are on the site, read about the attributes and skills required of an electrical apprentice. Also, do the self-assessment to see if you have the maths and science skills needed for the job.



AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Australian Defence Force (ADF) at the Sunshine Coast Aviation Expo

Are you interested in working with aircraft in the Navy, Army or Air Force? Ever considered being a Pilot? Or working in aviation in a trade or support role? Come along to the 2018 Aviation Expo and chat to current serving ADF members in aviation roles about how you can take off with an aviation career in the ADF. The expo will be held from 9 am – 4 pm on Saturday 4 August 2018 at the Sunshine Coast Aero Club & Flying School, 16 Friendship Avenue, Marcoola. You can register your attendance [here](#).

Upcoming Events:

04/08/2018

[Australian Defence Force \(ADF\) at the Sunshine Coast Aviation Expo](#)
Sunshine Coast Aero Club and Flying School Marcoola

Women in Army – Adventure Camp: Lavarack Barracks, Townsville

The Women in Army Adventure Camp gives young women considering a career in the Australian Army the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a residential camp within the Lavarack Barracks. The Camp runs from 25 – 27 September 2018 and is open to female students in Years 10, 11 and 12 aged between 16 - 18 years of age. You can read more about the camp and register [here](#).

Upcoming Events:

25/09/2018 to 27/09/2018

[Women in Army – Adventure Camp: Lavarack Barracks](#)
Townsville



Career Quiz app

The Australian Government's Career Quiz on the [Job Outlook website](#) can be taken online for free. The quiz is useful for people who haven't got a clue about how to start exploring their career options. You can do the quiz on your laptop or desktop through a series of simple stages.

Following your passion could make you less successful

Stanford researchers have found that this popular mantra could make you less successful because it implies that choosing what you love will make the path to success easy and narrows your ability to adapt to new opportunities. In effect this primes people to give up more easily when they face challenges or roadblocks.

When deciding which career to focus on, focus on your strengths – areas where you would be able to adapt and bridge new ideas effectively. Your strengths are often linked with things you really like doing. Read the whole article [here](#).

The skills and attributes requested by employers in Australia

The National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) has released research findings that set out the employability skills commonly requested by employers on online job advertisements. [Download the infographic here](#).

NCVER has released [another infographic](#) that sets out the skills that are trending and emerging skills amongst job advertisements. Knowing the skills that employers are looking for will make it easier to put together a winning resume.

Competitions

Country to Canberra Leadership Competition

Each year Country to Canberra runs the Leadership Competition exclusively for rural female students in grades 10, 11 or 12. This year the competition will enable at least 15 young rural women to win an all-expenses paid trip to Canberra in November 2018 to meet inspiring politicians, trailblazing CEOs, attend exclusive events, tour Parliament, and receive leadership and public speaking training. Contestants are required to submit a two-minute video or a 400-word essay addressing the topic 'Life is a roadtrip with twists and turns. How can we support one another to navigate the road to gender equality?'. The competition opens on 24 July and closes at 11 pm on 1 September 2018. Visit the [website](#) for details.

Upcoming Events:

24/07/2018 to 01/09/2018 [Country to Canberra Leadership Competition](#)

Heywire

If you're aged 16 - 22 and live outside the big cities, tell a story about an aspect of your life and the issues affecting your community. The story can be in any format you like, such as text, photo, video or audio. Winners get an all-expenses paid trip to the annual Heywire Summit in Canberra. Entries opened in February and close 16 September 2018. Find out more on the [website](#).

Upcoming Events:

16/09/2018 [Hetwire competition entries close](#)

The 2018 STAQ Queensland Science Contest

Registrations are now open for Queensland students from Prep to Grade 12 to enter this contest. To enter, you need to choose a contest category (Scientific Investigations, Engineering and Technology Projects, Classified Collections, Communicating Science, Environmental Action Projects, Mathematical Investigations or the New Poster Presentation Category). Fill out your entry form online and pay \$5 per individual entry (or \$10 for a group entry with a max. of 3 students) before 8 October 2018. Complete your project and either post, email or bring your entry to the University of Queensland on either 12 or 13 October 2018 and pick it up on 14 October 2018. The awards are announced on 27 October 2018. For more information, visit the [Science Teachers Association of Queensland website](#).

Employment

Five trends shaping the future of work

An article on the Workforce Blueprint website suggests that while there are jobs that will be taken over by robots and automation in the future (e.g. commercial pilots, legal work, technical writing, telemarketers, accountants, retail workers and real estate sales agents), many other jobs will continue to be in demand. These include construction managers, medical and health services managers, sales representatives, registered nurses, market research and marketing specialists, software systems developers, teachers and specialist physicians. But what about the jobs that don't exist yet? The article lists the following predicted jobs.

- Future Currency Speculator – a virtual currency market expert
- Productivity Counsellor – to provide advice on a range of topics (e.g. wellness, time management) to help employees improve their value to employers
- Microbial Balancer – needed to assess the composition of new forms of bacteria
- Crowdfunding Specialist – expert advisers to help fundraisers promote their causes
- Privacy Consultant – an expert to manage and safeguard our digital information.

