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Apprenticeships & Traineeships

Career options in the Construction and Property Services Industry

The [Construct My Career website](#) has information on the jobs available in this industry. The information includes [videos](#), [information sheets](#) and [quizzes](#), all of which will introduce you to the jobs available. The site also includes a questionnaire, [My Career Match](#), that comes up with industry job ideas based on your responses to the questions presented.

Job Search Sites

The Australian Apprenticeships Pathways (AAP) website has a comprehensive list (and links) to general and specific job search websites that may also relate to apprenticeships and traineeships. Visit the [AAP website](#) to access the sites.

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AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Upcoming Australian Defence Force (ADF) events

North Lakes – Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 6 pm – *ADF Careers Information Session* at North Lakes Community Centre, 10 The Corso, North Lakes. Book your spot [here](#).

Mooloolaba – Wednesday 18 October 2017 at 6 pm - *ADFA Future Leaders Networking Evening* at Mantra Mooloolaba Beach, 7 Venning Street, Mooloolaba. Book your spot [here](#).

Gold Coast – Thursday 19 October 2017 6 pm - *Women in Defence Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Gold Coast, 14 Edgewater Ct, Robina. Book your spot [here](#).

Bulimba – Saturday 21 October 2017 at 10 am - *A Day in the Navy* at HMAS Moreton, Apollo Road, Bulimia. Book your spot [here](#).

Brisbane – Tuesday 24 October 2017 at 6 pm - *Comms, IT & Intelligence Roles Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane. Book your spot [here](#).

Toowoomba – Tuesday 24 October 2017 at 6 pm - *Women in Defence Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Centre Toowoomba, Milne Bay Training Depot, O'Quinn Street. Book your spot [here](#).

Gold Coast – Tuesday 24 October 2017 at 6 pm - *Trade Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Gold Coast, 14 Edgewater Ct, Robina. Book your spot [here](#).

Cairns – Wednesday 25 October 2017 at 6 pm - *Pilot Careers and Aviation Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Cairns, Level 1, 55 Lake Street, Cairns. Book your spot [here](#).

Townsville – Wednesday 25 October 2017 at 6 pm - *Pilot Careers and Aviation Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Townsville, 71 Stanley Street, Townsville. Book your spot [here](#).

Further information about these events and Army Reserve Information Sessions can be accessed on the [Facebook](#) site.



Don't know what to do when you grow up?

You are not unique. Many people, despite hours spent on career exploration, find it difficult to identify one specific job they would like to do in the future. Part of the problem is that we seem to think that there must be an ideal job out there for us. [Emilie Wapnick in her TED presentation](#) talks about 'multipotentialites' - people who have a range of interests and jobs over their lifetime. Perhaps you are one of these people. If so, your best strategy may be to forget about a lifelong ideal job (which is a smart move given the current world of work!) and concentrate on choosing your 'first step' occupation.

Resources to help you explore jobs

The next best thing to talking to people already in the jobs we are interested in is to watch videos about the jobs. Visit the [myfuture YouTube channel](#) for videos on a broad range of occupations.

The Footnotes website

The [Footnotes website](#) presents career information using the format of an online magazine. The articles are designed to appeal to young people. It also has a quiz which develops your profile based on the stories, careers and courses that appeal to you. The quiz is designed to give you some direction with your career exploration. Just a word of caution. Some of the information may not be relevant to Queensland students.

What is your passion?

We are continually told when exploring careers to follow our passion. If we do this everything will fall in place, right? What if we don't know what our passion is? Are we a failure? [Terri Trespicio in her TEDx talk](#) questions the validity of basing our career decisions on passion. She states that passion is not a plan, it is a feeling. It is what we feel when all our attention and energy is focused on what is right in front of us. We don't follow our passion; our passion follows us. According to Trespicio, if we are so busy looking for our passion, we could miss out on the opportunities around us. She suggests we stop stressing about finding our passion and just start doing.

Competitions

Under the Radar – a competition for young filmmakers

Under the Radar is a competition dedicated to young filmmakers, showcasing their work in an internationally recognised film festival. It is a competition category within the St Kilda Film Festival which will be held from 17 – 26 May 2018 in Port Phillip, Victoria. Applications are now open and will close on 28 February 2018. Visit the [website](#) for more details.



