



QTAC



ATAR

## What is QTAC?

- Queensland Tertiary Admission Centre
- A not-for-profit organisation owned by seven Qld universities
- Centralised application service

## What do they do?

- Assess approximately 75,000 applications a year
- Make offers in 1,700 undergraduate courses on behalf of 16 institutions

## What is QCAA?

- Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority
- Statutory body of the Queensland Government

## What do they do?

- Develops and revises syllabuses and guidelines for K - Year 12
- Issue Senior Results Statement and certification (QCE / QCIA)



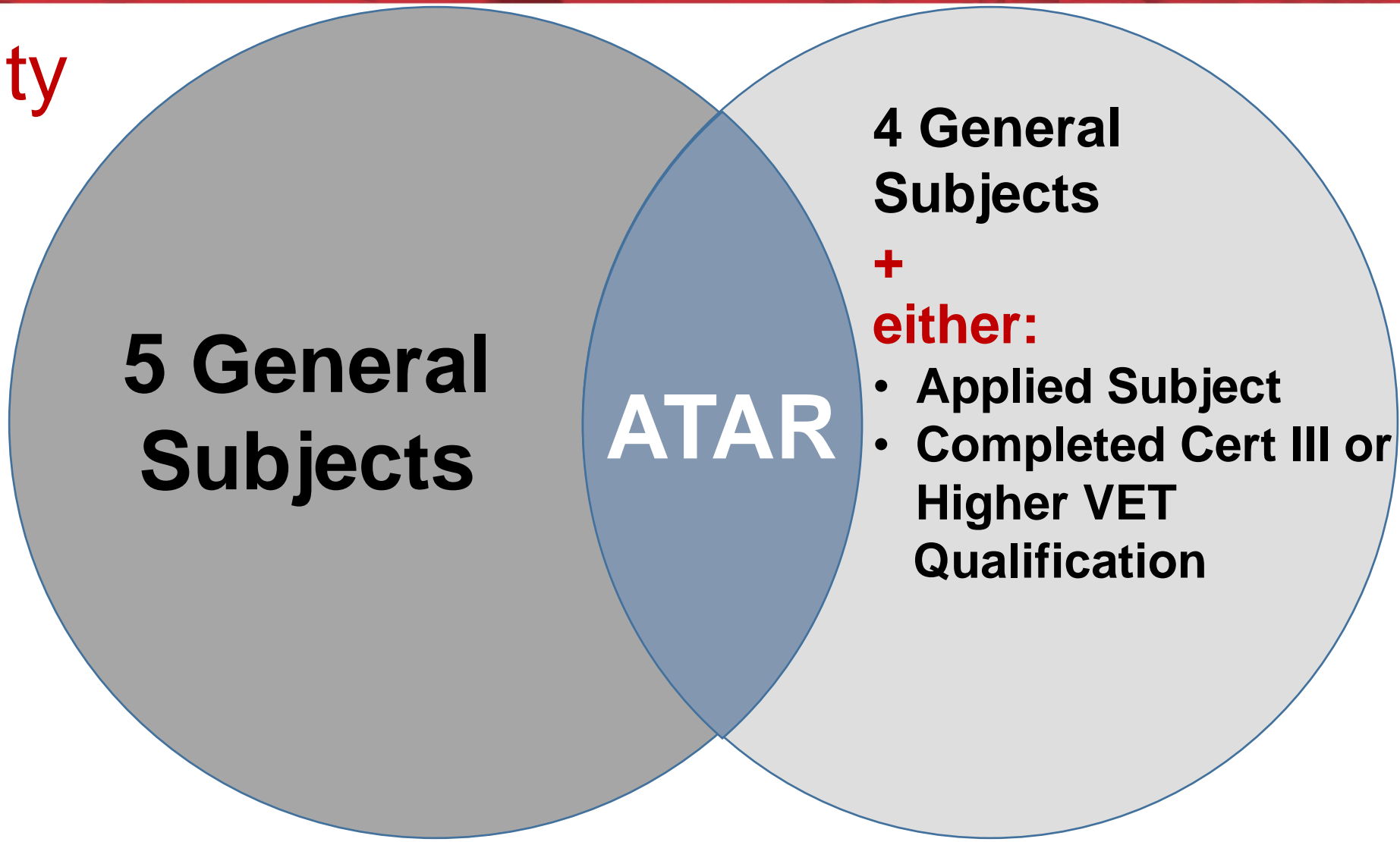
# What is ATAR?

