

# Pathways to Deakin

Domestic students



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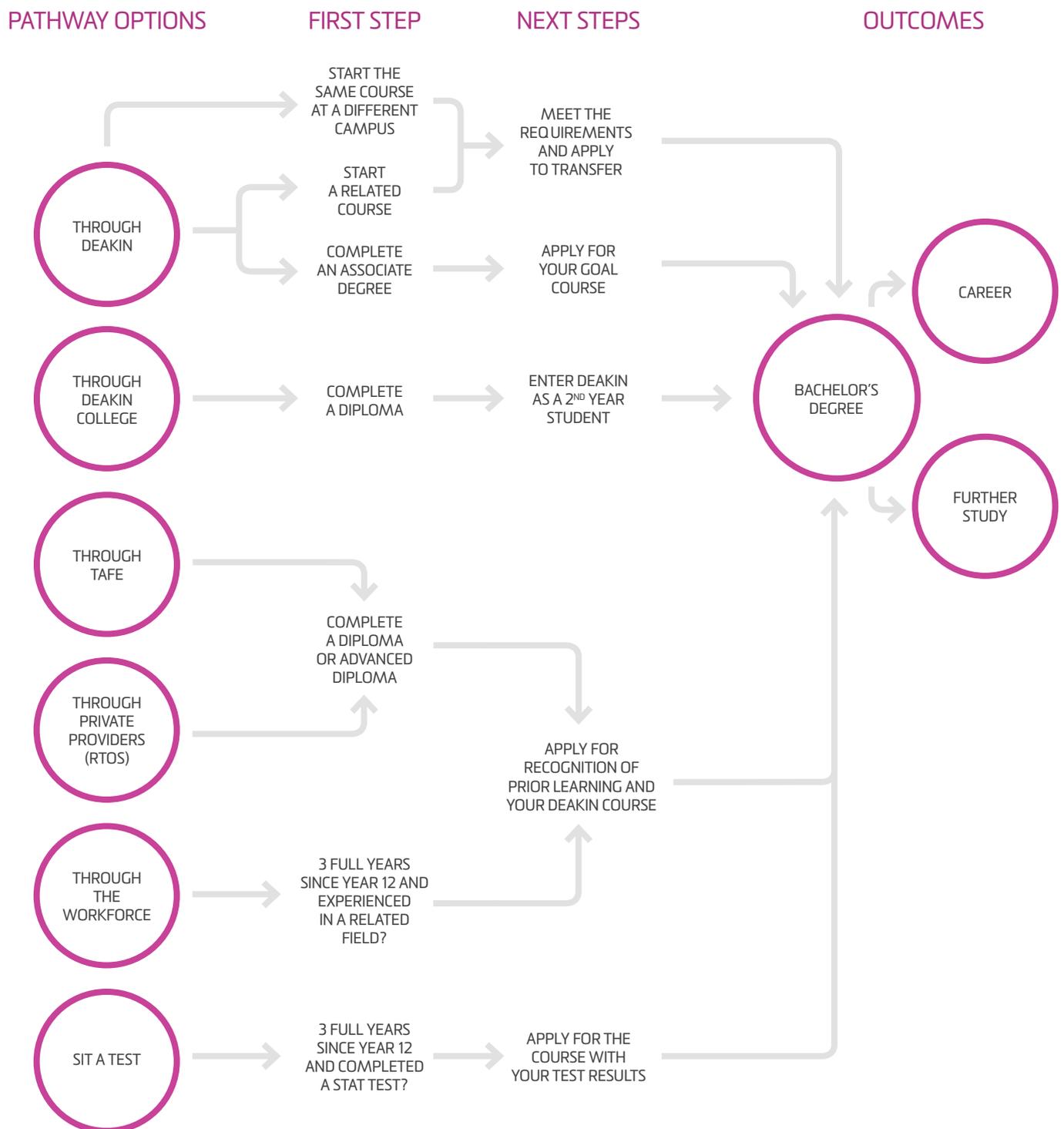
# Find your pathway to study at Deakin

There are many different ways you can get into an undergraduate course at Deakin. No matter your ATAR or education history, whether you're a school leaver or returning to study – we can help you find your pathway to Deakin.

## What are pathways?

Pathways are alternative entry options for getting into your dream course at Deakin. If you haven't quite met the requirements for entry, pathways to Deakin include TAFE courses and starting your course at a different campus.

Find a pathway that suits you, below.





# Choose a pathway through Deakin

Taking a pathway through Deakin means you get to start the Deakin experience sooner, beginning and completing your studies at the University.

## Transfer between campuses<sup>1</sup>

Start your course at a campus with a lower ATAR requirement, then transfer to your preferred campus at the next available intake. We offer many of our courses across our various campuses including online at our Cloud Campus.

## Transfer between courses<sup>1</sup>

Apply to study a course with similar subjects or majors, but a lower ATAR, and use this as a pathway into your ideal course.

