

# Review of the QTAC 2007-2008 Admissions Period\*

QTAC received 52,534 applications for tertiary study. Approximately 96% of Queensland Year 12 applicants received a tertiary offer.

## POPULAR AREAS OF STUDY\*

This year's most popular fields of education for Year 12 applicants were Society and Culture (including Law and Justice Studies), Management and Commerce, and Health (including Nursing) with 18.6%, 17.3% and 16.8% of Year 12s listing courses in these respective fields as their first preference. Despite being the most popular courses this year, each of these fields were slightly less popular with Year 12s than during the 2006-2007 admissions period.

Interestingly, when total applications, ie Year 12 and Non Year 12, are considered, the three most popular fields of education are consistent with the above. However, Health then becomes the most popular with more than 1 out of every 5 (22.6%) applicants applying for courses in Health (including

Nursing). 18% of all applicants listed Society and Culture (including Law and Justice Studies), and 14.8% listed Management and Commerce as their first preference.

The greatest increase in percentage (+13.2%) of Year 12 first preferences was in the field of Natural and Physical Sciences. For total applications, the greatest increases were in this same field and in the field of Engineering, with each of these increasing by 16.2% over the 2006-2007 admissions period. The largest decrease in percentage of Year 12 first preferences was in the field of Education. The reduction in this field was of the order of more than 25%, compared with 2006-2007.

\* Please note statistics quoted are from varying dates and as such are not fully comparable

## 2008 - 2009 Admissions Period

**Applications for 2008 - 2009 open**

1 July 2008

**On time due date for applications**

30 September 2008

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## Facts about the 2007-2008 Admissions Period

### QTAC Applications

- 52,534 applications (approximately 450 fewer than the previous year)
- 46,506 offers made (some applicants received more than one offer)

### Offer Periods

- **6 December - early offer round**  
3953 offers made (for a small number of distance education, creative/performing arts, and other selected courses)
- **10 January - major offer round**  
39,644 offers made
- **31 January - late offer round**  
4857 offers made
- **Continuing offers for remaining course vacancies**  
1500 offers made (approx)

### Acceptances and Deferrals

Qld Year 12 OP Eligible	Qld Year 12 OP Ineligible	Interstate Year 12
92%	76%	58%

These figures are expressed as a % of responses by applicant type. 10% of the total QTAC applicant pool requested deferment.

### OP Ineligible Service Popular

Queensland Year 12 OP ineligible applicants are able to print a record of their OP ineligible selection rank from their online application along with an OP equivalency. This has proved very useful for those applying for future tertiary studies and in regard to some employment applications.

Non-applicant OP ineligible Queensland Year 12s are able to telephone QTAC to find out their OP ineligible rank. To receive a written record of their OP ineligible rank non-applicants can download a request form for an Assessment of Qualifications from the QTAC website (under Qualifications/Assessment Service) and submit a certified copy of their senior certificate with the \$47 fee.

### School Guidance Officers Hotline

Contact: QTAC Information Officer - Louise Mardle

Telephone: (07) 3858 1299

Fax: (07) 3367 1164

Please note, this number is for institutional use and is not to be given to applicants.

#### QTAC Contact Details

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PO Box 1331, Milton, QLD 4064

Telephone: National: 1300 GO QTAC (1300 467 822)  
International: +61 7 3858 1222

Fax: (07) 3367 1164

Email: use website enquiry service

Website: www.qtac.edu.au

## 2008 Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) and Institution Open Days

#### Tertiary Studies Expo 19 – 20 July

Brisbane RNA Showground

#### Gold Coast Careers Expo 27 – 28 July

Carrara Indoor Stadium

#### Adult Tertiary Entry Expo 27 August

Brisbane Convention Centre

#### Australian Catholic University

23 July

Open night

#### Australian College of Natural Medicine

31 August

Open Day

#### Australian Maritime College

17 August

Open Day

Campus tours are available year-round

#### Bond University

17 August

Open Day

#### Central Queensland University

10 August

Open Day - Rockhampton campus

Contact the relevant campus for details

#### Christian Heritage College

23 August

Open Day

#### Griffith University

10 August

Open Day - all campuses

#### James Cook University

24 August

Open Day - Townsville campus

17 August

Open Day - Cairns campus

#### Qantm College

Qantm College holds information sessions on a regular basis. Contact the College to find out when the next information session is scheduled.

#### Queensland Institute of Business and Technology

Contact the College for details

#### Queensland University of Technology

27 July

Course and Careers Day - Kelvin Grove campus

#### SAE Institute

Contact the campus for details

#### Southern Cross University

Campus tours year-round

Email [campustours@scu.edu.au](mailto:campustours@scu.edu.au)

#### TAFE Queensland

Open days/nights are held by various TAFE institutes throughout the year, contact the institute directly for details or see [www.tafe.qld.gov.au](http://www.tafe.qld.gov.au)

#### The University of Queensland

3 August

Open Day - UQ St Lucia

20 August

Open Day - UQ Ipswich

24 August

Open Day - UQ Gatton

#### University of New England

5 September

Open Day

#### University of Southern Queensland

27 July

Open Day - Fraser Coast campus

17 August

Open Day - Toowoomba campus

18 August

Digital Open Day

23 August

Open Day - Springfield campus

#### University of the Sunshine Coast

17 August

Open Day

Group campus tours and information sessions are also available throughout the year.