You can read the full article on the Workforce Blueprint [website](#).

Opportunities with Drones and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)

The rising utility of drones in industry has carved out a new occupation: UAV pilots. These pilots operate, maintain and repair UAVs used to gather data aerially. UAV pilots are also commonly known as drone pilots. CareerHQ sees this as a sector that is [positive and likely to grow](#). To become a professional UAV pilot, you must obtain a UAV Controller's Certificate from Australia's Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA). This requires you to undertake a TAFE or Vocational course such as a [Certificate III in Aviation \(Remote Pilot – Visual Line of Sight\)](#).

Drones are becoming relevant across a large breadth of industries such as:

- Utilities (for high-risk inspections)
- Mining (for surveying and environmental impact research)
- Fast Food Delivery (investment in new delivery channels)
- Package Delivery (unmanned package delivery)
- Trades (for high-risk inspections)
- Real Estate (for aerial and panoramic photography)
- Wedding Photography (for aerial and unique photography)

Read more about the rise in demand for drone pilots [here](#).

Social Enterprises

If you are passionate about an issue and you want to do something about it, a social enterprise might be the answer. A social enterprise is like a non-profit organisation or charity, but with one key difference. Rather than collecting money from sponsors and donations, a social enterprise takes the same approach to making money as a business. It sells a product or service and then spends the profits on supporting a cause. If this interests you, visit the Foundation for Young Australians [website](#) for tips on starting a social enterprise.

The 5 “super skills” you need for jobs of the future

Job descriptions are changing rapidly as new technology disrupts old methods of business. The Institute of the Future (IFF), a not-for-profit think tank that helps organisations plan for the future, has listed five ‘super skills’ that employees should master to compete and stay relevant in the marketplace:

1. Personal Brand
2. Digital Fluency
3. A tribe
4. Making sense of complexity
5. Resilience

Read the full article [online here](#).

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

The Fair Work Ombudsman [website](#) has many resources that can help. These include:

- Guide to starting a new job
- Starting a new job online course
- Young workers best practice guide.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



GU: Griffith University scholarships

Over 700 scholarships are available to cover tuition fees, accommodation, learning materials, travel costs and living expenses for high achieving students, rural and regional students, and students from disadvantaged backgrounds. The [Scholarships website](#) will help you find the right scholarship for you – press “Scholarships search”. Scholarship applications are submitted online and closing dates vary. For assistance, save it as a draft and contact the Scholarships team for more information. You can apply for and receive more than one scholarship.

Low Income Health Care Card

You may be eligible for this card if **your** income is below the income test. More info at Human Services [website](#).

Queensland University of Technology Creative industries scholarships

Year 12 students applying for Creative industries courses could be competitive for the following scholarships:

- 8 x [Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships \(Elite Visual and Performing Arts\)](#) – These scholarships are valued at up to \$30,000, paid in \$5,000 installments each semester. They are automatically awarded to students ranked first or second in their audition or portfolio for QUT’s acting, dance performance, visual arts or music degrees. Offers are made by 14 November 2018.
- 12 x [Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships \(Creative Industries\)](#) – These scholarships are valued at \$10,000 each, paid in \$2,500 installments each semester. For acting, dance performance, visual arts and music degrees, these awarded to the third and fourth highest ranked applicants. For other creative degrees with an additional entry requirement, it will be awarded to the top two highest ranked students. See the website for a full list of degrees.

In addition, Creative industry applicants with excellent academic results, or who are elite athletes, are encouraged to apply for other [Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships](#) in these categories. Applications for these scholarships open on 1 August and close on 16 November 2018.

TAFE: Queensland Scholarships for Semester I 2018

There are two types of scholarships available. Each scholarship is valued at \$5,000. Applications for these scholarships for Semester 1 2019 are now open and will close on 31 August 2018. Visit the [website](#) for details. These are:

- Merit scholarships - awarded to students who can demonstrate that they will do well in the industry in which they apply for the scholarship
- Access and equity scholarships - awarded to students who can demonstrate a genuine interest in and commitment to their chosen career, and based on specific equity criteria.

Upcoming Events:

31/08/2018

[TAFE: Queensland Scholarships for Semester I 2018 applications close](#)

University of Queensland Sporting Scholarships

These scholarships support students to meet the demands of their sporting and academic programs. In addition to financial support, the scholarships offer academic tutoring, access to the UQ Sport facilities, athlete workshops and more. Available scholarships are:

- [UQ Sports Achievement Scholarships](#) (applications close 31 October 2018)
- [Clem Jones Sporting Scholarships](#) (applications close 31 October 2018)
- [UQ Sport Scholarship Ambassador Program](#) (applications close 31 October 2018)

For more information and a larger list of sporting scholarships, visit the UQ Sport [website](#) and scroll down to “What are the Options?”.

