Explore your entry options

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 to give you a new selection rank, or consider a TAFE QUT dual award.

If you have recently completed school 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. Past school results don’t go out of date so you can be allocated a selection rank based on your:
- 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 entry to QUT courses, you must have completed Australian Year 12 (or equivalent), or be aged 18 years or over and seeking entry on the basis of other study or work/life experience.

Entry is generally on the basis of ATAR or selection rank. When course offers are made, selection ranks and ATARs are treated equally—so you won’t be disadvantaged if you are not a current school leaver.

Some courses have additional entry requirements, and you may need to make an application to QUT as well as QTAC for these courses.

Glossary
Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is a measure of a Year 12 student’s state-wide rank order in relation to other students. The ATAR is used for current Year 12 school leavers to assess eligibility for entry to undergraduate courses. The highest ATAR is 99.95. Your ATAR doesn’t go out of date. School results from previous years are converted to a selection rank.

Selection ranks can be calculated for your past school results, VET study, higher education study or work and life experience. They are used to assess eligibility for entry to undergraduate courses for all applicants other than current Queensland Year 12 students. Current Queensland Year 12 students may also have a selection rank if they have completed VET study at school. The highest selection rank is 99.95.

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

University is for everyone
Coming from a trade background, I needed to build confidence in my ability to study again. When I commenced at QUT I attended free learning seminars that gave me many academic skills. This support helped me thrive in my studies and even achieve an Academic Excellence Award. The range of extra learning opportunities offered at QUT supported me throughout my journey and helped me secure my first teaching job before I graduated.

David Ashby
Primary education graduate

The Queensland University of Technology (QUT) acknowledges the Turrbal and Yugara, as the First Nations owners of the lands where QUT now stands. We pay respect to their Elders, lores, customs and creation spirits. We recognise that these lands have always been places of teaching, research and learning. QUT acknowledges the important role Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people play within the QUT community.
Entry based on secondary education

If you are completing school this year or have senior results from the past two years, you are applying on the basis of recent secondary education.

As a general rule, recent school leavers entering QUT must have an ATAR (or equivalent) or completed International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. VET qualifications completed at school are usually only considered for a selection rank for QUT entry if you also have an ATAR or IB Diploma.

However, in recognition of the extraordinary challenges Year 12 students are facing due to COVID-19 disruptions, QUT will accept a VET qualification (Certificate IV or higher) for entry in 2021 from any student who has successfully completed Year 12 with either a Queensland Certificate of Education (or equivalent), ATAR or IB Diploma.

This option is available for entry in 2021 only. If you wish to take a gap year you should still apply for 2021 entry and then defer your offer.

If you completed Year 12 in 2019 or 2018 and were OP ineligible but have a VET qualification, you can also take advantage of this relaxation for entry.

As a guide, the minimum selection rank for a completed Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Certificate IV is 74.00, and for a diploma is 87.00.

If you have an ATAR and selection rank, or more than one selection rank, we will generally use the best of these when considering your application.

For entry in 2022 onwards, you will require an ATAR or IB Diploma if you wish to use a selection rank from a VET qualification completed at school for entry.

The 2020 selection rank thresholds (in QUT course publications and online course information) are a good indication of the equivalent ATAR.

If you have past school results (such as an OP), interstate results or an IB Diploma, QTAC will allocate a selection rank based on your results.

The OP schedule (right) provides a guide to converting recent Year 12 results from Queensland students.

If you are ATAR ineligible you can undertake other study or work experience to gain a selection rank to be considered for entry.

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).

If you graduated prior to 2017 you are eligible to use your school VET qualification regardless of OP status as two years have passed since completion of Year 12.

For further information on how QUT will consider school results, including overseas results, visit qut.edu.au/apply/recent-secondary-education

### OPs and equivalent selection ranks

This schedule indicates how Queensland OPs from 2019 are converted to a selection rank.

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Entry based on vocational education and training (VET) study

You can use completed VET studies such as a certificate IV, diploma or advanced diploma from TAFE or private education providers for entry to QUT. QUT allocates higher selection ranks than QTAC for these 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. For more information visit qut.edu.au/apply/vet-study

Dual awards

In collaboration with TAFE Queensland—Greater Brisbane, QUT offers dual awards that lead to the award of a diploma from TAFE followed by a QUT bachelor degree. You will receive advanced standing (credit) for your TAFE study, allowing you to complete your degree studies sooner.

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 2020. His selection rank of 87.00 from the completed diploma was sufficient for him to gain entry to the degree which had a selection rank threshold of 70.00.

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 years.

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).

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<th>Completed AQF VET qualification</th>
<th>Minimum selection rank awarded</th>
<th>Maximum selection rank achieved with a GPA of 6.95 or above or a strong result in the STAT*^</th>
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<td>Advanced diploma</td>
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<td>Certificate IV</td>
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<td>89.95</td>
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* Completed STAT since 2010.  
^ STAT can be combined with ungraded/competency-based qualifications only.

