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Apprenticeships & Traineeships

Interested in an automotive apprenticeship?

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.

National Centre for Vocational Education Research – Apprenticeships and Traineeships

The [National Centre for Vocational Education Research](#) (NCVER) has released a statistical report from apprentices and trainees data for 2018. See the report [here](#).

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?

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

Air Force Camps for young women

The Air Force recognises the importance of diversity and has implemented a range of initiatives to demonstrate their commitment to ensuring a diverse team. One initiative to increase female recruitment and promote Air Force as a career option for young women is experiential [Flight Camps and Technical Camps](#). The ADF plan to host camps around Australia in support of young women who want to pursue military aviation related opportunities. Visit [Defence Work Experience Program](#) to register your interest.

Australian Defence Force Updates

The Australian Defence Force continue to hold information sessions across Queensland and New South Wales. Visit their [event page](#) to see when they will be holding sessions near you. These information sessions can be general in nature or more specific to a career path within the ADF. If you are interested in joining the ADF follow their [facebook page](#) to receive updates and information about the upcoming events.

Upcoming Events:

30/07/2019	Cairns Navy Careers Information Session
31/07/2019	Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session
01/08/2019	Leadership in the ADF – “Battle-Tested from the Defence Force to the Boardroom” Brisbane
01/08/2019	Townsville Navy Careers Information Session
05/08/2019	Bundaberg Defence Careers Information Session
06/08/2019	Proserpine Defence Careers Information Session
06/08/2019	Hervey Bay Defence Careers Information Session
07/08/2019	Mackay Defence Careers Information Session
07/08/2019	Maryborough Defence Careers Information Session
08/08/2019	Moranbah Defence Careers Information Session
08/08/2019	Rockhampton Health Careers Information Session
08/08/2019	Gympie Defence Careers Information Session



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.

Interested in a career in animal welfare?

So you're good at science and love being around animals. You're starting to think of potential career paths, hoping to work in a field that combines your strengths and interests. Studying veterinary science has crossed your mind, but you'd like to gain insight into how the industry works before committing. Volunteering is a fantastic way to develop an understanding of what a career in animal welfare entails and see if it's the right fit for you. [Click here](#) and read more about the benefits of volunteering and some ideas about where to look for opportunities.

Skilling for life

The [National Centre for Vocational Education Research \(NCVER\)](#) has recently released a discussion paper that highlights the ongoing changes to the nature of work and how workers will need to continue to upskill. It emphasises the need of lifelong learning in the provision of contemporary, relevant and transferrable skills. The article explores the role of Vocational Education and Training (VET) in lifelong learning. Lifelong learning is all encompassing of formal learning undertaken at schools, training organisations and universities and informal learning that might occur at home, on the job or in the community. To read the whole article click [here](#).

Skills employers are looking for in their employees

CareersNZ have information on employability skills that employers are looking for in their employees. Click on the links to find more information about:

- [The six job clusters](#)
- [Inventor, healer and crafter clusters most in demand](#)
- [Employability skills in demand](#)
- [My employability skills – exercise](#)
- [Skills employers are looking for – video](#)

Skills or Passion?

When researching and deciding which career to focus on it's best to focus on your strengths – areas where you would be able to adapt and work with new ideas effectively. Your strengths are often linked with things you really like doing. Researchers have found that only focusing on your 'passion' could make you less successful because choosing what you love could make the path to success more challenging as it could narrow your willingness and ability to adapt to new opportunities. Read the whole article [here](#)

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 2019 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 'Overcoming the Odds – how can we push through barriers to achieve gender equality?'. The competition is open now and closes at 11 pm on 2 September 2019. Visit the [website](#) for details.

Upcoming Events:

02/09/2019

[Country to Canberra Leadership Competition closes](#)

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 are open now and close 16 September 2019. Find out more on the [website](#).

Upcoming Events:

16/09/2019

[Heywire competition closes](#)

The 2019 STAQ Queensland Science Contest

Registrations are now open for students from Prep to Grade 12. To enter, choose a contest category from Scientific Investigations, Engineering and Technology Projects, Classified Collections, Communicating Science, Environmental Action Projects, Mathematical Investigations or the New Poster Presentation. Enter online before 8 October 2019. Post, email or bring your entry to the University of Queensland on either 11 or 12 October 2019. The awards are announced on 26 October 2019. For more information, visit the [Science Teachers Association of Queensland website](#).

