

Attainable Selection Rank

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 99.95 (maximum). As admission is competitive the minimum selection thresholds for programs can fluctuate from year to year.

If you're a current Year 12 student with a VET qualification, you can use this qualification to apply for entry to UQ in Semester 2, 2026. This study may also be used for entry in subsequent years.

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

Selection rank

Applicants who satisfy the prerequisite requirements then compete for a place on the basis of the selection rank allocated to their qualifications. Selection ranks range from 1-99.95; with 99.95 being the highest selection rank attainable. Selection ranks are derived from prior academic qualifications. The use of selection ranks allows applicants with different qualifications to be assessed and compared against each other for entry to a particular program.

Certificate and Diploma studies

Completed Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) certificate or diploma qualifications may be considered for tertiary admission and can derive a selection rank. Competency-based studies can be combined with the results of the Special Tertiary Admission Test (STAT) to raise the base selection rank. The new rank will be allocated using the overall score from the STAT and the level of study. The following table shows the maximum ranks attainable for competency-based and graded certificate level study:

| Completed qualifications | Maximum attainable selection rank |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Certificate III (competency-based) | 68.00 |
| Certificate III (competency-based) + STAT | 82.95 |
| Certificate III (graded) | 82.95 |
| Certificate IV (competency-based) | 74.00 |
| Certificate IV (competency-based) + STAT | 89.95 |
| Certificate IV (graded) | 89.95 |
| Completed AQF Diploma (competency-based) | 82.00 |
| Completed AQF Diploma (competency-based) + STAT | 91.95 |
| Partially completed AQF Diploma (competency-based - min 1 year) | 78.00 |
| Partially completed AQF Diploma (competency-based - min 1 year) + STAT | 87.95 |
| Note: all subjects must be competent | |
| Partially completed AQF Diploma (graded - min 1 year) | 87.95 |
| Completed AQF Diploma (graded) | 91.95 |
| Note: all subjects must be competent | |
| Partially completed or completed AQF Advanced Diploma (CB - min 1 year) | 91.00 |
| Partially completed or completed AQF Advanced Diploma (CB - min 1 year) + STAT | 98.95 |
| Note: all subjects must be competent | |
| Partially completed or completed AQF Advanced Diploma (graded - min 1 year) | 98.95 |

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Tertiary studies

Bachelor or higher level study of less than one full-time equivalent year (1 FTE)* can be used to derive a selection rank. However, the selection ranks assigned to these studies are usually less generous and capped. Therefore, shorter duration of tertiary studies is insufficient to gain entry to the more competitive programs (for example, Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Hons)).

For multiple attempts of tertiary study equivalent to less than one full-time year, UQ derives selection ranks from the total cumulative GPA. When combining, if the cumulative duration totals less than one full-time year, the selection rank derived will only be used if it advantages the applicant.

The following table shows the maximum selection ranks attainable for studies that are **less than one full-time year** in duration:

| Duration of tertiary studies | Maximum attainable selection rank |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 semester part-time or more | 84.90 |
| 1 semester full-time or more | 87.90 |
| 1.5 semesters full-time or more | 94.90 |

*Applicants are to refer to their home institution to find out the study load equivalence of one full-time year.

The maximum selection rank attainable for the completion of **one full-time year or more** of bachelor level study is 99.90. Once you have completed the equivalent of one full-time year of bachelor or higher level study, you will be assigned a selection rank solely on the basis of this study and all other qualification at a lower level will be disregarded.

If you have completed at least one full-time year of tertiary studies, please refer to study.uq.edu.au/admissions/undergraduate/consider-your-pathway-options.

5 Year Rule

In some cases, UQ may be able to disregard tertiary study from more than five years ago. Contact UQ Admissions for more information.

UQ Only Rule

In some cases, UQ may be able to disregard tertiary study from another university if you complete one full-time year of study at UQ. Contact UQ Admissions for more information.

STAT and employment experience

STAT and employment experience enables applicants to apply on the basis of their life skills and abilities instead of formal secondary or academic qualifications and is commonly referred to as 'mature age entry'. There are no separate sub-quotas for secondary, tertiary or mature age applications as all applicants must satisfy the same entry requirements.

STAT and employment experience admissions pathways are available to applicants who are 18 years or above, not currently completing high school and have not completed one full year of bachelor or higher level studies.

This admissions pathways consists of the Special Tertiary Admission Test (two hour multiple choice aptitude test), paid employment experience and/or other professional qualifications. Please refer to study.uq.edu.au/admissions/undergraduate/consider-your-pathway-options

| Alternative Entry | Maximum attainable selection rank |
|--|--|
| STAT (over 18 years) | 88.00 |
| Employment | Difficult to achieve high ranks and assessed by QTAC |
| Professional Qualifications (eg. pre-AQF trades, Music, Armed services, Language awards) | 88.00 |

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