

# STN Guide

START TAFE NOW

2027



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# Supporting your success

CQUniversity Australia's Start TAFE Now (STN) program offers you the opportunity to gain real skills and qualifications while still completing high school. You can kickstart your career by starting vocational education and training (VET) through CQU.

As a Start TAFE Now student, you'll have access to CQUniversity's wide range of support services to help you succeed in your studies. While further discussion with your high school may be required regarding funding and support provisions, we are here to assist you every step of the way.

## EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

If you're interested in studying a Start TAFE Now course in 2027, the first step is to explore the study options available to you. Review this guide and discuss your options with your parents/guardians and school VET Coordinator.

## PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

To participate in the Start TAFE Now program students must:

- › complete the online basic key skill builder (bksb) pre-enrolment Maths, English and Digital Literacy assessment
- › be a minimum of 15 years old
- › remain enrolled in and attend a Queensland school throughout the duration of the program
- › identify the Start TAFE Now program in your Senior Education and Training plan (SET)
- › be in Year 10, 11, or 12.

Please note:

- › not all qualifications can be accessed if you are in Year 10 or Year 12
- › meeting the program eligibility does not guarantee access to Queensland Government subsidised funding
- › funding eligibility is assessed during the application process. Students who are not eligible will be required to pay the full course fee.

Some courses may have additional eligibility criteria. For further details, visit [cqu.edu.au/stn](https://cqu.edu.au/stn).

## WORK PLACEMENT

Some Start TAFE Now courses require you to complete work placement activities related to your training. These placements are in addition to your normal classroom attendance and will generally be arranged by your school unless advised otherwise. Check the course information on [cqu.edu.au/stn](https://cqu.edu.au/stn) prior to applying to ensure you are aware of placement details.

**Important:** Certain work placements require mandatory checks (e.g., immunisations, a Blue Card, or an Australian Federal Police check) before you can participate.

## COURSE FEES AND CHARGES

Depending on what you choose to study, your course may be supported by a government subsidy. For the most up-to-date information, visit [cqu.edu.au/stn](https://cqu.edu.au/stn).

**Things to keep in mind:**

- › some courses may have additional costs, such as high-vis clothing or safety boots for trade-based training
- › if fees apply, you may be eligible to pay in instalments through a payment plan. For more information, email [advice@cqu.edu.au](mailto:advice@cqu.edu.au)
- › if you are not eligible for subsidised funding, you can enrol as a full-fee paying student.



**Scan for further details on application dates, eligibility info and more.**



**Proud to be a Queensland Government subsidised training provider**



## Acknowledgement to Australia's First Nations Peoples.

CQUniversity recognises and acknowledges the important role First Nations Peoples make to our communities, and values Australian Indigenous knowledge systems as an integral part of our teachings.