Upcoming Events:

08/10/2019

[STAQ Science competition closes](#)

Employment

Automation and the workplace of the future

Research last year from [the Mckinsey Global Institute](#), identified automation and artificial intelligence (AI) as key drivers in changing the nature of work. It also identified a number of trends that would be key in shaping the future digital workplace. Among them are the following and [click here](#) to read more:

1. Automation will accelerate the shift in required workforce skills, technological skills will be in highest demand.
2. Some skill categories will be less in demand. As tasks change, jobs will need to be redefined and companies say they will need to become more agile. Independent work will likely grow.
3. Competition for high-skill workers will increase, while displacement will be concentrated mainly on low-skill workers.
4. Companies will need to make significant organizational changes at the same time as addressing these skill shifts to stay competitive.
5. Almost half of the companies surveyed say they expect to take the lead in building the workforce of the future. These companies expect to offer the most attractive workplace for the most skilled digital workers.

Have you thought of a - Lagger, pathology collector or project manager

Laggers apply insulating materials, such as felt, fibreglass, polyurethane and cork, to pipes, steam generators, process vats and ducting, and secure insulation with wire, wire netting, staples, metal strapping and using welding torches.

Pathology Collectors extract, collect, label and preserve blood and other specimens from patients for laboratory analysis.

Program or Project Administrators plan and undertake administration of organisational programs, special projects and support services.

[Click here](#) to find out more about these jobs and hundreds more.

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.

Is social enterprises for you?

Are you passionate about an issue and 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.

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 broad spectrum. Visit the [website](#) and choose a drop down category of interest to see the variety of jobs requiring maths or stats.

What you should know when you 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 set for an individual. If your average weekly income is below \$561.00 you may be eligible. More info at Human Services [website](#).

QUT scholarship update

[QUT Excellence Scholarships](#) (formerly Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships), are scholarships for school leavers with outstanding academic achievement or creative performance. The scholarships, valued at \$10,000 to \$30,000, are highly competitive and are awarded to the top ranked students who have indicated QUT as their first QTAC preference.

To be eligible for the academic scholarships, students must receive an OP 1–2 or equivalent. Students who think they may receive an OP 1–5 are encouraged to apply. All students who participate in an audition or portfolio process for specified creative industries courses are automatically considered for the creative industries and elite visual and performing arts scholarships. Students receive financial support as well as other opportunities through the scholarship program.

Applications for Excellence Scholarships are open from 1 August 2019 and close on 15 November 2019.

TAFE: Queensland Scholarships for Semester I 2020

There are two types of scholarships available. Each scholarship is valued at \$5,000. Applications for these scholarships for Semester 1 2020 are now open and will close on 29 August 2019. 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:

29/08/2019

[TAFE: Queensland Scholarships for Semester I 2020 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](#)
- [Clem Jones Sporting Scholarships](#)
- [UQ Sport Scholarship Ambassador Program](#)

For more information and a larger list of sporting scholarships, visit the UQ Sport [website](#).

University of Southern Queensland Year 12 Early Round Scholarships

Year 12 students can apply for the following scholarships for entry to USQ courses in 2020:

- **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 2020.
- **Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships** – This scholarship is to reward high achieving students with strong academic abilities. 40 of these scholarships are available for 2020.

These Year 12 scholarships close at 5pm, Friday 1 September, 2019. Visit the [website](#) for details.

Upcoming Events:

01/09/2019

[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 webinars about their student exchange program. The next sessions include:

- 6 pm or 9 pm on 8 August 2019 - online
- 6pm or 9pm start on 5 September 2019 - online

Register for the webinars [here](#) or watch their [on demand](#) recordings at anytime.

