Does the course you’re interested in have a year 12 subquota?

Most courses have a year 12 subquota. The exceptions are:

**Charles Darwin University**
- Diploma of Indigenous Medication Management

**Flinders University**
- Community Services (VET pathway)
- Creative Arts (Costume Design) (VET pathway)
- Creative Arts (Fashion) (VET pathway)
- Public Administration (VET pathway)

**The University of Adelaide**
- Diploma in Arts
- Diploma in Languages

**University of South Australia**
- Policing
- UniSA Foundation Studies

Who is eligible to compete in a year 12 subquota?

**All institutions**

If you hold year 12 qualifications as described under ‘Minimum year 12 level qualifications accepted’ below and you have never studied at higher education level*, you are eligible to compete in a year 12 subquota for all undergraduate courses at all seven participating institutions.

If however, you hold year 12 qualifications and you have also studied at higher education level, whether you are still eligible to compete in the year 12 subquota for a given course normally depends on the length of your previous study and varies between institutions and from course to course - see below for details.

‘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, or 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 Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) higher education register of qualifications for the relevant period of accreditation.

The 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**

For all undergraduate courses

If you have studied at higher education level for a total of one year or less, you are still eligible to compete in the year 12 subquota.

If however, you have studied at higher education level for a total of more than one year, you are not eligible to compete in the year 12 subquota.

**Flinders University**

For Medicine

If you have studied at higher education level for any period of time, you are not eligible to compete in the year 12 subquota.

For all other undergraduate courses

If you have studied at higher education level for a total of two years or less, you are still eligible to compete in the year 12 subquota.

If however, you have studied at higher education level for a total of more than two years, you are not eligible to compete in the year 12 subquota.

**The University of Adelaide**

For Medicine/Surgery (including Bonded Medical place)

If you have studied at higher education level for any period of time, you are not eligible to compete in the year 12 subquota.

For all other undergraduate programs

If you have studied at higher education level for a total of two years or less, you are still eligible to compete in the year 12 subquota.

If however, you have studied at higher education level for a total of more than two years, you are not eligible to compete in the year 12 subquota.

**University of South Australia**

For all undergraduate programs

If you have studied at higher education level for a total of two years or less, you are still eligible to compete in the year 12 subquota.

If however, you have studied at higher education level for a total of more than two years, you are not eligible to compete in the year 12 subquota.

**CQUniversity Australia**

For all undergraduate courses

You are eligible to compete in the year 12 subquota regardless of any amount of higher education level study.
Year 12 subquota 2017

Tabor College of Higher Education
For all undergraduate courses
You are eligible to compete in the year 12 subquota regardless of any amount of higher education level study.

Torrens University Australia
For all undergraduate courses
You are eligible to compete in the year 12 subquota regardless of any amount of higher education level study.

Australian year 12 qualifications

SA and NT year 12 2016
If you are completing the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) or the Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET) in 2016, in order to be eligible to compete in a year 12 subquota for undergraduate courses at all seven institutions, you must:
- qualify for the SACE/NTCET
- obtain a university aggregate and an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)
- fulfil any prerequisite subject requirements for the course.

Detailed information about tertiary entrance requirements under SACE/NTCET are contained in the booklet 'Tertiary Entrance 2017, 2018, 2019' which is published by SATAC on behalf of its member institutions and distributed to all South Australian and Northern Territory schools for students in years 10, 11 and 12.

SA and NT year 12 2011 to 2014
If you completed the SACE or NTCET in 2011 to 2015, in order to be eligible to compete in a year 12 subquota, the requirements are the same as above (for 2016).

SA and NT year 12 1993 to 2010
If you completed the SACE or NTCE in the period 1993 to 2010, in order to be eligible to compete in a year 12 subquota, you must have:
- qualified for the SACE/NTCE
- obtained a university aggregate and an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) (formerly Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER))
- fulfilled the Higher Education Selection Subject (HESS) requirements for the course
- fulfilled any prerequisite subject requirements for the course.

Note that, for the years 1993 to 1996, the meeting of HESS requirements is determined by the possession of an appropriate 'all courses' or 'some courses' aggregate.

SA and NT year 12 in 1992 or earlier
If you sat year 12 in any year(s) from 1954 to 1992, to be eligible to compete in a year 12 subquota you must have completed a minimum of five year 12 subjects in any two attempts (or any three if you were an adult at the time). To be eligible for most undergraduate courses you must have a minimum of five Publicly Examined Subjects (PES). You must also fulfil any prerequisite subject requirements for the course.

International Baccalaureate (IB)
If you have undertaken (or are undertaking) the IB Diploma Program, in order to be eligible to compete in a year 12 subquota you must have completed the IB Diploma. You must also fulfil any prerequisite subject requirements for the course.

Detailed information about tertiary entrance requirements under the IB is in the booklet 'IB and Tertiary Entrance in SA and NT 2017, 2018, 2019' which is published by SATAC on behalf of its member institutions and distributed to all Australian schools which offer the IB Diploma Program.

Interstate year 12
If you are completing (or have completed) an Australian year 12 program interstate (except Queensland), you must receive an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). If you are completing (or have completed) year 12 in Queensland, you must receive an Overall Position (OP). You must also fulfil any prerequisite subject requirements for the course.

