

Graduate Paramedic Program (GPP)

Frequently Asked Questions



THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Q: When does the campaign open?

A: Opening dates for the GPP recruitment campaign vary from year to year, however applications typically open towards the end of the year. Details of the campaign will be advertised through the universities, social media and information will be available on the [QAS website](#) as details are confirmed.

Q: What does the GPP recruitment application process entail?

A: When a campaign opens, applications can be submitted via the Recruitment page of the [QAS website](#). Eligible candidates may then be invited to complete a suite of online assessments, attend face-to-face assessments and may be required to complete follow-up interviews.

If successful through the initial assessment process, candidates are considered for future inductions and will be required to complete the final checks stage of the process (including traffic history, medical assessment and criminal history check) prior to being offered a position on the GPP. For more information on the recruitment stages, please refer to the [GPP Recruitment Information Guide](#).

Q: How do I know if I'm eligible to apply as a Graduate OR Qualified Paramedic?

A: The Graduate Paramedic Program is the most appropriate pathway for candidates who have **up to two years'** working experience, even if a graduate program has been completed.

The Qualified Paramedic Campaign is the most appropriate pathway for candidates who had **more than two years'** working experience, practising at a level equivalent to an Advanced Care Paramedic II (ACPII), within an emergency care setting.

Q: Do I need to have my manual driver licence before applying?

A: You must hold a Queensland Light Rigid Driver Licence or are able to obtain one **prior to appointment**. Candidates who do not currently hold a LR Licence, must have a minimum of a Queensland 'C' Class Driver Licence (for a manual motor vehicle) prior to the closing date for applications to be eligible to apply. An automatic driver licence or learner permit is not acceptable. Interstate and international applicants must hold an equivalent licence at the time of applying and will be expected to obtain a Queensland Driver Licence upon appointment. You must be competent and confident in driving a manual vehicle.

Q: What if I have not yet commenced my final clinical placement, therefore unable to provide recent/relevant referee details?

A: Please provide an appropriate lecturer's details, who is able to comment on your clinical skills and abilities, if you haven't completed your final placement.



Q: Do I need to have professional registration to apply for a position with the QAS?

A: Applications for the GPP will require proof of qualification and current registration under the National Scheme as determined by the Paramedicine Board of Australia. If you have not yet completed your qualification you must provide proof of registration to the QAS Recruitment team as soon as practicable following completion.

Please note to assist with timely processing post-graduation, Ahpra allows students to start the registration application process if the student is set to graduate within the next three months. For further information please review the [Graduate Applications](#) section of the Ahpra website.

Q: Do my location preferences affect employment opportunities?

A: Ambulance services across Queensland are coordinated through 8 Regions, divided into 17 Districts. For further information on the District boundaries and stations, please visit the [Employment Locations](#) available on the QAS website. Please carefully consider the locations you would be able to relocate to, or commute to from your current location.

Available locations may vary depending on operational requirements at the time of each induction. If a candidate's preferred locations are unavailable for an upcoming induction, the candidate will not be considered for that induction.

Compassionate circumstances will also be taken into consideration.

Q: What is the Patient Transport Officer (PTO) to Graduate Paramedic Pathway?

A: Depending on operational requirements, some candidates may be offered PTO work prior to commencing on the GPP. Offers to this pathway involve an initial placement period in the PTO role and then at the end of the specified period, the officer will transition to the GPP within their appointed District/Region. There will be the opportunity to select PTO as an alternative pathway at the time of application.

Q: What is the Emergency Call Handler (ECH) to Graduate Paramedic Pathway?

This is a tailored pathway within the Operations Centre environment designed to receive and triage emergency calls. Offers to this pathway involve an initial placement period in the ECH role within an Operations Centre and then at the end of the specified period, the officer will transition to the GPP within their appointed Region. There will be the opportunity to select ECH as an alternative pathway at the time of application.

Q: I have concerns about my criminal history / traffic history / medical conditions. Will this affect my application?

A: Having an unfavourable criminal history, traffic history or medical condition may not necessarily result in disqualification from the recruitment and selection process. We would encourage you to familiarise yourself with the medical standards, found on the [QAS website](#) prior to application. Where adverse information is gathered that affects the proposed selection outcome, you will be afforded natural justice and given the right to respond.

Q: I have previously applied for this position. Why do I need to reapply in the current campaign?

A: Each Graduate Paramedic campaign is an independent, competitive process which attracts a new candidate pool. Candidates are required to participate in the assessments for the current campaign in order to be considered.





FACE-TO-FACE ASSESSMENTS

Q: If I am unable to attend my face-to-face assessments, can I change my booking?

A: Once you have nominated your preferred date and have received a booking confirmation, you are expected to attend on that date unless extenuating circumstances prevent you from doing so. This will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Q: Where will the face-to-face assessments centre be held?

A: The majority of face-to-face assessments will be held in Brisbane. Further location details will be provided to candidates at the time of booking.

Q: How can I prepare for the assessment?

A: To prepare for the assessment:

- Listen to / read all recruitment and selection instructions carefully and thoroughly.
- Familiarise yourself with the [Role Description](#) and the [GPP Recruitment Information Guide](#).

Other specific instructions for how to prepare for the various stages of assessment will be provided to you at time of invitation to progress to each stage.

Q: What should I wear?

A: Candidates should wear clothing similar to the clothing you would wear in performing the paramedic role.

Q: When will I find out the outcome of my assessments?

A: At each stage of the process, the QAS Recruitment Team will notify you of your progress as soon as possible.



ACTIVE APPLICANTS

Q: How long does the recruitment process take?

A: Applications are progressed in line with QAS operational requirements and scheduled inductions. It is important to note that a candidate's availability date, location preferences, and the number and locations of vacancies per induction, are all taken into consideration when determining candidate progression.

