Does the course you’re interested in have a foundation studies subquota?

Some courses have a separate subquota for applicants who have completed a ‘recognised’ foundation studies, preparation, bridging or enabling course of a minimum six months duration. Details are provided below under the heading for each institution. Since there is such a large number and variety of such courses available, it is not possible to list them all. Prospective applicants are strongly advised to contact either SATAC or the institution they wish to enter to find out whether the course they have completed (or will complete in 2016) is 'recognised'.

Who is eligible to compete in a foundation studies subquota?

Charles Darwin University
Almost all undergraduate courses have a foundation studies subquota. The exceptions are:
- Medicine (Clinical Sciences)
- Diploma of Indigenous Medication Management

If you have completed a ‘recognised’ foundation studies, preparation, bridging or enabling course of a minimum six months duration, or an Indigenous Preparation Program previously offered by Charles Darwin University, you are eligible to compete in a foundation studies subquota.

Flinders University
None of the courses at Flinders University has a separate foundation studies subquota; however, foundation studies qualifications are considered within the special entry subquota.

The University of Adelaide
None of the programs at the University of Adelaide has a specific foundation studies subquota. At the University, however, Wiltu Yarlu offers preparation programs for Indigenous students who wish to gain entry to the University’s undergraduate programs - see section 1 for further details.

University of South Australia
Almost all undergraduate programs have a foundation studies subquota. The exceptions are:
- Policing
- UniSA Foundation Studies

To be eligible to compete in a foundation studies subquota:
- you must have completed a ‘recognised’ foundation studies, preparation, bridging or enabling course of a minimum six months duration, and
- you must not have accumulated more than the equivalent of two full-time years of higher education level study.

* 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.

CQUniversity Australia, Tabor College of Higher Education and Torrens University Australia
For all undergraduate courses, if you have completed a ‘recognised’ foundation studies, preparation, bridging or enabling course of a minimum six months duration, you are eligible to compete in a foundation studies subquota.

Ranking applicants in a foundation studies subquota

Charles Darwin University
Your rank in a foundation studies subquota will be either 65 or 70, depending on the length of the completed course.

If however, you have completed the Preparation for Tertiary Study Program (TEP2) or the ACIKE Preparation for Tertiary Success (PTS2), your rank will be augmented by one bonus point.

University of South Australia
Your rank in a foundation studies subquota will normally be either 65 or 70, depending on the length of the completed course.

If however, you have completed the UniSA Pathway for Adult Learners (UniSA-PAL) program, your rank will be based on your level of achievement within the program as determined by the University of South Australia.

If you have completed the UniSA Foundation Studies program, your rank may be based on your level of achievement within the program.

CQUniversity Australia, Tabor College of Higher Education and Torrens University Australia
Your rank in a foundation studies subquota will normally be either 65 or 70, depending on the length of the completed course.