World Education Program Student Exchange

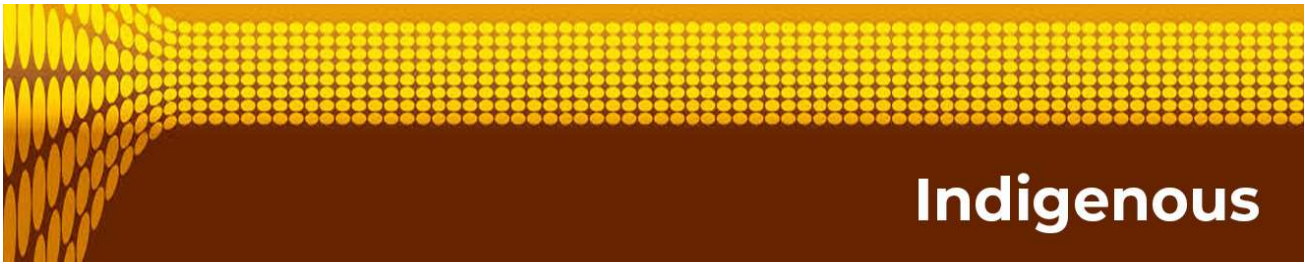
WEP will hold the following information evenings about their exchanges in Queensland. The next sessions include:

- 7 – 8.30pm on 31 July 2019 at Fulton Trotter Lounge, 129 Leichardt Street, Spring Hill, Brisbane
- 7:30pm – 9pm on 5 August 2019 at Quest Townsville on Eyre, 19 Leichardt Street, North Ward
- 7 – 8:30pm on 7 August 2019 at Quest Mackay, 38 MacAlister Street, Mackay
- 7 – 8:30pm on 7 August 2019 at Cobb+Co Museum, 27 Lindsay 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.



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 6 September 2019.

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.



Interstate & International

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 2019 interstate open days:

- [Australian Defence Force Academy](#) – 24 August 2019
- [Australian Maritime College, Tasmania](#) - 10 August 2019 (Queensland students can apply through QTAC for courses at this institution)
- [Australian National University](#) - 31 August 2019
- [University of New South Wales](#)- 7 September 2019
- [University of South Australia](#)- 18 August 2019
- [University of Tasmania in Hobart](#) - 4 August 2019
- [University of Western Australia](#)- 4 August 2019
- [The University of Melbourne](#) - 18 August 2019. Enter the [Snapchat Competition](#) where you could win a \$500 Coles Myer Voucher.
- [The University of Sydney](#)- Saturday 31 August 2019.



Miscellaneous

National Science Week

In 2019, Science Week will be held from 10 – 18 August 2019. 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 2019 schools theme is ‘Destination Moon: more missions, more science’.

National Student Volunteer Week

National Student Volunteer Week celebrates young people who make a difference through volunteering. It will be held from 12 – 18 August 2019. Visit the [website](#) and click on ‘Events’ and ‘Queensland’ to see events that will be held during the week.

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



5 ways to nail an open day

University Open Day season is just around the corner and it's time to take a few unis for a test drive. To help make sure you get the most out of your experience, The Good University Guide has put together a list of expert tips on how to nail Open Day. [Click here](#) to read about the points below and more:

- Get your planning hat on
- What's the campus like
- Discover the uni's strengths
- Shop for a job, not just a degree
- Your results won't get you in?

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 Sunday 11 August 2019 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 GoPro Fusion 360° Action Camera.

Selected Queensland tertiary institution open days in August 2019 update

August

Torrens University open day for Business, Health or Design & Tech degrees hosted at the Brisbane campus at 90 Bowen Terrace, Fortitude Valley on Saturday 17th August 2019 between 9 am – 1 pm. Register your spot on the [Torrens Open Day website](#).

University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus, from 9 am – 3 pm on Sunday 4 August 2019. Get started by downloading the app on the [UQ Open Day website](#).

Central Queensland University Brisbane open day hosted at the Brisbane campus at 160 Ann Street from 3 pm – 6 pm on Thursday 8 August 2019. See more information and register on the [CQU event page](#).

TAFE Queensland Ashmore Trade Training Centre open day from 8 am – 4 pm on Friday 9 August 2019. See more details on the [TAFE Website](#).

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 10 August 2019. See more information and register on the [CQU event page](#).

Central Queensland University Bundaberg open day hosted at the Bundaberg campus on University Drive (off Isis Highway) from 9 am – 1 pm on Saturday 10 August 2019. See more information and register on the [CQU event page](#).

Griffith University open day at the Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank campuses from 9 am – 2 pm on Sunday 11 August 2019. Register [online](#) to go into the draw to win one of three Microsoft Surface Pro and BOSE accessories.

