Does the course you’re interested in have a TAFE/VET subquota?

Many undergraduate courses have a TAFE/VET subquota. The exceptions are:

Charles Darwin University
- Medicine (Clinical Sciences)

Flinders University
- Arts Enhanced Program for High Achievers
- Creative Arts (Digital Media) TAFE SA/Flinders
- 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 (including combined degrees)
- Laws and Legal Practice (Hons) (including combined degrees)
- Medicine
- Nursing TAFE SA/Flinders
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Optometry
- Physiotherapy
- Psychology (Hons)

The University of Adelaide
- Arts (Advanced)
- Biomedical Science
- Biotechnology
- Computer Science (Advanced)
- Dental Surgery
- Economics (Advanced)
- Health and Medical Sciences (Advanced)
- High Performance Computational Physics (Hons)
- Laser Physics and Technology
- Laws (including double degrees)
- Mathematical Sciences (Advanced)
- Medicine/Surgery (including Bonded Medical Place)
- Science (Advanced)
- Secondary Teaching
- Space Science and Astrophysics
- Veterinary Bioscience
- Diploma in Arts
- Diploma in Languages

University of South Australia
- Laws (including double degrees)
- UniSA Foundation Studies

Who is eligible to compete in a TAFE/VET subquota?

You will find references in this section to the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) in relation to levels of awards. The AQF is a national system of classification of tertiary awards offered by tertiary institutions such as universities, TAFE and other registered training organisations.

If you have a completed TAFE/VET award, whether you are eligible to compete in a TAFE/VET subquota depends upon the level of the award you have completed. The rules vary between institutions and from course to course.

Note that if you have undertaken a bachelor degree course at TAFE and it is listed on the AQF higher education register of qualifications, you will compete in the higher education subquota.

* 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.

Charles Darwin University
For all undergraduate courses
If you hold a completed TAFE/VET award at AQF Certificate IV level or above, you are eligible to compete in the TAFE/VET subquota.

Flinders University
For all undergraduate courses
If you hold a completed TAFE/VET award at AQF Certificate III level or above, you are eligible to compete in the TAFE/VET subquota.

The University of Adelaide
For Nursing and Oral Health
If you hold a completed TAFE/VET award at AQF Diploma level or above, you are eligible to compete in the TAFE/VET subquota.

For all other undergraduate programs
If you hold a completed TAFE/VET award at AQF Certificate IV level or above, you are eligible to compete in the TAFE/VET subquota.
University of South Australia
For all programs except Diploma and combined Diploma/degree programs
If you hold a completed TAFE/VET award at AQF Certificate IV level or above and you have not subsequently studied at higher education level for a total of more than two years, you are eligible to compete in a TAFE/VET subquota.

Note that for most Health Sciences programs, you would need to hold a TAFE/VET Diploma in order to be competitive for selection.

For all Diploma and combined Diploma/degree programs
If you hold a completed TAFE/VET award at AQF Certificate III or Certificate IV level but you have not completed a Diploma level course or higher, and you have not studied at higher education level for more than two years, you are eligible to compete in a TAFE/VET subquota.

CQUniversity Australia
For all undergraduate courses
If you hold a completed TAFE/VET award at AQF Certificate III level or above, you are eligible to compete in a TAFE/VET subquota.

Tabor College of Higher Education
For all undergraduate courses
If you hold a completed TAFE/VET award at AQF Certificate IV level or above, you are eligible to compete in a TAFE/VET subquota.

Torrens University Australia
For all undergraduate courses
If you hold a completed TAFE/VET award at AQF Certificate IV level or above, you are eligible to compete in a TAFE/VET subquota.

Vocational qualifications completed overseas
If you have completed a vocational qualification overseas, SATAC will use the guidelines agreed to by its member institutions to assess your study regarding its equivalence to TAFE/VET awards offered in Australia and hence determine your eligibility to compete in a TAFE/VET subquota.

Ranking TAFE/VET qualifications
Charles Darwin University
Your rank in a TAFE/VET subquota will be based on the level of the award. If you hold a completed VET award from Charles Darwin University, this rank will be augmented by one bonus point.

Flinders University
Your rank in a TAFE/VET subquota will be based on the level of the award.

For Nursing courses
If you are an enrolled nurse with a current practising certificate, your rank will be augmented by bonus points.

The University of Adelaide
Your rank in a TAFE/VET subquota will be based on the level of the award.

University of South Australia
Your rank in a TAFE/VET subquota will be based on the level of the award.

For Nursing programs
If you are an enrolled nurse with a current practising certificate, your rank will be augmented by bonus points.

CQUniversity Australia
Your rank in a TAFE/VET subquota will be based on the level of award.

Tabor College of Higher Education
Your rank in a TAFE/VET subquota will be based on the level of award.

Torrens University Australia
Your rank in a TAFE/VET subquota will be based on the level of award.