2018 directory of performing arts courses now available

Interested in performing arts courses? Access the [2018 Stage Whispers Directory of Performing Arts Courses](#) for a comprehensive list of performing arts courses in Australia and New Zealand.

Alternative pathways to degrees at Griffith University

It is important to make the best use of your QTAC preference list by including alternative courses that can provide a pathway to your preferred course. To this end, Griffith has developed a series of fact sheets with information about alternative courses and preferencing examples for the following competitive courses.

- [B Laws](#)
- [B Midwifery](#)
- [B Dental Health Science](#)
- [B Physiotherapy](#)
- [B Paramedicine](#)
- [B Nursing](#)
- [Doctor of Medicine](#)
- [B Film and Screen Media](#)

Creative courses at the Design Academy

The Design Academy offers diploma and certificate courses in photography, film and TV graphics, fashion design, interior design and beauty. It has campuses in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast. Visit the [website](#) for further information. While you are there, click on the You Tube logo to view recent student work.

Day in the Life: Natural Therapies and Nutrition

The Australasian College of Natural Therapies invites students interested in exploring the fields of natural therapy and nutrition to this event to be held from 10 am – 1.30 pm on Saturday 18 November 2017 at its Brisbane campus. On the day you can participate in Herbal Medicine and Nutrition workshops. For details and to register, visit the [website](#).

Events and programs at Bond University

New entry test for medicine - From 2018, the Bond Medical Program will introduce an extra step in the selection process - a Psychometric test. Approximately 50% of applicants will be offered the opportunity to complete an online psychometric test based on their academic achievement. This test will incur a fee, to be paid by the applicant direct to the test provider. The results of this test will determine eligibility for being offered an interview. Find out more [here](#). Applicants for the Bond Medical Program apply through QTAC between 16 January – 1 February 2018.

Bond University College Options Evening – [Bond University College](#) provides an alternative pathway to university through several two-semester University Preparation and Diploma programs. Learn about the programs available at the Options Evening to be held from 6 – 7 pm on Thursday 2 November 2017. For more information and to register to attend, visit the [website](#).

Careers in Business, Hotel and Tourism Management, Actuarial Science and Commerce Experience Day – Year 11 and 12 students, their teachers and parents are invited to this event to be held from 9 am – 3 pm on Wednesday 25 October 2017. This event will provide you with an opportunity to learn more about these fields of study. Register to attend [here](#).

Student for a Semester – This program provides an opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students living on the Gold Coast, Brisbane or Northern NSW to complete a university subject while still at school. Applications for the January 2018 semester open online on Friday 10 November and close on Friday 16 December 2017. For more information and to apply, visit the [website](#).

News from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

Graduate showcase events – [Kaleidoscope](#) is a series of graduate showcase events covering creative practice, communication and design courses. It will be held from 24 October - 30 November 2017. Teachers, students and families are invited to attend.

Accommodation options - Students moving to Brisbane need to start thinking about accommodation well before they start university. [QUT's accommodation service](#) aims to make the move away from home as smooth as possible with advice on tenancy matters, information about student accommodation complexes and access to the accommodation vacancies database. Accommodation options include

- Student complex or student residence (no meals provided)
- Catered student residence (meals provided)
- Shared accommodation (no meals provided)
- Rental property (no meals provided)
- Homestay (meals provided).

Learn more about these options [here](#).

Real Decisions – This event is held after you receive your Year 12 results but while there is still time to make changes to your QTAC preferences. It will be held from 9 am – 1 pm on Tuesday 19 December 2017 at the Gardens Point campus. On the day, you can get advice from staff and students about gaining entry, QTAC preferences and courses. Visit the [Real Decisions web page](#) for details of the program.

QUT and the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) - If you have experienced circumstances that have made it difficult for you to achieve your full potential, make sure you apply for EAS on your QTAC application. QUT provides up to three OPs or six ranks for each EAS category, with a maximum of five OPs or ten ranks if you're eligible across multiple categories. Successful applicants under the EAS financial hardship category

receive a guaranteed \$3500 QUT Equity Scholarship once enrolled in Semester One 2018. Check the details about EAS on the QUT [website](#).