**Primary mechanism used nationally for tertiary admissions  
Indicates a student's position relative to other students**

**2,000 point scale from 99.95 down to 0.00  
ATARs less than 30.00 will be expressed as *"30 and below"***

**Calculated by QTAC for entry into tertiary courses  
The new standard pathway for Qld Year 12 students**

# Eligibility



# 2023 ATAR Eligibility by Subjects

Scheme	Students	Percent
5 General	19,544	70.20%
4 General, 1 VET	3,483	12.51%
4 General, 1 Applied	4,812	17.29%
Total	27,839	100.00%

## English – Compulsory Subject

Students must successfully complete one of the following:

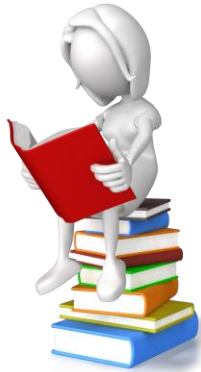
- English
- Literature
- Essential English\*

**Successfully Complete = “C” letter grade**

\* Check any course ‘pre-requisites’ or ‘assumed knowledge’ for university  
eg: English may be required



# Possible ATAR eligibility scenarios



- English (G)
- Mathematical Methods (G)
- Specialist Mathematics (G)
- Physics (G)
- Chemistry (G)
- Study of Religion (G)



- Literature (G)
- Accounting (G)
- Modern History (G)
- Religion & Ethics (A)
- Music (G)
- General Mathematics (G)

- English (G)
- Dance (G)
- Visual Art (G)
- General Mathematics (G)
- Religion and Ethics (A)
- Cert III in Business (V)



# Achievement in subjects and ATAR

**Year 11 and Year 12**



**Units 1 & 2**  
**Results for QCE/feedback**

**+**

**Units 3 & 4**  
**Numerical outcomes**  
**Accumulate for ATAR**



## Units 3 & 4 (General & Applied subjects)

- Summative units only
- **General** result based on 3 Internal Assessments + 1 External Assessment
- **Applied** results based on 4 Internal Assessments

## External Assessment

- Developed and marked by QCAA
- Conducted in term 4, same time, same day, all schools
- Assessing subject matter from Units 3 and 4 only
- Mathematics and Science subjects have 50% external assessment
- All other General subjects, have 25% external assessment

# VET for tertiary entrance

Completed Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses will still be used for tertiary entrance in two ways:

1. VET incorporation into ATAR; and/or
2. VET as the basis of admission through a rank



## How will VET be included in the ATAR?

**Each VET qualification level will have a single scaled score that can be included in the student's ATAR**

**E.g. Cert III in Hospitality and Cert III in Business will have the same scaled score, regardless of duration or content**

**A scaled score for a VET Diploma will be higher than a Certificate IV, which in turn will be higher than a Certificate III**



# 2023 VET Contributions towards ATAR

Level	Scaled Result
Certificate III	38.84
Certificate IV	52.28
Diploma	58.97
Advanced Diploma (**)	

*Note:*

(\*\*) Results are not reported for VET qualification levels completed by less than 50 students.

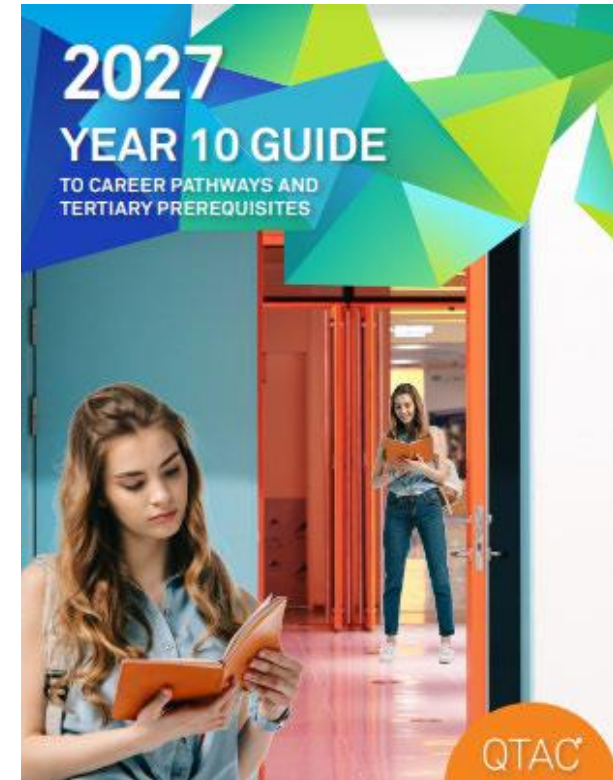
# VET as Basis for Admission?