# STN Courses

| Study group                                 | Course code  | Course name  | Intake <sup>1</sup> | Availability <sup>2</sup>           | Duration <sup>3</sup> | QCE credits <sup>4</sup> |
|---|--|--|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>BUSINESS AND ACCOUNTING</b>              |  |  |                     |                                     |                       |                          |
| <b>Bookkeeping</b>                          | FNS30322   | Certificate III in Accounts Administration             | Multiple            | Online                              | 1.5                   | 7                        |
| <b>Business</b>                             | BSB30120   | Certificate III in Business                            | Multiple            | Online                              | 1-2                   | 8                        |
| <b>CREATIVE, PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS</b> |  |  |                     |                                     |                       |                          |
| <b>Visual Arts</b>                          | CUA31125   | Certificate III in Visual Arts                         | Multiple            | Online                              | 1.5-2                 | 8                        |
| <b>EDUCATION, TEACHING AND CHILDCARE</b>    |  |  |                     |                                     |                       |                          |
| <b>Childcare</b>                            | CHC30125   | Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care* | Multiple            | Online                              | 1                     | 8                        |
|   | CHC22015   | Certificate II in Community Services*                  | Multiple            | Online                              | 1                     | 4                        |
| <b>Education Support</b>                    | CHC30221   | Certificate III in School Based Education Support*     | Multiple            | Online                              | 1                     | 8                        |
| <b>NURSING, PARAMEDICINE AND HEALTH</b>     |  |  |                     |                                     |                       |                          |
| <b>Fitness</b>                              | SIS20321   | Certificate II in Sport Coaching                       | Multiple            | Mixed Mode, BDB, CNS, MKY, ROK      | 1                     | 4                        |
|   | SIS20122   | Certificate II in Sport and Recreation                 | Multiple            | Mixed Mode, BDB, CNS, MKY, ROK      | 1-1.5                 | 4                        |
|   | SIS30321   | Certificate III in Fitness                             | Multiple            | Mixed Mode, BDB, CNS, MKY, ROK      | 1-1.5                 | 8                        |
|   | SIS40221   | Certificate IV in Fitness                              | Multiple            | Mixed Mode, BDB, CNS, MKY, ROK      | 1.5                   | 8                        |
| <b>Health Care</b>                          | HLT23221   | Certificate II in Health Support Services*             | February            | Mixed Mode, CNS, GLT, MKY, ROK, TSV | 1                     | 4                        |
| <b>SCIENCE, ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE</b> |  |  |                     |                                     |                       |                          |
| <b>Animal Care</b>                          | ACM20121   | Certificate II in Animal Care*                         | Multiple            | Online                              | 1                     | 4                        |
| <b>Horticulture</b>                         | AHC20422   | Certificate II in Horticulture                         | February, July      | Mixed Mode, BDB, EMD, GLT, MKY, ROK | 1-1.5                 | 4                        |
| <b>Laboratory Operations</b>                | MSL20122   | Certificate II in Sampling and Measurement             | February, March     | Mixed Mode, MKY                     | 1                     | 4                        |
| <b>SERVICE INDUSTRIES</b>                   |  |  |                     |                                     |                       |                          |
| <b>Hairdressing</b>                         | SHB20216   | Certificate II in Salon Assistant                      | Multiple            | GLT, MKY, ROK                       | 1                     | 4                        |
| <b>Hospitality</b>                          | SIT20421   | Certificate II in Cookery                              | February            | MKY, ROK                            | 1                     | 4                        |
|   | SIT20322   | Certificate II in Hospitality                          | February            | Online, MKY, ROK                    | 1                     | 4                        |
| <b>Tourism</b>                              | SIT20125   | Certificate II in Tourism*                             | Multiple            | Online                              | 1.5                   | 4                        |
| <b>TRADES</b>                               |  |  |                     |                                     |                       |                          |
| <b>Automotive</b>                           | AUR20720   | Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation    | February            | Mixed Mode, EMD, GLT, ROK           | 1                     | 4                        |
| <b>Autonomous Technology</b>                | Please visit <a href="http://cqu.edu.au/stn">cqu.edu.au/stn</a> for more information |  |                     |                                     |                       |                          |
| <b>Construction</b>                         | Please visit <a href="http://cqu.edu.au/stn">cqu.edu.au/stn</a> for more information |  |                     |                                     |                       |                          |
| <b>Electrotechnology</b>                    | UEE22025   | Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start)     | February            | GLT, MKY, ROK                       | 1                     | 4                        |
| <b>Engineering</b>                          | MEM20422   | Certificate II in Engineering Pathways                 | Multiple            | EMD, GLT, MKY, ROK                  | 1                     | 4                        |

All courses listed are nationally recognised.

<sup>1</sup> Intake is the time of year you can start a course.

<sup>2</sup> On-campus availability, shown in the above table by the relevant city abbreviations, means you can attend in-person learning such as lectures, tutorials and practical experiences at a CQUniversity campus.

**BDB** Bundaberg      **GLT** Gladstone      **ROK** Rockhampton  
**CNS** Cairns      **MKY** Mackay      **TSV** Townsville  
**EMD** Emerald

Online availability means studying primarily online, with support through campuses and study centres. Some courses may include residential schools or work placements.

Mixed Mode availability combines online learning with location-specific activities like residential schools or work-integrated learning.