## Undergraduate Medicine & Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)

Medicine, dental science and oral health undergraduate degrees at some institutions require applicants to undertake the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT). Please note that UMAT2008 will be held on Wednesday, 30 July 2008.

Registrations open in April and close 5:00pm AEST on Friday, 6 June 2008.

Late registrations will be accepted until 5:00pm AEST on Friday, 20 June 2008.

The UMAT2008 Information Booklet is available on the UMAT website.

Email: [umat@acer.edu.au](mailto:umat@acer.edu.au) Website: <http://umatweb.acer.edu.au>

Phone: (03) 9277 5746/5502 Fax: (03) 9277 5757

# QTAC Service Enhancements

QTAC this year will become the first admissions centre in Australia to offer year round applications with substantial service enhancements providing a more informative service to applicants.

## Key features of the new service include:

- Year round applications covering multiple admission periods including the ability to preference across semester start dates.
- Progressive assessment and reporting to applicants on whether they have met the minimum entry requirements for each of their preferences. The feedback to applicants (via the Current Applicant online service) will allow applicants to address weaknesses in their applications by encouraging them to submit further documentation or undertake bridging courses.
- Where applications are complete, and for institutions that elect to do so, they will be able to make early offers to applicants in their highest eligible preference. It is expected that institutions may make a greater use of early offer rounds to offer early places for finalised applications. The ability to make offers to different applicant groups at different times whilst maintaining a fairness and equity is not new. UAC (NSW and ACT) has for years used the December offer round to make offers to non-Year 12 applicants whose assessment is complete. This has been achieved through the effective management of cut-offs and quotas.
- Where institutions choose to make early offers, these will in no way disadvantage Year 12 or other applicants awaiting results. Institutions will offer courses to 'at least' the same cut off in the major offer round and may well go lower in order to finalise offers. So, for example having pre-notified the offer status of the applicant on a rank of 90, institutions would not be able to tighten their criteria to 94 thereby eliminating later applicants with ranks of 90 to 93. Progressive offers will in no way undermine the integrity of the offer process.
- QTAC publications will outline year round applications and offerings.
- Ability to re-activate an application should an applicant wish to be considered in a subsequent offer period. For example an applicant may undertake some summer semester study and wish to be considered for semester 1 or semester 2 study at a different institution.
- Future enhancements for 2009/10 include optional participation of institutions in monthly offer rounds for selected semester start dates. (This does not imply progressive starting of study periods, just progressive offers.) For example, if the previous year's cut-off for a course was 80 and an eligible applicant has a rank of 90, the institution may determine with confidence that a 'pending offer' can be notified to the applicant.
- Future enhancements for 2009/2010 for applicant advice include the reporting of applicant ranks for each preference thus allowing applicants to review their course preferences in light of previous cut offs, and where appropriate make changes.

# New QTAC Services

## QTAC Guide – New Layout and New Features

- The *Guide* is now a short, sharp overview of information, supplemented by more detailed information on the QTAC website
- One version of the *Guide* will be produced for Year 12 and Newsagency distribution
- For 2008-09 course entries will indicate options regarding Semester Start Date
- To address the growing Non Year 12 and Gap Year segment, the *Pathways* publication will be amalgamated into the *Guide*
- No Year 12 Application Planner – refer Year 12 applicants to the online demonstration version of *TTT*

**Guide distribution from Friday, 20 June 2008 to Friday, 27 June 2008 – before State schools' end of term**

## New Website

QTAC will be launching our new look Website later this month, featuring:

- Even easier access to all of QTAC's familiar services
- Search for Courses direct from the homepage
- View several courses at once, to compare
- See the website's Most Visited pages
- Find QTAC with Google Maps
- And much more...

[www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au)

## Christian Heritage College

For the first time this year, QTAC will be accepting and processing applications for the Christian Heritage College (CHC).

CHC was established in 1986 to offer a Christian alternative in higher education. They will be offering courses in Education, Business and Theology.

## QTAC has a new Phone Number

**To further improve access to QTAC Information Services**

**1300 GO QTAC or 1300 467 822**

Current number (07) 3858 1222 will continue to operate. New number is for national calls only.

For international calls: +61 7 3858 1222.

## Scholarships

QTAC will begin processing scholarship applications from August 2008. The Commonwealth Scholarships (CS) Programme assists students from low socio-income/economic backgrounds with the costs associated with undertaking higher education.

Types of Scholarships available

- Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship (CECS)
- Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship (CAS)
- Indigenous Access Scholarship (IAS)
- Institution Equity Scholarship (IES)

Year 12 applicants will lodge their QTAC application for tertiary study electronically, and then, if they believe they are eligible, lodge an equity scholarship application. A link will be available from the initial application to the scholarship application from August 2008.

See future editions of the *QTAC Update* for more information.

