

ATAR



What is ATAR?

**Primary mechanism used nationally for tertiary admissions
Indicates a student's position relative to other students**

**2,000 point scale from 99.95 down to 0.00
ATARs less than 30.00 will be expressed as *"30 and below"***

**Will be calculated by QTAC for entry into courses in 2021
Will be the new standard pathway for Qld Year 12 students**

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ATAR

Calculated by QCAA

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Measure of a student's overall position compared to other students

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5 subjects (20 semester units)

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Subject scaling applied

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Common test (QCS)

No common test

English subject not mandatory

English subject mandatory

25 point scale

2,000 point scale

OP ineligible schedule

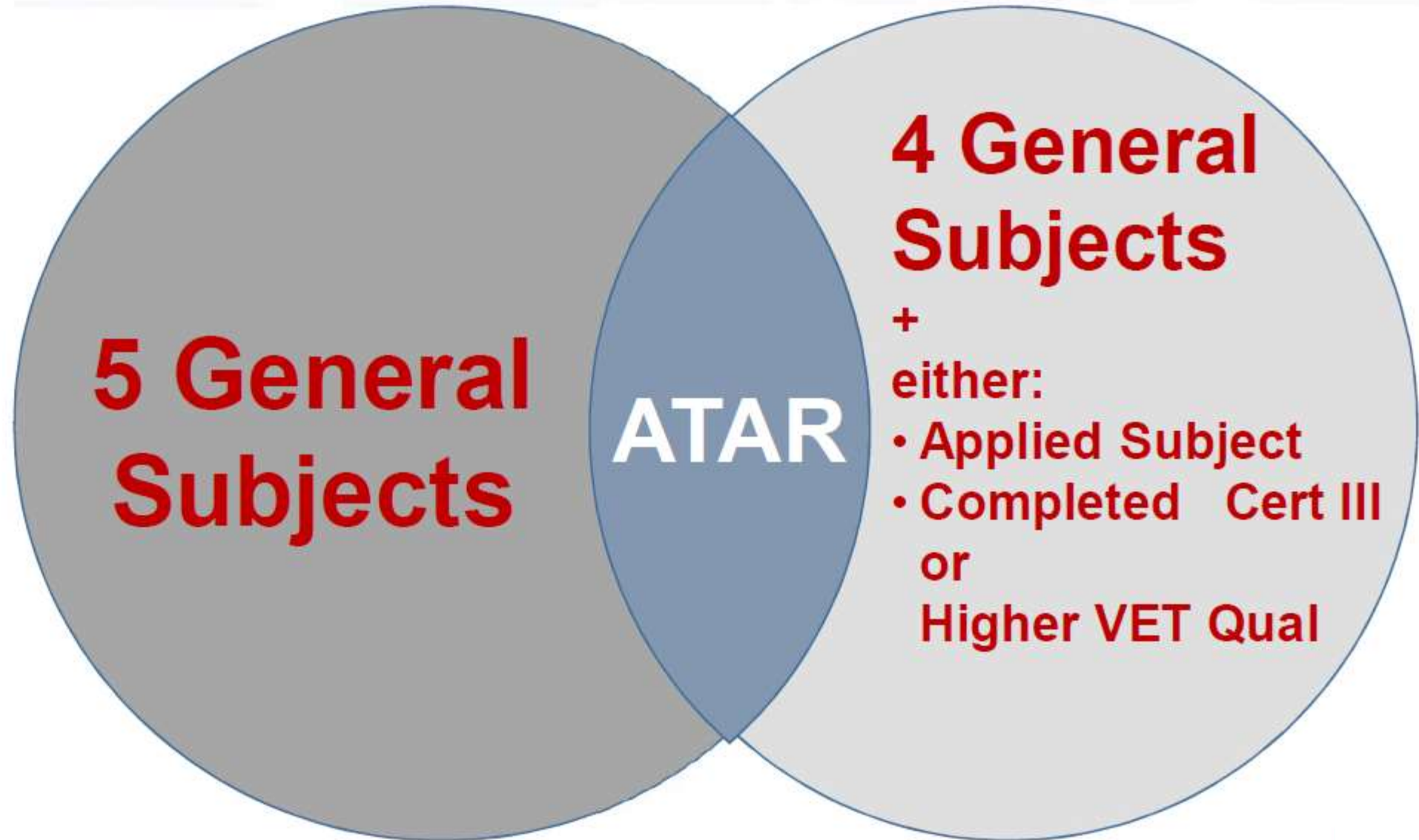
No ATAR ineligible schedule

Only used in Queensland

Used across Australia

ATAR Eligibility

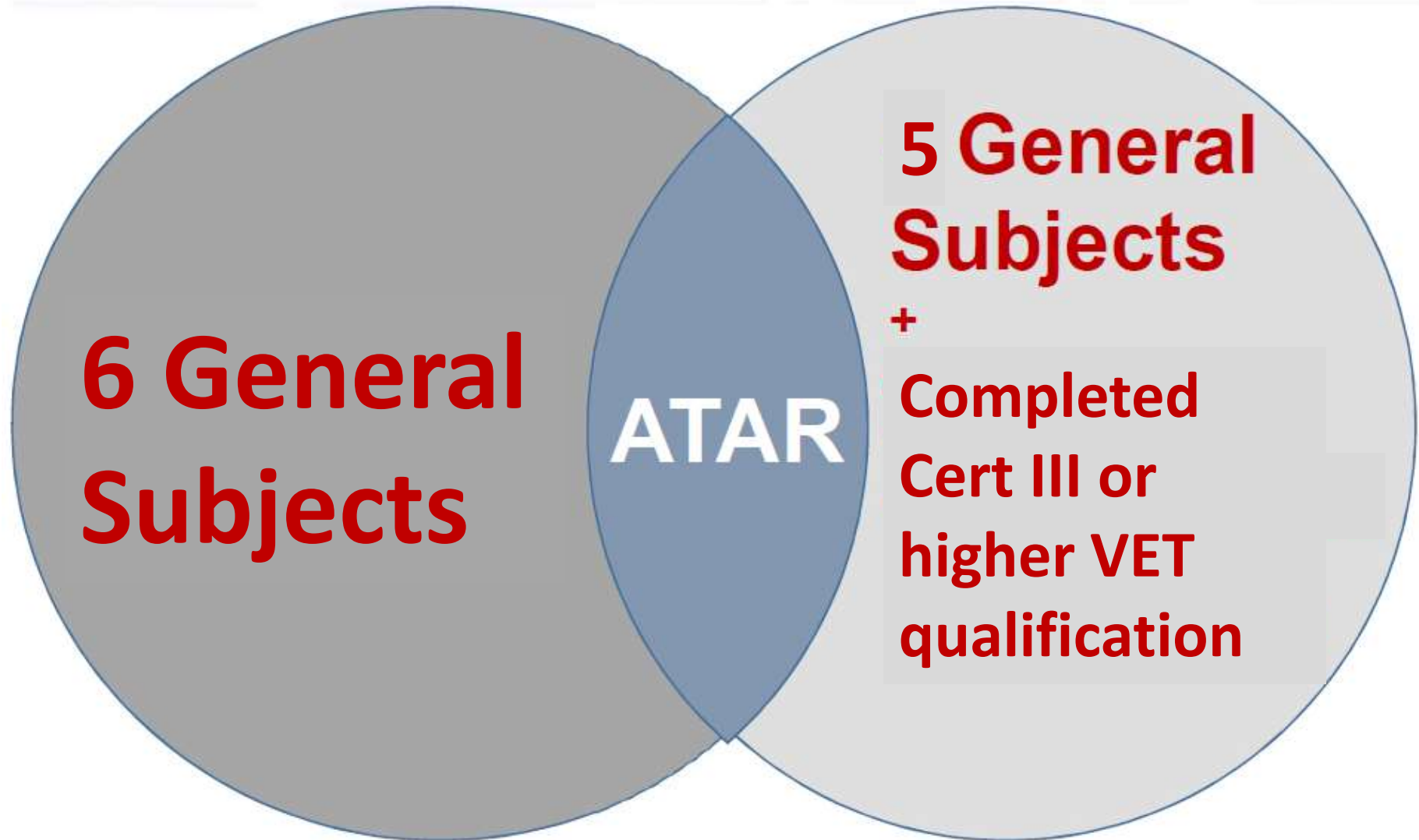
To calculate an ATAR the best 5 General subjects or the best 4 General subjects and an Applied subject or a completed Cert III or higher is used.



ATAR Eligibility – Academic Pathway

At AHSHS – students seeking an Academic pathway will undertake:

6 General subjects or 5 General subjects and a Certificate III.



Name Change Example

Prevocational
Maths



Essential Maths

Maths A



General Maths

Maths B



Mathematical Methods

Maths C



Specialist Maths

Examples of Study Patterns for ATAR



- English
- Mathematical Methods
- Specialist Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry



- Essential English
- Accounting
- Modern History
- Japanese
- Music



- English
- Dance
- Visual Art
- Study of Religion
- AQF Certificate III in Business

Examples of Study Patterns for ATAR



English
Mathematical Methods
Specialist Mathematics
Chemistry
Physics
Engineering

Academic
(ATAR) students
can choose a
Cert III (studied
at school) to
replace one of
their General
subjects

English
General Mathematics
Digital Solutions
Geography
Legal Studies
Visual Art



English
General Mathematics
Food and Nutrition
Drama
Psychology
Cert III Fitness

At AHSHS –
Students choose
English and either
General
Mathematics or
Mathematical
Methods + 4
additional general
subjects

English – Compulsory Subject

Students must successfully complete one of the following:

- English
 - English as an Additional Language
 - English & Literature Extension
 - Literature
 - Essential English
- *Successfully complete* = 'C' letter grade.
- No specific subjects are mandated inclusions in the ATAR.