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 11 August 2019. See more information and register on the [CQU event page](#).

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 14 August 2019. See more information and register on the [CQU event page](#).

University of Queensland, Gatton Campus, from 9 am – 3 pm on Sunday 18 August 2019. Get started by downloading the app on the [UQ Open Day website](#).

James Cook University Townsville open day hosted at the Townsville campus on Sunday 11 August 2019. The program times are yet to be confirmed. Register on the [JCU open day website](#) to keep up to date.

University of Southern Queensland Toowoomba open day at the Toowoomba campus from 10 am – 2 pm on Sunday 18 August 2019. 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.

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 18 August 2019. See more information and register on the [CQU event page](#).

James Cook University Cairns open day hosted at the Cairns campus on Sunday 25 August 2019. The program times are yet to be confirmed. Register on the [JCU open day website](#) to keep up to date.

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 25 August 2019. See more information and register on the [CQU event page](#).

Upcoming Career Markets and Expos for 2019

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

5 August - **Townsville Careers Expo** from 10am – 1:30pm and 4 – 7pm on Monday 5 August 2019 at Townsville Stadium, Murray Sports Complex. See the [website](#) for exhibitors, seminars and the expo competition.

7 August – **Mackay Careers Expo** from 11am – 4pm and 5pm – 7pm on Wednesday 7 August 2019 at the Mackay Multisports Stadium, Juliet Street, South Mackay. Visit the [website](#) for details

8 August – **Moranbah Careers Expo** on Thursday 8 August 2019 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 2020 “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 18 November 2019. 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:

18/11/2019

[AFTRS: Applications now open for the 2020 “Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production” 2020 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.

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).

- [Certificate III in Individual Support](#) – this course gives students the opportunity to gain skills and knowledge needed to work within the community or residential care setting.

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.



QTAC & Tertiary Entry

2019 QTAC Key dates summary

Due Date to apply and submit documentation	Offer Round
8 November 2019	Application closing date and submission of documents for the 15 November 2019 offer rounds .
6 December 2019	Application closing date and submission of documents for the 23 December 2019 offer round . Final date to change preferences 10.00am 16 December 2019.
13 December 2019	Application closing date and submission of documents for the 15 January 2020 offer round . Final date to change preferences 4.30pm 7 January 2020. Year 12 results mailed to your home address by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA)
13 December 2019	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
2020	
31 January 2020	Application closing date for 2020 offer rounds for Bond Medicine . The final date to change

	<p>preferences for this round is the same.</p> <p>The final date to provide the relevant documents for this round is 1 February 2020.</p>
28 May 2020	<p>Application closing date for the 4 June 2020 offer rounds. The final date to change preferences for this round is 11:59pm, 29 May 2020.</p>

This information and offer rounds can be accessed from the *2019 Year 12 Guide*, Pg. 20 and Pg. 21

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 *2019 Year 12 QTAC Guide*. Examples of early fixed closing dates:

- 15 August 2019 – Audition applications close for UQ Music degrees (including double degrees)
- 6 September 2019 – Audition and folio application for Queensland Conservatorium courses
- 31 August 2019 – 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).
- 20 September 2019 – 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.

How are applicants selected for courses through QTAC?

For 2019 entry to many of the courses you can apply for through QTAC are 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 15 November 2019 (not including early offers through some university programs). **It is essential that you monitor your emails and mobile phone (for an SMS) from 15 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.

QTAC prepaid application vouchers

If you are having difficulty paying for your QTAC application or you can only pay for your QTAC application with cash you should see your guidance officer/counsellor to request a prepayment voucher.

Scaling of ATAR subjects - updated link

In the last bulletin an article about scaling of ATAR subjects was included in the QTAC section. Some readers were not able to open the link and we apologise for any inconvenience. You can follow these steps to read the article on scaling of ATAR subjects:

1. Visit the [QTAC website](#)
2. Hover on the ATAR and MY Path tab on the top navigation bar click on the ATAR tab
3. Scroll down to the four red links and click on the [Read a white paper about inter-subject scaling](#) tab (you may be able to use this link to open the article)

What is a QTAC Selection Rank?