What happens when you defer? - You can defer your offer (usually for one year) if you've applied through QTAC and been offered a place in a QUT undergraduate course. This means that you begin your studies in the following year. You will receive an email from QUT several months before orientation and the start of classes to invite you to take up your deferred offer. If you have changed your mind about what you want to study, you can apply through QTAC again for a different course. For more information about deferring offers visit the QUT [Deferment](#) page.

Deadline for written statement for education courses - Students applying for education courses at QUT (and other institutions) for entry in 2018 must submit a written statement addressing suitability criteria for the course when they apply as part of their QTAC application. This statement must be submitted before the QTAC documentation due dates (see Key dates and fees on the [QTAC website](#)). Current Year 12 students who would like to be considered for an offer from QUT in the 21 December 2017 offer round should submit their statement by 8 December 2017. Visit the [QTAC website](#) to view a video explaining what is required in the written statement.

Reminders – QUT's [Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships](#) applications close on 17 November 2017. [START QUT](#) applications are due on 31 October 2017.

Notes from the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC)

Meet USC Sunshine Coast – Still have questions about what you want to study? Come along to the next Meet USC event to be held on Tuesday 7 November 2017. At the event you can take a campus tour, attend a 'What to expect next' presentation and speak to the career planning team. For more information and to register to attend, visit the [USC website](#).

Scholarships closing soon – Scholarships and bursaries aren't just for high academic achievers or if you are struggling financially. They're also available for students demonstrating sporting achievement or community activity such as volunteering, fund raising or taking on a leadership role. Visit the [Scholarship web page](#) to see what is available before the application closing date for Semester One 2018 scholarships on 30 November 2017.

Headstart – Read about the benefits of this program on the [USC website](#). You can also download the 2018 Headstart Guide from this site. Applications close on 31 October 2017 for Semester One 2018.

Schoolies website

The Queensland Government has developed the [Schoolies website](#) to help Year 12 students stay safe during their celebration of finishing secondary school. Parents and students can register on the site to stay up-to date on everything schoolies.

Skills for the hospitality industry

Looking for part-time or full-time work in the hospitality industry but lack the required skills? The [Hospitality Institute of Australasia](#) is offering industry based online courses, including:

- Provide responsible service of alcohol
- Provide responsible gambling services
- Beer knowledge
- Wine knowledge
- Food safety training.
- Awesome customer service
- Waiter skills
- Job search and interview skills.

Sonography at CQUniversity (CQU)

Medical Sonography is a diagnostic medical procedure that uses high frequency sound waves (ultrasound) to produce visual images of organs, tissues, or blood flow inside the body. This field of work is in demand nationally. CQU offers a four-year B Medical Sonography/Graduate Diploma of Medical Sonography which leads to accreditation with the [Australasian Sonographer Accreditation Registry](#). In Queensland the course is offered at the CQU Brisbane and Mackay campuses. During the course, students study anatomy, physiology, health science and sonographic skills and undertake extensive clinical placements. You apply for this course through QTAC. More information about the course is available on the [CQU website](#).

Study a foreign language during the holidays

Students commencing Years 11 or 12 in 2018 can study enrichment language courses in German, Japanese, French, Chinese (Mandarin) and Spanish at the University of Queensland's Institute of Modern Languages (IML) Summer High School Program from 8 – 12 January 2018. These courses are suitable for students who wish to enrich their knowledge of the language and culture they are currently studying and practise their language skills. For further information and to enrol, visit the [IML website](#).

Summer Intensives at the Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS)

AFTRS offers a [Summer Intensives program](#) from late November 2017 until early February 2018. Courses run from five-days to three-weeks and include the Three-Week Film School, TV and Radio Presenting Intensive, Prop Making and Scenic Art Intensive, Filmmaking Intensive and many more. A 15% discount applies if you book a course before 30 October 2017. You can download the Summer Intensives brochure from the website.

University of Southern Queensland (USQ) snippets

First in Family to Uni – If you are the first person in your family to go to university, you and your family probably have questions about the benefits and expectations of attending university. The [First in Family website](#) will provide answers to many of your questions.

The High School page – USQ’s [Social Hub](#) has a page just for you. The articles are short and written by students. You can find topics such as ‘How to make the most of your gap year’ and ‘Top five misconceptions about life as a uni student’. You can also download a special edition of HeyU with articles about Year 12 and beyond. Take a break from study and have a relaxing read.

