

Admission pathways

A guide to improving your selection rank or returning to study

Regardless of your age or background, there are many ways to gain entry to QUT. This guide is designed to help you find the best pathway to your preferred course.

Current or recent secondary education

If you are a current school student, it's a good idea to explore the range of admission pathways available and have a back-up plan in case you don't receive the results required to gain entry to your preferred course. You can undertake other university studies, a diploma or advanced diploma, or a TAFE/QUT dual award to give you a new selection rank.

If you have completed school within the past two years you can use your school results or consider other study options if your results are not sufficient for entry.

Other applicants

You may have many pathways to entry. You can be allocated a selection rank based on:

- secondary education
- vocational education and training (VET) study
- higher education study
- work and life experience.

You may have a different selection rank for each of these and QUT will generally use your best selection rank when assessing your application. If your selection rank is not sufficient to gain entry to your chosen course, this guide provides options for gaining a new selection rank.

How are applicants selected?

For most of our courses students are selected on the basis of their selection rank or OP. Exceptions may apply to some courses with additional entry requirements. When course offers are made, selection ranks and OPs are treated equally—so you won't be disadvantaged if you are not a current school leaver.

Quick glossary

Overall Position (OP) indicates a Queensland Year 12 student's state-wide rank order based on overall achievement in Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority subjects. The OP is used for current Year 12 school leavers to assess eligibility for entry to undergraduate courses. The highest OP is 1, the lowest is 25. Your OP doesn't go out of date. OPs from previous years are converted to a selection rank.

Selection ranks can be calculated on your school results, VET study, higher education study or work and life experience, and are used to assess eligibility for entry to undergraduate courses for all applicants other than current Queensland Year 12 students. The highest selection rank is 99, the lowest is 1.

Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) processes the applications for undergraduate courses for Queensland universities and many TAFE courses.

GREG WYNNE

Electrical engineering

I studied a TAFE Diploma of Fitness after high school as it matched my interests at the time. Later I completed an electrical apprenticeship and was working with an engineer who inspired me, and I began to realise that I had the ability to become an electrical engineer.

I gained entry to my course based on my diploma, as it gave me a higher selection rank than my OP or work experience.

University is an amazing opportunity and I'm excited about my future.



Entry based on secondary education

Senior results do not have a use-by date. Secondary education results can be used to gain entry to university many years after they are awarded.

If you are a current Queensland Year 12 OP-eligible student you will be considered for an offer based on your OP. If you have taken a gap year or have an OP from a previous year, your OP will be converted to a selection rank.

If you have interstate school results, QTAC will allocate a selection rank based on your senior studies.

The OP and Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) schedule at right provides a guide to converting recent Year 12 results from Queensland and other states. Visit www.qtac.edu.au in December for the 2018 schedule.

If you are completing the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma you will have a selection rank based on your IB Diploma results. As a guide, in 2017 a score of 45 for a completed IB Diploma was equivalent to a selection rank 99, and a score of 30 was equivalent to a selection rank 84. Visit www.qtac.edu.au for the latest schedules.

If you are OP-ineligible you can be considered for an offer based on your selection rank, calculated using your 20 best semester units of Authority-registered and VET subjects as reported on your Queensland Certificate of Education (or equivalent). This will be calculated by QTAC in late December. Students undertaking an OP-ineligible pathway may need to complete additional study to achieve the higher selection ranks required for entry to competitive higher education courses.

If you have a Tertiary Entrance (TE) score awarded between 1974 and 1991, you can calculate your rank by dividing the TE score by 10 and rounding down to the nearest whole number. For example, a TE score of 885 equals a selection rank of 88.

QUT accepts non-standard Australian Year 12 qualifications including Accelerated Christian Education (ACE), some Rudolph Steiner Education schools and some home schooling. For non-standard Year 12 students, QTAC will convert your results into a selection rank. To maximise your opportunity to gain entry to your course, you are strongly encouraged to undertake an approved examination like the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) or American Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

You can also be considered on the basis of other recognised qualifications undertaken while at school.

For further information on how QUT will consider these qualifications and other school results not listed, including overseas results, visit www.qut.edu.au/apply/school-and-bridging-studies

Students currently in Year 10 will be the first group in Queensland to be provided with an ATAR in 2020. For more information about ATARs visit www.qtac.edu.au/atar-2020

OPs, ATARs and equivalent selection ranks

This schedule indicates how Queensland OPs and interstate Year 12 results from 2017 are converted to a selection rank.

