




2024 Functional Areas and Construction Costs

Including:

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Functional Areas and Construction Costs

Construction Rates for Functional Areas

The QIS BGA functional areas are developed to reflect the educational facilities needs of Queensland independent schools as they support student engagement with the Australian Curriculum Prep to Year 10 Learning Areas, i.e., English, Mathematics, Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, Technologies, Health and Physical Education, The Arts, Languages and Work Studies, as well as the Queensland senior syllabus documents and other recognised studies.

METHODOLOGY FOR CONSTRUCTION RATES DETERMINATION

The construction rates for each functional area are reviewed and adjusted to reflect movements in the Building Price Index (BPI) prior to the commencement of each annual funding round, and are:

- representative of the costs to build 18 months forward of the funding round, allowing time for the application year to be processed and the expected timeframe for the commencement of approved projects.
- shown as square metre rates (m²) for each functional area, and
- determined through consultation with a Quantity Surveyor experienced in the design and delivery of education facilities within the Queensland construction market.

For the purposes of entering a proposed project's construction costs to the application template (Section 1.10), Approved Authorities/schools should refer to the descriptions, floor areas and construction rates for each of the functional areas. Alternatively, a more conservative construction cost (per m²) for an area may be indicated within the application template, as required. **Appendix 2** provides for cost items included in the construction rate for the relevant functional area. **Appendix 3** overviews the furniture, equipment and sundry allowances that may be included in the grant request as part of the total proposed project cost.

The construction rates are shown at the 100% (Brisbane locality) rate. **Appendix 4** provides the locality allowances for regional and remote areas which will be applied automatically via the application template.

In the context of the assessment of applications for capital assistance, floor areas and the corresponding construction rates are used by the BGA Secretariat and members of the QIS BGA Education/Buildings Capital Advisory Committee to analyse and evaluate the eligible costs of a new construction project. Further advice on projects involving refurbishment, conversion or upgrade of existing facilities can be accessed via *Learning Places and Spaces* and the application help notes.

THE FOLLOWING NOTES SHOULD BE READ PRIOR TO USE OF THE RATES PROVIDED:

- NOTE 1-** Rates provided are typically based on an education standard building, reflective of the environment in which the school is sited.
- NOTE 2-** Rates exclude site specific costs such as bored piers, increased structural requirements for reactive soils, etc.
- NOTE 3-** An allowance for air-conditioning has been included within the construction rates unless advice is otherwise provided in the functional area descriptors.
- NOTE 4-** Additional costs to construct the proposed project, such as local authority fees, professional fees, special services etc will be provided via further sections of the application template.





2024 Functional Areas and Construction Rates

*Rates per m² are ex GST

FUNCTIONAL AREAS	Area (up to m ²)	*Rate (\$ per m ²)
EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES		
ADMINISTRATION		
<p>Reception/foyer, school management offices, business/finance and clerical support offices, board/meeting rooms, main/central staffroom, staff amenities, kitchen storage/joinery, work areas, secure and unsecure storage, sickbay, site server room, internal travel and other areas deemed necessary for the operation of the school. Finishes and fixtures of appropriate quality.</p> <p>Typical use: dedicated administration building.</p>		
PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED	Refer Appendix 1	4,760
<u>Associated Areas</u>		
External Staff Room (Decentralised)	Various	5,080
AMENITIES		
<p>Includes toilets, urinals, showers, sinks, and cleaner rooms, also PWD and ambulant facilities, as per the Building Code of Australia (BCA). Incorporates circulation allowance for inclusion of open space in support of supervision/line of sight/student safety.</p>		
PREP, PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED	As required	6,180
APPLIED TECHNOLOGIES		
<p>Higher density cabling for electrical and communications purposes resulting in a high heat load, requiring provision of air-conditioning. Areas may be distributed site-wide, as required. Due to the specialist nature of the space, the rate should not be utilised when costing a learning area fitted out for general computer usage. Excludes wi-fi service.</p> <p>Typical use: server room, communications space.</p>		
PREP, PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED	As required	5,750
<u>Associated Areas</u>		
– IT Administration	80	4,760
– Storeroom (Resource store, includes air-conditioning)	10	3,240
DANCE		
<p>Acoustic treatment, appropriate floor treatment and additional services.</p>		
SECONDARY	100	4,370
<u>Associated Areas</u>		
– Storeroom (Resource store, excludes air-conditioning)	10	2,890





FUNCTIONAL AREAS	Area (up to m ²)	*Rate (\$ per m ²)
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DESIGN and TECHNOLOGIES KITCHEN

Basic kitchen facilities, storage/joinery. Cost per m² excludes air-conditioning.

