

INFORMATION ABOUT OPTING FOR SELECTION RANK

The QTAC Selection Rank pathway is different to the OP pathway and very flexible. However, like the OP pathway it is a numeric value given to students at the exit of Year 12. The QTAC Selection Rank is not calculated by QSA but by Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC). The QTAC Selection Rank is not mailed to students at the end of Year 12 but students are able to find out their QTAC Selection Rank by ringing QTAC late December in the year they complete their Year 12 studies.

The QTAC Selection Rank is calculated for students using semester units from Authority subjects, authority-registered subjects and VET competencies. Yes – the individual competencies that make up VET Certificates can also contribute to the calculation of a QTAC Selection Rank. Only the best 20 semester units of study are used. Results in the Queensland Core Skills Test (QCS) are also used, if the test was sat. Please note that a poor result in the QCS Test cannot have a negative effect on a student's QTAC selection rank. The QCS result can only be used to moderate the rank upwards.

Thus the reason we say that the QTAC Selection Rank pathway is more flexible... Students can choose any range of study options for the senior phase of learning and work in a positive manner towards future relevant tertiary options.

The OP ineligible pathway, QTAC Selection Rank is suitable to students who wish to focus upon specific subject interests and vocational interests without being constrained solely to the Authority subject offerings.

Students who complete Queensland Year 12 and do not qualify for an Overall Position (OP) can still gain entry to courses offered at tertiary institutions participating in QTAC. All applicants, whether they have an OP or are OP ineligible, must still satisfy minimum entry requirements such as prerequisites.

If you are intending to apply to tertiary institutions interstate or overseas you should check with the admissions office of the institutions before choosing the OP ineligible pathway.