Focus on …… Special Entry & Assistance Schemes:

When you make your QTAC application, you should also be aware that there are a range of programs and “Special Entry” schemes that are available to you as well. This document outlines many of these schemes and gives you a summary of each – and links you can use to get further information.

The Educational Access Scheme:

The Educational Access Scheme (EAS) is a scheme aimed at helping students if they have experienced circumstances that have negatively affected their recent studies. If you are eligible for EAS you may get bonus OP’s or ranks that improve your chances of getting an offer. It may also qualify you for financial assistance from some institutions in the form of scholarships or bursaries.

EAS covers most institutions and you apply through QTAC.

There are 5 categories and you can apply for as many categories as you like. These categories are:

- Financial Hardship
- Home Environment and Responsibilities
- English Language Difficulty
- Personal Illness or Disability
- Educational Disruption

There is a short video giving an overview of EAS at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHIoRvy4tD8

For complete details on:

- How to apply
- When to apply
- What documentation you need to provide for each category

Go to https://www.qtac.edu.au/applying/educational-access-scheme
Individual Institution Schemes:

1. **Australian Catholic University:**

*Community Achievers Program:*

Aimed at students who can demonstrate their contribution to their local community.

**Details:**
http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/pathways_And_entry_schemes/year_12_student_entry/early_entry

*Adjustment Factors:*

Additional points can be added to your OP to give you a new adjusted entry score. There are different bonus point schemes, some of which require no application (automatically calculated by QTAC) and some which require a separate application.

**Details:**
http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/pathways_And_entry_schemes/year_12_student_entry/accessacu

*Passion for Business – Early Entry Program:*

Aimed at students with a passion for business and studying business related subjects at school and wanting to study Business or Commerce at university.

**Details:**
http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/pathways_And_entry_schemes/year_12_student_entry/passion_for_business

*Elite Athletes and Performer Program:*

For elite level athletes (and in some cases, elite artistic performers). Provides a broad range of benefits.

**Details:**

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2. **Griffith University:**

*Year 12 Subject Adjustment Pathway:*

You can receive bonus admission ranks based on your scores in a range of subjects that you complete in Yr 12. The link gives you details of subjects, results and bonus ranks.

**Details:**
https://www.griffith.edu.au/apply/undergraduate-study/high-school-students/year-12-subject-adjustment-pathway
**Gold Coast and Logan Campus Priority Access Pathway:**

This applies to students who live in and around the Gold Coast. You can be awarded two location adjustments for courses at the Gold Coast and Logan Campuses. The link gives you the list of residential areas that are included and any course exclusions.


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**3. University of Queensland:**

**Subject Incentive Scheme:**

You can be awarded up to 5 adjustments based on certain courses studied at school or based on your location.

**Details:** [https://future-students.uq.edu.au/apply/undergraduate/special-entry-programs/subject-incentive-scheme](https://future-students.uq.edu.au/apply/undergraduate/special-entry-programs/subject-incentive-scheme)

**OP Guarantee Scheme:**

You can be guaranteed a place in most undergraduate programs if you achieve an OP 1-5 (or rank equivalent) and satisfy the program’s prerequisites.

**Details:** [https://future-students.uq.edu.au/apply/undergraduate/special-entry-programs/op-guarantee-scheme](https://future-students.uq.edu.au/apply/undergraduate/special-entry-programs/op-guarantee-scheme)

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Admission Pathway:**

This provides an alternate pathway into UQ degrees for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

**Details:** [https://atsis.uq.edu.au/node/267](https://atsis.uq.edu.au/node/267)

**Aerospace Gateway Schools Program:**

Direct Entry to a number of Engineering and Information Technology degrees for students at participating schools. The link gives details and the list of participating schools.

**Details:** [https://www.eait.uq.edu.au/agsp](https://www.eait.uq.edu.au/agsp)

**Special admissions scheme for undergraduate law:**

Aimed at students from disadvantaged backgrounds (with other selection requirements).


**Rural background sub-quota – Doctor of Medicine:**

For students wanting to study medicine and live in rural and remote areas.
4. James Cook University:

Regional Preference Scheme:

1 bonus OP band or 2 selection ranks for students living in the JCU catchment area (postcodes 4737-4895).


5. University of the Sunshine Coast:

Regional Preference Scheme:

For students who reside in the Sunshine Coast region and surrounds or live in certain regional and remote areas. You can get 1 additional OP score or 2 additional selection ranks. The link gives details of eligible locations.


Disadvantaged School, Smith Family, Elite Athlete and Year 12 Subject Adjustments:

Get an extra 1 OP Score or 2 selection ranks (up to 3 OP scores and up to 6 selection ranks in the case of Elite Athletes).


6. Queensland University of Technology:

Elite athlete special entry scheme:

Elite athletes can apply to get an adjustment to your selection rank.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students: Centralised Assessment Selection Program (CASP):**

If you are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, and want to study an undergraduate course you may be eligible for admission through the Centralised Assessment Selection Program (CASP).


**Year 12 subject scheme:**

Successful study of certain school subjects can earn you adjustments to your selection rank (OP or equivalent). The link gives details of these subjects and the bonuses available.

**Details:** [https://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/admission-pathways/year-12-subject-scheme](https://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/admission-pathways/year-12-subject-scheme)

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7. **University of Southern Queensland:**

**Subject adjustments:**

Applicants are awarded bonus selection ranks for passing Maths C (two bonus ranks), a language other than English (two bonus selection ranks), Chemistry (two bonus ranks), Physics (two bonus selection ranks), and/or tertiary study (one bonus selection rank). These bonus ranks may make applicants competitive for courses with higher OP requirements.

**Details:** [https://www.usq.edu.au/study/getting-into-usq/special-admissions/subject-adjustments](https://www.usq.edu.au/study/getting-into-usq/special-admissions/subject-adjustments)

**Location Adjustments:**

Aimed at students living in “Outer Regional”, “Remote” or Very Remote” areas or students living in one of USQ’s local communities. The link gives details of the adjustments available and the localities you need to live in to qualify.

**Details:** [https://www.usq.edu.au/study/getting-into-usq/special-admissions/location-adjustments](https://www.usq.edu.au/study/getting-into-usq/special-admissions/location-adjustments)

**Elite Athlete Program:**

Aimed at elite athletes. Special entry consideration is given as well as possible scholarships. The link will outline what level you need to be at to be classed as an elite athlete.

**Details:** [https://www.usq.edu.au/study/getting-into-usq/special-admissions/other-schemes](https://www.usq.edu.au/study/getting-into-usq/special-admissions/other-schemes)

**High Achievers Scheme:**

USQ recognises academic excellence and ensures students who achieve an OP of 1-5, and who meet prerequisites, are guaranteed entry into any of USQ programs.

**Details:** [https://www.usq.edu.au/study/getting-into-usq/special-admissions/other-schemes](https://www.usq.edu.au/study/getting-into-usq/special-admissions/other-schemes)
8. **Southern Cross University:**

**SCU Star Early Entry:**

SCU STAR Early Entry enables Year 12 students to gain early admission to SCU on the basis of their school principal’s recommendation. SCU STAR Early Entry matches an individual student to a particular SCU course based on their likelihood of success in their chosen discipline.

**Details:** [https://www.scu.edu.au/study-at-scu/high-school-students/entry-pathways/scu-star-early-offer/](https://www.scu.edu.au/study-at-scu/high-school-students/entry-pathways/scu-star-early-offer/)

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**NOTE:** You can also access links to these programs via the school careers website under the “Post School Options” menu then “University” and “Info about Uni’s and Courses”.