Q: Do I need a Light Rigid Driver Licence prior to being offered a position?

A: Yes, a Light Rigid Driver Licence is a mandatory requirement for the Graduate Paramedic role.

Q: How can I change my details or update my application?

A: You will be provided with multiple opportunities throughout the campaign to make updates to your application.

Q: I haven't received communication for a while, is my application still open?

A: The Graduate Paramedic recruitment process continues to be the largest campaign managed by the QAS. The Recruitment Team will endeavour to provide regular application updates and will contact you should there be any changes to your application status, or if further information is required. We appreciate your understanding and patience throughout this process.

Q: When does my application expire?

A: Applications are typically considered twelve (12) months from the date applications closed or until a new campaign is launched, whichever is sooner. Candidates will be advised once a campaign closes and are able to reapply in a new campaign.





INDUCTION

Q: How much notice will I be given before commencing induction?

A: QAS Recruitment endeavour to contact successful candidates by phone up to 2-4 weeks prior to commencing induction. From time to time, we are required to put on emergent courses at short notice and may be unable to provide as much notice prior to commencement.

Q: I cannot make it to the first day of my induction course, who do I contact to advise?

A: If there are extenuating circumstances and you are unable to attend your first day of induction, you must contact QASEC. Contact information for QASEC will be provided following the acceptance of your offer of employment.

Q: I need to take day/days off during induction, is this OK?

A: Upon accepting an offer of employment, you are expected to commit to attendance for the entire program which includes the induction. Extenuating circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis and require prior approval.

Q: There is a public holiday during my state induction. Do I get a day off?

A: The QAS is a 24/7, 365 days a year public service. You will be rostered to work public holidays throughout your career, including during induction.



THE GPP

Q: How long is the GPP?

A: The GPP provides the supervision, development and support required for recent graduates to gain an independent authority to practice as an ACP officer within the QAS.

The GPP is designed to be delivered full-time over a twelve (12) month period with options for flexible delivery, which is determined by operational requirements at the time.

Q: Do I have a job once I finish the GPP?

A: Conditions of employment will be outlined within your letter of offer.

Q: When will I find out what station I have been allocated to?

A: If you progress to the final stage of the recruitment and selection process and have nominated a rural location preference, you may be advised of your station allocation at the time of your employment offer.

If you are appointed to the Sunshine Coast District, Metro North Region, Metro South Region or Gold Coast District, whilst you may have a station location for administrative purposes, you may be required to work anywhere within your appointed District or Region.

Q: What do on-call stations require?

Stations with an on-call component are detailed in the [Employment Locations](#) section on the QAS website. On-call stations require officers to live within a specified response time to the relevant station's operational coverage area. During the on-call period, an employee must be immediately available to respond.



Q: What are the type of shifts I could be working as a GPP?

A: Shifts can vary depending on the appointed location or station. Generally, shifts will alternate between day/night and some may be up to 12 hours in duration.

In some instances, you may be appointed to a specific roster that meets the operational demand of the service. Details of rostering arrangements will be outlined in the letter of offer.

Q: I am planning holidays within the next 12 months, does this matter?

A: The first 12 months of employment is the most critical for a Graduate Paramedic and can be a difficult time to access leave. It is vital to your progression through the GPP competencies that you make yourself available for the 12 month period. Special events (e.g. weddings) will be considered by the District with appropriate notice.

**GENERAL QUESTIONS****Q: Is there an age limit for employing candidates?**

A: The QAS supports Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and encourages applications from members of EEO target groups. As such, there are no age restrictions.

Q: Does the QAS offer sponsorship for visas?

A: At this time, the QAS does not sponsor or provide advice regarding Visas required to work in Australia. Please visit the [Department of Home Affairs website](#) for information related to working in Australia.

Q: Can I work for the QAS if I have tattoos?

A: Displaying of tattoos is acceptable, except when the tattoo depicts material of a nature which may be considered offensive (horror, crime, violence etc).

Q: Who can certify documents?

A: Please see the list of authorised certifiers on the last page of this document.

Q: My question isn't here.

A: If you didn't find the answer to your question, please email the QAS Recruitment Team at QAS.Recruitment@ambulance.qld.gov.au and they will provide further assistance.



WHO IS AUTHORISED BY QAS TO CERTIFY DOCUMENTS?

- Justice of the Peace (who must provide their registration number)
- Legal Professions - Solicitor, Lawyer, Barrister
- Court Positions - Bailiff, Judge, Magistrate, Registrar/Deputy Registrar, Clerk, Sheriff or Sheriff's Officer, Master of a Court, CEO of a Commonwealth Court, Commissioner for Affidavits or Commissioner for Declarations (dependent of jurisdictions)
- Health Professions - Doctor, Dentist, Paramedic, Pharmacist, Psychologist, Optometrist, Physiotherapist, Nurse
- Government Representative (elected) - Federal, State, Territory or Local
- Public Servants - Federal, State, Territory or Local (employed for 5 years or more)
- Police Officer
- Teacher (full time) at a school or tertiary education institution
- Student Services Officer of any Australian University
- Staff Member of an Australian Embassy or Consulate
- Veterinary Surgeon
- Accountant (member of ICA, ASA, NIA, CPA, ATMA or NTAA)
- Bank / Building Society / Credit Union / Finance Company Officer
- Minister of religion or marriage celebrant
- Member of the Australian Defence Force (an officer, a non-commissioned officer with 5+ years of continuous service, or a warrant officer)
- Officer within the official records department of the institution/organisation that originally issued the document

Please note that the certification must be in the following format if an official stamp is not used.

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Signature

Name

Profession AND registration number/ payroll number