Updates from the University of Queensland (UQ)

The Science Experience - Applications are open for the 2018 Science Experience. This three-day event will be held at UQ from 17 – 19 January 2018. Students in Years 9 and 10 in 2017 who have a passion for science are invited to apply for this event. There will be workshops covering topics such as maths, physics, genetics, marine science, neuroscience, health and safety science, agriculture and nanotechnology. It is best to apply before 5 December 2017. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

The STARportal - The [STARportal](#) is a centralised national portal for STEM activities from around Australia. Its searchable database allows you to locate local and online STEM activities. The portal includes information on STEM and has links to many STEM resources.

Spanish Careers Event – As part of its celebration of 25 years of Spanish at UQ, the School of Languages and Cultures will present this event from 4.15 – 7 pm on Wednesday 18 October 2017. It is open to students in Years 11 and 12 who are interested in studying Spanish and Latin American Studies at UQ. Register your attendance on the [website](#).

UQ Health Blog – This [blog](#) will be of interest to students considering a course/career in health. The following are just some of the topics on the blog:

- How I went from having no idea what to study at uni to studying physiotherapy
- The ultimate first year bucket list
- Counselling: a healthy career in mental health
- What to know about uni before O-Week

You can sign up on the Health Blog to receive updates about student experiences, opportunities, events and career information.

Concurrent diplomas – You want to get into the B Engineering (or B Science or any other degree at UQ) but you also want to continue studying Japanese (or another language, or music). If you identify with this dilemma, read about the [concurrent diplomas offered at UQ](#). These diplomas (in Languages and Music Performance) can be studied alongside your degree studies. You apply for the diplomas directly to UQ (not QTAC) once you have received your offer of a place in a bachelor degree.

Workshop at the Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT)

[QSFT](#) invites interested students their next Introduction to Directing workshop to be held from 9 am – 1 pm on Saturday 28 October 2017 at the Annerley campus. Register for the workshop [here](#).

Disabilities

Disability Employment Services

The Australian Government's Disability Employment Services (DES) can help you find and keep a job if you have a disability. DES providers can help you gain the job ready and job seeking skills you may need. If necessary, they can also provide support once you are in a job. Visit the [DES website](#) for more information about this service.

Disability services at tertiary institutions

Tertiary institutions have services and facilities to assist students with a disability. The level of assistance provided is assessed by the disability personnel at the institution. The [QTAC website](#) has a list of institution disability service contacts. It is recommended that you approach the service prior to starting your course.

Have you applied for EAS?

Students with a disability are strongly encouraged to apply for the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) when applying for tertiary courses through QTAC. The benefit of this scheme is that you may be eligible to receive bonus OPs or ranks that may improve your chance of receiving a course offer. It is not too late to apply for EAS if you have not already done so. Visit the [Educational Access Scheme](#) page on the QTAC website to download the relevant cover sheet (or sheets). Comply with all the requirements on the cover sheet and mail or deliver it, with the supporting documentation, to QTAC. You can also upload your documents to your application (see the instructions on the EAS web page). The final date to submit your EAS application for the major offer-round on 16 January 2018 is 8 December 2017. See the [Key dates and fees page](#) for due dates for other offer rounds. QTAC recommends that current Year 12 students submit their application by the end of October, so additional information can be accessed from your school if necessary.

Employment

Going for a job interview?

It is wise to prepare for a job interview whether the interview is for a cadetship with a large corporation, an apprenticeship with a local builder or a checkout job at a supermarket. Your preparation should include thinking up job interview questions and how you might answer them. A good resource to help you with this can be found on the [Career FAQs website](#).

Job Search Sites

The Australian Apprenticeships Pathways (AAP) website has a comprehensive list (and links) to general and specific job search websites that may also relate to apprenticeships and traineeships. Visit the [AAP website](#) to access the sites.

Sample Resumes and Cover Letters

The [Career FAQs](#) website has sample resumes and cover letters for many occupations, including for people with no work experience.