Institutions determine if, and how, VET will be considered for tertiary entry.

**QTAC guides**, published each year, provide details of requirements for courses

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# VET Qualification Ranks

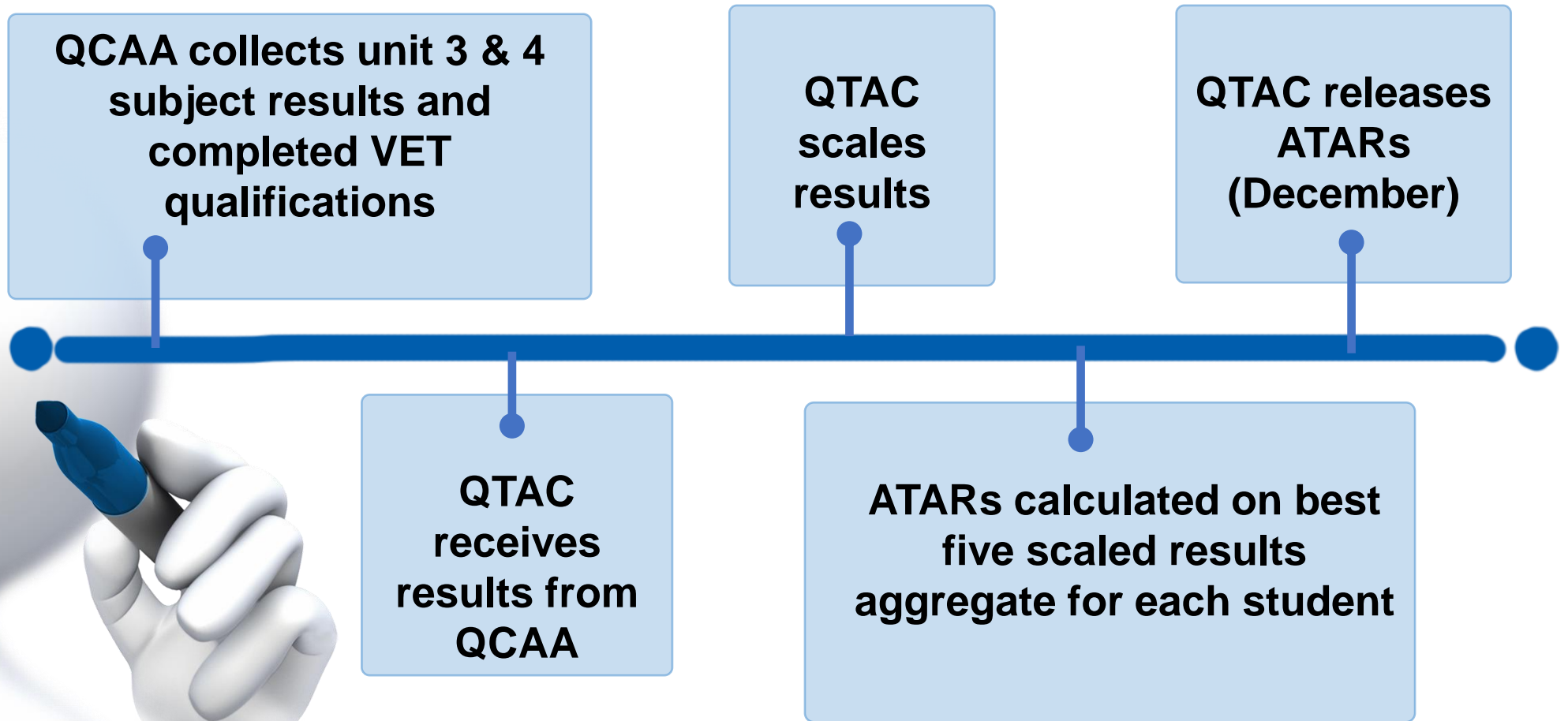
Institutions will vary (only a guide):

***Certificate III*** qualification: minimum rank 68.00

***Certificate IV*** qualification: minimum rank 74.00

Diploma qualification: minimum rank 82.00

# Sequence of Events





## Subject Scaling

Scaling is necessary so that student results in different subjects can be compared fairly.

