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CAREER INFORMATION

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Announcements

Something to think about

“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.” —B.B. King

Apprenticeships & Traineeships



Aviation Australia Pre-Apprenticeship Courses

Aviation Australia's aero skills pre-vocational courses provide the essential training required to begin a career in aircraft maintenance engineering. Their instructors are highly experienced professionals from Commercial and Defense aviation and aerospace industries. Aviation Australia offers:

- [Certificate IV in Aeroskills \(Avionics\) MEA40618](#)
- [Certificate IV in Aeroskills \(Mechanical\) MEA40718](#)
- [Certificate IV in Aeroskills \(Structures\) MEA41322](#)

The pre-vocational training components are aligned to [CASR Part 66 requirements](#). This allows you to complete training towards a vocational outcome and achieve a CASA Certificate of Recognition for [Part 66 examinations](#) which can be used towards a future Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (LAME) outcome. Click [here](#) for more information.

Quick facts about apprenticeships and traineeships

- Apprenticeships and traineeships combine work with structured training.
- Apprenticeships and traineeships can be full-time, part-time or school-based - where some training is undertaken while the apprentice or trainee is in high school.
- Apprenticeships and traineeships can be completed part time but not on a casual basis.
- Existing employees may undertake an apprenticeship or traineeship.
- Apprenticeships and traineeships require employers to enter into training contracts and a commencement [contract](#) with the apprentice or trainee, which is a legally binding agreement to work and train together for a length of time.
- Employers work with a training organisation and the apprentice or trainee to negotiate a [training plan and training record](#).
- Training options must be negotiated and outlined in the training plan. Aspects of training that are open to negotiation (subject to training package requirements) include selection, content and sequencing of competency units, timing, location and mode of delivery and trainer or facilitator.

Visit the [Department of Employment, Small Business and Training website](#) for more information.

Research Industries

There are around 50 industries where you can do an apprenticeship or traineeship. The myfuture Industry pages will help you learn more about the industries you are interested in, including:

- the size of the industry
- whether apprenticeships and traineeships are common
- some tips on how to get a job in that area.

Start your research [here](#) as it is wise to make a well researched career decision because we all know what assuming does!

Thinking about becoming an apprentice in 2025?

The Australian Government provides both financial and non-financial support to Australian Apprentices and their employers throughout their apprenticeship journey. This includes assessing eligibility for support and financial assistance for Australian Apprentices and their employers under the [Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System](#) (Incentives System) when the training contract is signed. Full time apprentices will receive \$1,250 every six months for the first two years of their apprenticeship (\$5,000 in total) or half of that for part-time apprentices. You may also be eligible for:

- New Energy Apprentice Support payments
- Living Away from Home Allowances
- Assistance for Australian Apprentices with a disability

You can find more information [here](#).

VET Student Loan calculator

A VET Student Loan (VSL) helps students to cover tuition fees for vocational education and training (VET) courses. It is important to remember that the initial debt amount (including the loan fee, if applicable) plus indexation must be paid back once you start earning over a certain amount. Compulsory repayment threshold information is available on the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) [website](#). Click [here](#) to find out more and to see if you are eligible.

Want to know more about apprenticeship and traineeship jobs?

There are hundreds of occupations that you can do an Australian Apprenticeship in. The Australian Apprenticeship Pathways job and training descriptions can help you explore potential apprenticeship and traineeship pathways. Find out what is involved in the role, the training and employment and wage data for the industry [here](#) by clicking through the links provided.



Defence University Sponsorship

[Defence University Sponsorship \(DUS\)](#) is for people who, after starting uni, decide that they want to join the Australian Defence Force. If you're already studying for a relevant degree, DUS will pay you to complete your degree and pay your remaining fees. Click here to find out about:

- [What is DUS](#)
- [Commitment](#)
- [How to apply](#)
- [Job search](#)
- [Courses that qualify](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)

Upcoming Defence Force Information Sessions

Stay informed about important upcoming Queensland and National ADF events and information sessions by visiting the Defence Jobs [website](#). View the specific event information link for more details including location, times and to book your ticket/s. Further information about these events and Army Reserve Information Sessions can be accessed on the ADF [Facebook](#) site. **Note that some of these events are during the Easter holidays.**

19/03/2024 [Cairns: Army Reserve Information Session](#)

[Mackay: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

[Brisbane: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

[Maroochydore: Gap Year Information Session](#)

[Charleville: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

20/03/2024 [Engineering Careers Information Session](#)

[Townsville: Air Force Careers Information Session](#)

[Toowoomba: Gap Year Information Session](#)

[St George: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

21/03/2024 [Clermont: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

- [Dalby: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 22/03/2024 [Townsville: RAAF Base Townsville Community Day](#)
- 23/03/2024 [Southport: Army Reserve Open Day](#)
- 26/03/2024 [Warwick: A Night in the Army Reserves](#)
- [Air Force Careers Information Session](#) - Online and In Person
- [Maroochydore: Air Force Careers Information Session](#)
- 27/03/2024 [Cairns: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- [Gold Coast: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- [Townsville: Gap Year Information Session](#)
- 03/04/2024 [Brisbane: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 08/04/2024 [Gold Coast: Navy Careers Information Session](#)
- [Townsville: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 09/04/2024 [Toowoomba: Army Reserve Information Session](#)
- [Brisbane: Health Careers Information Session](#)
- 10/04/2024 [Cairns: Navy Careers Information Session](#)
- [Maroochydore: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

Career Exploration



Career road test

JobJumpstart has developed a career road test. The workbook will help you to investigate your chosen industry or occupation and to think about how your research impacts on your career plans. Click [here](#) (scroll down) to download the workbook and work your way through the activities.

Curious careers and the people who love them

There are thousands of jobs out there, many of which you will never have heard of! Click [here](#) to read about some interesting careers that you may not have known about:

- Beer brewer
- Worm farmer
- Forensic scientist
- Clock technician

Do a career quiz - it can't hurt!

Click [here](#) to do Year 13's career quiz - it can't hurt and you might just find out something new that will make your career decision making easier!