SRJ Walker Wayland Cadetship Program

SRJ Walker Wayland is a Queensland based accounting, audit and advisory firm with offices in Brendale and Caboolture. The firm is now accepting applications for its 2018 cadetship program. A cadetship incorporates study with paid work experience. The SRJ Walker Wayland Cadetship Program is open to Year 12 students planning to apply for an accounting, business or commerce degree majoring in accounting in 2018. You can download the Cadetship Guidelines Form and the Cadetship Application Form from the [website](#). Applications are to be submitted to andrea.roberts@srjww.com.au by 17 November 2017.

Things you can learn from a Christmas casual job

A recent [article](#) on the Griffith University Careers Service website looks at how joining the work force over the Christmas period can teach you many valuable things about yourself, and can help you prepare for your future career. The following are summaries of four of the 10 learnings listed:

Smiling under stress – Christmas can be an extremely stressful time, especially for retail workers. Dealing with impatient customers and demanding floor managers all day can make you want to lose it. All jobs are stressful and learning to deal politely with people under pressure is a skill that will serve you well when encountering difficult clients in future roles.

Coping with rejection – Christmas casual jobs are very competitive. This can be a good opportunity to learn how to deal with feelings of rejection and reflect on how you can improve next time you go for an interview or submit your resume.

Showing up for work even when you don't want to - It's hard to have to work when everyone else is enjoying the Christmas season. Likewise, when you work full time later in the future, there will be times where you will wake up on a beautiful morning and the last thing you want to do is head off to work. It's better to learn to push through earlier rather than later.

Asking for help - Christmas shoppers are crazy and sometimes you won't be able to deal with their incessant requests all by yourself. At times, it can be difficult to ask for help as it can feel like you are bothering people or that you can't do the job. Learning to step out of your comfort zone and ask for a hand is an important step for growth in any role.

Why jobs of the future won't feel like work

We've all heard that robots are going to take our jobs, but what can we do about it? In this [TED talk](#), innovation expert David Lee says that we should start designing jobs that unlock our hidden talents and passions (the things we spend our weekends doing) to keep us relevant in the age of robotics. He suggests we identify the problems we want to solve and the talents we want to bring to work. Lee says, "When you invite people to be more, they can amaze us with how much more they can be."

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



CAS Hawker Scholarships

The Charles Allan Seymour Hawker Scholarship commemorates the achievements of one of Australia's most respected statesmen. Selection for this scholarship is via interview and is based on personal qualities as well as academic ability. A full C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship normally covers all college fees and university HECS fees. Successful applicants can choose to study at one of the following institutions:

- [Australian National University](#) (ACT)
- [Flinders University of South Australia](#) (SA)
- [University of Adelaide](#) (including Roseworthy Campus) (SA)
- [University of New England](#) (NSW)
- [University of South Australia](#) (SA)
- [Marcus Oldham College](#) (VIC)
- [University of Cambridge](#) (UK)

Applications for the 2018 [C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships](#) open on 4 December 2017 and will close on 5 January 2018.

Central Highlands Regional Council Scholarship for agricultural studies

The Central Highlands Regional Council has joined forces with Emerald Agricultural College to provide this scholarship for young people in the local government area to study the new Access Ag program at the college. Access Ag is a new program in 2018. It provides students with the opportunity to complete their QCE, as well as two agricultural certificate qualifications at Emerald and Longreach. The scholarship is valued at \$8,000. The application due date is 27 October 2017. See the [website](#) for details.

Fee-free vocational training for Year 12 graduates

This program supports Queensland Year 12 graduates to transition to employment by providing fee-free training for Certificate III qualifications in high priority vocational areas. Find out more on the [Queensland Government Training website](#).

Hospitality Scholarships

William Blue College of Hospitality Management, Sydney campus is offering full tuition School Leaver Scholarships for students who are passionate about hospitality. The College specialises in offering degree, advanced diploma and diploma courses in hospitality management. Applications close on 23 October 2017. Visit the [website](#) for more information about the college and to apply for the scholarship.

How to handle your finances when you first start making money

This [article](#) from the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) website talks about the importance of having financial management skills, including a knowledge of superannuation, tax, and interest. The author offers the following tips based on her learnings from the mistakes she made when she first started work.

