## Applying to QTAC in 2024





## Who is QTAC?

Not-for-profit organisation Apply through QTAC for over 1800 courses at 17 Queensland institutions

Calculate and release the Queensland ATAR And so much more!

### Apply through QTAC to study at any of these Queensland institutions































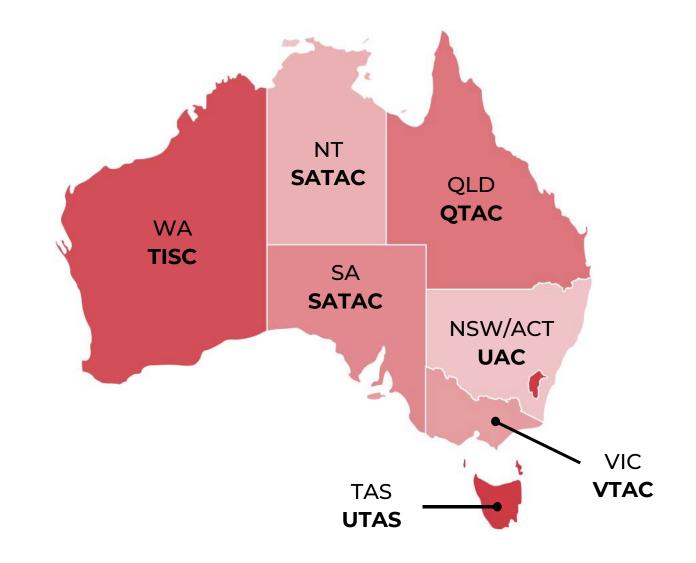




## Looking to study interstate?

**Check out** 





### Admission Criteria 101

Institutions determine their own rules for admission and QTAC implements them.

Rules are applied consistently within institutions, but rules change from institution to institution.



### **Meet Harry**

Harry is a current Year 12 student on track to receive a Queensland ATAR.

His favourite subjects are Biology and Physics.

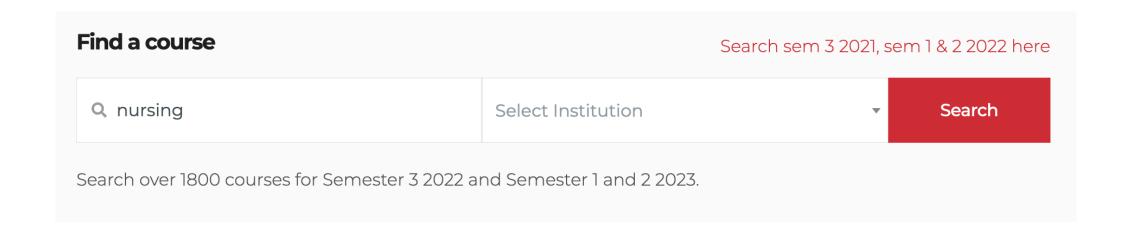
He has his sights set on going to university in Brisbane.

Harry's dream career is nursing.



### How can Harry find his course options?

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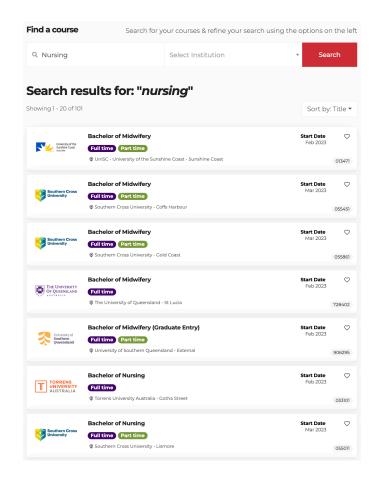




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To keep his options open, Harry has entered a keyword for his course and clicked *Search*.

As you can see, the search results have returned a list of courses from various institutions relating to Nursing.

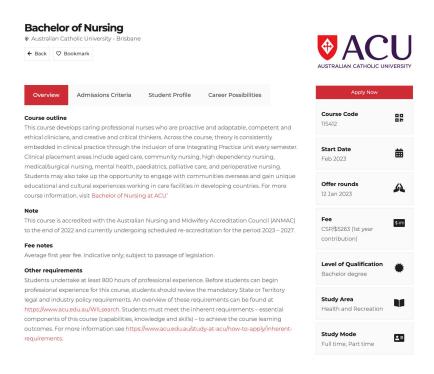




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Once Harry has found a course he would like to explore, he can click on the course for more information for:

- ✓ An overview of the course
- ✓ Admission Criteria
- ✓ Student Profile
- √ Career Possibilities



### Preferences

## What is preferencing?

Preferencing is an important part of the application process as **only one offer is received at a time**, based on your **highest eligible preference**.

