

A guide for adult learners

Further study options for adults wishing to complete or continue their education



I am over 18 years of age and have not finished high school. What are my options?

If you are 18 years or older and would like to complete or continue your education, there are a number of pathways you may wish to consider. **The best option for you will largely depend upon your study and career goals.** By identifying these goals and your motives for undertaking further study, you can find the most suitable pathway for your situation.

It may not be necessary for you to return to high school in order to achieve your desired end result.

Utilising the flexible learning styles and condensed programs available to adult students will ensure you can select the quickest and easiest path to accomplish your goals.

Is returning to school the right pathway for me?

If you are returning to school in order to complete your standard secondary studies, you may wish to consider studying through TAFE Queensland or one of the seven Queensland schools of distance education.

TAFE Queensland

By studying with TAFE Queensland, you can achieve a Year 10 or Years 11 and 12 equivalent in an encouraging and relaxed adult education setting.

Through TAFE Open Learning you can enrol at any time of the year, study at your own pace and study anywhere and anytime that is convenient for you. Call 1800 657 387 for more information.

Distance Education

Through the Queensland schools of distance education, you can complete your senior studies from home. Contact your preferred school of distance education to find out more about home based learning.

Preparing for Tertiary Study

It is not always necessary to complete year 12 in order to access tertiary education. There are several alternate pathways for adults who are returning to study.

University Bridging Courses

By undertaking a university bridging course, you can develop the confidence, knowledge and skills necessary for tertiary entrance. Many bridging courses offer flexible learning styles and enrolment by distance, helping you to find the best option for you.

Contact your preferred university for information about available bridging courses. For contact details and campus information, visit the list of Queensland universities website at <http://education.qld.gov.au/students/higher-education/index.html>

TAFE Queensland

TAFE offers an Adult Tertiary Preparation program to provide people aged over 18 years with the knowledge and skills required for successful tertiary study. No previous Year Level standard is required, as this course is equal to Year 11 and 12.

To find out more about which TAFE institutes offer this course, visit the TAFE Queensland website www.tafe.qld.gov.au or call 1800 657 387.. TAFE offers over 800 courses across Queensland in a range of industry areas, as well as pathways to further study.

QTAC Alternative Entry

The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) provides an option for alternative entry to tertiary study for some people who have not completed Year 12 or do not have formal academic qualifications. To check your eligibility for alternative entry, visit the QTAC website at www.qtac.edu.au or call 1300 467 822.

Career Information

The Queensland Government provides an online self-assessment tool to assist with training and career information which can be accessed by visiting the Training website www.training.qld.gov.au or by contacting a Training Queensland operator on 1300 369 935.

Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Training Queensland can provide free advice, referrals and support to all Queenslanders about apprenticeships, traineeships and training options. Visit the Queensland Skills Gateway website www.skillsgateway.training.qld.gov.au if you are considering undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship.



Can I go back to school?

Your eligibility to enrol at a state high school as a Mature Age Student is subject to a criminal history check, how many years of enrolment you have already had in a state school, and the subject availability and capacity of your chosen school.

To apply for enrolment as a Mature Age Student, you must first discuss the rules and conditions of your enrolment with the Principal of your preferred school. If you have previously been excluded from that school, you may not be eligible to apply.

The outcome of your application will be determined by the results of your criminal history check. This process is very thorough, and **may take 8 weeks or longer** to complete.

Contact List

State Schools Division

Find out more about options and outcomes for adults wishing to complete or continue their education

Phone: (07) 3513 5915

Email: MAS.Applications@dete.qld.gov.au

Website: <http://education.qld.gov.au/>

Distance Education

Distance education services are provided through seven state schools of distance education. The following website provides contact details for each of these schools:

Website: <http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/distance/>

TAFE Queensland

Study with the largest, most experienced provider of vocational education and training in Queensland

Phone: 1800 657 387

Website: www.tafe.qld.gov.au

TAFE Open Learning

Undertake self-paced courses online or by distance

Phone: 1800 657 387

Email: enquiries.tol@deta.qld.gov.au

Website: <http://www.openlearning.tafe.qld.gov.au/>

Training Queensland

Speak with a specially-trained consultant about formal skills recognition, career pathways, training options and apprenticeships and traineeships

Phone: 1300 369 935

Website: <http://www.skillsolutions.qld.gov.au/>

Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre

Check your eligibility to apply for alternative entry to tertiary study

Phone: 1300 467 822

Website: www.qtac.edu.au



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