ATAR	OP	Selection rank
99.00	1	99
98.00	-	98
97.00	2	97
96.00	-	96
95.00	3	95
94.00	-	94
93.00	4	93
92.00	-	92
91.00	5	91
90.00	-	90
88.95	6	89
87.95	-	88
86.90	-	87
85.85	7	86
84.85	-	85
83.75	8	84
82.75	-	83
81.70	-	82
80.60	9	81
79.55	-	80
78.45	-	79
77.35	10	78
76.25	-	77
75.05	11	76
73.90	-	75
72.75	-	74
71.55	12	73
70.30	-	72
69.00	13	71
67.75	-	70
66.40	-	69
64.95	14	68
63.45	-	67
61.85	15	66
60.15	-	65
58.20	16	64
55.95	-	63
53.35	17	62
50.15	18	61
45.25	19	60
-	20	59
-	21	58
-	22	57
-	23	56
-	24	55
-	25	54

If you have school results prior to 2017 visit www.qut.edu.au/apply/school-and-bridging-studies to access additional schedules.



Entry based on vocational education and training (VET) study

You can use completed VET studies, such as certificates III and IV, diplomas and advanced diplomas, from TAFE or private education providers for entry to QUT. QUT allocates higher selection ranks than QTAC for these Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) awards.

Your VET studies may be graded or ungraded (competency-based). If they are graded, you can achieve higher selection ranks with higher grades. If your qualification is ungraded a good result on the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) can improve your selection rank.

Australian Qualification Framework results

This table shows how selection ranks for completed AQF VET studies can be increased through STAT*[^] or a high grade point average (GPA).

Completed AQF qualification	Minimum rank awarded	Maximum rank achieved with a GPA of 6.5 or above or a strong result in the STAT* [^]
Advanced diploma or associate degree	93	98
Diploma	87	91
Certificate IV	74	89
Certificate III	68	82

* Completed STAT since 2010.

[^] STAT can be combined with ungraded/competency-based qualifications only.

Dual awards

In collaboration with TAFE Queensland Brisbane, QUT offers dual awards that lead to the award of a diploma from TAFE followed by a QUT bachelor degree in the areas of business, civil engineering, information technology, human services, nursing and social work.* You will receive advanced standing (credit) for your TAFE study.

For more information visit www.qut.edu.au/apply/tafe-experience

EXAMPLE

Kai completed a Diploma of Business through TAFE a few years ago. He is now interested in science and applied to study a Bachelor of Science at QUT in 2018. His selection rank of 87 from the completed diploma was sufficient for him to gain entry to the degree which had a selection rank threshold of 71.

EXAMPLE

Simon wanted to study a QUT Bachelor of Information Technology but didn't have the selection rank to gain entry. He enrolled in the dual award Diploma of Information Technology Networking/Bachelor of Information Technology and when he completed his diploma he gained automatic entry to the QUT degree. He received advanced standing for the diploma, and completed both courses in three and a half years.



LAUREN WATERS

Business and creative industries

The career path I fell into was not what I had intended on doing and after a redundancy, I studied film and TV production at TAFE. At the end of the first year, I knew the business side of the industry was where I wanted to go. I did my research and knew that QUT was the right university for me. Being able to study marketing and entertainment industries majors in my double degree suited my needs perfectly.

I already had a diploma from TAFE that I completed after high school and I sat the STAT. These combined to give me the rank I needed to gain entry to QUT.

* The dual awards in human services and social work will be offered in 2019 subject to final approval.

Adult Tertiary Preparation

You can complete the Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation (ATP) to provide a selection rank and gain the academic background required for successful tertiary study. You can choose from a wide variety of specialisations depending on your needs and the university courses you wish to pursue.

Specialisations in ATP can also be selected to meet prerequisites and assumed knowledge. For further information visit www.qut.edu.au/assumed-knowledge

To maximise your opportunities for entry into QUT, you are encouraged to complete the whole ATP course. However, you can complete a minimum of three specialisations (including Language and Learning) and be considered for entry. Selection ranks are allocated on the basis of the grade point average achieved in a minimum of three ATP specialisations.

A good result on the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) can increase the selection rank allocated. See page 7 for more information about STAT.

The ATP is offered by Queensland TAFE and some private education providers.

For more information visit www.qut.edu.au/apply/tafe-experience

QUT also recognises other programs. Visit www.qut.edu.au/apply/school-and-bridging-studies

Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation

This schedule shows how selection ranks for the 10397NAT Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation (ATP) can be improved by high grades and a strong result in the STAT.