A QTAC Selection Rank is:

- a number given to a qualification
- on a scale from 1 to 99 (1 being the highest)
- 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 2019 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 2020.



Study Skills

Four ideas on how to improve your study outcomes

We all have other things that we would rather be doing than studying, but to be successful and get the results you are aiming for, you will need to put in some hard work. A positive mindset can go a long way towards a positive outcome. Some points to think about:

1. When you don't get the results you were aiming for think about what changes you need to make ... you will need to be resilient
2. You are not supposed to get the study thing perfect in the beginning. As you move through senior you will get better at studying and remembering your work.
3. Ask for assistance when you need it but always look within first to see what you can achieve using your own knowledge, skills and talents
4. Never forget to celebrate your successes ... big and small and don't dwell on the things that don't quite go right.

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 2020

If you are an international student in Year 12 and looking to study at TAFE Queensland in 2020 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

Support services for TAFE students

Everyone's journey is different and we all need some extra support from time to time. TAFE Queensland provides [student support](#) services that are available for all students, helping to make their experience more manageable and enjoyable. Some support services that are available include:

- Learning support
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- Mental health, well being and counselling
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What does it cost to go to TAFE

As a TAFE Queensland student there are a range of concessions, loans, and scholarships you may be eligible for to assist you with the cost of your study. Don't guess as to whether you can afford to study after school. [Click here](#) to find out more about student loans, funding options and payments and refunds.



Universities

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](#).

ACU: Focus on bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Global Studies

Follow your dreams as a diplomat, humanitarian worker or journalist or social entrepreneur, or work in social entrepreneurship, media, international relations or tourism. This course also offers an international education, with students recommended to study abroad and/or do an internship that provides international work experience and networks. This is a four year course and [Click here](#) to find out more.

ACU: Tips on how to choose what to study

Choosing what to study isn't easy. ACU have some practical tips to help you make the right call. [Click here](#) for information about:

- Study what you want
- Look past the course to the career
- It's all in the detail
- Get across deadlines and entry requirements
- List courses in order of preference
- Have a back up plan
- Remember you can change your mind

GU: Focus on Bachelor of Urban and Environmental Management

In this degree you will develop an understanding of urban planning and environmental science issues. You will learn about planning-related issues such as land use and regional growth management, transport planning and community development. You will also learn about environmental issues of land and water management, ecology, conservation biology and pollution. [Click here](#) to find out more.

GU: Gold Coast schools' Science competition

The 33rd annual Gold Coast Schools Science Competition aims to raise the profile of STEM in our community and encourages students to demonstrate their STEM abilities by entering a project into one of six categories. The competition is the largest of its type in Queensland and the competition is fierce with over 500 entries received in 2018. [Click here](#) to find out more and to register.

GU: STEM Futures day

Studying STEM provides the technical and problem-solving skills you'll need in your job. In the next decade, 75 percent of all jobs will need skills in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Upcoming events include:

- Year 11 STEM Futures Day - 29 October 2019 - Nathan campus
- Year 10 STEM Futures Day - 7 November 2019 - Nathan campus and 8 November 2019 Gold Coast campus

[Click here](#) to find out more and to register.

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 - 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 bonus of up to three OP points or six ranks. Read about the scheme [here](#).

QUT: Credit for other study, graduate outcomes and student profiles

Find out about [advanced standing \(credit\)](#) for students who complete other study prior to coming to QUT, as well as [graduate outcomes and the number of students and admission basis](#) for QUT courses.

QUT: Design Festival and acting short course

You can get involved with QUT Creative Industries through the upcoming showcase of graduate design work at the [Design Festival](#), or take a short [Acting Fundamentals](#) course with a QUT acting tutor.

QUT: Excellence Scholarships

QUT Excellence Scholarship information can be found in the Financial Assistance and Scholarships section of this bulletin.

QUT: Fees, NZ and Pasifika students, accommodation and support

At QUT Open Day find out about [fees](#), including details for [NZ and Pasifika students](#), [accommodation options](#) and [support](#)—or click on the links and read more.

QUT: Focus on Human Services

Interested in supporting individuals, families or communities experiencing adversity. Through a degree in Human Services you can work directly with clients providing support or advocating on their behalf, manage the delivery of services and support through agencies such as Centrelink, or work for governments in the development and implementation of new policies and programs.