Upcoming Events:

31/10/2018

[UQ Sports Achievement Scholarship application closes](#)

31/10/2018

[Clem Jones Sporting Scholarships' applications close](#)

31/10/2018

[UQ Sport Scholarship Ambassador Program applications close](#)

University of Southern Queensland Year 12 Early Round Scholarships

Year 12 students can apply for the following scholarships for entry to USQ courses in 2019:

- **Future Community Leader Scholarships** - These scholarships are offered in recognition of a student’s participation in the community. 10 of these scholarships are available for 2019.
- **Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships** – This scholarship is to reward high achieving students with strong academic abilities. 40 of these scholarships are available for 2019.

These Year 12 scholarships close soon at 5pm Friday 31 August 2018. Visit the [website](#) for details.

Upcoming Events:

31/08/2018

[University of Southern Queensland Year 12 Early Round Scholarships applications close](#)



Gap Year Program News

Southern Cross-Cultural Exchange

Southern Cross-Cultural Exchange will hold information sessions in Brisbane and Townsville about their student exchange program. The next sessions include:

- 7pm start on 2 August 2018 at Aitkenvale Library, 4 Petunia Street, Townsville
- 7pm start on 21 August 2018 at Ruth Fairfax House, 89-95 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane.

Register to attend [here](#)

World Education Program Student Exchange

WEP will hold the following information evenings about their exchanges in Queensland. The next sessions include:

- 7:30pm – 9pm on 6 August 2018 at Townsville RSL, 139 Charters Towers Road, Hyde Park
- 7 – 8:30pm on 8 August 2018 at Fulton Trotter Lounge, 129 Leichhardt Street, Spring Hill, Brisbane
- 7 – 8:30pm on 8 August 2018 at Quest Mackay, 38 MacAlister Street, Mackay
- 7 – 8:30pm on 13 August 2018 at The Cedar Centre, 57 Brook Street, Toowoomba

Visit the [WEP website](#) to register your attendance.

Youth for Understanding (YFU) Student Exchange Programs

YFU arranges for young people, 15 – 18 years of age, to travel and study in many overseas countries from two months to 12 months. Students live with a volunteer host family, attend a local school and have the support of the YFU network. Visit the [YFU website](#) for details of the program.



Indigenous

Aurora Education Foundation: Indigenous Scholarships

In addition to helpful guides for Going to Uni and How to Get a Scholarship, The Aurora Education Foundation provides a dedicated [Indigenous Scholarships Portal](#) that lists scholarship opportunities for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Australians across universities, TAFEs or private institutions.

A reminder that applications for the Bond University Indigenous Scholarships are due by 10 September 2018.

Upcoming Events:

10/09/2018

Bond University Indigenous Scholarships' applications close

Griffith University Indigenous STEM Experience Day

Indigenous students in years 9 – 12 and their teachers or community Elders are invited to a day of STEM workshops at Griffith University's Nathan Campus. The attendees will be able to gain hands on experience with Griffith University's state-of-the-art facilities and natural laboratories through two workshop streams: IT and Engineering or Science and Environment.

Attendees can also hear how Griffith can support Indigenous students into university studies. This Experience Day runs from 9:30am – 2:30pm on Thursday 9 August 2018. Visit the [event website](#) for more information and contact details for registering your school's attendance.

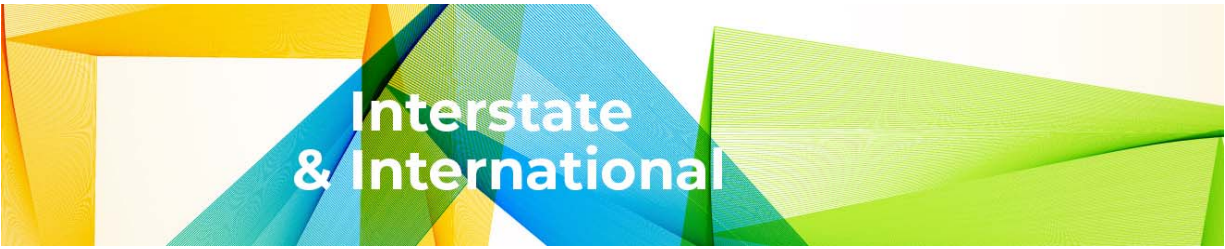
Upcoming Events:

09/08/2018

[Griffith University Indigenous STEM Experience Day](#)
Nathan Campus

Queensland Police Service Indigenous Recruit Preparation Program (IRPP)

For successful participants, the QPS' Indigenous Recruit Preparation Program (IRPP) provides direct entry into the QPS Recruit Training Program. The IRPP is a 10-week, full-time course at the Queensland Police Service Academy. Visit the [website](#) for information about the minimum application requirements and the selection process. You can download an IRPP flyer from this same website.



Q & A Session: The Advantages of a US & UK Degree

Crimson Education are running a seminar for parents and students in years 8 – 12 outlining the benefits of pursuing a university degree from a top institution in the UK or US.

Each year, millions of students graduate from higher education institutions – making the future uncertain, even with a degree. But there will always only be a handful of graduates from universities like Harvard, Stanford, Oxford and Cambridge.