	Minimum rank awarded with a GPA ^b of 4.0	Maximum rank achieved with a GPA ^b of 6.26 or above and a strong result in the STAT ^d
Completed ATP	79	98
Incomplete ATP + completed four specialisations ^{ac}	66	94
Incomplete ATP + completed three specialisations ^a	64	92

^a Only full specialisations, comprising results in all required elective units are accepted. Specialisations may comprise two or three elective units of equal weighting. The specialisation *Plan and Prepare for Study* is not included for assessment on this schedule. Where the same elective unit(s) has been completed on more than one occasion, only the best attempt will be used.

^b H=6.5, J3=6.5, JH=6.5, C=5, J2=5, JC=5, P=4, J1=4, JP=4, R=1.5, M=1.5, N=1.5 and M1=0.

^c Where a student has completed five or more specialisations without completing 10397NAT, the best four specialisation results will be used.

^d Completed STAT since 2010.

ASHANTHI NAIR

Psychology and social work

I started university in Perth studying food science, but found that I wasn't enjoying the course as much as I expected. After talking with some career counsellors I decided to pursue psychology and discovered the double degree with social work at QUT. I was able to use my prior university study to gain entry to QUT and received advanced standing (credit) for a couple of subjects.



Entry based on higher education study

At QUT, we recognise that success in one higher education course is a reliable predictor of future success in other courses.

Can I use past degree studies to gain entry to QUT?

If you have completed a degree or partial degree studies your grade point average (GPA) can be converted to a selection rank to be used for entry to another degree.

If you have already completed a bachelor degree, you may be eligible for graduate entry to courses in education, podiatry, paramedic science, nursing and law, or entry to QUT's postgraduate courses. To check your eligibility see the course entry at www.qut.edu.au/study

Can I study a degree to help me get into my preferred course?

If you don't have a high enough OP or selection rank for the degree you are interested in, you may choose a course with a lower OP or selection rank threshold with the intent to upgrade to your ideal course. Studying for one year full time in a degree course is the most effective and reliable way to gain a more competitive selection rank.

How much study do I need to do?

You normally need to complete a minimum of one year full time (or equivalent) of degree-level study at a recognised Australian university or other accredited provider, in order to improve your results. However, you can receive a selection rank if you have completed at least one-quarter of a year of full-time study or equivalent.

The prior degree study table at right shows how to convert your GPA for one year of study to a selection rank. A full-time year is defined as the standard credit point load that applies to a year of study in a course at your institution. Units with incomplete results and any units for which you received exemption or advanced standing do not count toward your full-time year. For current QUT students a full-time year is 96 credit points (usually eight subjects). For advice about working out your GPA visit www.qut.edu.au/apply/tertiary-experience

Prior degree study

This schedule shows how to convert a degree grade point average (GPA) into a selection rank after one year* or more of full-time study.

GPA 7-point scale	Selection rank
	One year or more full-time equivalent
6.50+	99
6.00–6.49	98
5.50–5.99	97
5.00–5.49	96
4.50–4.99	95
4.25–4.49	94
4.00–4.24	93
3.75–3.99	88
3.50–3.74	85
3.25–3.49	82
3.00–3.24	79
2.75–2.99	76
2.50–2.74	72
2.25–2.49	67
2.00–2.24	60
< 2.00	45

* Refers to a full-time year or equivalent study at the level of bachelor degree, graduate certificate, graduate diploma, and incomplete coursework masters and doctoral-level studies. For other schedules visit www.qut.edu.au/apply/tertiary-experience

EXAMPLE

Anna's school results weren't sufficient for her to gain entry to her chosen course, a Bachelor of Communication (Journalism) at QUT. She completed a year of study in the Bachelor of Creative Industries with a GPA of 5.25. This gave her a selection rank of 96 which was sufficient for her to gain entry to her preferred course in 2018.

What if I did better at school than in higher education study?

QUT will accept the highest selection rank from your school or higher education studies if you do not have a failing GPA in a 'like' course. 'Like' courses are courses in the same discipline, study area or faculty as your preferred course at QUT.

What if I am failing at higher education study?

If you have studied for one or more years full time (or equivalent) in a higher education course QUT regards as 'like' the one for which you are applying and you achieved a failing GPA, the selection ranks associated with any 'like' studies will be used ahead of all other selection ranks. Apart from this, no special rules apply and QUT will use your highest selection rank.

What if I have been suspended or excluded?

QUT will refuse admission if you are currently suspended from a higher education institution for reasons other than failure. Special rules apply if you have been excluded from a study program which is 'like' the QUT program sought.

EXAMPLE

Emiri received an OP 6 and studied pharmacy for a year. She didn't feel the course was right for her and failed some subjects. After taking a year off, Emiri applied for QUT's Bachelor of Nursing. She was surprised to find that because she had a failing grade point average (GPA) from her pharmacy course, and pharmacy was considered to be 'like' nursing, her selection rank from her GPA was used ahead of her OP and she was unable to gain entry to the course.