- Know exactly what you're signing up for – research is the key. Visit the [Money Smart website](#), for a comprehensive guide on everything you need to know about banking, budgeting, saving and investment.
- Cover what you need, save for what you want. Avoid the lure of 'have now, pay later' options.
- Save, save, and save some more. It's worth having two bank accounts, one for big things you are saving for (car?) and another for emergencies (the washing machine breaks down).
- Superannuation is so important. You want the future-you to be thanking the current-you for being a sustainable planner.
- Don't ever add 'backup funds' (e.g. planning to borrowing from Mum, Dad, or someone else if you run out of money) to your budget. Shut those opportunity doors. They aren't secure financial pathways, and chances are you'll burn those relationships out a lot quicker than you can spend someone else's money.
- Take your time to find out what works for you.

Selected Australian Catholic University (ACU) Scholarships

ACU Equity Scholarships - These scholarships are intended to financially assist students from low socio-economic backgrounds and are a one-off payment of \$2,000. There are 44 scholarships available. Applications close on 13 December 2017.

Andrew Aitken Memorial Nursing Scholarship – This scholarship is awarded to an eligible student in the first year of their nursing course at ACU. One scholarship, valued at \$3,000, is awarded each year. Applications close on 3 December 2017.

Catherine McAuley Scholarship – Students in their first year of undergraduate studies (except for the B Theology) at the Brisbane campus can apply for this scholarship. Two scholarships, valued at \$2,500 per annum, are available each year. The scholarship is paid annually for the duration of the recipient's course. Applications close on 3 December 2017.

Co-op Scholarship – This scholarship has been established to assist high achieving students with financial costs associated with attending university. Four scholarships valued at \$2,500 are available each year. The scholarship is open to undergraduate students in their first year of the course. Applications close on 3 December 2017.

Applications for these scholarships are now open. Visit the [ACU Scholarships and Bursaries](#) site for information about all the scholarship available at ACU. Note the application processes and the application due dates.

UQ and St Leo's College Music Achievement Scholarships

The University of Queensland (UQ), in collaboration with St Leo's College (residential college at UQ), award these scholarships to encourage college residents who are enrolled or planning to enrol in studies in music. Applications close on 21 November 2017. Find out more on the [UQ Scholarship website](#).

Westpac Bicentennial Foundation Young Technologist Scholarship

This scholarship is for high-achieving students with a passion to bring about change through cutting-edge technology. Young Technologist scholars also gain access to ongoing networking, learning and development opportunities through the national Westpac Scholars Alumni program. They also receive \$5,000 per year up to five years. Applications for this scholarship close on 17 November 2017. For details, visit the [QUT website](#). Read about [Naima Conway's experiences](#) at QUT so far and the benefits of being a Westpac Young Technologists Scholar.



Gap Year Program News

Spend your gap year as a volunteer

Volunteering is a great way to:

- Explore a range of jobs (gain work experience)
- Help you make new friends and contacts (expand your network)
- Improve your social, relationship and communication skills
- Increase your confidence and boost your self-esteem
- Keep you healthy, physically and mentally
- Add to your resume
- Help you learn new skills
- Connect to your community
- Develop effective team skills
- Gain a sense of well-being and fulfilment.

Read the myfuture article '[Volunteering](#)' for more benefits of volunteering. Explore the following websites for volunteering ideas:

- [Volunteering Queensland](#)
- [Go Volunteer](#)
- [Seek Volunteer.](#)
- [The Good Universities Guide](#)
- [Volunteer with the Red Cross in Queensland.](#)

Indigenous

Nano Nagle Scholarship

The specific goal of this scholarship is to encourage the development of leadership skills of emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders through professional preparation during their studies. It is awarded on merit to a student studying at the Brisbane campus of the Australian Catholic University. See the [website](#) for details. Applications close on 5 March 2018.

Scholarships for Indigenous Students at Curtin University (WA)

ChemCentre Indigenous Scholarship – This scholarship is to assist and encourage Indigenous students to undertake an undergraduate degree course in science, communications, marketing or media and to consider ChemCentre as an employer. Applications close on 17 November 2017. Visit the [Indigenous Scholarships Portal](#) for details.

Carsales Foundation Indigenous Scholarship – This scholarship has been developed by Carsales.com Ltd in conjunction with Curtin University to encourage and support Indigenous Australian students who have chosen to undertake an undergraduate degree at Curtin University. Preference will be given to students enrolling in Business, Management, Law or IT and Computing. Applications close on 17 November 2017. More information on the [Indigenous Scholarships Portal](#).

