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QTAC is confident that the ATAR designed by the Ministerial Taskforce provides a rigorous yet flexible measure for tertiary entrance in Queensland.

Whilst English is not a compulsory subject for inclusion in the ATAR, students will have to successfully complete an English subject to be eligible for an ATAR. This will ensure that all students receiving an ATAR have a thorough grounding in English because students must achieve a pass in English to be eligible for an ATAR.

Other than NSW and Victoria, no Australian state or territory requires the inclusion of English in the ATAR calculation. The Queensland ATAR will be accepted for entry by all Australian universities in recognition of its rigour and comparability with interstate ATARs.

It should be noted that the ATAR is a measure for tertiary entrance only. Many universities in Queensland require specific levels of attainment in English for entry to courses. As universities are experts in the research around predictors of tertiary success, the public can be assured that tertiary entry requirements are carefully considered and balanced to support participation whilst maintaining quality of education and learning outcomes.

QTAC will be proud to administer the ATAR on behalf of Queensland.

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