Occupation video library

myfuture has put together short videos and information on many jobs that will assist you in understanding more about what a particular job is all about. Click [here](#) to find out more about each job:

- Overview
- Main tasks
- Job titles
- Education, training and skills
- Employment prospects
- Working conditions
- Job opportunities
- Helpful industry websites
- Videos

STEM Jobs with no degree

Indeed have put together an article that looks at STEM careers that do not require a uni degree. They say that the expansive field of science, technology, engineering and maths offers a wide job market and a variety of careers. Many of those careers can start with on-the-job training, an associate degree or with a special certification. Even if you do not want to pursue a bachelor's degree, there are many STEM career options for you. Click [here](#) to read about:

- What are STEM jobs?
- What are STEM skills (and it's not all about Maths and Science only!)?
- STEM jobs that don't require a four-year degree

What is a VET course

Currently there are skill shortages across the workforce and there are many viable pathways that you can start your job journey from school on. You should be looking for a pathway that is appropriate and achievable and will get you to where you are wanting to go at this point in time. Click [here](#) to read the Good Universities Guide's article outlining the variety and benefits of a VET pathway and discuss:

- What is a VET course
- What does VET offer?
- What does VET involve?
- Types of VET courses
 - Certificate I-IV
 - Diploma
 - Advanced diploma
 - Vocational graduate certificate/diploma
- VET entry requirements
- VET pathways
- Where are VET courses offered?
- VET study options

myfuture and how it works

myfuture resources are great if you are wanting to research your pathway options, They have some short videos that will help you navigate/use their resources. Click [here](#) to view these videos demonstrating the sign-up and login processes and to help guide you through the key sections of myfuture including:

- Signing up to myfuture
- Logging in to myfuture
- My career profile
- Finding - Occupations
- Searching - Courses and career articles
- Exploring - Career bullseyes



Competitions

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards

The Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards Competition is now open. Poets are encouraged to take inspiration from wherever they may find it, however, if you are looking for some direction you can use the 2024 optional theme - 'Listen, I have an Idea' The competition is open and closes 30 June 2024. For more information including age categories, how to register and prizes, visit the [website](#). and click on 'For more information on the competition and how to enter [here](#)'.

Wool4School Student Design Competition

Wool4School is an annual, secondary school student, design competition encouraging budding fashion designers to show what they're made of. To enter, register through the registration form (registration tab located in the top right-hand corner). Once registered, they will send you an email with a confirmation link. Activate the link to confirm your registration. Entries close on 25 July 2024 and click [here](#) to find out more competition details.

Disabilities



Job Access: CRRS helping the DES connection

The Australian Government's Disability Employment Services (or DES) has supported people with disability to join the workforce. Support can include career advice, employment preparation, resume development and job search, training and ongoing support at work. Click [here](#) for further information including:

- [Financial support](#)
- [Disability Employment Services](#)
- [Finding or changing jobs](#)
- [Your workplace](#)
- [Training and development](#)
- [Current vacancies](#)

[National Disability Insurance Scheme](#)

New support for commencing neurodivergent UQ students

If you are neurodivergent and interested in commencing university studies next year, you will find a support network at UQ designed to help you adapt to your studies and succeed. From mentoring opportunities, to casual meet-ups and group coaching, you will learn new skills, gain confidence in your studies and make friends in a comfortable social environment. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Support for people with disability

The Queensland Government's Department of Employment, Small Business and Training has useful information to support students with disability to positively engage in their career research, pathway direction and successful entry. There are a large number of services available to support students with disability, including apprentices and trainees, to participate in vocational education and training (VET). This includes services that may assist transition into VET and then into employment. Click [here](#) for a list of some of these services:

- [Skilling Queenslanders for Work](#)
- [Certificate 3 Guarantee](#)
- [Skills Disability Support](#)
- [Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Support \(DAAWS\) Program.](#)
- [Transition to Work \(TTW\)](#)
- [Ticket to Work](#)

- [National Disability Coordination Officer \(NDCO\) Program](#)
- [Independent Living Centres Australia \(ILC\)](#)
- [National Disability Insurance Scheme in Queensland](#)
- [School Leaver Employment Support](#)

Employment, Job and Labour Market Info



A career in the AR artificial reality/VR virtual reality industry

In Australia, the AR (artificial reality) and VR (virtual reality) industry holds countless opportunities for graduates to make incredible changes to people's lives through technology. Click [here](#) to read more from SAE lecturer, Dr Scott Roberts, who talks more about this industry.

Australia's fastest growing salaries

You may be asking which industries and roles have seen the fastest salary growth on SEEK? The News Daily unpacked the data so you can explore different opportunities. According to research for SEEK, the main reason people look for a new job is because they're not getting paid enough. So, if you're looking to earn more money, a role change could really pay off right now. Click [here](#) to read the article in full including Seek's list of the current, fastest growing salaries. You may be surprised at some of the jobs on the list!

Australian Government Digital Traineeship Program

The Australian Public Service Commission runs the Australian Government Digital Traineeship Program. The program helps Australians build a digital career in government. It provides modern and flexible employment and training opportunities in the Australian Government public service. Participants learn new digital skills and knowledge. They use these to support their agency to provide better services for Australians. Applications open at regular intervals throughout the year. Applications are currently closed but will reopen shortly. Click [here](#) for more information including:

- Who the program is for
- The roles
- Benefits of the Program

Australian Jobs 2023

The Australian Jobs 2023 publication provides an overview of trends in the Australian labour market to help you when you are considering your future training and work options. It steps you through all aspects of the labour market. The first three sections are an overview of Australia's diverse labour market, providing analysis and outlining opportunities across industries, occupations and locations. Click [here](#) to access Australian Jobs 2023 including information on:

- Job search and skills

- A clean future
- National overview
- By location
- By industry
- By occupation
- Occupational matrix
- Useful links

Building a positive digital footprint

What is a digital footprint? Your digital footprint is any information you leave about yourself online, from comments on social media, pictures and posts to app use, emails and the websites you visit. It's important to be aware of the online trail you leave. In today's world, your digital footprint matters. Click [here](#) to find out more about how to build a positive digital footprint including:

- Set your privacy settings
- Consider your future
- Posting positively online
- Think before you post

Find out more about a glazier

Glaziers measure, cut, finish, fit and install flat glass and mirrors. You can work as a Glazier without formal qualifications if you are able to demonstrate your technical competency to employers. However, a Certificate III in Glass and Glazing is usually required. This course is often completed as part of an apprenticeship. Click [here](#) to find out more including helpful videos where you will hear from glaziers themselves.

