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Fact Sheet
Higher education subquota 2018

Does the course you're interested in have a higher education subquota?

The higher education subquota allows applicants who have already studied at higher education level to apply to enter another course.

Most undergraduate courses have a higher education subquota. The exceptions are:

Charles Darwin University

- Medicine (Clinical Sciences)

Flinders University

- Creative Arts (Costume Design) (VET pathway)
- Creative Arts (Digital Media) TAFE SA/Flinders
- Creative Arts (Fashion) (VET pathway)
- Digital Media/Screen and Media (Specialising in CGI and Visual Effects)
- Digital Media/Screen and Media (Specialising in Game Art) TAFE SA/Flinders
- Information Technology/Screen and Media (Specialising in Game Art) TAFE SA/Flinders
- International Tourism TAFE SA/Flinders
- Laws and Legal Practice (Hons) (including combined degrees)
- Medicine (Clinical Sciences)
- Nursing TAFE SA/Flinders
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Public Administration (VET pathway)

University of South Australia

- UniSA Foundation Studies
- All Diploma programs
- All combined Diploma/degree programs

Who is eligible to compete in a higher education subquota?

If you have studied at higher education level*, whether you are eligible to compete in the higher education subquota for a given course depends upon the length of time you have studied.

'One year' in relation to length of higher education level study means the equivalent of one full-time year, e.g. 80 credit points at Charles Darwin University; 36 units at Flinders University or at the University of South Australia; 24 points at the University of Adelaide; 48 points at CQUniversity Australia and Tabor College of Higher Education; 32 points at Torrens University Australia; or the interstate equivalent.

** The term 'higher education level' in this context means study at diploma level or above at a university or equivalent e.g. a college of advanced education, institute of technology, institute of higher education. It also includes bachelor degree courses undertaken at TAFE or other registered training organisations provided that the degree course is listed on the AQF higher education register of qualifications for the relevant period of accreditation.*

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a national system of classification of tertiary awards offered by tertiary institutions such as universities, TAFEs and other registered training organisations.

Charles Darwin University, Flinders University, University of South Australia, CQUniversity Australia and Torrens University Australia

For all undergraduate courses/programs

If you have studied at higher education level for exactly one semester or more, you are eligible to compete in a higher education subquota.

If however, you have studied at higher education level for less than one semester, you are not eligible to compete in a higher education subquota.

The University of Adelaide

For Medicine/Surgery (including Bonded Medical place)

There are specific eligibility requirements for competing in the higher education subquota for Medicine/Surgery at the University of Adelaide. Refer to the Faculty of Health Sciences website at http://health.adelaide.edu.au/study-with-us/medicine-surgery for more information.

For all other undergraduate programs

If you have studied at higher education level for exactly one semester or more, you are eligible to compete in a higher education subquota.

If however, you have studied at higher education level for less than one semester, you are not eligible to compete in a higher education subquota.

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For all undergraduate courses
If you have studied at higher education level for any amount of time, you are eligible to compete in a higher education subquota.

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For all courses
If you are enrolled in a higher education course or have studied at higher education level for any amount of time you are eligible for to compete in a higher education subquota.

Minimum level of study accepted

All institutions

To be eligible to compete in a higher education subquota for undergraduate courses, you must either:

- have undertaken higher education level study at an Australian institution, or
- have undertaken study overseas at a level which is deemed to be the equivalent of Australian higher education level study (see below).

Higher education study undertaken overseas

If you have undertaken higher education study overseas, SATAC will use the guidelines agreed to by its participating institutions to assess your study in terms of its equivalence to higher education level study offered by Australian institutions and hence determine your eligibility to compete in a higher education subquota.

Ranking higher education qualifications

To rank applicants in a higher education subquota, SATAC must first calculate a Grade Point Average (GPA). This is done for each higher education level course you have studied at an Australian institution or overseas equivalent for the equivalent of one semester full-time or longer.

You can find information on the method for calculating a GPA in the fact sheet 'Calculating a Grade Point Average' .

Course-specific tertiary (higher education) ranks

Note that for entry in semester 1 2018, results from study up to and including semester 2 2017 will be included in the GPA calculation. Results from later study periods will not normally be included. This may impact on applicants undertaking study in summer school or at Open Universities Australia (OUA).