Graduates generally work with communities and non-government agencies as case managers, counsellors, policy development officers, community development officers, welfare officers, youth workers, child protection officers and family service officers. [Click here](#) to find out more.

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: Meeting assumed knowledge and prerequisites

Students in Year 11 or 12 who have a university course in mind but didn't choose the prerequisite or assumed knowledge subjects at school can gain this knowledge through a [bridging program](#) before they start university. QUT offers bridging programs in Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics.

QUT: Open day

Start preparing for your future. [QUT Open Day](#) on 28 July, is a chance to chat with staff and students from all faculties and study areas and find the answers to all your questions about courses, careers and uni life. You can explore their facilities and see what makes QUT a university for the real world. The Open Day will be held at the Gardens Point (city) campus with tours of selected facilities and activities at Kelvin Grove campus.

Create an easy [personalised day planner](#) so you won't miss anything by tailoring your schedule to meet your interests and make the most of the day. Handy mobile access means you can keep your schedule in your pocket.

QUT: START QUT

High-achieving Year 11 students are invited to apply for this program when applications open from 6 August 2019. Through this program, students can complete up to two QUT subjects during Year 12 in 2020. 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 2019. Visit the START QUT [website](#) for more information.

QUT: The robots are coming

[Robotronica](#), QUT's all-day, all-ages robotics and technology festival, returns to Gardens Point campus on 18 August. Revealing the latest advancements and innovations in the fields of robotics and interactive design, Robotronica will be abuzz with demonstrations, games and discussions that will inform, inspire and amaze you.

Reasons why doing an internship at Uni is a good idea

An internship is a strong link you need between your academic degree and your employability. It provides you with a valuable opportunity for you to explore and develop skills in the professional industry. Sometimes, you can even turn an internship into a full-time job. In Australia, work experience is extremely important for graduates and students who are seeking employment as most employers look for prior experience more than what university degree you have. [Click here](#) to find out the benefits of internships including:

- Networking
- Experience

- Personal growth
- Put theory into practice
- Kick start your career

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: 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 2020. The 2020 brochure is now available on the UQ [website](#). Applications for 2020 open on 5 August 2019 and close 31 October 2019.

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 2020 – 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 22 August 2019 from 6 – 8 pm in the GHD Auditorium, Advanced Engineering Building, St Lucia campus. For more information and to register, visit the [website](#).

UQ: Experience days

Throughout Term 3 and 4, UQ will be hosting a number of subject specific experience days. These events are a great way for both students and parents to gain a greater understanding of study areas through interactive lectures, guided tours and hands on workshops with academics and current students. [Click here](#) to register for any of the following days:

Anthropology	Friday 9 August
Pharmacy	Sunday 18 August
Marine Science	Saturday 7 September
Nursing and Midwifery	Sunday 8 September
Business Commerce and Tourism	Saturday 8 September
Civil Engineering	Saturday 14 September
Business Commerce and Tourism	Saturday 19 October

UQ: INSPIA - a summit for Maori and Pacific Islander high school students

INSPIA ('inspire') is a summit for Maori and Pacific Islander high school students to inspire them to pursue higher education. The event involves student led faculty workshops that will give a glimpse at what life at university is like, the different pathways available and where university could eventually lead students. The event will be on Saturday 10 August at the St Lucia campus and click here to [Register now](#)

UQ: Pharmacy Experience Day

This event will be held from 9.30 am – 1 pm on Sunday 18 August 2019 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](#).

UQ: UQ College bridging courses

UQ College is offering University Prerequisite Courses in Mathematics B, Chemistry or Biology. They will be delivered face to face on St Lucia Campus over a four week period. Successful completion of the prerequisite courses will satisfy the entry requirement at The University of Queensland and some other universities for Semester 1, 2020. Applications can be accessed through the UQ College website (scroll down to the last entry). [Click here](#) to visit the website for more information and applications close 8 November 2019.

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: Open Days

The open day [website](#) provides information about the 2019 open day programs at USQ campuses. Register on this website to receive update emails and go in the draw to win a \$1000 gift voucher. Open day dates are:

- 18 August - Toowoomba campus
- 24 August – Ipswich campus

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'. If applying through [QTAC](#), contact the [university](#) directly for the application deadline.