Randstad has some job tips for you!

Click [here](#) to read Randstad's top tips for navigating the Queensland job market for 2024 including:

- Be open-minded
- Sharpen soft skills
- Expand your network
- Invest in self-learning and upskilling
- Utilise Your Recruitment Specialist

Specific occupational information - insurance and manufacturing

Great career decisions are made when you do your research! The following links provide valuable information:

Insurance

- [Careers in Insurance](#)

Manufacturing

- [myfuture](#)
- [Labour Market Insights](#)

Why maze like career paths are the future

People used to map out their careers in a very linear fashion. For example, let's say you wanted to be a lawyer. You would plan to go to good schools, land a job with a top firm, and in several years, work your way up to partner. But things don't always turn out as planned. You join a top firm and get laid off after a year or two because of declining profits and rising expenses. You might even become a lawyer only to discover after a few years that it's not your passion. What then? That's where non-linear career paths come into play. A non-linear career path is different from job hopping. Job hopping implies that you're moving from role to role indiscriminately. Non-linear career paths are intentional. Your career may not follow a straight line, but there's still a bit of planning involved. As employers and employees face an ever-changing job market, [non-linear career paths](#) are becoming the new normal. Click [here](#) to read Forbes article in full including:

- People are working longer
- Values and priorities have changed
- Skills are center stage
- The workplace is rapidly evolving

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Real Futures Grant

The Real Futures Grant provides the winner with a \$5,000 grant and is awarded to a student studying for a certificate, diploma, degree, apprenticeship or traineeship in one of the following fields:

- Business – including any business-related courses from any institution.
- Finance – including actuarial, statistics, accounting and general finance courses.
- Medicine – including medical and health sciences, surgery and medical research.
- Healthcare – including health and fitness-related specialties, sport sciences, health services assistance and international health.
- Specialist healthcare – including nursing, optometry, dentistry and pharmacy.

Entries for the 2024 grant are open until 31 October 2024.

Only citizens or permanent residents of Australia can apply and you must be 18 years of age or older to enter. Click [here](#) for more information and how to apply.

First Nations Peoples



CSIRO – Opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

The CSIRO is committed to encouraging more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to work with them in both the science and support areas. Visit their [website](#) to access information regarding:

- [Indigenous careers](#)
- [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traineeships](#)

CSIRO are running a ‘virtual’ work experience program. This program is available for regional and remote students and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students can apply. For more information visit the CSIRO work experience program [website](#) for 2024.

Career Trackers Indigenous Internship Program

The [CareerTrackers](#) High School Program was established to accelerate Indigenous students’ high school completion, university enrolment and participation in successive internship opportunities in our University Program. The High School Program recruits students in Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 and provides participants with training, coaching and exposure to pathways into higher education and professional employment. The final stage of the Program is an internship that provides Year 12 students interested in a degree of STEM, Business or Law with 4-weeks of paid employment, leadership development and access to a network of Indigenous role-models prior to arriving on campus for Day 1 of University. Click [here](#) to learn more about the benefits of joining and to register to join Career-Trackers.

Indigenous Employment Australia

[Indigenous Employment Australia](#) is a website for First Nations Peoples' jobseekers and employers. You can access job seeking resources and submit your resume. You can also search for job vacancies posted by employers who want to hear from First Nations Peoples job seekers in your location and field of interest or you can browse featured jobs. The goal is to deliver better information to First Nations Peoples job seekers, businesses and communities



Gap Year Program News

Gap years – Make them Meaningful with a Purpose

Taking a year off after Year 12 will not necessarily help if you are unsure of your career path. Without a plan, a year out of formal education can see you spend your time ‘having a good time’ only. Alternatively, a formal gap year is known to offer many significant benefits.

In a formal gap year, you could take on structured activities such as paid-work, volunteering and other forms of self-development related to possible future career options. This type of gap year enables you to try out a range of activities that can assist you in your career decision making. According to research, students who have a purposeful gap year are less likely to drop out of further study pathways. There are many organisations offering gap year opportunities so research well and plan carefully. Include your parents/guardians in your research.

The GAP Network – Placements in UK Boarding Schools

The Gap Network provides support to the growing demand for Gap Year placements in UK Boarding Schools. This program would see you being paid to live and work at some of the best boarding schools across the UK. The Gap Network provides you with an affordable way of travelling to the UK and exploring all that Europe has to offer. All you have to bring is a great attitude and willingness to work hard. The Gap Network is now open and accepting applications for gap placements commencing in January 2025. These places are very popular with High School Students, so apply early. If you are between 18 and 25 years old, check out their website. You can contact The Gap Network (via email info@thegapnetwork.org) before completing an application to discuss your individual circumstances. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

Holiday Programs & Short Courses



UQ's June school holidays engineering, design and computing school holiday program

UQ engineering, design and computing school holiday program are available in the June School holidays. Year 9 students are invited to learn how to think like engineers, architects, designers and planners and computer professionals by participating in hands-on workshops. Click [here](#) to find out more and to register your interest.



A different way to study at Melbourne Uni

The curriculum structure at Melbourne uni is different from other Australian universities. At Melbourne, you start [a three-year undergraduate degree](#) and then enter the workforce or apply for a graduate program which is needed to enter many professions. Find out more about Melbourne's graduate programs [here](#). A [Guaranteed Entry scheme](#) is available for very high achieving Year 12 applicants which guarantees entry to graduate programs after the completion of an undergraduate degree at Melbourne.

ANU direct applications now open for 2025

Direct applications to study at The Australian National University (ANU) are now open and you may be eligible to apply. If you are completing an Australian high school qualification or your final year of the International Baccalaureate diploma, you can start your application now. Click [here](#) for more information and to start your application. You can download the student guide [here](#). If you are not eligible to apply directly, you can apply to study at ANU through the [Universities Admissions Centre](#) (UAC).