You can list up to 6 preferences on your application.

## If you change your mind, that's okay

You can change your preferences for free 3 times.

You can change your preferences after the application is lodged, even after an offer is made.

It is a good idea to keep 1 of your free changes of preferences until after your ATAR is released.

## Ordering your preferences

Desired Courses
Courses you want to study the mo

Courses you want to study the most

Back-up courses

Courses you would be happy to study

Pathway Courses

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



#### Harry's course preferences

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

# What are Pathway courses?

#### Other tertiary study

- Less competitive degrees
- Different campuses
- Regional institutions
- Bridging and tertiary preparation courses

#### Combined diplomas/degrees

- Apply for entry into a Diploma
- Guaranteed entry into the Bachelor course if the Diploma is successfully completed
- Get credit for study done within the Diploma, and graduate with two qualifications

## University may not be right for everyone

If you are not looking at going to university, you might like to consider:

- ✓ TAFE
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Trade qualification

Everyone will have their own individual journey.

Don't forget QTAC is here to help match students with an opportunity that's right for them.

### Eligibility and Merit

an unbreakable pair

## Eligibility requirements

- Age requirements
- Subject prerequisites
- Portfolios, auditions, or interviews
- Essays or personal statements
- Questionnaires or exams (medicine and dentistry may require UCAT)

Some of these requirements might need to be submitted by a deadline. While researching your courses, make a note of early closing dates:

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qtac.edu.au/fixed-closing-dates

## How is merit determined?

Your merit is determined by your QTAC Selection Rank.

Applicants are allocated ranks based on their assessable qualifications.

Selection ranks can come from:

- ATARs
- Overseas Year 12 qualifications
- Completed AQF qualifications (Cert III & IV)
- Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas
- Tertiary study (minimum 2 subjects required)
- Music, dance, and drama qualifications
- Bridging and preparation courses

### **Breaking it down**



Minimum entry requirements met?





#### Merit

Is your selection rank above minimum?



Process repeated with next preference.



#### **Offer Round**

Compete for a place in course?

#### Offer Rounds

#### **December**

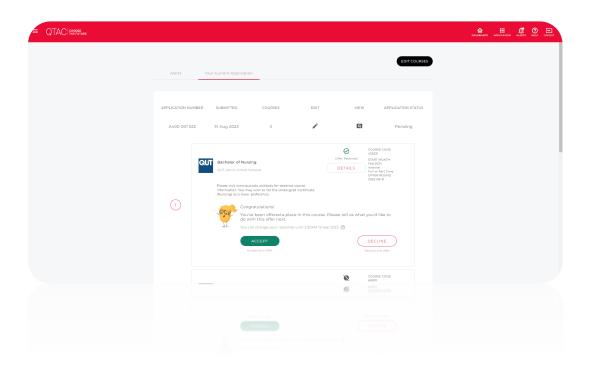
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Harry's Atar **74.5** 

Congratulations, you received an offer.
What now?

## Responding to your offer



#### I'm happy & I'm ready to enrol

**ACCEPT** 

Check with the institution for enrolment details and dates

I no longer wish to study this course

**DECLINE** 

I'm happy, but I'm not ready to enrol yet

DEFER

Check with the institution for deferment details

I'd like to be considered for my higher preferences

CONDITIONALLY RESPOND

Check in on the next offer round date to see if you've received a new offer

#### Congratulations you have received an offer.

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

#### **December Offer Round**

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### Adjustment Schemes

## Selection Ranks and Adjustment Factors

ATARs are calculated only on the students' actual QCE subject results, which have been scaled.

Adjustment Factors (EAS, subject adjustments, etc) are applied **after** the ATAR is calculated.

ATAR + Adjustment Factors

Applicant Selection Rank



## Educational Access Scheme (EAS)

- Helps if your studies have been negatively affected by circumstances beyond your control
- Applies adjustment points to your rank to help you compete more equitably for an offer
- You can apply to EAS as part of your QTAC application
- Must include all the appropriate application forms and documentary evidence
- Different institutions award different adjustment factors so one may allow more or less adjustments than another

### **EAS Categories**

#### Home Environment and Responsibility





Financial Hardship

**English Language Difficulties** 





School Environment

Personal Illness or Disability



*Note:* Outstanding EAS documents may stop you from receiving an offer. If you decide not to submit documents, let us know ASAP.