This seminar will take place 6pm – 7:30pm Thursday 2 August 2018 at Lightspace Studios, 30A Light Street, Fortitude Valley QLD. Register now on the [event website](#).

Upcoming Events:

02/08/2018

[Q & A Session: The Advantages of a US & UK Degree](#)
Lightspace Studios, 30A Light Street, Fortitude Valley



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 at Aviation Australia. Find out more and book a test on the Pilot Aptitude Assessment [website](#).

ICT for girls

A good resource for female students interested in ICT is the [Dot Diva website](#). This site profiles women who have made a difference through computing.

Interested in being a police officer?

Visit the Queensland Police Recruiting [website](#) to begin your exploration. Click on 'Recruit Entry' for information about the entry requirements and how to prepare yourself for a police career. Attending a seminar is also very useful (click on 'Seminars') as you get an opportunity to ask questions about the job. The 'Academy Life' section of the site will give you information on the Queensland Police Service Academy.

Veterinary Nurse – Charlotte's story

Charlotte is doing a Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing as a traineeship. Watch the [YouTube video](#) in which she talks about how she found her job and where she hopes the qualification will take her in the future.

What jobs need mathematics?

AMSI Careers, an online career guide, gathers together job advertisements that have recently appeared online. The common theme of the ads is mathematics and statistics, but the actual jobs vary across a very broad spectrum. Visit the [website](#) and choose a drop down category of interest to see the variety of jobs requiring maths or stats.



Miscellaneous

National Science Week

In 2018, Science Week will be held from 11 – 19 August 2018. Visit the [website](#) to find Science Week activities near you. The website has lots of resources and ideas for holding your own Science Week event. The 2018 schools theme is 'Game Changers and Change Makers'.

National Student Volunteer Week

National Student Volunteer Week celebrates young people who make a difference through volunteering. It will be held from 13 – 19 August 2018. Visit the [website](#) and click on 'Events' and 'Queensland' to see events that will be held during the week.

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



SAE Creative Media Institute Open Day

SAE offers courses in the fields of animation, audio, design, film, games and web and mobile. Its diplomas, associate degrees and bachelor degrees are eligible for funding assistance under FEE-HELP. SAE will hold its open day from 10 am – 2 pm on Saturday 4 August 2018 at its Brisbane campus in West End. Visit the [website](#) for information about the open day program and to register for the chance to win a pair of Audio-Technica Wireless headphones.

Upcoming Events:

04/08/2018

[SAE Creative Media Institute Open Day](#)
West End Campus

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. The relevant information will include:

- Location of the institution (does it have more than one campus?)
- Courses offered, entry prerequisites, previous ATAR cut-offs (go to the [QTAC website](#) to compare ATARs and OPs)
- Cost of accommodation and when to apply
- Travel costs
- Support for interstate students
- Scholarships and other financial support programs and schemes
- Application process (do you use a tertiary admissions centre or apply directly?)
- Application due dates
- Overseas exchange programs
- Employment programs (e.g. traineeships, work experience).

You can obtain much of this information from institution websites. If possible, attending an open day would be useful also. The following are a selection of 2018 interstate open days:

- [Australian Defence Force Academy](#) – 25 August 2018
- [Australian Maritime College, Tasmania](#) - 11 August 2018 (Queensland students can apply through QTAC for courses at this institution)
- [Australian National University](#) - 25 August 2018
- [University of New South Wales](#)- 1 September 2018
- [University of South Australia](#)- 12 August 2018
- [University of Tasmania in Hobart](#) - 5 August 2018

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- [University of Western Australia](#)- 12 August 2018
- [The University of Melbourne](#) - 19 August 2018. Enter the [Snapchat Competition](#) where you could win a pair of Snapchat Spectacles.
- [The University of Sydney](#)- Saturday 25 August 2018.

Upcoming Events:

05/08/2018	University of Tasmania in Hobart
11/08/2018	Australian Maritime College, Tasmania
12/08/2018	https://study.uwa.edu.au/openday/
19/08/2018	The University of Melbourne
25/08/2018	Australian Defence Force Academy Canberra
25/08/2018	Australian National University
25/08/2018	The University of Sydney
01/09/2018	University of New South Wales

Selected Queensland tertiary institution open days in August 2018 update

August

4 – **Torrens University** open day for Business, Health or Design & Tech degrees hosted at the Brisbane campus at 90 Bowen Terrace, Fortitude Valley on Saturday 4th August 2018 between 10 am – 1 pm. Register your spot on the [Torrens Open Day website](#).

5 – **University of Queensland**, St Lucia Campus, from 9 am – 3 pm on Sunday 5 August 2018. Get started by downloading the app and 2019 UQ Undergraduate Guide on the [UQ Open Day website](#).

9 – **Central Queensland University Brisbane** open day hosted at the Brisbane campus at 160 Ann Street from 3 pm – 6:30 pm on Thursday 9 August 2018. See more information and register on the [CQU event page](#).