Australian National University - An interstate university highlighted

ANU is a world-leading university in Australia's capital. Excellence is embedded in their approach to research and education. They have five campuses:

- [Acton campus](#)
- [Kioloa Coastal Campus](#)
- [Mount Stromlo Observatory](#)
- [North Australian Research Unit campus](#)
- [Siding Spring Observatory](#)

Check them out to see what each campus offers in study living/life options.

College options in the USA and SAT through Khan Academy

Khan Academy has an '[exploring college options' web page](#) which provides a helpful process for exploring tertiary courses in the USA. Their website also has a free [SAT preparation module](#).

Crimson Education - Study Overseas

Want to study overseas? Crimson Education is a US/UK university admissions support consultancy, with their students likely to gain acceptance to the Ivy League, Oxford or Cambridge universities. They provide students with individualised support for every aspect of their application(s) — from university selection strategy, test prep and personal statement/essay support, to extracurricular mentoring and interview practice. Learn more about their resources, blog and services [here](#).

Going overseas to study

Studying overseas can be exciting and rewarding, with new cultures, languages and travel opportunities to explore but be prepared. The Australian Government Smart Traveller [website](#) provides information for Australian students studying overseas. Check [here](#) for more information on:

- researching your destination and institution
- living and studying conditions in your destination
- organising the correct travel insurance
- knowing what visa you need and other documents that you'll need
- getting to your destination
- health checks before you go and while you're there
- managing your finances while you're there

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



Griffith University's creative arts open day

Find out more about artistic innovation and creative expression at Griffith Uni's Creative Arts Open Day. Check out their vibrant community of artists, designers, performers and writers. Join interactive workshops, exhibitions and demonstrations across a spectrum of disciplines, from visual and performing arts to film and animation, industrial design, architecture and more. Talk with faculty, gain insights into their cutting-edge facilities and envision the endless possibilities of a future in the arts. Whether you're an aspiring creative or simply curious, come and be inspired by the limitless potential of creativity at Griffith University's Creative Arts Open Day happening on May 19, 2024! Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Other upcoming open days and expos in April/May

The following Open days will be held during April and May 2024:

Open Days

- 13 April: [Bond University Virtual Open Day](#) Registration required
- 17 April: [Endeavour College of Natural Medicine Virtual Open Day](#) Registration required
- 03 May: [University of New England Open Day](#) 9am – 2 pm
- 19 May: [Griffith University Creative Arts Open Day](#) 9am - 2pm

Career Expos

- 2 & 3 April: [Gold Coast Careers Festival](#)
- 8 May: [Bundaberg Careers Expo](#) 9am - 3pm
- 14 May: [Gladstone Careers Expo](#) 8.30am - 3.00pm
- 16 May: [Maranoa Careers Expo Roma](#) 9am - 2pm
- [Capricorn MEGA Careers Expo Rockhampton](#) 9am - 2pm
- 17 May: [Emerald Careers Expo](#) 10:30 - 2:30PM
- 24 & 25 May: [Brisbane Careers & Employment Expo](#)
- 30 May: [Charters Towers Career Expo](#) 9am - 3pm

SAE information night

On 18 April from 6 - 8 pm, SAE will be holding an Information night. You'll have the opportunity to chat to lecturers, and find out what SAE has to offer. There will be a general SAE overview about all their courses, as well as student support initiatives and services! Click [here](#) to find out more and to register to attend.

University Open Days in Queensland in 2024

You should start to plan attending open day events at the university (or universities) you wish to apply to, for studies next year. An Open day gives you an opportunity to talk to lecturers and current students about the courses you are interested in. You can also check out the campus, the support services offered and social and cultural activities available. Open days usually occur between July and early September each year. This Bulletin will inform you of open days as dates become available. You can also check out Open Days on the QTAC [website](#) as they update their information.



Private Provider Updates

NIDA acting on Screen Grades 11-12 courses

Each term NIDA's focus is on a specific area of performance practice to ensure students have a varied experience and learn a range of essential creative skills. Students can join at the start of any term during the year. NIDA Open Acting on Screen courses are designed across a four term structure within the following learning framework:

Term one Read Between the lines – Improvisation and Performance Craft

Term two Just Breathe – Voice and Movement

Term three One Shot - Devising and Contemporary Practice

Term four Got the Job! -Script Work and Technique

[Click here](#) for more information and to apply.

SAE is now a University College

In December 2023, SAE was designated as a University College by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency's (TEQSA's). This designation is reserved for the highest performing Institutes of Higher Education. This decision places SAE in an elite group of just seven University Colleges in Australia and the only one delivering creative media education nationally. Click [here](#) to find out more.

The Hotel School Hayman Island Campus

At this award-winning 5-star Inter Continental Hayman Island Resort you can study the:

- Associate Degree of International Hotel and Tourism Management
- Bachelor of Business In Hotel Management
- Diploma of Hotel Management

Click [here](#) to find out more about the application process and you can find out more about the course [here](#).

Project, Leadership and Entrepreneur Opportunities



BUHMUN: Inspiring the leaders of tomorrow

The primary objective of the Bond University High School Model United Nations (BUHMUN) is to inspire and shape the future leaders of tomorrow. This two-day conference challenges secondary students to embrace the role of a modern diplomat and represent a country's position in simulated international debates addressing the world's most pressing issues. The conference will be held on 7 and 8 May at Bond University. Interested? Click [here](#) for more information.