Australian non-standard year 12 program
If you are completing (or have completed) a non-standard year 12 program anywhere in Australia (e.g. Waldorf, School of Tomorrow), SATAC will use guidelines agreed to by its member institutions to assess the qualification and determine your eligibility to compete in a year 12 subquota, and also whether you have fulfilled any prerequisite subject requirements for the course.

Ranking Australian year 12 qualifications

SA and NT year 12 2016
If you are completing the SACE or the NTCET in 2016, your rank in a year 12 subquota will be based on your ATAR.

SA and NT year 12 1997 to 2015
If you completed the SACE, NTCE or NTCET in the period 1997 to 2015, your rank in the year 12 subquota will be based on your ATAR (2010 to 2015) or TER (1997 to 2009) as ATARs and TERs obtained in these years are directly comparable with an ATAR obtained in 2016.

SA and NT year 12 1993 to 1996
If you completed the SACE in the period 1993 to 1996, your rank in the year 12 subquota will be based on your ‘some courses’ aggregate which SATAC will convert to an ATAR using a statistical table based on percentile rankings.

SA and NT year 12 in 1992 or earlier
If you sat year 12 in any year(s) from 1954 to 1992, your rank in the year 12 subquota will be based on the aggregate of your best five scaled scores from any two attempts (or from any three if you were an adult at the time). SATAC will convert this aggregate to an ATAR using a statistical table based on percentile rankings.

International Baccalaureate (IB)
If you completed the IB Diploma Program, your rank will be based on your IB points total (in the range 24-45) which SATAC will convert to an ATAR.
Interstate year 12 2010 to 2016
If you completed or are completing an Australian year 12 program interstate (except Queensland) in the period 2010 to 2016, your rank will be based on your ATAR.
If your year 12 is from Queensland, your rank will be based on your OP which SATAC will convert to an ATAR using a common index agreed to by all states and territories.

Interstate year 12 1996 to 2009
If you completed an Australian year 12 program interstate in the period 1996 to 2009 your rank will be based on your home state rank (TER, ENTER, UAI, OP etc) which SATAC will convert to an ATAR using a common index agreed to by all states and territories.

Interstate year 12 in 1995 or earlier
If you completed a year 12 program interstate in 1995 or earlier, SATAC will convert your home state score to an ATAR using a statistical table based on percentile rankings.

Australian 2014 year 12 results comparison table
The table opposite provides 2015 year 12 applicants with information about how their results compare across Australia. The table relates to 2014 results and is a guide only.
As the table shows, an ATAR of 81.00 in any state or territory (except Queensland) is the same as an ATAR of 81.00 from any other state or territory (except Queensland). So if you are completing your year 12 studies in 2015 or later in one of these states or territories and are planning to apply to institutions in other states or territories, your ATAR remains the same.
For applicants with an OP from Queensland, the Queensland Studies Authority will provide SATAC with an equivalent ATAR.

Year 12 for tertiary entry
More information about Australian year 12 qualifications for tertiary entry, including conversion tables for IB and interstate year 12 qualifications, can be found on the SATAC website at www.satac.edu.au/year-12-for-tertiary-entry.

Overseas year 12 qualifications
NZ National Certificate of Educational Achievement (Level 3)
If you have undertaken (or are undertaking) the NZ NCEA (Level 3), in order to compete in a year 12 subquota you must fulfil all the requirements for entrance to a university in New Zealand as stipulated by the board of the NZQA (New Zealand Qualifications Authority). For details, go to www.nzqa.govt.nz. You must also fulfil any prerequisite subject requirements for the course.

New Zealand Bursaries Examination
If you have sat the NZ Bursaries Examination, in order to compete in a year 12 subquota you must have either:
• qualified for an ‘A’ or ‘B’ Bursary, or
• achieved at least a Grade C in a minimum of three Bursary subjects and gained the Higher School Certificate.
You must also fulfil any prerequisite subject requirements for the course.

Other overseas year 12 level qualifications
If your overseas year 12 level qualification is not one of the qualifications listed above, SATAC will use the guidelines agreed to by its member institutions to assess the qualification and determine your eligibility to compete in a year 12 subquota and whether you have fulfilled any prerequisite requirements for the course.
If your year 12 qualifications do not make you eligible to compete in the year 12 subquota for some or all of the courses for which you wish to apply, you may be eligible to compete in an alternative (special entry) subquota.

Ranking overseas year 12 qualifications
NZ National Certificate of Educational Achievement (Level 3)
If you are completing (or have complete) the NZ NCEA (Level 3) in 2004 or later and you apply for admission to a university in Australia, the NZQA (New Zealand Qualifications Authority) will calculate an NCEA (Level 3) aggregated mark and will convert this aggregated mark to an ATAR using a common index agreed to by the NZQA and all tertiary admissions centres in Australia.

New Zealand Bursaries Examination
If you undertook the NZ Bursaries Examination in the period 1996 to 2003, your rank will be based on your NZ Bursaries aggregated mark from a minimum of three and a maximum of five Bursary subjects. SATAC will convert your aggregated mark to an ATAR using a common index agreed to by the NZQA (New Zealand Qualifications Authority) and all tertiary admissions centres in Australia.
If you undertook the NZ Bursaries Examination prior to 1996, SATAC will convert your aggregated mark to an ATAR using a statistical table based on percentile rankings.

Other overseas year 12 level qualifications
SATAC will use the guidelines agreed to by the universities to assess your qualification and, if applicable, convert your results to an ATAR.