10 – **TAFE Queensland Ashmore Trade Training Centre** open day from 9 am – 4 pm on Friday 10 August 2018. See more details on the [TAFE Website](#).

11 – **Central Queensland University Mackay** open day hosted at both the City campus on Sydney Street, Mackay and the Ooralea campus at 171 Boundary Road, Ooralea, Mackay. Drop into these campuses anytime between 9 am – 1 pm on Saturday 11 August 2018. See more information and register on the [CQU event page](#).

11 – **Central Queensland University Bundaberg** open day hosted at the Bundaberg campus on University Drive (off Isis Highway) from 9 am – 1 pm on Saturday 11 August 2018. See more information and register on the [CQU event page](#).

12 - **Griffith University** open day at the Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank campuses from 9 am – 2 pm on Sunday 12 August 2018. Register [online](#) to go into the draw to win one of three Microsoft Surface Pro tablets.

12 – **Central Queensland University Cairns** open day hosted at the Cairns campus on the corner of Abbot and Shields streets. Drop in anytime between 9 am – 1 pm on Sunday 12 August 2018. See more information and register on the [CQU event page](#).

15 – **Central Queensland University Online** for those who cannot attend a bricks and mortar campus, get your answers from an open day hosted completely online. Join anytime between 3 – 6 pm on Wednesday 15 August 2018. See more information and register on the [CQU event page](#).

19 – **University of Queensland**, Gatton Campus, from 9 am – 3 pm on Sunday 19 August 2018. Get started by downloading the app and 2019 UQ Undergraduate Guide on the [UQ Open Day website](#).

19 – **James Cook University Townsville** open day hosted at the Townsville campus on Sunday 19 August 2018. The program times are yet to be confirmed. Register on the [JCU open day website](#) to keep up to date.

19 – **University of Southern Queensland Toowoomba** open day at the Toowoomba campus from 10 am – 2 pm on Sunday 19 August 2018. Add the event to your calendar and register your attendance at the [USQ open day website](#) to go in the draw to win a \$1000 gift card.

19 – **Central Queensland University Rockhampton** open day hosted at the Rockhampton campus just off the Bruce Highway in Norman Gardens, Rockhampton from 9 am – 1 pm on Sunday 19 August 2018. See more information and register on the [CQU event page](#).

26 – **James Cook University Cairns** open day hosted at the Cairns campus on Sunday 26 August 2018. The program times are yet to be confirmed. Register on the [JCU open day website](#) to keep up to date.

26 – **Central Queensland University Townsville** open day hosted at the Townsville campus at 6 Finsbury Place, Townsville City. Drop in anytime between 9 am – 1 pm on Sunday 26 August 2018. See more information and register on the [CQU event page](#).

8 – **TAFE Queensland Cairns SchoolTech Information Evening** from 5:30pm on 8 August 2018. See more details on the [TAFE Website](#).

10 – **TAFE Queensland Ashmore Trade Training Centre** open day from 10 am – 4 pm on Friday 10 August 2018. See more details on the [TAFE Website](#).

Upcoming Career Markets and Expos for 2018

Don't miss out on career expos in your area.

6 August - **Townsville Careers Expo** from 10am – 1:30pm and 4 – 7pm on Monday 6 August 2018 at Townsville Stadium, Murray Sports Complex. See the [website](#) for exhibitors, seminars and the expo competition.

8 August – **Mackay Careers Expo** from 10am – 6pm on Wednesday 8 August 2018 at the Mackay Multisports Stadium, Juliet Street, South Mackay. Visit the [website](#) for details

9 August – **Moranbah Careers Expo** on Thursday 9 August 2018 at Moranbah State High School. QUT will be visiting and brief details of the expo can be found on their [website](#).

Private Provider Updates

AFTRS: Applications now open for the 2019 “Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production”

The Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS), located in Sydney, offers a B Arts Screen: Production with subject areas in Story, Image, Sound, Character and Performance, Rhythm and Juxtaposition, Screen Business and Production. Applications for this course are now open and will close on 12 November 2018. This is a competitive course and students are selected based on merit. Specific course details and the selection criteria are available on the AFTRS [website](#).

Upcoming Events:

12/11/2018

[AFTRS: Applications now open for the 2019 “Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production” 2018 applications close](#)

Australian College of Technology and Business

ACTB is a Registered Training Organisation located in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane. The College offers accredited on-campus and online VET courses in Business and Management. ACTB provides one-on-one student support and affordable fees. Visit the [website](#) for details.

Drama Works Academy of Performing Arts: Certificate IV in Acting for Stage and Screen

Drama Works is a North Brisbane based mobile drama school providing drama classes to children, teens and adults of varying stages and ability. It offers an accredited Certificate IV in Acting for Stage and Screen, delivered in association with the Canberra Academy of Dramatic Art. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

Mary McConnel School of Early Childhood: Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care

The Mary McConnel School is located at Shafston College, Kangaroo Point, Brisbane. It offers an 18-month Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care. This includes a vocational placement as part of the course. Interested students can contact the school to arrange a tour of the campus. Find out more on the School's [website](#).