## Complete an associate degree<sup>1</sup>

A Deakin associate degree in arts or education lets you study in a supported campus environment. It also gives you a direct, guaranteed pathway to an arts, criminology or primary education<sup>2</sup> bachelor's degree, offering up to 18 months' credit for selected courses in arts and education.

## Complete related units

If you want to test the waters and see what studying at Deakin is like, consider studying a single unit (or two). This unit can count towards a degree, and you'll get to satisfy your personal and professional interests. Check Deakin's pathway finder to see which units are recommended for your dream course.

- <sup>1</sup> Subject to availability and meeting academic requirements. Check with a Student Adviser to find out when transfers are available between courses and campuses.
- <sup>2</sup> Subject to completion of CASPer test.

## Try our Pathways Finder tool

Try our interactive Pathways Finder tool to explore your options and make your dream course a reality.

[deakin.edu.au/pathways-finder](https://deakin.edu.au/pathways-finder)

# Gain recognition of prior learning

You can apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL) for your previous study from Deakin College, TAFE or any education provider based in Australia or overseas.

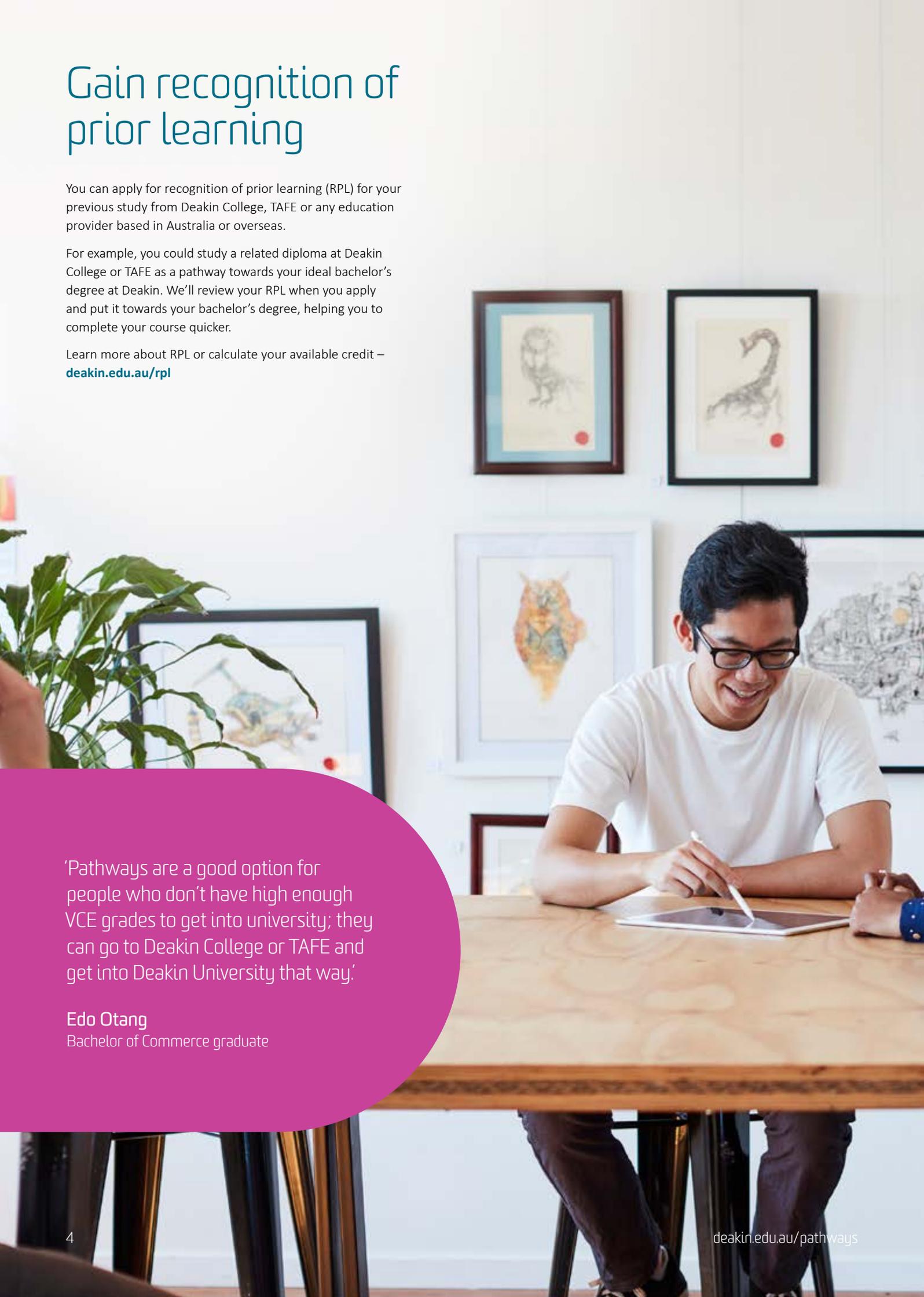
For example, you could study a related diploma at Deakin College or TAFE as a pathway towards your ideal bachelor's degree at Deakin. We'll review your RPL when you apply and put it towards your bachelor's degree, helping you to complete your course quicker.

