

MEDIA RELEASE

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GROWING NUMBER OF APPLICANTS SECURE THEIR FUTURE WITH TERTIARY OFFERS RELEASED TODAY

Today, 16,002 QTAC applicants are receiving offers from Queensland's 17 leading tertiary institutions, marking a significant step forward in shaping their future through tertiary study. This represents a 15% increase in offers compared with the same round last year, highlighting demand for higher education opportunities in Queensland.

With more than 17,472 QTAC offers having already been made since 1 August 2024, which marks the start of the admissions year, today's round brings the total offers to more than 33,400 admissions year-to-date. This represents an 18% increase on offers made in the same timeframe last admissions year.

"Interestingly, we note 5612 applicants applying to QTAC from other states across Australia. Compared to the same round last year, that represents an increase of 5.5%, highlighting a continued strong interest in studying in Queensland," QTAC Interim CEO Chris Veraa said.

QTAC observed many applicants actively engaging with the QTAC Application Portal during the lead-up to the December offer round. Between ATAR Release Day on December 13 and the last day to change preferences on December 18, a percentage of applicants (not just from Queensland) adjusted their preferences, with 3582 Year 12 graduates and 1064 adult applicants making moves towards securing a December offer, choosing pathway options, and filling in vacant preferences.

"It's encouraging to see Year 12 graduates taking charge of their futures by carefully considering their options before the year ends. While we see similar behaviour among adult applicants, more than three times as many school leavers made changes in their Application Portal, highlighting the proactive approach of younger applicants in shaping their futures," Mr Veraa said.

"With more than 12,000 adult applicants receiving offers so far this admissions year, we encourage any applicants looking to upcoming offer rounds to actively engage with pathway planning and preference changes in the upcoming rounds. We want adult applicants to seek our help, check their eligibility for adjustment schemes, and take full advantage of how offer rounds and preferencing work in QTAC Applications. We're here to support them, and we urge them to call us for advice and support."

This year's December offer round trends highlight the ongoing demand for specific Fields of Education and institutions. For the past four years, The University of Queensland has consistently offered the most places overall in the December offer round, while Health has remained the most popular Field of Education during the same period. These trends reflect the strong alignment between applicant preferences and Queensland's focus on supporting tertiary education in areas of growth and broad appeal.

Top 5 courses offered today:

Institution	Course Title	Offer
The University of Queensland	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)	460
The University of Queensland	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)/Major Engineering	318
The University of Queensland	Bachelor of Arts	265
The University of Queensland	Bachelor of Advanced Finance and Economics (Honours)	232
Queensland University of Technology	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)	212

Top 5 Broad Fields of Education offered today:

Broad Field of Education	Offers
Health (e.g Pharmacy, Veterinary Science, Naturopathy, Speech Pathology)	4023
Society and Culture (e.g. Law, Economics, Psychology, Sport & Recreation)	2619
Management and Commerce (e.g. Hospitality Management, Banking & Finance)	2067
Engineering (e.g Chemical, Automotive, Civil, Aerospace, Biomedical, Surveying)	1919
Natural and Physical Sciences (e.g. Mathematics, Physics, Laboratory Technology)	1843

For QTAC applicants who are yet to receive an offer, there’s no need to panic. The next offer round will take place on 16 January 2025, and applicants have until 11:45pm on 7 January 2025 to change their preferences and maximise their chances.

“As a reminder, QTAC makes offers all year round, so if today hasn’t delivered the offer you were hoping for, we encourage you to reach out to QTAC to talk through your options,” Mr Veraa said.

“We’d like to remind our applicants to utilise more than one preference and to explore the Educational Access Scheme (EAS), which isn’t just for recent high school graduates. EAS is designed to assist anyone who has experienced educational disadvantage, regardless of age. To learn more, visit the QTAC website and look up Assistance Schemes or call us on 1300 467 822.”

There are many pathways to tertiary study and QTAC is happy to talk to you about your options. Call 1300 467 822.

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ABOUT QTAC

The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) operates a centralised tertiary application service for 17 higher education providers in Queensland and Northern New South Wales, across both undergraduate and postgraduate admissions. QTAC has been providing potential students and education institutions, employers and governments with the opportunity to connect and create long lasting productive relationships over the past 40 years, by delivering a range of education opportunities.