Emiri then completed a TAFE Diploma of Nursing and was able to use her selection rank of 87 to gain entry to QUT's Bachelor of Nursing, and received one year of advanced standing for her TAFE studies.

Work and life experience

At QUT, we don't just rely on traditional qualifications like school results to assess applications—we also recognise your work experience and aptitude.

Entry based on work experience

You can be considered for a place at QUT based on skills you have gained through work experience rather than on formal schooling results. This pathway is ideal if you have been working for a number of years and do not have any formal academic qualifications. You can use this pathway even if you haven't completed Year 12.

EXAMPLE

Angus has been an enrolled nurse for five years and would like to be a landscape architect. Based on his work experience, he has a selection rank of 83 which was sufficient for entry to the Bachelor of Design (Landscape Architecture).

The work experience pathway is available for all courses at QUT except courses with additional entry requirements and graduate-entry programs.

EXAMPLE

Samantha has worked as a bookkeeper for seven years and would like to gain an accountancy degree. Her work experience gives her a selection rank of 72 which is not sufficient to gain entry to the Bachelor of Business (Accountancy) at Gardens Point campus. She decided to sit the STAT to gain a more competitive selection rank.

The skills and experience you have gained through work can be translated by QTAC into a selection rank, based on the skill level associated with your employment and the length of time you were employed in that role. The work does not necessarily have to be in an area related to your proposed field of study. A statement of service or signed reference

must substantiate work experience and be included with your QTAC application.

Selection ranks for work experience range from 55 to 93 depending on the skill level involved and length of service. Some types of vocational experience provide a selection rank sufficient for entry on their own; however you are encouraged to sit the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) to help attain the highest selection rank possible. See page 7 for more information about the STAT.

QTAC may be able to provide an estimate of your selection rank, or you can apply for a formal assessment of your qualifications (QTAC charges apply). If you have already lodged a QTAC application, an assessment of your qualifications will be completed as part of the application. For more information visit www.qtac.edu.au

While you can be allocated a selection rank based on a minimum of six months full-time work experience, you would need to have three years or more of work experience to gain a selection rank suitable for entry to QUT courses. If you don't have this level of work experience, you might like to consider undertaking further study to improve your selection rank.

BEN DOWNING

Information technology

I was working in a role that involved quite a bit of travelling and wanted a change. My background and interests are in technology so I decided to make this my career.

Open Day was fantastic. I met many other adult students who reassured me that I was making a good decision. Talking to staff about my entry options was very helpful, especially as I didn't complete high school and was looking to apply based on work experience. As part of my QTAC application, I supplied supporting documents for my employment history and sat the STAT. I was happy to gain the selection rank needed for my course.



Give yourself the best chance

Choosing an admission pathway

If you need to do further study to improve your selection rank, choose a course you are interested in, otherwise you may find it difficult to achieve the results needed to gain entry to your preferred course. The course you choose does not need to be directly related to your ideal course in order to improve your selection rank, however, you may like to choose one that is similar to allow for maximum advanced standing. Consider also what you will do if you are unsuccessful in upgrading. Failing to finish the pathway course can mean a large investment of time and money for no qualification at the end.

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

The STAT is a two-hour aptitude test that allows you to demonstrate your potential for higher education study. The test is used by most tertiary institutions in Queensland and many others throughout Australia to select students.

The version of the STAT used by QTAC comprises 70 multiple-choice questions, half of which test verbal skills and the other half quantitative skills. The STAT does not test your knowledge of particular subject areas. All of the information you need to arrive at a correct answer is included in the question.

You can download sample STAT questions from QTAC or attend a preparation workshop. For more information visit www.qtac.edu.au

Should I sit the STAT? The STAT may be useful if you wish to improve your selection rank for ungraded qualifications (certificate III and IV, diploma, advanced diploma or associate degree), or for the Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation. The STAT is also highly recommended if you have no formal academic qualifications and are applying for entry based on work experience. Additional QTAC charges apply.

Can I get into QUT on my STAT result alone? QUT only accepts STAT results in conjunction with other entry criteria such as work experience. It can also be used with completed Australian Qualifications Framework qualifications or Adult Tertiary Preparation.

What if my STAT result is low? QUT will only use your STAT result if it leads to a higher selection rank. You can re-sit the test, but you can only sit the STAT once per admissions period (i.e. mid-year and end of year). If you have sat the STAT more than once in separate admissions periods, you are assessed on your highest STAT score.