Learn more about RPL or calculate your available credit – [deakin.edu.au/rpl](https://deakin.edu.au/rpl)

'Pathways are a good option for people who don't have high enough VCE grades to get into university; they can go to Deakin College or TAFE and get into Deakin University that way.'

**Edo Otang**

Bachelor of Commerce graduate



# Study at Deakin College

## A fast-track pathway into Deakin University

A Deakin College diploma offers a pathway to join Deakin University as a 2nd year student<sup>1</sup> in selected undergraduate degrees.

Classes are held at our Melbourne Burwood, Geelong Waterfront and Geelong Waurin Ponds campuses. You'll get to experience campus life straightaway and join the Deakin community.

Deakin College diplomas are linked to around 40 Deakin University bachelor's degrees. You can study diplomas in:

- business
- commerce
- communication
- construction management
- design
- film, television and motion capture
- computing
- engineering
- health sciences
- science.

Access the facilities and services Deakin has to offer, while enjoying small class sizes that give you closer support from your teachers.

See what's on offer at [deakincollege.edu.au](https://deakincollege.edu.au).

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# Study at TAFE

## A stepping stone to get into Deakin

Study a TAFE diploma or advanced diploma that you're passionate about and you might be eligible for recognition of prior learning, to help you get ahead with your Deakin degree.

## Guaranteed entry pathways

Deakin partners with the country's best TAFE institutions to offer a guaranteed entry program. Our partners across Victoria and NSW include:

- Bendigo TAFE
- Box Hill Institute
- Chisholm Institute
- Kangan Institute
- South West TAFE
- TAFE NSW
- The Gordon.

Be sure to meet the required standard and entry requirements, and you'll be offered a place at Deakin after completing your TAFE course.

Learn more about our TAFE Partners – [deakin.edu.au/TAFE](https://deakin.edu.au/TAFE)

Check what TAFE pathways could lead to your ideal course – [deakin.edu.au/pathways-finder](https://deakin.edu.au/pathways-finder)



# Pathways through the workforce

Deakin students come from all walks of life – not everyone goes straight to university after finishing high school. Your work experience or industry training could gain you entry to Deakin or credit towards a Deakin course. We look for experience that's significant and relevant in demonstrating your capability to complete your chosen bachelor's degree.

# Which path is for you?

Now that you understand the different pathways available, think about which one works best for you.

To help you decide, here's a list of questions to ask a pathway college:

- 1 What do I need to do to gain entry to the course I'm interested in?
- 2 How long is the course?
- 3 Will I get credit for this course for my Deakin degree?
- 4 Does this pathway course offer me a guaranteed place at Deakin?
- 5 How do I apply? Direct to the pathway college or via Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)?
- 6 Where is the course taught?
- 7 How often do I need to attend classes?
- 8 How much does the course cost?
- 9 Can I defer the fees?

## What you'll need to get in to Deakin

### Entry requirements, prerequisites and study scores

If you're a school leaver, it is a requirement that you have an ATAR of at least 50 before any adjustment factors are applied for consideration of entry to Deakin (for example – special entry access schemes, subject adjustments, regional and rural adjustments).

All Deakin courses (excluding associate degrees) have higher ATAR requirements than this so if your ATAR is below 50, you'll need to consider alternative pathways in to Deakin.

Similarly, if you're a VCE student and don't meet the subject prerequisites or minimum study scores published, please seek advice and consider your pathway options to study at Deakin.

Non-school leavers might also need to meet subject prerequisites, especially for disciplines like education. In this case, reach out to Deakin for advice and explore your pathway options.

### Tests and portfolio entry requirements

You may need to take a test for some courses in health, education and law. Check your preferred course's entry requirements to see if this applies to you.

If you'd like to pursue a specialist creative arts or communication degree, you'll need to submit a portfolio or audition.

The closing dates for these courses vary as we have both early and late-round entry dates. If you've missed the closing date, you have two options:

1. Apply at another intake. Your chosen course might offer a Trimester 2 intake – or you could wait a year to apply for Trimester 1 again.
2. Apply for the Bachelor of Arts or another course that doesn't require a test or portfolio and select the relevant major you're interested in. You can then apply to transfer to your preferred specialist degree after first year, subject to academic performance and availability.

Learn more about portfolio applications ([deakin.edu.au/cca-portfolios](https://deakin.edu.au/cca-portfolios)), the CASPer test for education courses ([deakin.edu.au/casper](https://deakin.edu.au/casper)) or the STAT ([stat.acer.org](https://stat.acer.org)).

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