TAFE/QUT dual awards

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<th>QUT degree</th>
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<td>Bachelor of Business</td>
<td>Diploma of Accounting or Diploma of Business/Diploma of Leadership and Management or Diploma of Marketing and Communication/Diploma of Business (12 months study)</td>
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<td>Bachelor of Engineering (Hons)</td>
<td>Advanced Diploma in Engineering</td>
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<td>Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) (Civil)</td>
<td>Associate Degree in Civil Engineering</td>
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<td>Bachelor of Games and Interactive Environments</td>
<td>Diploma of Digital and Interactive Games, Diploma of Interactive Digital Media (Games) or Diploma of Information Technology Networking</td>
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<td>Bachelor of Human Services</td>
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<td>Bachelor of Information Technology</td>
<td>Diploma of Information Technology Networking or Diploma of Software Development or Diploma of Website Development</td>
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<td>Bachelor of Science</td>
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<td>Bachelor of Social Work</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bachelor of Urban Development (Honours) (Construction Management)</td>
<td>Diploma of Building and Construction (Management)</td>
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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 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 STAT can increase the selection rank allocated. See page 8 for more information about STAT.

The ATP is offered by TAFE Queensland and some private education providers. For more information visit qut.edu.au/apply/vet-study.

QUT also recognises other tertiary preparation, bridging or enabling programs. Visit qut.edu.au/apply/higher-education-study.

Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation

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

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<tr>
<th>Completed AQF qualification</th>
<th>Minimum selection rank awarded with a GPA(^a) of 4.0</th>
<th>Maximum selection rank achieved with a GPA(^b) of 6.26 or above and a strong result in the STAT(^d)</th>
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<td>Completed ATP</td>
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<td>Incomplete ATP + completed three specialisations(^a)</td>
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\(^a\) 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.
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, social work and law, or entry to QUT’s postgraduate courses. To check your eligibility see the course entry at qut.edu.au/study

Can I study a degree to help me get into my preferred course?
If you don’t have the results needed for the degree you are interested in, you may choose a course with a lower entry 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 (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).

### Prior degree study
This schedule shows how to convert a degree GPA into a selection rank after one year* or more of full-time study.

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<th>GPA 7-point scale</th>
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* 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.

### 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 5.50. This gave her a selection rank of 97.00 which was sufficient for her to gain entry to her preferred course in 2020.

I have completed a university undergraduate certificate. Can I gain entry to a QUT degree?
QUT’s university undergraduate certificates provide direct entry to some degree courses. Visit qut.edu.au/study/higher-education-certificates

### Example
Emiri received a strong ATAR 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 GPA from her pharmacy course, and pharmacy was considered to be ‘like’ nursing, her selection rank from her pharmacy was used ahead of her ATAR and she was unable to gain entry to the course. Emiri then completed a TAFE Diploma of Nursing and used her selection rank of 87.00 to gain entry to QUT’s Bachelor of Nursing, and received one year of advanced standing for her TAFE studies.

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.

For a complete list of schedules relevant to entry at QUT visit qut.edu.au/apply/higher-education-study
Work and life experience

At QUT, we don’t just rely on prior study 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.

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

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 55.00 to 93.00 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 STAT to help attain the highest selection rank possible. See page 8 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 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.

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 83.00 which was sufficient for entry to the Bachelor of Design (Landscape Architecture).

Past school results

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.

We recognise past Queensland, interstate or overseas Year 12 results, the International Baccalaureate Diploma, Senior External Examination results, and some non-standard Year 12 qualifications including Accelerated Christian Education, some Rudolph Steiner Education schools and some home schooling.

If you have a Tertiary Entrance (TE) score awarded between 1974 and 1991, you can calculate your selection rank by dividing the TE score by 10. For example, a TE score of 885 equals a selection rank of 88.50.

Visit qut.edu.au/apply/work-and-life-experience for more information and schedules.

Find the right path for you

It can be daunting trying to choose a course when you are in Year 12. I left school thinking a health sciences degree was for me but after a year of study realised it wasn’t the right fit. University is about exploring your interests and passions, so I switched to a business and engineering double degree at QUT.

Darshana Munasinghe
Business and engineering student
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. It is used by most tertiary institutions in Queensland and many others throughout Australia. The version of the STAT used by QTAC comprises 70 multiple-choice questions which test verbal skills and 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 qzac.edu.au

Should I sit the STAT?

The STAT may be useful if you wish to improve your selection rank for ungraded qualifications (certificate IV, diploma, advanced diploma or associate degree), or for the Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation. It 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, completed ungraded AQF qualifications or with the Certificate IV in 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.

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. Adjustments may not apply to all courses. For details about these programs visit qzac.edu.au/apply/adjustment-schemes

Equity adjustment—educational disadvantage

If you have been disadvantaged in your education you can apply for the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) on your QTAC application. You can be considered for multiple categories including financial hardship, educational disruption, home environment, English language difficulty, or personal illness and disability.

In recognition of the challenges caused by COVID-19, if you are eligible under the financial hardship category you will receive an additional adjustment of 2.00 selection ranks for entry in 2021. If you apply in the financial hardship category, are eligible for QUT’s Q-Step Scheme and enrol at QUT you will also receive a guaranteed $3500 Equity Scholarship. Other low-income students are also encouraged to apply for these scholarships. Visit qzac.edu.au/equity-scholarships

Elite Athlete Entry Program

If you are an elite athlete you may be eligible for a selection rank adjustment as well as scholarships and support with your studies 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, 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 qzac.edu.au/about/oodgeroo

Applying

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.

Advanced standing (credit)

You may be able to receive advanced standing for part of your course on the basis of prior studies or work experience. You can apply for advanced standing once you have accepted your QTAC offer. You can also check the Advanced Standing Precedent List to see credit precedents for your course. Visit qzac.edu.au/credit

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