Mater Education: Certificate III and Diploma courses

Mater Education is located in Brisbane and offers the following certificate courses in addition to its [D Nursing](#) and [D Anaesthetic Technology](#):

- [Certificate III Allied Health Assistance](#) – This course trains students to work in assistant roles in areas such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, podiatry, social work and speech pathology.
- [Certificate III in Health Services Assistance](#) – This course prepares students for work in roles such as assistant in nursing, patient care attendant, personal carer, orderly and wards person.
- [Certificate III in Pathology Collection](#) – This course trains students with the technical expertise to work as a member of a pathology laboratory team (phlebotomy).

There are generally two intakes per year into these courses. Each course includes a two-week vocational placement. Certificate III guarantee is available for eligible students. Employment outcomes on graduation are good. These courses could be used as taster courses for students unsure of their interest in health occupations.

QATC: TASTE Holiday Program

The Agricultural Skills and Technology Experience (TASTE) is a 5-day program for Year 10 – 12 students aged 15 years and over. This program is held at QATC's Emerald Agricultural College and Longreach Pastoral College during school holidays. The four-day program is designed to help young people explore the career options available in the rural industry. There are two more intake rounds for this year:

- 24 – 28 September 2018
- 3 – 7 December 2018

TASTE is a very popular program, so apply early. For more information and to download the 2018 TASTE flyer, visit the [website](#).



QTAC & Tertiary Entry

A QTAC Key dates summary

2018 QTAC Offer Round Key Dates	
Due Date to apply and submit documentation	Offer Round
9 November 2018	Application closing date and submission of documents for the 16 November 2018 offer rounds .
7 December 2018	Application closing date and submission of documents for the 20 December 2018 offer round . Final date to change preferences 10.00am 17 December 2018.
14 December 2018	Application closing date and submission of documents for the 16 January 2019 offer round . Final date to change preferences 4.30pm 8 January 2019. Year 12 results mailed to your home address by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA)
15 December 2018	Year 12 results available on your Learning Account on the Student Connect website . You will need your LUI and password to access your Learning Account

2019	
31 January 2019	Application closing date for 2019 offer rounds for Bond Medicine . The final date to change preferences for this round is the same. The final date to provide the relevant documents for this round is 1 February 2019.
30 May 2019	Application closing date for the 6 June 2019 offer rounds . The final date to change preferences for this round is 11:59pm, 31 May 2019.

Fixed closing dates

Some courses have fixed closing dates. These are usually courses that require interviews, folios or auditions. In addition, some course requirements may be needed earlier than the closing date for applications. A list of most of these courses and their required closing dates or due dates can be found on pages 20 and 21 in the *2018 Year 12 QTAC Guide*. Examples of early fixed closing dates:

- 8 August 2018 – Audition applications close for UQ Music degrees (including double degrees)
- 24 August 2018– Audition and folio application for Queensland Conservatorium courses
- 31 August 2018 – QTAC applications and JCU Application Form submissions from international students for Bachelor of Dentistry and Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery (see page 115 and 116 of the QTAC Guide).
- 14 September 2018 – Registration with QUT for Creative Industry courses with additional entry requirements (ie. Fashion, Design, Fine Arts – Visual Arts).

Note that if you don't meet the due dates, you will not be considered for the course.

Upcoming Events:

08/08/2018	Audition applications close for UQ Music degrees (including double degrees)
24/08/2018	Audition and folio application for Queensland Conservatorium courses closes
31/08/2018	QTAC applications and JCU Application Form submissions from international students for Bachelor of Dentistry and Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery closes
14/09/2018	Registration with QUT for Creative Industry courses with additional entry requirements closes

How are applicants selected for courses through QTAC?

For 2018 entry to many of the courses you can apply for through QTAC is competitive. Consequently, many institutions use specific selection criteria to select students. Once institution admission rules are met (i.e. English Language Proficiency – automatic for most domestic students; age requirements – generally 18 years or completion of Year 12) selection is based on:

- meeting minimum entry requirements for the course (these may include subject prerequisites (usually Authority subjects), a folio; an interview or audition; a specific test, an essay or questionnaire; the successful completion of a course), and
- merit (OPs and FPs or a QTAC Selection Rank).

Through the QTAC process, eligible applicants (i.e. those who meet the entry requirements) are considered in order of merit (i.e. OP or QTAC Selection Rank). In very simplistic terms, the OP or Rank of the last person to get into the course before all places are filled becomes the lowest OP/Rank to receive an offer or minimum selection threshold, for that course in that offer round. From 2020 QTAC will use a student's ATAR to rate their competitiveness for entry into a specific course.

How will I know I have an offer?

You get only one offer per offer round. This is for your highest eligible preference (i.e. the highest course on your preference list where you have met the minimum entry requirements and your OP/Rank is above the lowest OP/Rank to receive an offer. If you get an offer, QTAC will send you an email or SMS notifying you to log in to your QTAC application account to view, print and respond to your offer.