EXAMPLE

John is an electrician who would like to study business and electrical engineering as a double degree at QUT. His selection rank from 10 years of work experience is 80. This is below the 2018 threshold of 81 so to give himself the best chance of gaining entry he is also going to complete the STAT.

Selection rank adjustments

You may be eligible for a selection rank adjustment making you more competitive for course entry. The maximum possible adjustment is 10 selection ranks (equivalent to 5 OPs). Adjustments may not apply to all courses. For details about these programs visit www.qut.edu.au/special-entry

Equity adjustment—educational disadvantage Through QTAC's Educational Access Scheme (EAS), QUT may award a selection rank adjustment if you have experienced difficult circumstances such as financial hardship, educational disruption, home environment, English language difficulty or personal illness/disability, that have negatively impacted on your studies. Apply for EAS on your QTAC application. If you are eligible under the financial hardship category of EAS and enrol at QUT you will also receive a guaranteed scholarship. All low-income students are encouraged to apply for Equity Scholarships. Visit www.qut.edu.au/equity-scholarships

Elite Athlete Entry Program

If you are an elite athlete, sportsperson, referee or coach you may be eligible for a selection rank adjustment as well as scholarships and support with your studies while at QUT. Apply for the Elite Athlete Entry Program on your QTAC application. A separate application is required for the scholarship and support programs.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

The Oodgeroo Unit's Centralised Assessment Selection Program assists Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants by recognising life experiences, any study undertaken, and skills, commitment and potential. Indigenous Australian students are also supported at QUT with a guaranteed scholarship or bursary, pre-orientation program and tutorial assistance. Visit www.qut.edu.au/about/oodgeroo



Take the next step

Your whole future is waiting for you. Start planning for it now.

Talk to us at an event

QUT staff can provide advice about courses and careers at events throughout the year. Open Day on Sunday 29 July is your best chance to talk to staff and students and find out all you need to know. For other events and details visit www.qut.edu.au/study/events

Research the entry requirements

For entry to QUT courses, you must have completed Australian Year 12 (or equivalent), or be aged 17 years or over and seeking entry on the basis of other study or work/life experience. Entry is generally on the basis of academic merit, with OPs and selection ranks treated equally. Some courses have additional entry requirements, and you may need to make an application to QUT as well as QTAC for these courses.

Assumed knowledge For most of our undergraduate courses you don't need to have studied specific subjects at school, but we do assume you have a minimum level of knowledge in certain subject areas when you start your course. Without this knowledge you may struggle with your studies. To check the assumed knowledge subjects for your chosen course see the online course information at www.qut.edu.au/study

If you don't have the assumed knowledge, we strongly recommend bridging studies through QUT or other recognised providers. For details visit www.qut.edu.au/assumed-knowledge

Prerequisites The Bachelor of Education has prerequisite subjects and non-academic suitability requirements that you must complete to gain entry to the course. To check the prerequisite subjects and find out how you can meet the prerequisites visit www.qut.edu.au/prerequisites

English language requirements You must demonstrate that you can speak, write, read and comprehend academic English to a specific standard. If you have an Australian Year 12 qualification, you meet the English proficiency standards. If your first language is not English and you have not previously undertaken either senior schooling, higher study or significant professional work experience in the English language as recognised by QUT, you will be required to demonstrate your English language proficiency. Visit www.qut.edu.au/assumed-knowledge

To see the entry requirements for specific courses check the online course information at www.qut.edu.au/study

Investigate adjustment factors

See page 7 for programs offering selection rank adjustments to give yourself the best chance of gaining entry to your chosen course.

Check the course fees and apply for scholarships

Course fees are published on the QUT website by 1 October each year. Check the online course information at www.qut.edu.au/study

Scholarships can make a big difference to your university experience and we encourage you to apply. Visit www.qut.edu.au/scholarships for details.

Lodge your application

Applications for QUT undergraduate courses, and the Master of Teaching and Master of Social Work—Qualifying, are made through QTAC's online service. You may need to submit supporting documentation or sit the STAT. Make sure you consider back-up courses in case you don't gain entry to your preferred course, and include these in your six QTAC preferences. Visit www.qut.edu.au/apply

Accept your offer

Semester 1 offers will take place between October and February, and Semester 2 offers will take place between April and June. QTAC will notify you by email if you receive an offer and you must accept your offer online by the due date. Once you have accepted your offer through QTAC, you can enrol at QUT via a link in your QTAC application.

Apply for advanced standing (credit)

You may be able to claim advanced standing for part of your course on the basis of completed or partially completed studies, and other assessable learning outcomes. Once you have accepted your QTAC offer you can submit an Application for Advanced Standing with supporting documents. Visit www.qut.edu.au/credit

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