## Other adjustment schemes

Each institution has their own adjustments that are applied at the time of application:

- Regional schools
- School relationships
- Subject Schemes
- Elite athletes
- Introductory study
- Equity
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

## ATAR

## QCE and the ATAR

#### What is the difference?

For questions about the QCE, including assessment and subject results, please contact QCAA (Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority).





#### QCE

Certifies learning, showing the individual has achieved a specific standard of education at senior schooling level and may be considered by employers and the general community.

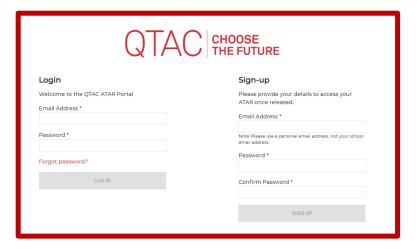


#### ATAR

Tells us about a student's position (or ranking) compared to all other students in the state. The only intended purpose for the ATAR is to assist with selecting applicants for tertiary study.

## Accessing your ATAR

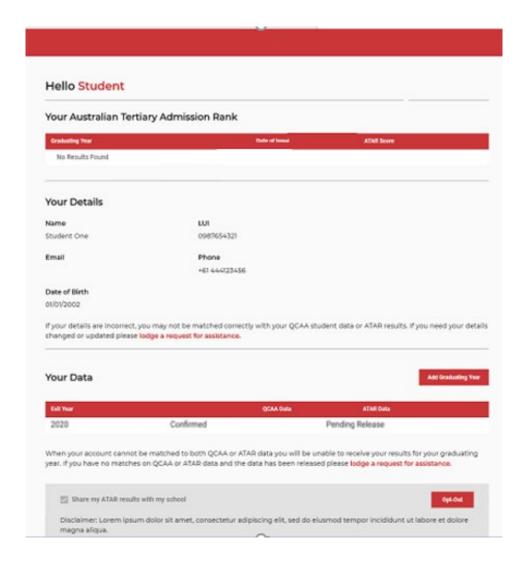
- Current Queensland Year 12 students can open their ATAR account with QTAC from August
- Students who wish to study interstate also need to create an ATAR account
- ATARs will be released in December
- If you wish to apply to commence tertiary study in 2025, you will also need to complete a QTAC application



You can register for your ATAR and access a range of resources at qtac.edu.au/atar

## Setting up your ATAR account

- Once the registration is complete, the Dashboard shows the student's relevant personal information
- They can also see the data that is held for them, with confirmation from QCAA
- There is a function to enable students to change or update their details by lodging a request for assistance



#### **ATAR Release**

- ATARs are released online only. There will be a facility to receive ATAR release notification via email and to print a results notice
- Eligible students will be able to print their ATAR Certificate once ATARs have been released
- We have both an appeals and verification process. They sit in the policies page on our website

#### Have a question about ATARs?

You can call the ATAR hotline on 1300 193 173 or email atar@qtac.edu.au

For more details on changes to subjects and curriculum, visit the QCAA website

### Extra help

## QTAC factsheets and publications

We have a range of resources available for students, parents and teachers at:

Q qtac.edu.au/publications





Across Australia, the ATAR is a standard measure of a student's overall academic achievement in reliate that of other students, it is intended to assist terbary institutions to select applicants into their courses.

The ATAR is a percentile rank, not a mark. This rank indicates a student's posit students in their age group in any given year.

It's expressed as a number on a 2000-point scale from 99.95 down to 0.00 in steps of 0.05

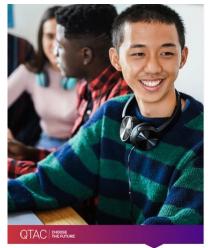
An ATAR of 80,00 does not mean a student got 80%. It indicates that the student placed in the top 209 of students in Queersland in their Year 12 are group.

WHO CALCULATES AND RELEASES THE ATAR

Responsibility for calculating and issuing the ATAR has been assigned to the Gueensland Tertial Admissions Centre (QTAC) on behalf of Queensland tertiary institutions.

QTAC administers the application and offer process for tertiary institutions in Queensland (an

For more information call us on 1300 487 822 or visit gtac.edu.au or email atar@gtac.edu.e



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### QTAC Passport



#### **QTAC Passport**

Find the key information you need for your journey from high school to higher education right here

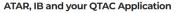


#### **QTAC Remind Me**

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### **Application tips**

- ✓ Apply early
- ✓ Check key dates
- ✓ Use a personal email address
- ✓ Check your course entry requirements (ANMAC, Teacher Questionnaire, Portfolio)
- ✓ Authorise someone if you would like them to ask QTAC about your application
- ✓ Ask QTAC if you get stuck

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### Any questions?