**If a student of a given ability studies a less challenging Maths subject they might get 90 / 100.**

**But if the same student studied a more challenging Maths subject they might only get 80 / 100.**

**However, if scaling works, they should end up with the same scaled score.**

## Important

Students should continue to choose subjects

- they enjoy,
- that they are good at, and
- that are prerequisites for the courses they want to apply for

**Choosing to study 'easy' or 'hard' subjects will not help with scaling or results**



# Mythbusting

**Can certain subjects like Physics increase a student's ATAR?**

**NO.** A student can only maximise their ATAR by performing well in their subjects

**What pattern of subjects will guarantee an ATAR of 99.95?**

**No pattern will.** The ATAR is entirely data driven, so if a student's results place them in the top percentile, then they will get the top ATAR.

Subject	Raw Score	Grade
<b>ATAR – 98.25</b>		
Chemistry	85	A
Literature	89	A
Mathematical Methods	88	A
Physics	97	A
Specialist Mathematics	84	A
<b>Religion &amp; Ethics</b>		A

Subject	Raw Score	Grade
<b>ATAR – 98.25</b>		
Business	83	A
Literature	89	A
General Mathematics	81	A
Modern History	91	A
Study of Religion	94	A
<b>ICT</b>		A

Subject	Raw Score	Grade
<b>ATAR – 93.50</b>		
Chemistry	86	A
English	86	A
General Mathematics	87	A
Biology	89	A
Literature	83	A
Study of Religion	86	A

Subject	Raw Score	Grade
<b>ATAR – 93.50</b>		
Chemistry	77	B
Literature	83	A
Mathematical Methods	78	B
Biology	85	A
Specialist Mathematics	77	B
<b>Religion &amp; Ethics</b>		A



# Publications

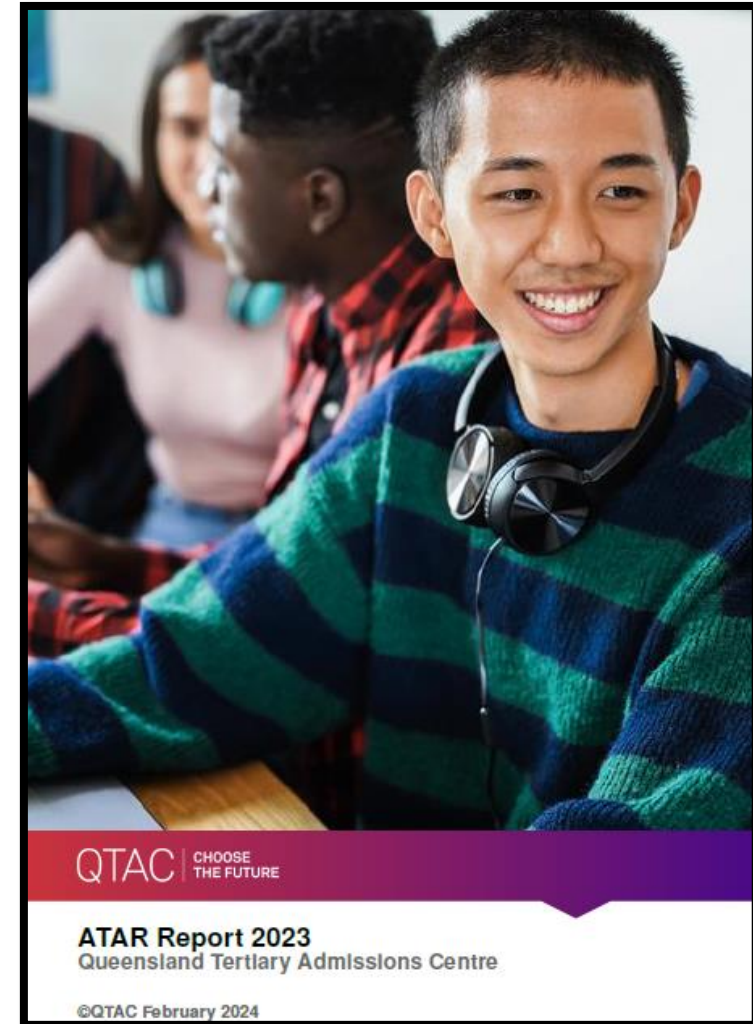
**Will QTAC be releasing the actual scaled subject information? YES**

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<https://schoolbox.shalomcollege.com/homepage/6679>

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*Audience:*

- Students & Parents

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