Sport For Good free online short courses through Torrens University

Torrens University is offering free online short courses which are designed to explore the power of sport as a platform for change. It aims to provide you with the knowledge and tools that you can use in sport. These short courses have been developed in collaboration with Australian soccer legend and human rights activist Craig Foster to give you an understanding of how to facilitate and support the sporting industry's role in promoting global good. The Sport for Good short [courses](#) cover information such as:

- The power of sport
- Make a positive impact through sport
- Discover sport for good
- Learn from sports' champions of change

The [courses](#) on offer are:

- Sport and Society
- Sport and Human Rights
- Sport Leadership in a New World
- Sport as a Voice for Change



QTAC & Tertiary Entry

What is ATAR

All states in Australia call their Year 12 tertiary entry score an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR). The ATAR is a number between 0 and 99.95 (highest) with increments of 0.05. The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) provides all Tertiary Entrance data to QTAC who then calculates individual ATARs. If you are applying for interstate courses, the relevant tertiary admissions centre can obtain your ATAR directly from QTAC. You can [learn more about ATARs](#) and how to obtain an ATAR statement at the QTAC [website](#) (QTAC will update this page later in the year). The information will be updated shortly but it's good to start to get an understanding now.



QCAA subjects' assessment and results

Knowing how you will be assessed in your subjects is an important factor in your academic success. The QCAA provides information on [assessment and results](#). For most students, the bulk of their assessment in General and Applied subjects will be [internal assessment](#). Students undertaking General subjects will also sit [external assessment](#) (usually in Year 12). Some schools implement QCAA syllabuses in a different pattern, so your senior assessment schedule may be a little different. It's a good idea to check with your school. More information about assessment is available in each subject syllabus on the QCAA [website](#).

Study Skills and Wellbeing



10 things they'd tell their 18-year-old selves

College Info Geek produces podcasts and Martin Boehme decided to do a little reflection and talk about some things that would have been great to know a little earlier on. There are two presenters who have five lessons each and everything's on the table including relationships, productivity, happiness and health. Have a listen to a few of these lessons and maybe take the time to think of some lessons for your own past selves. It's a great way to discover how much you've learned and changed. We always move forward and hopefully learn more about ourselves in the process. Click [here](#) to listen to their podcast.

Free app to help you manage the stress of Years 11 and 12

Senior studies can be stressful especially around exam time and assignment due dates. Having stress management strategies to call on when needed is essential, not just for this year but also for your future success and happiness in studies and living. The [Smiling Mind app](#) is a tool that could get you started on learning and implementing useful strategies. This app is free for use online or as a smartphone app. It is a modern meditation program that guides the user through a series of exercises. Visit the [Smiling Mind website](#) for more information. Always remember, reach out to your Guidance Officer, School Counsellor, parents or GP if you are not coping or feeling very stressed out.

How to have a life outside of school

Your schedule probably looks something like this: wake up, get dressed, go to school, muck around on your phone, go home, watch Netflix, panic about assignments, actually do assignments (if they're due the next day), have dinner, sleep. Are you thinking that this routine is problematic because your only real focus is school?

Even if you're sitting there thinking you're not *that* boring or your daily life includes a bigger variety of activities, it's still common for us to set aside no time for ourselves outside of school. The bubble of school life means that just attending takes up a huge chunk of your day, not to mention all the assignments, study and homework that you're expected to be doing at home. Year 13 offers some suggestions on how to break out of that bubble and have a life outside of school including:

- Decide what's important
- Manage your day
- Start being accountable to other people
- Reach out to your friends
- Find things you like to do on your own

Tips and strategies for online researching

Online research takes skill. In high school, you need to transition from searching for information to researching a topic. When you have to do research, a simple Google search is no longer enough. This is when [Google Scholar](#) and [library databases](#) can help. We know this transition is challenging and we're here to help. Click [here](#) to watch the video How Library Stuff Works: Search vs Research and more about the following tips and strategies. Remember, you have to find a process that suits your study style but make sure you find one!

- Developing search terms
- Think of your question
- Eliminate some words
- Specify and professionalise
- Explore multiple resources
- Evaluating sources

Endless Opportunities

With a range of in-demand industries looking for job-ready workers, you can set yourself up for success by choosing from over 500 courses across a wide range of study areas. Click [here](#) to see the many different qualifications you can gain through TAFE Queensland including:

- Business and IT
- Education and community
- Health and science
- Service industries
- Creative industries
- Environment and animal services
- Infrastructure and transport
- Trades

Get qualified for less

TAFE Queensland offer over over 70 Fee-Free TAFE courses, chosen based on local skills demand and advice from industry. By doing one of these courses you can feel confident for what comes next, knowing you're gaining industry-relevant skills employers are looking for. Click [here](#) for more information and a list of the Fee-Free courses.

International students

As an international student, there are two easy ways to enroll with TAFE Queensland.:

1. You can apply directly through their online [portal](#).
2. Depending on your nationality, you may be able to apply through an authorised [Education Agents](#) who can assist you with your TAFE Queensland application and guide you through the enrolment process.

If you are under the age of 18 you will only be accepted where you demonstrate that you will be accompanied by a parent, legal custodian or a suitable relative who is aged 21 or over or you arrange accommodation with a Homestay family. For more information visit [Department of Home Affairs](#) website. [Click here](#) for more information. They will update information throughout the year so it is best to keep checking in with TAFE.

SkillsTech Year 10 Trade Taster Programs

TAFE Queensland offers a suite of funded [Trade Taster Programs](#) that allow eligible high school students to try a course without needing to commit to a full qualification or apprenticeship. You can engage in training and determine if a course is the right option for you or test out a potential career path you are considering for the future. Year 10 students attend one day per week for nine weeks and participate in units aligned to a specific area over the course of a school term, gaining a better understanding of a qualification that will assist you to make an informed decision when choosing a TAFE at School Program or continuing with further studies in the future. It **does not** use your VETiS funding entitlement. If you are interested, talk to your school's VET coordinator. Be mindful that there may not be any dates in the first half of 2024 so it's best to contact TAFE Queensland for more details now.



Australian Catholic University

2024 Discover ACU

ACU will be holding a 2024 Discover ACU event. It is a free event tailored to your study area of interest and sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student. ACU's Brisbane event has a wide range of sessions available including business, education, midwifery, nursing and paramedicine, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech pathology, as well as campus tours. It will be held on 10 April from 9:30am to 12:00 noon. Click [here](#) to find out more and to register.

