

QIBT has renamed as Griffith College! What you need to know...

The longstanding and successful partnership between Navitas and Griffith University is further strengthened by the renaming of QIBT as Griffith College this December.

Since 1997 we have successfully collaborated with Griffith University to provide pathway courses for more than 13,700 students, preparing them well for entry to the University on both the Brisbane and Gold Coast campuses.

Our renaming as Griffith College will provide an improved pathway proposition by more closely aligning our student experience with Griffith and offering a more seamless transition into the University.

Griffith College will continue to be available to all domestic and international students, offering a range of courses such as business, commerce, science, criminology, engineering, design, health sciences, hotel management, information technology, media and communications.

More details on this important development are provided as Frequently Asked Questions below.

Frequently Asked Questions

General

Q: Why is QIBT changing its name?

A: For over 17 years QIBT has been an important education partner for Griffith University, offering students, unable to gain direct entry, with an alternative pathway to degree studies, often with advanced standing (into second year of the degree).

Underpinning the QIBT student experience is a close association with the University including on-campus program delivery with access to many services and facilities. QIBT's renaming to Griffith College signifies a deeper partnership which more closely aligns student identity and experience with Griffith University. This important development broadens the potential for new pathways and greater opportunities for students to aspire to and access degree studies.

Griffith College will continue to be available to all eligible domestic and international students, offering a range of courses such as business, commerce, science, criminology, engineering, design, health sciences, hotel management, information technology, media and communications.

Q: When will the new name take effect?

A: QIBT's renaming as Griffith College will come into effect on 30 November 2015, the day of the official renaming ceremony; though you may notice some materials and communications starting to change in the lead up to 30 November.

Q: Will the name change include other changes, such as to programs or progression to Griffith University?

A: No, the name change will not immediately cause any changes to programs or progression. It does signify a closer working relationship with the University and we will increase our collaboration on developing new pathways and a more integrated student experience. Over time, as we launch new initiatives and opportunities we will keep all our students and partners informed.

Q: What is the scope of the QIBT name change?

A: The QIBT name change is only a change in trading name to Griffith College. It is not the creation of a new legal entity and does not change the college's accreditation or CRICOS code. All QIBT's current contracts and partnerships will not change and will not require renewing. QIBT, under its new trading name, also continues to be part of the Navitas group.

Q: Who can I contact if I have more questions about the QIBT name change to Griffith College?

A: You can contact us through our existing enquiry channels and we will direct your enquiry

<https://www.qibt.qld.edu.au/contact-us>

For current students

Q: Will I still need my QIBT Student ID, or just my S number?

A: You will still need both. Your QIBT Student ID will remain the same but we will call it your Griffith College ID.

Q: Do I need to get a new student ID card?

A: Continue using your QIBT ID cards until it expires. Expired cards will be replaced with a Griffith College card at no cost. If you lose your QIBT Student ID card or want to change it to Griffith College, this will incur a \$15 fee. You will be able to travel on a Student 'Go Card' with your QIBT or Griffith College Student ID as long as it is valid and FULL-TIME. Contact Reception if you have issues with Translink in regards to your Go Card.

Q: As an international student I have overseas student health cover. Will the name change affect this?

A: No your overseas student health cover will not be affected. QIBT will inform health cover providers of our name change.

Q: Will student and staff emails change?

A: Yes but not until late November. We will make necessary arrangements to ensure emails sent to your old address are forwarded to your new one. When we have a confirmed email transition plan we will inform you.

Q: Will there be any changes to my program, enrolment or class timetable?

A: No, your program, including credit value, enrolment and class timetable will not change.

Q: Will there be any change or new requirements for my progression from Diploma to Degree?

A: No, the conditions for your progression to degree studies at Griffith University remain the same.

Q: Will there be any changes to miscellaneous study? (For example: eligible students taking one course at Griffith College and two courses at Griffith University in the same semester)

A: No, students eligible to undertake these study arrangements can continue to do so (see College Policy Library <http://policy.qibt.qld.edu.au/>)

Q: Will the programs on offer at Griffith College be different to QIBT?

A: No– but we are always developing pathways into a broader array of study areas at Griffith University and will update you as these are approved.

Q: Will my access to Griffith University services, facilities and associations change?

A: No, these will not change immediately. However we are always working to improve your campus experience and will keep you informed of any changes.

For potential applicants, applicants and commencing students

Q: Somebody came to our school and talked about the QIBT / Griffith benefits. Will all this remain the same for Griffith College?

A: Absolutely – all the benefits of studying with QIBT will continue!

Q: If I submitted an application directly to the College for October 2015 do I need to make any changes?

A: No, our Admissions team will continue to process your application and you will receive communications from us which use our QIBT name. If you start studying with us in October then you will be a current student when we transition to our new name. See the FAQs for current students below <<link to current students section anchor>>.

Q: If I've submitted or intend to submit an application for 2016 directly to the College do I need to re-apply after the name change?

A: No – we will continue to process your application. There is no need to reapply. We will continue to issue offer letters using our QIBT name until 30 November 2015. All your current applications, offers, acceptances and other communication with QIBT will remain valid even after our name change. From 30 November any person with an existing application will start to receive communications where we use our new name, Griffith College.

Q: As an international student will I need to get an updated Confirmation of Enrolment (COE) and inform DIBP (Immigration) or re-apply for my visa?

A: No your existing COE remains valid and DIBP knows of the QIBT name change. Your current visa will remain valid.

Q: As a student/applicant aged under 18 do I need to re-do all forms/paperwork (such as CAAW) for compliance reasons?

A: No. Your CAAW paperwork will remain valid using the QIBT name.

Q: I nominated QIBT as one of my preferences on my QTAC application. Will my QIBT application still be considered or do I have to re-submit a QTAC application?

A: No – you will not need to take any action with QTAC. QIBT will take care of the associated administration directly with QTAC.