

A Guide to QRC



Who are we?

Queenstown Resort College (QRC) offers internationally recognised Diplomas in Hospitality Management and Adventure Tourism Management. Students can pathway from their QRC Diploma to degree programmes, including the University of Otago Bachelor of Entrepreneurship, which will be delivered from QRC's campus from January 2027.

Our campus in central Queenstown allows students to fully immerse themselves within industry. We offer four diploma intakes per year (January, April, July and October), small class sizes, a unique blend of practical learning and business theory, industry immersion and a professional excellence system. Our focus is on ensuring students graduate with the confidence, skills and knowledge to succeed in management careers in tourism, hospitality and beyond.

Diploma in Hospitality Management

Level 6 | 21 Months

Students develop operational, business and leadership skills for hospitality management careers.

In the first six months students learn about tourism fundamentals, hospitality regulations, food and beverage management and an elective in wine or events. This prepares them for their nine month paid internship.

The final six months focuses on business management papers, including rooms division management, hospitality operations, cost control, marketing, law and HR management.

Diploma in Adventure Tourism Management

Level 6 | 21 Months

This diploma builds operational, business and leadership skills for tourism management careers.

In the first six months students learn about tourism operations, customer service management, event planning and gain their comprehensive first aid. This prepares them for their nine month paid internship.

The final six months focuses on business management papers including sustainable tourism development, consumer behaviour, destination management, economics and leadership.

University of Otago Bachelor of Entrepreneurship

18 Months

The University of Otago's Bachelor of Entrepreneurship will be delivered from QRC's campus from January 2027.

Designed for QRC Diploma Graduates, this 18-month programme offers students a seamless pathway to obtain a degree qualification while remaining connected to the dynamic tourism, hospitality and business environment Queenstown offers.



University
of Otago
OTĀKOU WHAKAIHU WAKA

Te Kura Pakihi
Otago Business School

Paid Internship Earn While you Learn



6 months
study



9 month
internship



6 months
study

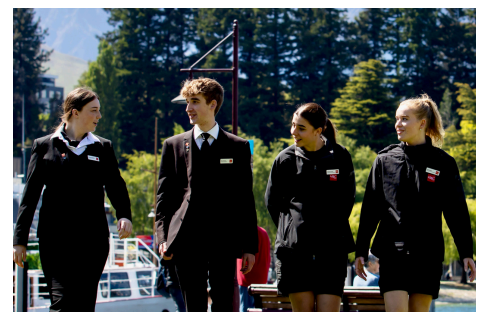
As part of our Adventure Tourism Management and Hospitality Management Diplomas, all students complete a 9-month paid internship. After 6 months of industry immersion study on campus, the internship role helps cement and challenge the students' knowledge and enables them to put theory into practice. Then it's back to QRC for a final 6 months of study before graduation.

We have internship partners across New Zealand and around the world. All are carefully chosen for the opportunities they provide and for their commitment in fostering the personal and professional development of our students.

Degree Pathways

QRC's course content aligns with first and second year degree standards, enabling QRC graduates to pathway onto degree programmes at:

- University of Otago
- International College of Management, Sydney
- César Ritz Colleges
- Thompson Rivers University



Student Accommodation

QRC provides guaranteed accommodation for students.

QRC Lodge (Fernhill)

QRC Lodge is our Halls of Residence that is home to our first year diploma students and is conveniently located 2.5km from our campus in central Queenstown. QRC Lodge offers a great student living environment, pastoral care and social events. Meals are prepared by our in-house chef and on-site managers are available 24/7.

Shotover Lodge (Arthurs Point)

Shotover Lodge accommodates students on their internship, second year students and degree students. Located in Arthurs Point, Shotover Lodge offers fully-furnished studio apartment style living.



QRC Lodge Halls of Residence



Shotover Lodge Halls of Residence

Experience QRC

Experience QRC is designed for year 13 students who are interested in studying at QRC.

Over 2 nights and 3 days, EQRC offers complete immersion into QRC life. We welcome students to Queenstown every April, July and October school holidays.

- Discover QRC's Diplomas
- Hear from current students
- Meet the Internship Team
- Learn about degree pathways
- Visit accommodation
- Campus tour
- Experience the destination, meet new friends and explore industry opportunities.

For more information about costs and how to apply, visit our website.

QRC National Scholarships

QRC awards four National Scholarships each year; two for the Hospitality Management Diploma and two for the Adventure Tourism Management Diploma.

The QRC National Scholarships are valued at \$6,000 and go towards a student's first year tuition fees.

Scholarships are based on merit, enthusiasm for the industry and personal excellence.

Applications open in July each year.

For more information, including eligibility criteria and how to apply, visit our website.

Entry Requirements

Level 6 Diplomas

Students must be at least 18 years of age at course commencement.

NCEA Level 2 including:

- 48 Level 2 (or higher) credits over four QRC approved subjects
- Literacy: 4 reading and 4 writing credits at Level 2 or above
- 10 Level 1 credits in Numeracy

Bachelor of Entrepreneurship

- Successfully completed a QRC Diploma in Hospitality Management or Adventure Tourism Management
- Enrolment within five years of completing a QRC Diploma

Info Nights

QRC hosts Info Nights every July and August across New Zealand. These events are designed for students who are considering studying at QRC. Parents are welcome to attend Info Nights.

Info Nights cover:

- QRC Diplomas
- Internship opportunities
- Degree pathways
- Accommodation
- Q&A session

Contact Us

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