ACU's 'Find Your Pathway' tool

ACU admission pathways are designed to help you meet the entry requirements of your chosen course. [Check out their Pathway Finder](#) (click on Domestic) to discover if your chosen course has a relevant pathway to assist you in gaining entry if you:

- Are in Year 12 and want an early offer
- Didn't get the ATAR/Rank required
- Are in Year 11 and want to experience university life
- Are an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student
- Are an elite athlete or performer

Study Overseas as part of your ACU degree

Gain credit towards your degree while experiencing extraordinary things in extraordinary places. When you study overseas as part of your ACU degree, you might find yourself teaching young children in Nepal, working with the homeless in Rome or touring literary landmarks in New York. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Study overseas
- Study in Rome
- Do the Core Curriculum overseas
- Full semester exchanges
- Study tours or short programs

Australian National University

Nursing or Paramedicine? A double degree may be your answer

The Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Paramedicine double degree develops proactive and adaptable graduates qualified to undertake either profession. By studying a degree which leads to being both registered nurse and a registered paramedic, students will not only be able to apply for jobs as a nurse and/or a paramedic, but will be future-proofing their career. As the course incorporates extensive clinical placements and innovative simulation activities, graduates will be well prepared to meet the health needs of the community in varied nursing and paramedicine settings. Find out more [here](#).

Bond University

Business School Year 12 Extension Program

Get a head start on your studies with the Bond Business School Year 12 Extension Program, which comprises fast-paced and fun two-day workshops designed to prepare you for university life. Facilitated by our world-class academics, the Extension Program offers an enriching opportunity that supports the existing Year 12 curriculum across areas such as business and maths. Faced with real-world situations, participants will hone their skills, problem solve, and work collaboratively with their peers. The Extension Program is free of charge to students. Top performing students from the days will be awarded one of six part-fee scholarships exclusive to the Year 12 Extension Program. Click [here](#) for more information, about the Extension Program brochure and registration details. It is a popular program so get in early.

Medicine at Bond

Bond is one of only a few universities in Australia offering [medicine](#) as a program commencing at the undergraduate level. It is made up of two sequential qualifications - the [Bachelor of Medical Studies](#) and the Doctor of Medicine. Students are required to complete both degrees for registration as a medical practitioner. Both degrees are awarded at the completion of Year five. Applications for the Bachelor of Medical Studies are through QTAC. They usually open mid-January and close early February each year for commencement in May of that year. Check on the QTAC website for 2025 updates.

Central Queensland University

Regional Medical pathway info session - Rockhampton

The [Bachelor of Medical Science \(Pathway to Medicine\)](#) welcomes school leavers, offering 20 places at both the CQUniversity Rockhampton and Bundaberg campuses. This course ensures successful applicants a provisional direct entry pathway into The University of Queensland's regional Doctor of Medicine program. Click [here](#) to register and to find out more about everything from the application process to regional

adjustment points and the benefits of studying and practicing medicine in a regional setting. The in person session will be held on 25 March 2024 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm at the CQUniversity Rockhampton North, Library Building 10, Level 2.

Regional Medical pathway online info session

The [Bachelor of Medical Science \(Pathway to Medicine\)](#) welcomes school leavers, offering 20 places at both the CQUniversity Rockhampton and Bundaberg campuses. This course ensures successful applicants a provisional direct entry pathway into The University of Queensland's regional Doctor of Medicine program. Click [here](#) to register and to find out more about everything from the application process to regional adjustment points and the benefits of studying and practicing medicine in a regional setting. The Online Zoom session will be held on 11 April 2024 from 4:30pm to 6:00pm.

Regional medical pathway info session - Bundaberg

The [Bachelor of Medical Science \(Pathway to Medicine\)](#) welcomes school leavers, offering 20 places at both the CQUniversity Rockhampton and Bundaberg campuses. This course ensures successful applicants a provisional direct entry pathway into The University of Queensland's regional Doctor of Medicine program. Click [here](#) to register and to find out more about everything from the application process to regional adjustment points and the benefits of studying and practicing medicine in a regional setting. The in person session will be held on 27 March 2024 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm at the CQUniversity Bundaberg campus, Building 5, G.22

Griffith University

Bachelor of Medical Science application update

Griffith University has made some changes to their entry requirements. As of entry to Bachelor of Medical Science, Trimester 1, 2025:

- academic achievement for Year 12 applicants in the year before entry
- OR academic achievement for applicants who have completed their senior secondary studies up to one year prior to application and who have not previously attempted tertiary study at Diploma level or higher
- all prerequisite subjects (or their equivalent) must be met.
- achievement in the University Clinical Aptitude Test ANZ (UCAT ANZ).

Further important information:

- The minimum requirement for eligibility for admission is the completion of Year 12 of secondary school or equivalent academic achievement.
- Selection for admission is made on the basis of academic merit (ATAR).

- For admission commencing Trimester 1, 2025, the Overall Score from UCAT ANZ, if available, will be used for second order ranking within an ATAR band.
- Applicants without a UCAT ANZ result will still be considered for selection but will be ranked at the bottom of their ATAR band.

NOTE: If you are unsuccessful in gaining entry into the Bachelor of Medical Science in Trimester 1, 2025, you can sit/resit the UCAT ANZ test in 2025 but you are **NOT able to undertake any post school study during 2025 or you will not be eligible to apply in 2026 for entry into Medical Science at Griffith University**. Find out more about the course, admissions and program [here](#).

Film School Experience Week

The Griffith Film School Experience Week is tailored to Year 11 and 12 students considering future study in animation, games design or film and screen media production. During the week-long program, you will choose a study area and be taught by a highly skilled, industry connected teaching team to gain theoretical and practical skills. You can choose from a 2024 Experience Week from either 24 to 28 June or 1 to 5 July (School holidays). Registrations are now open. Places fill quickly so click [here](#) to book a place and contact the university for more information.

Study a uni subject/course while still at school

Griffith University's Head Start to University program is designed to give you the opportunity to study a course (subject) at Griffith while completing your high school studies. This free program lets you sample university life at Griffith, learn from industry leaders and stretch your academic boundaries. If you are a motivated student who is looking to challenge yourself, consider applying for a Head Start to University on-campus or online course. There are over 60 courses/subjects to choose from and eligible students can complete up to two courses while at school. You can commence from Semester 2 of Year 11. Click [here](#) to find out more about eligibility, application process and see your Guidance Officer/School Counsellor for more information. Your school must support your application.