## International Baccalaureate (IB)

The International Baccalaureate Diploma is now assessed using the common national measure of Year 12 student achievement, the Interstate Transfer Index.

For the IB Diploma this common national measure is called the 'Combined Rank'. The IB Score out of 45 is converted to the Combined Rank.

See the new National IB Table on the QTAC website for the translation of the Combined Rank to the Estimated QTAC Rank.

IB Certificates (incomplete IB Diplomas) will be assessed by analogy using the approved guidelines for OP ineligible students. A minimum of five subjects, at Higher or Standard Level, is required. (Please note that OP ineligible schedules are not national.)

## Apply Online

All Current Year 12 students must apply via the *Twelve to Tertiary (TTT)* online application service.

A demonstration version of the *TTT* application is available at [www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au) under 'Schools and Institutions/Resources.'

QTAC provides computers for online access during business hours at the Milton Office.

## Twelve to Tertiary Current Applicant Online Services

- Current Year 12s can use either their QSA number or QTAC Reference Number to access their *TTT* application and the *Current Applicant* online service.
- The **Additional Details** section will provide examples of additional qualifications and extra prompts to submit supporting documentation.
- Applicants indicate they have sat the UMAT and enter their UMAT Candidate Number on their *TTT* online application but do not need to submit their UMAT results to QTAC.

## QTAC Parent/Student Information Sessions

Experienced QTAC staff can conduct one-hour information sessions at your school, tailored to your requirements. These sessions can cover topics such as QTAC applications, tertiary pathways, VET studies, and subject selection.\*

Cost - \$485 daytime session, or \$550 evening session (plus associated additional costs for sessions outside the Brisbane CBD).†

For further information or bookings, please contact the Tertiary Advice and Counselling Service (TACS) on (07) 3858 1298.

\* Please note these sessions are subject to availability.

† Please note these fees are valid from 1 July 2008.

## QTAC Tertiary Entrance Process Seminars - 2008

QTAC will be holding workshops (beginners, refresher and advanced) for school and institutional personnel through to 20 May 2008.

**BOOK NOW** as workshops are filling fast.

Please access QTAC's website for registration details.

## QTAC Fees for 2008 - 2009 Admissions Period

Applicant Fee Category	New Fee 2008 - 2009
<b>1 July 2008 to 30 September 2008</b>	
Year 12 (Web - <i>TTT</i> )	<b>\$26.00</b>
Non Year 12 (Web/Form)	<b>\$47.00</b>
<b>1 October 2008 to 28 February 2009</b>	
Year 12 (Web - <i>TTT</i> )	<b>\$70.00</b>
Non Year 12 (Web/Form)	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Online Change of Preference</b>	
For Web applicants, first 3 changes	<b>Free of charge</b>
Full access to <i>Current Applicant</i> online services for Form applicants (includes 3 changes of preference)	<b>\$15.00</b>
Fourth and subsequent online changes of preference	<b>\$15.00 each</b>
<b>Change of Preference in writing</b>	<b>\$27.50</b>

From late June schools will be able to place their bulk orders for *TTT* Prepayment Vouchers to assist their students in the QTAC application process. Download the request form from the Corporate site under 'QTAC Forms - School Users' from June.

# QTAC CORPORATE SERVICES

Attention  
Guidance Officers  
VET Coordinators  
Career Counsellors

## Student Advisers' Tertiary Course List

AVAILABLE ONLINE  
and periodically updated

The Student Advisers' Tertiary Course List is designed as a supplement to the *QTAC Guide: Tertiary Courses* publication. It contains a summary of course prerequisites as well as the cut-offs from the previous two January offer rounds. It is intended for student advisers and tertiary institutional staff rather than students themselves. It provides a useful and ready reference in assisting school and institutional personnel in advising students.

### What you can find on the QTAC Corporate Site

## Free Access for Schools

- Application statistics for your school - an effective mechanism for tracking your students' tertiary application progress
- Course cut-off information
- The latest OP ineligible schedule
- Year 12 tertiary application PowerPoint presentation
- QTAC publications - current and archived
- QTAC forms - Special Consideration of Educational Disadvantage, Early Indication of Support Needs for QTAC Applicants with Disabilities, Additional Information for Year 12 Students
- Registration forms for QTAC's Tertiary Entrance Process Seminars (Beginner to Advanced) for school personnel
- Bulk Prepayment Voucher Request Form for schools

To ensure that all schools can monitor student tertiary applications in a timely manner, access to this service is provided free of charge. Schools need to register with QTAC and receive a password to access the service.

The password is changed annually and schools must re-register in **May** to receive their new password.

The service is accessed via the QTAC website [www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au) (under Corporate). Comprehensive information is available on Year 12 tertiary applications and offers, as well as application trends, which assist in the compilation of school annual reports and destination studies.

Registered schools should ensure that they make a copy of the current information regarding students who completed Year 12 in 2007, as this data will be **removed mid-June in preparation for the 2008 - 2009 application period.**

Online registration is available on the QTAC website under the Corporate tab.

QTAC will advise schools in **May** of their new password.

Until that time schools can access the service using their current password.