

QLD School Leavers ATAR 2020

The following information is provided to assist domestic students who are undertaking the QLD ATAR and intend to seek admission to undergraduate study at The University of Queensland (UQ) in 2021 and onwards.

About the Queensland ATAR

The Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) will replace the current Overall Position (OP) measure from 2020; this brings Queensland in line with the other states where the ATAR has been in place for a number of years.

Subjects are structured into 4 units: Units 1 and 2 (typically studied in Year 11) are formative and won't contribute to the overall achievement attained; Units 3 and 4 (typically studied in Year 12) are summative and will contribute to subject results.

An ATAR will be calculated using either a student's best 5 General subject results OR a student's best results across 4 General subjects plus one other result from approved study (e.g. an Applied subject result, a completed VET qualification). Satisfactory completion of a QCAA English subject will also be required for an ATAR to be calculated.

Entry requirements

For entry to all undergraduate programs at UQ applicants must meet two basic entry requirements:

1. Eligibility (i.e. satisfy the subject prerequisites and other requirements)
2. Merit (i.e. possess a selection rank high enough for a place in the program[†])

[†] Selection ranks range from 1 to 99 (maximum). As admission is competitive the minimum selection thresholds for programs can fluctuate from year to year.

For detailed program information, including prerequisite requirements and minimum selection thresholds from previous admission periods, please refer to future-students.uq.edu.au.

Satisfying subject prerequisites

Successful completion (i.e. Grade of C or better) in Units 3 and 4 of the following General subjects will satisfy subject prerequisites for admission to UQ undergraduate programs: The table below shows how the new subjects correspond to subjects currently offered in the OP system.

ATAR General Subjects	Current QLD Year 12 Subjects (OP system)
English	
English as an Additional Language	English
Literature	
General Mathematics	Mathematics A
Mathematical Methods	Mathematics B
Specialist Mathematics	Mathematics C
Biology	Biological Science
Physics	Physics
Chemistry	Chemistry

Minimum grades required to pass prerequisites: A grade of C or better in Units 3 and 4.

How do I find out more?

For further information about senior subjects and subject results contact the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA). For further information on the calculation of the ATAR please contact the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC):

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Frequently asked questions

I may not qualify for an ATAR - can I still be considered for entry to UQ programs?

If you do not undertake the required studies (5 General subjects or 4 General + one other approved study result) OR if you do not successfully complete an English subject you will not be issued with an ATAR. As a school leaver with no ATAR you will not be considered for entry to UQ undergraduate programs in the year following Year 12.

Note that there are many pathways to study at UQ including tertiary study pathway, UQ College, bridging study, STAT and employment experience. Visit UQ's Future Students website at future-students.uq.edu.au or contact our friendly Admissions team to discuss your options!

I'm completing a VET award - how will this be considered for entry to UQ ?

Vocational Education and Training (VET) is a key part of the Senior curriculum. A completed AQF award (eg Certificate III, Certificate IV or Diploma) may contribute to your ATAR (if this is one of your best eligible study results), however it cannot be used in its own right for entry to UQ undergraduate programs in the year directly following Year 12. Non-school-leaver applicants will be able to use their VET qualification to apply for UQ entry in future years.

How do I qualify for a new ATAR if I'm not happy with my first ATAR?

It is possible to achieve a new ATAR by completing additional school studies in a later year: 3 General subjects (Units 3/4) OR 2 General subjects plus one other approved study result (VET award or Applied subject). All approved studies must be completed within a 5 year period for a new ATAR to be calculated.

I'm completing Units 1 and 2 of a subject - will this meet prerequisite requirements?

No. Units 1 and 2 do not contribute towards the ATAR and no subject results from these units will be reported on the Senior Statement. Only Units 3 and 4 may be used to meet subject prerequisites.

Will the UQ Subject Incentive Scheme exist under the ATAR system?

Previously known as the "Bonus Ranks Scheme", it will continue to be offered under the ATAR system. UQ will still recognise successful completion of higher mathematics and languages other than English (LOTE). The new subject Specialist Mathematics will replace the current Mathematics C subject.

Applicants who achieve a grade of C or better in Units 3 and 4 of Specialist Mathematics OR a LOTE subject will be allocated two adjustments towards their score for their UQ preferences. Applicants who complete both Specialist Mathematics AND a LOTE subject will receive four adjustments.

Applicants who successfully complete a university-level enrichment course concurrently with their senior program (e.g. the Enhanced Studies Program) will receive one adjustment.

Note that the maximum number of adjustments that any applicant can receive to UQ preferences is five (5), regardless of how many admissions schemes they may qualify for. No additional adjustments apply where a student has completed more than one LOTE subject.

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