<sup>3</sup> Duration is the minimum time in years required to complete a course.

<sup>4</sup> By completing a Start TAFE Now course you can receive credit (points) towards your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). The number listed here indicates the maximum QCE points that can be attained.

\* Work placement is required for this course.

Please visit [cqu.edu.au/stn](http://cqu.edu.au/stn) for more information.

# Apprenticeships and Traineeships

CQUniversity offers a variety of apprenticeship and traineeship courses, combining structured training with paid employment. These programs are available full time, part time, or through a school-based structure, allowing you to gain a trade or skill while earning a nationally accredited qualification. Traineeships typically take 1–2 years to complete on a full-time basis, while apprenticeships usually take 3–4 years full-time to complete and qualify as a tradesperson.

## SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIP OR TRAINEESHIP

Start your career before leaving school with a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SAT). Available to students in Years 10, 11, or 12, this option lets you combine work, study, and training while getting paid. Discuss with your school's VET Coordinator to understand how this fits with your timetable. It may contribute to your ATAR score and add credits to your QCE credits.

For more details, visit [cqu.edu.au/apprenticeships](http://cqu.edu.au/apprenticeships).

## WHO CAN UNDERTAKE A SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIP?

To undertake, students must:

- › be at least 15 years old and in Year 10, 11, or 12 at a registered Queensland high school
- › have school support and parental/guardian consent if under 18. Certain courses, like Electrotechnology, may have specific entry requirements. For more information, visit [qld.gov.au/education/apprenticeships](http://qld.gov.au/education/apprenticeships).

You may be eligible to receive funding for your school-based apprenticeship or traineeship. For more details, visit [cqu.edu.au/stn](http://cqu.edu.au/stn).

**‘Just jump in and do it. The more you learn the more you know, knowledge is powerful and that is what we are all doing here, growing and learning to make a change to ourselves and our community.’**

Taleisha Torney | Horticulture student



# How to apply

At CQUniversity, we're here to help you every step of the way. If you're interested in studying a Start TAFE Now course in 2027, explore your course options, confirm your eligibility, and simply follow the steps below to complete and submit your application.

## Step 1. Before you apply

Make sure you have:

- › your USI (Unique Student Identifier)
  - apply at [usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi](https://usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi)
- › your LUI (Learner Unique Identifier)
  - provided by your school
- › a signed Start TAFE Now Authorisation Form
  - download it from [cqu.edu.au/stn](https://cqu.edu.au/stn).

## Step 2. Submit your application

- › Visit your chosen course page via [cqu.edu.au/stn](https://cqu.edu.au/stn).
- › Click How to Apply and follow the steps.
- › Choose Start TAFE Now as your application type.
- › Click on the apply button at the bottom of the page.
- › Register to create an account, or log in using your existing CQU account details.
- › Once logged in choose your course location, then select your preferred start date.
- › Upload your signed Authorisation Form in step 3 of your online application (double check it's complete and accurate).
- › Make sure your parent/guardian and school contact details on the Authorisation Form match what you entered in your online application.

## › Step 3. Get ready to enrol

After applying, you'll receive a confirmation email with your next steps, including:

- › a link to complete the bksb assessment (a quick skills check)
- › any additional enrolment tasks specific to your course.

Your enrolment won't be finalised until all steps are completed. Regularly monitor the email address you supplied in your application.

## APPLICATION DATES

Each course has its own intake dates and deadlines. Visit [cqu.edu.au/stn](https://cqu.edu.au/stn) and scroll down to check key dates and get your application in early. Intake dates may not align with school term dates.

## QUESTIONS?

We're here to help. Email us at [stn@cqu.edu.au](mailto:stn@cqu.edu.au) or head to [cqu.edu.au/stn](https://cqu.edu.au/stn) to learn more about the Start TAFE Now program.

**'I have now been a school-based apprentice since March. I work every Tuesday, while still participating in the automotive program at CQU TAFE every Thursday and I love every minute of it.'**

Shaun Govaars | Automotive Vocational Preparation Student



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