Queensland University of Technology

A Quick Guide to QUT: Webinar for Year 9–10 students and parents

On 16 April, students and their parents are invited to a dedicated Year 9 and 10 online information session. They will cover career planning tips, differences between school and uni, course information and admission pathways. Plus, hear from current QUT students about their uni experience. Click [here](#) to register now.

Can VR help us learn about environments we can't physically get to?

In this interview PhD researcher, Cael, discusses her work developing VR experiences that transport users to Mars and Australian field sites and also shares her tips with those thinking about studying at university. Read more [here](#).

Careers with STEM: Science

Explore the fascinating world of science careers based on insights from a panel of QUT scientists and recent graduates from various scientific disciplines. Watch the webinar recording [here](#).

Discover health courses and careers

Are you looking into health and wellbeing as a career? Hear from real QUT students about what it's like to study QUT health courses. Explore career pathways and read about opportunities and support available to QUT Health students on our [Health Insights blog](#). Some of the blogs are:

- Exploring the stigma around blood borne diseases
- Supporting sporting dreams
- Stepping into a new career
- What it's like studying clinical exercise physiology
- Why are my muscles sore after exercise ... and more to choose from!

Engage with the Faculty of Engineering

[Power of Engineering](#), an event that inspires young women to consider careers in engineering, is now offered once per term. This year, Rio Tinto is a major sponsor of the program. QUT's Faculty of Engineering is also offering workshops to support design and engineering students. Check out the [QUT Faculty of Engineering Engagement page](#) to book in for Power of Engineering and other activities throughout the year.

Future You Summit - Correction from article that appeared in Bulletin 4

Apologies for any inconvenience regarding a previous Future Your Summit article. The following has the correct information:

The Future You Summit provides students in Year 11 and 12 with a taste of university life. Students will have the opportunity to expand their skill sets beyond the classroom and explore future career ambitions with the help of industry leaders and QUT alumnus. The Summit will be delivered, Monday 1 – Friday 5 July 2024. Applications will open Monday 25 March 2024. Click [here](#) for more information and application details.

Looking for a career centered around exercise

Love sports? Or are you passionate about the ways exercise can improve health? You could follow your interests helping athletes achieve peak performance by studying the [Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science](#). Or find a rewarding career prescribing exercise to help treat and manage disease and diagnosed conditions as an [Accredited Exercise Physiologist](#). If you're an elite athlete, there are [elite-athlete scholarships](#) that can support your studies and sporting dreams. Find out more about exercise and nutrition science at QUT [here](#).

QUT Library Schools' Program

The QUT Library Schools' Program offers free library membership to Queensland students in Years 10–12 and Queensland teachers. Teachers can also organise on-campus research and study skills workshops for students in Years 10–12. Find out more [here](#).

The world needs sustainable engineers

In the lead up to the climate-positive Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, there is a strong demand for engineers who can lead sustainable infrastructure projects. QUT's future-focused [Bachelor of Engineering \(Honours\)/Master of Sustainable Infrastructure](#) will see you finding out about the exciting careers in a transformative time in engineering practice. Check them out!

Thinking about mid year entry to uni next year?

Contemplating starting your uni journey at mid-year? Delve into the benefits of mid-year entry, explore the differences between February and July intakes and find out what courses are available. [Read more](#).

Southern Cross University

Southern Cross University's campus tours

Find out more about studying at Southern Cross University by registering for an upcoming campus tours. You will hear from study experts and current students about popular pathways into university, their unique 6-week terms, courses and student support. They will also have information about applying, accepting your offer and enrolling to study. Click [here](#) to register to attend a campus tour at either their Gold Coast or National Marine Science Centre in Coffs Harbour.

The University of Queensland

2025 Undergraduate Guide

UQ's 2025 Guide is now available [here](#). In the Guide you will find information on:

- Life at UQ
- UQ living
- Our campuses
- Learning at UQ
- Applying to UQ
- Programs/Undergraduate study options

It's never too early to start your research!

Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours)

If you are considering applying for entry to the Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours) program for Semester 1/2025 you should read the information on the [UQ website](#) and be aware that:

- Subject prerequisites of Queensland Year 12 (or equivalent) General English subject (Units 3 & 4, C); Chemistry (Units 3 & 4, C) and recommended Biology
- Sit the UCAT ANZ Aptitude test. The aggregate score from all 5 sections of the [University Clinical Aptitude Test \(UCAT\)](#) will be the first selection. Applicants with the same aggregate score are ranked by their UCAT ANZ section 5 score. If this score is also the same, the UCAT ANZ section 1 score is used
- Applicants without adjustments to their ATAR/tertiary rank will be considered before applicants with adjustments.
- The aggregate score from all five sections of the UCAT ANZ/UK will be applied as the primary differentiator to rank applications with ATAR 99.00 or IB 42.5 or higher.

Engineering tours during the school holidays

Curious about studying engineering at UQ? Discover our cutting-edge teaching and learning facilities located within the Engineering Precinct. You will visit the Hawken Engineering Building, home of the Boeing Research and Technology Australia, the Dorothy Hill Engineering and Sciences Library and the First Year Engineering Learning Centre (FYELC), a multi-purpose collaborative space to enhance the experience for Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) single and dual degree students. The free tours will be held on [9 April](#) from 12noon to 2pm and [11 April](#) from 10am to 12 noon. Registration is essential so click on the relevant link.

Queensland Biology Winter Schools

Applications are now open for The University of Queensland's [Biology Winter Schools](#) for Year 11 students on 1 and 2 July. The Winter School will provide a deep dive into contemporary topics in biology. [Applications](#) close on 3 May 2024.

What can you do with an economics degree

So, you're curious about a career in economics, but you're not sure what jobs you can do with an economics degree. At first glance, the [Bachelor of Economics](#) is often misunderstood as a degree consisting entirely of numbers, money and analysing the nation's interest and inflation rates. But this is not quite right! Click [here](#) to read more from UQ about the potential pathways and opportunities you can enjoy in this field.