Other Important Subject Changes

Semesters of Study



Units of Study

4 Semesters of Study



Units 1 & 2

+

Units 3 & 4

Units 1 & 2

- Formative units
- Provide feedback to students on their progress
- Between 2 and 4 assessments

Units 3 & 4

- Summative units
- Result to be based on
 - 3 Internal Assessments
 - +
 - 1 External Assessment

External Assessment

- Common to all schools
- Same time, same day
- Developed and marked by QCAA
- Conducted in term 4
- Assessing subject matter from units 3 and 4 only

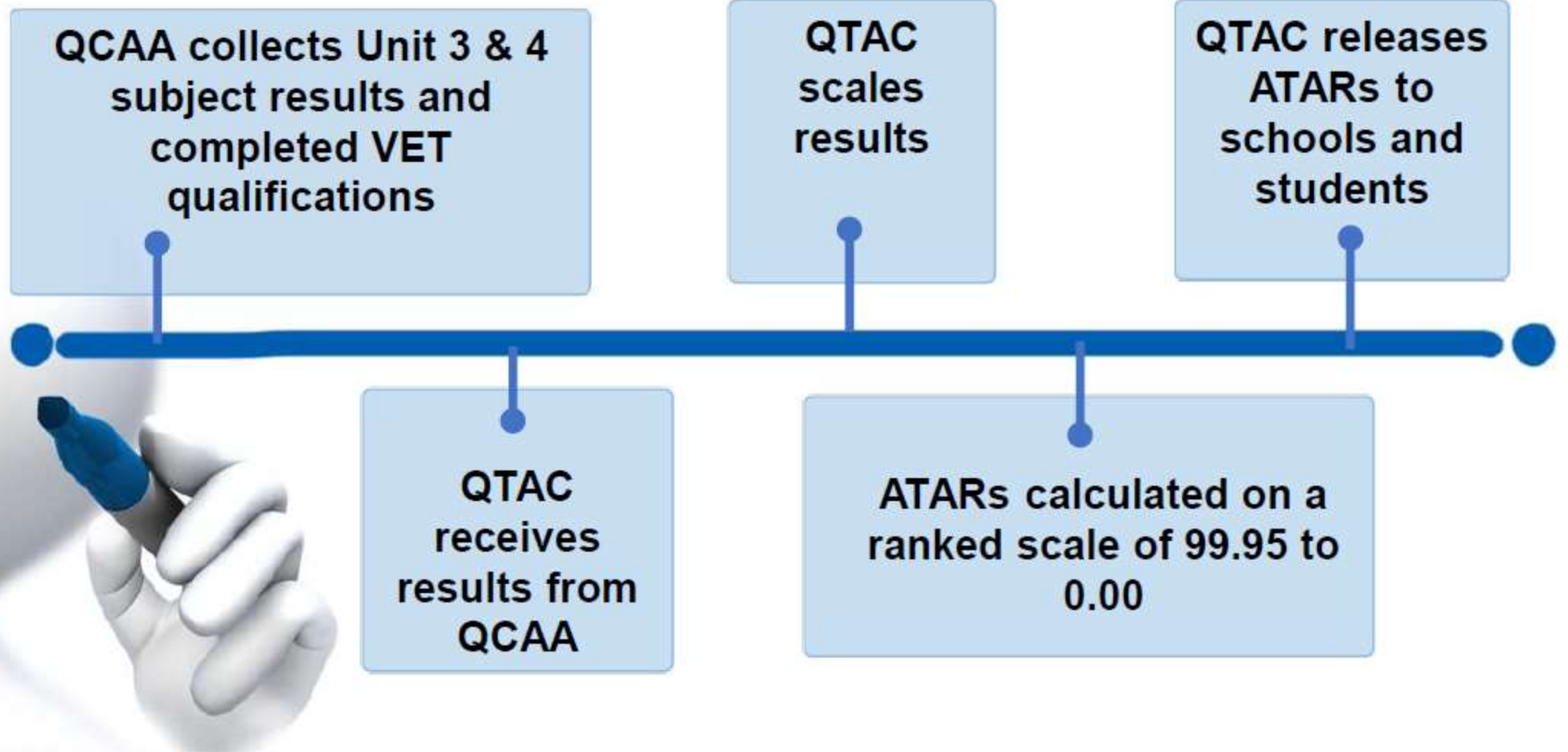


External Assessment

- Mathematics and Science subjects will have 50% external assessment
- All other General subjects, will have 25% external assessment
- Marking done by accredited QCAA markers around Queensland



Let's recap - Sequence of Events



Important

Students should continue to choose subjects

- they enjoy,
- that they are good at, and
- that are prerequisites for the courses they want to apply for

Based on historical outcomes, STEM subjects are expected to scale higher