Chris Lewis Scholarship – This scholarship has been developed by Curtin University to support an Indigenous Australian student who can demonstrate academic potential and their commitment to the Indigenous community. Visit the [Curtin University website](#) for details. Applications close on 17 November 2017.

Occupational Information



A career in radiation oncology

Radiation Oncology is the treatment of cancer using Radiation Therapy. There are three main careers within the field including Radiation Oncologist, Radiation Therapist, and Radiation Oncology Medical Physicist.

These three professional groups all work together to treat patients with cancer. Visit the [Your Choice, Save Lives website](#) to learn about the role of each of these professionals.

Careers in the Racing Industry

The Australian thoroughbred racing and breeding industry offers a range of careers and employment opportunities. The [Racing Australia website](#) lists and explains over 20 of the jobs available. These include Stable Hand, Farrier, Steward, Race Caller, Barrier Attendant, Jockey and many more.

Explore jobs in health care, construction and food service

The [Right Choices website](#) has information on jobs and training in the health services (child care, aged care and allied health), construction (carpentry, plumbing and electrician) and food services (food and beverage, kitchen operations) industries.

Have you considered nursing?

Did you know that there are many areas a nurse can specialise in? The [NurseInfo](#) website has information about how to become a nurse and areas of nursing practice. You may also find the following articles related to nursing of interest:

- [What type of nurse do you want to be? There are heaps of areas of specialization](#)
- [The difference between an enrolled nurse and a registered nurse.](#)

Project manager – an occupation for all industries

This occupation is known by several different titles, including Project administrator, Program manager and Contract administrator. The title can also be different in different industries e.g. Construction manager in the construction industry, Health administrator in the health industry, Production manager in the manufacturing industry.

Project managers are responsible for ensuring that projects are designed and completed on time and within budget. They work in both the public and private sectors across all industries. Visit the [Project Manager website](#) to view project management profiles.

According to the [Job Outlook website](#), this is a very large occupation employing 126,600 workers. Strong growth is expected in the future. New jobs and turnover from workers leaving may create more than 50,000 job openings over the 5 years to 2020. The skills required for the job include: self-discipline, time management, good communication skills, leadership skills, ability to work under pressure, financial awareness and analytical skills.

There are different levels of training available for this occupation, from VET qualifications (e.g. Certificate in Project Management) to post graduate qualifications (Graduate Certificate in Project Management, Graduate Diploma in Project Management, Master of Project Management). A good foundation for postgraduate courses would be a degree in Business, Commerce, Economics, Engineering, Regional and Town Planning or Information Technology. Some degrees that provide project management skills are specific to an industry e.g. B Construction Management and B Hospitality Management.

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



Christian Heritage College (CHC) Open Night

Students interested in CHC courses are invited to attend this event to be held from 5.30 – 7 pm on Wednesday 25 October 2017. Representatives from the following study areas will be present to answer your questions about the courses available and how to apply.

- Business (Accounting, Marketing, Management)
- Education (Primary and Secondary teaching)
- Liberal Arts (Literature, History, Philosophy. etc.)
- Ministries (Practical ministry, Biblical studies, Leadership)
- Social Sciences (Counselling, Chaplaincy, Youth Work, Aged Care, Family Support and more)

Visit the [CHC website](#) for more information and to register to attend.

Flight Attendant Career Session at Aviation Australia (AA)

Aviation Australia offers hands on training for cabin crew, engineers (aeroskills) and pilots. It will hold a Flight Attendant Career Session from 5.45 – 7.15 pm on Wednesday 1 November 2017 for interested students at its Brisbane International Airport campus. Visit the [website](#) for details.

TAFE at School Parent Information Nights

TAFE Queensland will hold these nights from 5.30 – 7 pm on 25 October 2017 at its South Bank campus and on 26 October 2017 at its Bracken Ridge campus. During these events, parents will be provided with information about the programs available, pathways to further study, how to support their child and much more. For details of the program and to register to attend, visit the [website](#). Please register by 18 October 2017.