Torrens University Australia

Courses and Qualifications you might find interesting

[Torrens Uni](#) offer a wide variety of courses and qualifications. You can find a full list of their [courses here](#) including courses in business, design, education, health, English language, hospitality and technology.

University of Southern Queensland

2025 Course Guide now available

University of Southern Queensland has just published their 2025 Course Guide. Click [here](#) to download the Guide and find information on:

- Why UniSQ
- Locations
- Scholarships
- Get a Head Start
- The right qualification for you
- How to apply
- Pathways to UniSQ
- Study areas
- Degrees at a glance
- Important things to know

University of the Sunshine Coast

Pathway programs - pathway diplomas

A full-time, one-year program means you can get a taste for university and have something to show for it, without the commitment of a full degree program. A UniSC pathway diploma is a stand-alone qualification that gives you direct entry and up to one year's credit into selected bachelor's degrees. Click [here](#) to find out about:

- Applying
- Choosing a pathway diploma
- Entry requirements

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
19/03/2024	ADF: Brisbane: Defence Careers Information Session
19/03/2024	ADF: Cairns: Army Reserve Information Session
19/03/2024	ADF: Charleville: Defence Careers Information Session
19/03/2024	ADF: Mackay: Defence Careers Information Session
19/03/2024	ADF: Maroochydore: Gap Year Information Session
19/03/2024	Griffith Uni Pathways to Medicine information session Gold Coast
20/03/2024	ADF: Engineering Careers Information Session
20/03/2024	ADF: St George: Defence Careers Information Session
20/03/2024	ADF: Toowoomba: Gap Year Information Session
20/03/2024	ADF: Townsville: Air Force Careers Information Session
20/03/2024 to 22/03/2024	World Science Festival Brisbane
21/03/2024	ADF: Clermont: Defence Careers Information Session
21/03/2024	ADF: Dalby: Defence Careers Information Session
21/03/2024	Griffith Uni Online Pathway to Medicine Info session
21/03/2024	Mackay University Experience
22/03/2024	ADF: Townsville: RAAF Base Townsville Community Day
22/03/2024	Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education
23/03/2024	ADF: Southport: Army Reserve Open Day
23/03/2024	QUT Engineer Your Future experience day
25/03/2024	IM2C International Mathematical Modeling challenge
25/03/2024	QUT Future You Summit applications open
25/03/2024	Regional Medical pathway info session - Rockhampton
26/03/2024	ADF: Air Force Careers Information Session Online and in person

26/03/2024	ADF: Maroochydore: Air Force Careers Information Session
26/03/2024	ADF: Warwick: A Night in the Army Reserves
26/03/2024	START QUT webinar
27/03/2024	ADF: Cairns: Defence Careers Information Session
27/03/2024	ADF: Gold Coast: Defence Careers Information Session
27/03/2024	ADF: Townsville: Gap Year Information Session
27/03/2024	Regional medical pathway info session - Bundaberg
03/04/2024	ADF: Gold Coast: Navy Careers Information Session
07/04/2024 to 13/04/2024	Queensland Youth Week
08/04/2024	ADF: Townsville: Defence Careers Information Session
08/04/2024	Tuckwell Scholarship applications close
09/04/2024	ADF: Brisbane: Health Careers Information Session
09/04/2024	ADF: Toowoomba: Army Reserve Information Session
09/04/2024	UQ Engineering tour in the school holidays
10/04/2024	2024 Discover ACU event
10/04/2024	ADF: Cairns: Navy Careers Information Session
10/04/2024	ADF: Cairns: Navy Careers Information Session
10/04/2024	ADF: Maroochydore: Defence Careers Information Session
11/04/2024	Regional Medical pathway online info session
11/04/2024	Tuckwell Scholarship Stage 1 applications close
11/04/2024	UQ Engineering tour in the school holidays
13/04/2024	Bond Uni Virtual Open Day
14/04/2024	Aspiring (Unpublished)
14/04/2024	Hatchlings writing competition
16/04/2024	QUT Quick Guide to QUT: Webinar for Year 9–10 students and parents
16/04/2024 to 17/04/2024	Townsville - JCU Science and Engineering Challenge
17/04/2024	ADF: Ayr: Trade Careers Information Session
18/04/2024	ADF: Brisbane: Navy Careers Information Session
18/04/2024	ADF: Mackay: Trade Careers Information Session
18/04/2024	ADF: Toowoomba: Navy Careers Information Session
18/04/2024	SAE information night

18/04/2024	Schools Virtual Cycling Tournament registrations close
19/04/2024	2024 International Film Challenge entry closes
19/04/2024	Cairns - JCU Science and Engineering Challenge
22/04/2024	ADF: Bundaberg: Women in Defence Information Session
22/04/2024	ADF: Cairns: Defence Careers Information Session
22/04/2024	ADF: Gladstone: Indigenous Pathways Information Session
22/04/2024	Mackay - JCU Science and Engineering Challenge
23/04/2024	ADF: Cairns: Australian Submarine Tour
23/04/2024	ADF: Gold Coast: Defence Careers Information Session
23/04/2024	ADF: Rockhampton: Indigenous Pathways Information Session
23/04/2024	ADF: Townsville: Navy Careers Information Session
23/04/2024	Study at UniSQ Drop-in Session Brisbane
24/04/2024	Rockhampton - JCU Science and Engineering Challenge
26/04/2024	QAMT Problem Solving Competition
27/04/2024	Bond Uni Health Experience Day
29/04/2024	ADF: Ipswich: Defence Careers Information Session
29/04/2024	ADF: Maroochydore: Navy Careers Information Session
29/04/2024	QUT High Schools League of Legends Tournament registrations close
30/04/2024	ADF: Toowoomba: Defence Careers Information Session
30/04/2024	ADF: Toowoomba: Defence Careers Information Session
30/04/2024	Griffith Uni's Countdown to Uni webinar
30/04/2024	TAFE Qld Animal Studies online Information Session
30/04/2024	UQ's Medicine information evening