Year 12 students could receive an offer anytime from 16 November 2018 (not including early offers through some university programs). **It is essential that you monitor your emails and mobile phone (for an SMS) from 16 November until you firmly accept an offer.** If you receive an offer, you have **four days** to respond to it. If you don't respond by the due date, the offer will lapse and you will no longer be considered for any other course. If this happens, contact QTAC immediately. Remember to use your private email address **NOT** your school email address on your QTAC application.

Key dates for the QTAC application and offer process for 2018/19 (for Year 12 students)

Most of the following information and offer rounds can be accessed from the *2018 Year 12 Guide*, p. 18 to p. 21.

Shift to ATAR from 2020

In 2020, the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) will replace the Overall Position (OP) for competitive entry into tertiary study for Queensland Year 12s.

From 2020

- Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) will calculate ATARs for graduating students
- Each university will have their own unique admissions policy pertaining to acceptance of VET and VETiS qualifications for competitive entry to university courses. You will need to contact each university to gain further information regarding the use of your VET qualification.

Read more about the shift to ATAR on the [QTAC site](#).

What is a QTAC Selection Rank?

A QTAC Selection Rank is:

- a number given to a qualification
- on a scale from 1 to 99 (highest/best)
- derived from a QTAC or institution specific schedule.

Your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor can show you a schedule that compares OPs with QTAC Selection Ranks. Examples of qualifications that may be allocated a QTAC Selection Rank for a 2018 Year 12 QTAC applicant include:

- OP Ineligible students are allocated a QTAC Selection Rank from results on their Senior Statement when they apply for tertiary courses through QTAC
- Certificates III and IV, Diplomas
- Some Music, dancing and speech and drama qualifications.

These selection ranks will no longer be in use once the ATAR system is introduced in 2021.



Study Skills

7 Habits of Happy People

Happy people are in the habit of:

- Developing QUALITY RELATIONSHIPS
- Cultivating KINDNESS
- Taking care of their PHYSICAL WELLBEING
- FINDING FLOW
- Discovering MEANING IN THEIR LIFE
- Knowing their STRENGTHS
- Developing a POSITIVE MINDSET

... so work towards being happy!

The laws of learning

The following laws of learning and remembering are oldies but goodies.

- Primacy – We tend to remember material that is presented first or early in the lesson.
- Recency – Work completed most recently is often best remembered.
- Frequency – The more often material is presented or revised the more likely it is to be remembered.
- Vividness – Material that is presented in interesting, attention-getting ways is more likely to be remembered.

This information is adapted from *Study Smart*, Department of Education, Queensland.



International Students in 2019

If you are an international student in Year 12 and looking to study at TAFE Queensland in 2019 visit their [website](#) to find out information about:

- Courses
- How to Apply (you do not apply through QTAC for TAFE Queensland)
- Study tours
- Global engagement
- Agents
- Key dates

Manufacturing and Engineering

Not sure about your career options after school? Ever considered a career in manufacturing? Watch these [short careers videos](#) to find out more about how the Gateway to Industry Schools program can open up opportunities for exciting careers through vocational education and training in schools. For more information on the Gateway program contact your Guidance Officer or VET Coordinator.



ACU - B Teaching/B Arts

This four-year double degree prepares graduates to teach science in government, independent, and Catholic secondary schools across the discipline areas of biology, chemistry and environmental science. More information about dual secondary teaching courses can be found [here](#).

ACU - Community Achiever Program (CAP)

Do you volunteer, show leadership qualities, or demonstrate community involvement? The CAP is designed to acknowledge commitment to your local community. Participation in this program may make you eligible for an early offer to your ACU course of choice. The application dates close 31 July 2018. For more information and instructions on how to apply, visit the [Early-Achievers' website](#).

Upcoming Events:

31/07/2018

[ACU - 2018 Community Achiever Program \(CAP\) closes](#)

ACU - Exercise science pathways and careers

ACU offers bachelor degrees in [Sport & Exercise Science](#) with double degrees with teaching, business administration and public health, and bachelors in [Physical Activity and Health Science](#). Also available are postgraduate options for students wanting a career in high performance sport or clinical exercise physiology. Students who miss out on the OP requirement for these courses can complete ACU's [Certificate in Exercise Science](#) as a pathway to a Bachelor degree.

ACU - Pathways into teaching

If you don't meet the requirements for any of ACU's teacher education courses, you have options. Visit the [Education Pathways web page](#).

OUA: Open Universities Australia

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, Swinburne University of Technology, University of South Australia and many more
- Graduate with the same qualification as an on-campus student
- Access online support services.

Eligible OUA students may be able to access HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP or VET Student Loans depending on their course. Find out more on the [OUA website](#).

