

Succeed at university and beyond

OXFORD **AQA**
INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS



Going to university *in Australia*

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Choosing a university course is a very important decision.

You will need to think about:

- The type of university you are most interested in
- The location
- The cost
- The courses offered
- The choice of activities on offer

What you need to know about studying in Australia

Australia is a popular destination for international students and its big cities regularly feature in the QS Best Student Cities rankings based on student mix, affordability, quality of life and employer activity.

Universities expect students to take initiative, focus on independent

learning, research and critical thinking.

Lectures are not mandatory; students are expected to be mature enough to decide to attend themselves and actively engage through asking questions and offering opinions.

It is worth noting that the Australian academic year begins in late January to early February.

The education system

The initial secondary school year curriculum includes subjects designed to enhance understanding of civic, social and economic issues. Students study English, mathematics, science, geography, civics, citizenship, economics, technology, language and arts.

In the final two years (upper secondary Years 11 and 12), students continue English, mathematics, science, history and geography whilst focusing on subjects they wish to pursue further. Students are graded on standard scales, with grade descriptions linked to percentages. These scales vary slightly between the Australian states.



The Group of Eight (Go8)

Australia has many high-ranking universities. The Group of Eight comprises "Australia's leading research universities."

According to their website, the Go8 "is focused on, and is a leader in, influencing the development and delivery of long-term sustainable national higher education, and in developing elite international alliances and research partnerships."

The Go8 educates over a quarter of all higher education students in Australia including 100,000 international students, one third of Australia's international students.

The Go8 are particularly dominant in medicine, science and engineering. The bachelor's degree completion rates are higher than other Australian universities.

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All Go8 universities are ranked in the world's top 150. All have confirmed acceptance of OxfordAQA qualifications.

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Admissions process

What are Tertiary Admissions Centres?

Australia has 43 universities. Many states use a centralised admissions system, often referred to as Tertiary Admissions Centres, or TACs, though international students apply directly to the university.

OxfordAQA qualifications are recognised in each of the following Tertiary Admissions Centres:

- UAC (New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory)

- QTAC (Queensland)
- SATAC (South Australia and Northern Territory)

Course credit

Some universities offer course credit for International A-levels. This is done on an individual basis. For example, Monash University has added OxfordAQA to its prior study credit and admissions eligibility search.



Did you know?

Students in tertiary education may also follow a vocational route.

Many students attend a Technical and Further Education college (TAFE) to follow courses. Some TAFEs also offer degrees alongside certificates and diplomas.

Application to TAFEs is also done centrally through the University Admissions Centres, hence OxfordAQA qualifications are also recognised by many TAFEs.

Australian Tertiary Academic Ranks (ATAR)

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is a number between 0.00 and 99.95 that indicates a student's position relative to all the students in their age group. The ATAR is a rank not a mark.

A-levels are considered as equivalent to Australian Year 12 qualifications. Many universities set academic requirements as ATAR and assign points to A-level grades in order to calculate an ATAR equivalent. The typical requirement is three A-levels.

Each university sets its own minimum entry requirements, focussed on academic achievement, though there are additional tests/pre-requisites for some courses. You should refer to your chosen university's specific course admissions policy.



Get the results *you deserve*



OxfordAQA qualifications are benchmarked to UK standards and our exams give every student the best possible chance to show what they can do and get the results they deserve.

They are valued by universities around the world as academically rigorous qualifications that equip students with

the skills they need to succeed, both at university and beyond.

Students with OxfordAQA qualifications have successfully progressed to some of the best universities all over the world, including the U15 Group, Oxford University, Ivy League universities, the Group of Eight in Australia, and the UK Russell Group.



Did you know?

100yrs

We achieve *Fair Assessment* by drawing on the expertise that AQA has developed over 100 years.



The Oxford Test of English

The Oxford Test of English (OTE) is an affordable, personalized test that fits you.

100% online, it's flexible, fast and available at approved test centres worldwide. Plus, it's the only proficiency test certified by the University of Oxford.

For details of institutions in Australia that accept the OTE as proof of English proficiency, please visit our website.

oxfordtestofenglish.com





English *proficiency*

GSCE and A-level qualifications are often accepted as proof of English proficiency.

They are especially likely to be accepted if a student has followed an English-medium education.

For example, Australia National University accepts students who have successfully completed two years of secondary (Year 12) equivalent education through the English medium, and the University of Sydney accepts students who have completed A-level courses.

For details on the Go8 position on OxfordAQA International GCSE and AS/A-level qualifications which meet English proficiency requirements, please see *our website*.



Did you know?

As in other countries, international students need a visa to study in Australia.

Students must attend an institution approved by the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Find out more
cricos.education.gov.au



Prepare for success *at university and beyond*

As competition for top university places increases globally, the need for students to stand out from the crowd is greater than ever.

While you are considering which educational institution you would like to attend, you can rest assured that OxfordAQA qualifications are recognised by leading universities worldwide. We work closely with Ministries of Education to ensure that equivalence to local qualifications is validated, OxfordAQA qualifications are comparable to those taken in the UK, and our International GCSEs, A-levels and project-based qualifications have been independently evaluated.

Most importantly, our *Fairness First* approach to exams means that you will get the results you deserve!



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oxfordaqa.com/recognition

At OxfordAQA
we put fairness first