QTAC & Tertiary Entry

Deadline for written statement for education courses

Students applying for education courses for entry in 2018 must submit a written statement addressing suitability criteria for the course when they apply as part of their QTAC application. This statement must be submitted before the QTAC documentation due dates (see Key dates on the [QTAC website](#)). You must have submitted your statement by 8 December 2017 for the 21 December 2017 and the 16 January 2018 offer rounds. Visit the [QTAC website](#) to view a video explaining what is required in the written statement.

Pathways to university study

While an OP is still the most popular pathway to gaining entry to your preferred university course, it is not the only pathway available in Queensland. If you don't achieve your university course goal straight after Year 12, this is not the end of the road. There are many upgrading pathways available to you. Several tertiary institutions have web pages dedicated to the various pathways available.

- Australian Catholic University – [Pathways and Entry Schemes](#)
- Bond University – [Pathways to further study](#)
- CQUniversity – [English, Work and Study Preparation](#)
- Griffith University - [Pathways](#)
- James Cook University - [Pathways to University](#)
- Queensland University of Technology - [Worried you won't get into the course you want?](#)
- TAFE Queensland – [University pathways](#)
- University of Queensland – [Pathways and Bridging](#)
- University of Southern Queensland – [Pathway Programs](#)
- University of the Sunshine Coast – [Uni Pathways and Preparation](#)

Also, check out the [Upgrading Pathways](#) page on the QTAC website. Note that some of the pathways are specific to the institution listing them. You should always check that the institution you want to go to accepts the pathway you are thinking of choosing.

QTAC Q & As

Q. I applied for the Financial category of the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) when I applied to QTAC. I put my Centrelink number on the application. Do I need to provide any additional information?

A. QTAC will let you know if more information is required. Consequently, it is important to monitor your emails.

Q. **If I get an OP 1, will subject bonus ranks improve my chances of getting into a course?**

A. No. The rank schedule is on a 1 – 99 (highest) scale. When you receive bonus ranks, your OP is converted to a rank. OP 1 is comparable to rank 99. This is the top of the rank scale so further ranks CAN'T be added to it.

Q. **I didn't apply for the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) when I applied to QTAC. Can I still apply for EAS?**

A. Yes. Download the relevant cover sheet (or sheets) from the [EAS page](#) on the QTAC website. Complete all the requirements listed on the cover sheet. Attach supporting documents if required. Upload to your application, mail or deliver your completed EAS application to QTAC. Some cover sheets may require a school statement. QTAC would like Year 12 students to submit their EAS applications by the end of October.

Q. **I am totally confused about offer rounds. According to the 2018 Year 12 Guide, the major offer-round for my courses is 16 January 2018. Now I hear that I could get an earlier offer.**

A. Institutions may give early offers to eligible applicants (i.e. applicants who have met all the entry requirements). Visit the [Course Offer Dates](#) page on the QTAC website for dates when institutions might give offers. Regardless of early offers, offers will still be made on the major offer-round dates. It is essential that you monitor your emails as this is how QTAC will let you know you have an offer. This is critical as you must respond to an offer by the due date or your offer will lapse and you will not be considered for any other courses in future offer rounds.

Q. **I applied for a university course that requires an audition but didn't do the audition. Will I still be considered for entry to this course?**

A. You should contact the university. However, the answer will probably be 'No'.

Q. **My school give out OP estimates and mine is currently 9 – 12. The Pathways (preferences 5 and 6) courses on my QTAC application have previous cut-offs of OP 11. Is this a good enough safety net?**

A. No. It is advisable to select Pathways courses (especially your 6th preference) that have been cutting off at least three or four OP points below your estimated OP to provide you with a good safety net.

Q. **Where can I get help with my QTAC application after I leave school?**

A. Your best source of help at this time of the year is QTAC. First look at the 'How do I' questions on the QTAC homepage. If this doesn't help, ring (1300 467 822) or [email QTAC](#). Email is probably best, as the QTAC phone is very busy at this time of the year and you need to be patient as you will be on a queue.



The end of year exam period is almost here!

This is the time of the year when our stress levels soar. Unfortunately, stress not only affects mental and physical health but can impact on exam performance. To help us manage our stress, Generation Next and Sydney University's Department of Psychiatry have developed a free, evidence based, easy to use app. The Mental Stillness App provides simple guided-meditation sequences on video that can be used on demand. It can be downloaded for [iPhones/iPads](#) and [Android devices](#).