QUT - Assessing VET qualifications after the shift to ATAR

From 2020 onwards, Queensland universities will shift to the ATAR ranking system. From this point on, QUT will only accept VET qualifications (for entry purposes) that are AQF Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diplomas. QUT will then assign a selection rank based on Certificate IV or higher and if you meet of the following criteria:

- you also obtained an ATAR (or completed International Baccalaureate Diploma)
- you undertook the VET qualification after you completed Year 12
- you did not obtain an ATAR and completed Year 12 more than two years ago
- you did not obtain an ATAR but you have undertaken further VET or higher education study since leaving school.

Read more about QUT's new VET assessment method on [their website](#).

QUT - Elite Athlete Special Entry Scheme

If you're an elite athlete and you're applying to QUT, you can apply for this scheme to receive a bonus of up to three OP points or six ranks. Read about the scheme [here](#).

QUT - Leadership and development opportunities

Going to uni is much more than attending lectures and tutorials. QUT offers a range of development opportunities through its College of Excellence, which provides personal and professional development for high-achieving students, and its Leadership, Development and Innovation (LDI) Program which is a leadership skill development program available to all students across the university. Visit the [website](#) for details of these two programs.

QUT - START QUT

High-achieving Year 11 students are invited to apply for this program when applications open from 1 September 2019. Through this program, students can complete up to two QUT subjects during Year 12 in 2019. Successful students will receive up to four credit points towards their QCE and up to two bonus entry

ranks when they apply to QUT for further undergraduate study. Applications will close on 31 October 2018. Visit the START QUT [website](#) for more information.

Upcoming Events:

31/10/2019

[START QUT Semester 1 2019 applications close](#)

QUT's Year 12 Entry Bonus Scheme

This scheme offers a maximum adjustment of two ranks for high school students who study certain subjects (Maths C, Physics, Languages other than English). When applying for QUT's B Engineering (Honours), the bonus scheme also includes Aerospace Studies or Engineering Technology. However students can still only receive the maximum of two entry ranks (not four). See more information on the [website](#).

UQ - Apply now for the Enhanced Studies Program

High achieving Year 11 students are invited to apply for UQ's ESP program which provides the opportunity to study one UQ subject during Year 12 in 2019. The 2019 brochure is now available on the UQ [website](#). Applications for 2019 open in August 2018.

UQ - Download UQ brochures

You can access the brochures on the [UQ Publications and Forms web page](#). Some of the brochures available are:

- Undergraduate Guide 2019 – summary information about the courses offered next year and much more
- UQ Scholarships Guide 2019 – a list of available scholarships for future and current UQ students
- UQ College Student Guide – for bridging and tertiary preparation opportunities
- UQ Guide for Parents – information for parents preparing their child for UQ
- UQ Program Quick Reference Guide 2019 – a quick and handy summary of entry requirements
- UQ Accommodation Guide – Get to know your accommodation Options
- UQ Year 10 Student Guide – What life is like at UQ

UQ - Engineering and Computing Careers Evening

At this event you will hear from recent Engineering and IT graduates, talk to lecturers and current students, find out about job opportunities and learn about UQ's courses. The evening will be held on Thursday 23 August 2018 from 6 – 8 pm in the GHD Auditorium, Advanced Engineering Building, St Lucia campus. For more information and to register, visit the [website](#).

Upcoming Events:

23/08/2018

[Engineering and Computing Careers Evening](#)
St Lucia

UQ - International student applications

International students currently completing Year 12 or IB in Australia must apply to UQ through QTAC. More information about the application process is available on the Current Year 12 international applicants [web page](#).

UQ - Pharmacy Experience Day

This event will be held from 9.30 am – 1 pm on Sunday 19 August 2018 at the Pharmacy Australia Centre of Excellence (PACE) at Woolloongabba. During the day you can participate in hands-on lab activities, take a guided tour of the PACE facility, learn how the Pharmacy degree opens many doors for postgraduate study (particularly medicine) and enjoy a free BBQ lunch to mingle with lecturers and current students. Register to attend on the [website](#).

Upcoming Events:

19/08/2018 Pharmacy Experience Day 2

USC: University of the Sunshine Coast Parent Lounge

USC's Parent Lounge [website](#) provides parents with information to help them support their children. Information provided on the website includes:

- Getting into uni – entry requirements and pathways
- Courses and programs available
- Course fees
- Accommodation and transport
- The Headstart program
- Scholarships

USQ - Creative Arts Auditions

Within the B Creative Arts at USQ there are five areas of specialisation (Film, Television and Radio; Music; Theatre and Visual Arts). Applicants for the Music, Theatre and Visual Arts specialisations are required to register for an audition and/or interview. The [website](#) has links to admission requirements and tips for auditions, interviews and portfolios. To register for an audition or interview, contact USQ through the address under 'Audition dates'. The closing date for Semester 1 2019 is 18 February 2019 when applying directly. If applying through [QTAC](#), contact the [university](#) directly for the application deadline.

USQ - Open Days

The open day [website](#) provides information about the 2018 open day programs at USQ campuses. Register on this website to receive update emails. Open day dates are:

- 19 August - Toowoomba campus
- 1 September – Ipswich campus

- 7 September - Springfield campus

Upcoming Events:

07/09/2018

[USQ Open Day](#)
Springfield