

USQ Early Offer

School Guidelines

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The USQ Early Offer allows eligible year 12 students who place USQ #1 on their QTAC application, to receive an early offer at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ). Students can receive an early offer in one of two ways, through one simple application form.

1. Recommendation from Principal or Principal's delegate

2. Successful completion of a USQ Head Start course

This offer is granted to students who have a proven track record of hard work and academic achievement.



Eligibility

To be eligible for an early offer, students must:

- › Be a current Year 12 student
- › Have proven academic achievement and study skills
- › Place USQ as their first preference on their QTAC application

Students also need to meet pre-requisites or other requirements to be offered a place in their chosen program, but this does not limit their eligibility for an early offer.

USQ will also be accepting early offer applications from students who have completed a USQ Head Start course. Head Start Early Offer does not require a recommendation from their school.

Benefits

For students:

- › 1-month free accommodation at USQ Toowoomba residential colleges* (conditions apply)
- › Gain an early offer into a USQ program and reduce stress, related to results release and offer rounds
- › Start planning for their future now
- › If student results are affected by outside circumstances/special circumstances, university is still an option for them
- › Gain early access to USQ Support Services and Orientation programs

For schools:

- › Allows schools to nominate students based on academic potential, determination, work ethic and study skills
- › Encourages tertiary aspirations for students who may benefit from additional support before commencing a bachelor's degree
- › Provides a tertiary pathway for students who may not be studying towards an ATAR
- › Provides a tertiary pathway for students who have experienced extraordinary circumstances which may have impacted on their final results

* If you are eligible and receive a USQ Early Offer, you can then apply for USQ Residential Colleges via our online portal. During the application process for Semester 1, 2022, please select the USQ Early Offer checkbox and upload a copy of your offer letter. The one-month free accommodation is for the first 28 nights of Semester 1, 2022, with check in on Saturday 12 February 2022 for new students. This offer covers accommodation only, with the option to purchase meals additionally. Students must apply for Semester 1, 2022, and stay for the entire length of the contract to be eligible for the one-month free accommodation. Students can apply for any accommodation type (including private ensuite, shared ensuite and shared bathroom), with accommodation offers sent on the order they are received. The value of the one-month accommodation is subject to the accommodation type accepted. For more information about our accommodation options, head to the website.

Recommended Assessment Process For Schools

The school representative is responsible for assessing applicants for the Early Offer. These assessments are to be based around academic skill and potential for success. The school representative makes this recommendation taking full responsibility for ensuring students who are approved will meet all requirements and pre-requisites and will have the ability to succeed within a bachelor level of study.

Nominated students are expected to have a low unexplained absence record and to be passing all of their Year 12 subjects.

To support your decision-making process, a table which outlines recommended options is below:

Recommendation Checklist	Recommended Options for Students
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The student's academic results to date are indicative of success in the chosen program	USQ Early Offer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extenuating circumstances have negatively impacted the students results but do not reflect the actual ability and study skills of the student	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subject prerequisites meet the requirements of the chosen USQ program	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student's academic performance or choice of subjects does not meet pre-requisite requirements or demonstrate motivation and potential for success within their chosen USQ program	Recommend student a pathway option <ul style="list-style-type: none">› Tertiary Preparation Program› Accelerated Entry Pathway Program› Meeting with a degree advisor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The school believes the student is not well placed to be a part of the Early Offer program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">› Student's application is not to be sent to USQ if no recommendation is given from school representative› Students are still recommended to apply through QTAC and be assessed based on their ATAR or rank alongside their peers.› These students may need further guidance on career paths and tertiary pathways from their school leadership team

Further considerations for nominating students include:

- › Alignment of student's career/future aspirations and their chosen Undergraduate Program
- › The program subject pre-requisites must be met by the commencement of the Semester 1 2022 academic year (these requirements can be found in our Undergraduate Guides and at usq.edu.au/handbook)
- › Students from non-English speaking backgrounds must meet the **English language requirements** for their chosen programs.
- › Students results must be considered based on any extenuating circumstances that may have impacted achievement
- › Consider if the student is capable and likely to succeed in independent tertiary learning and achieve success via the nominated course/pathway

Application Process:

1. Student chooses from one of our programs from our **Undergraduate Guide 2022** and submits a QTAC Application
 - a. Students applying to study an Education program must complete their NARTE statement – more information will be sent to students from QTAC after they have submitted their application.
 - b. Students applying to study a Bachelor of Nursing must sign an English Language Declaration form sent by QTAC.
 - c. Students applying to study some creative arts courses must complete **an audition**.
2. Student completes the Early Offer Application form and meets with Principal or School representative to discuss their recommendation/application, chosen course and any necessary pathway options
 - a. If the student has completed a USQ Head Start course, they do not require Principal's recommendation.
3. Applications must be submitted by the Principal or Principal's delegate, on behalf of the student, along with their application form, recommendation and their Year 11 report card to earlyoffer@usq.edu.au before 17 October 2021.
4. Student will receive an email outcome of their conditional offer as early as 6 August 2021.

Key Dates for Semester 1 2021 Applications:

August 3 2021	QTAC Applications & USQ Early Offer Applications open
August 6 2021	First Year 12 only offer round
August 13 2021	Year 12 only offer round
August 20 2021	Year 12 only offer round
August 27 2021	Year 12 only offer round
September 3 2021	Year 12 only offer round
September 10 2021	Year 12 only offer round
September 17 2021	Year 12 only offer round
September 24 2021	Year 12 only offer round
October 1 2021	Year 12 only offer round
October 15 2021	Year 12 only offer round
October 17 2021	Applications for USQ Early Offer close
October 22 2021	Year 12 only offer round

**For more information on
USQ's Early Offer, please visit**

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