Typical use: produce and serve products, such as food and beverages.

SECONDARY	100	4,930
<u>Associated Areas</u>		
– Laundry (excludes air-conditioning)	10	5,380
– Storeroom (Dry stores, excludes air-conditioning)	30	4,580

DESIGN and TECHNOLOGIES WORKSHOP

Workshop areas, materials storage/racking space and associated joinery of an appropriate scale. Cost per m² excludes air-conditioning.

Costs for inclusions, such as extraction systems, should be listed via further sections of the application.

SECONDARY	100	3,910
<u>Associated Areas</u>		
– Materials Preparation Area (excludes air-conditioning)	50	3,560
– Storeroom (Resource store, excludes air-conditioning)	50	2,890
– External Covered Work Area (excludes air-conditioning)	100	1,470

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES LABORATORY

Provision for increased technology capability in an adaptable workspace, including storage/joinery.

Typical uses: robotics lab, maker space, e-sport space, design tasks.

SECONDARY	90	3,910
<u>Associated Areas</u>		
– Storeroom (Resource store, includes air-conditioning)	20	3,120

DRAMA

Acoustic treatment, appropriate floor treatment and additional services.

SECONDARY	100	4,370
<u>Associated Areas</u>		
– Storeroom (Resource store, excludes air-conditioning)	20	2,890

ENGINEERING

Plant rooms in relation to e.g., switchboard, air conditioning, maintenance facilities.

Typical uses: dedicated plant room, grounds/maintenance staff work area, tractor/machinery shed.

Plant Room	As required	2,220
Maintenance Facilities	30	2,530





FUNCTIONAL AREAS	Area (up to m ²)	*Rate (\$ per m ²)
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FLEXIBLE LEARNING AREA (FLA)

Teaching space supporting both general and specialist learning including storage/joinery within, such as basic benches and cupboards. Also, further storage/joinery such as equipment or utensils store, according to the type of learning to be associated with the space. Includes wet areas (sink/sink bench).

Costs for inclusions, such as operable walls, should be listed via further sections of the application.

Typical use: art and other making activities, simple food preparation, science.

PREP, PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED	100	4,040
<u>Associated Areas</u>		
– GLA/FLA Storeroom (Resource store, excludes air-conditioning)	10	2,890
– Outdoor Covered Area (COLA) (in close proximity to FLA)	40	1,950

GENERAL LEARNING AREA (GLA)

General teaching space including storage/joinery within, such as basic benches and cupboards.

Costs for inclusions, such as operable walls, should be listed via further sections of the application.

Typical Use: general purpose learning space.

PREP	100	3,850
<u>Associated Areas</u>		
– Teacher Work Area	10	3,730
– Withdrawal	10	2,990
– GLA/FLA Storeroom (Resource store, excludes air-conditioning)	10	2,890
– Outdoor Covered Area (COLA) (in close proximity to PREP GLA)	40	1,950
PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED	85	3,730
<u>Associated Areas</u>		
– Withdrawal	10	2,990
– Storeroom (Resource store, excludes air-conditioning)	10	2,890
– Outdoor Covered Area (COLA) (in close proximity to GLA)	40	1,950

GYM

Basic enclosed gym, equipment storage, floor treatment, lights within.

Typical uses: fitness/sports science activities, weights room, conditioning centre.

PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED	85	3,970
<u>Associated Areas</u>		
– Change Facilities	As required	5,940
– Storeroom (Resource store, excludes air-conditioning)	20	2,890





FUNCTIONAL AREAS	Area (up to m ²)	*Rate (\$ per m ²)
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HALL, MULTIPURPOSE

Large, covered area, high volume, open span structure, not fully enclosed e.g., half walls with mesh infill, hardstand floors, basic painted floor e.g., court line markings. Natural ventilation or fans. Cost per m² excludes air-conditioning.

Costs for inclusions, such as retractable seating, should be listed via further sections of the application.

Typical uses: court sports, assemblies.

PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED	Refer Appendix 1	3,790
Associated Areas		
– Change Facilities	As required	5,940
– Storeroom (Resource store, excludes air-conditioning)	50	2,890

HALL, PERFORMANCE

Fully enclosed, higher standard of finishes e.g. acoustic treatments and lighting, permanent seating, inclusions such as stage, light bars, curtaining. Cost per m² excludes amenities.

Costs for inclusions, such as sprung floors or retractable seating, should be listed via further sections of the application.

Typical uses: school community events such as awards evenings, music performances, drama productions, court sports.

PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED	Various	4,210
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HOSPITALITY PRACTICES KITCHEN

Higher density of building services and extraction system, storage/joinery. Learning space designed for industry relevant fit out.

SECONDARY	120	5,680
Associated Areas		
– Laundry (excludes air-conditioning)	10	5,380
– Storeroom (Dry stores, excludes air-conditioning)	40	4,580
– Cold Room	10	5,770

LEARNING COMMONS

Large, collaborative learning space/s associated with a series of GLAs/FLAs. Internal travel spaces contributing to configuration of open plan learning. Potential exists for withdrawal spaces to be redistributed to contribute to the shared learning area.

Typical use: breakout space providing options for small and large group work, across a class, classes or year levels.

PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED	Various	3,370
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LEARNING SUPPORT AREA

Teaching space with storage/joinery within, such as basic benches and cupboards, as well as further storage/joinery to accommodate specialist learning resources etc.

Typical uses: learning enrichment, learning support.

PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED	Refer Appendix 1	4,040
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FUNCTIONAL AREAS	Area (up to m ²)	*Rate (\$ per m ²)
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LIBRARY/RESOURCE CENTRE/SENIOR STUDY CENTRE

Reading spaces, individual study areas, collaborative workspaces, satellite libraries, staff work rooms (other than staffrooms), circulation spaces, storage/joinery.

Cost per m² excludes any server room or other areas reliant on higher density cabling for electrical and communications purposes.

PRIMARY	Refer Appendix 1	3,890
SECONDARY and COMBINED	Refer Appendix 1	4,500
SENIOR STUDY CENTRE	Refer Appendix 1	4,500
<u>Associated Areas</u>		
– Storeroom (Resource store, includes air-conditioning)	20	3,120
– IT Equipment Storeroom (Resource store, includes air-conditioning)	10	3,240

MEDIA ARTS

Acoustic treatments and additional services, recording studio, green rooms, sound booths.

SECONDARY	100	4,940
<u>Associated Areas</u>		
– Storeroom (Resource store, includes air-conditioning)	10	3,120

MUSIC

Higher level acoustic treatments and additional services, sound booth.

PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED	100	4,830
<u>Associated Areas</u>		
– Music Practice Room	Various	4,830
– Storeroom (Resource store, ventilated)	30	3,120

OUTDOOR COVERED AREA

Attached or detached (in close proximity to other serviced structure), light framed structure, on ground, paving, open aired, incorporating lighting.

Possibly associated with a low stage for assembly/performance purposes or block wall for ball sports.

Typical uses: shade structure for outdoor gatherings or lunch area and/or small external games area.

PREP, PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED	Refer Appendix 1	1,950
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*NOTE- For a covered area for outdoor learning activities or break out space (COLA), refer to *General Learning Area* and/or *Flexible Learning Area* Associated Areas.





FUNCTIONAL AREAS	Area (up to m ²)	*Rate (\$ per m ²)
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SCIENCE LABORATORY

Laboratories, preparation rooms (high service costs), storage/joinery (lab equipment and chemicals). Basic building also reflects adjusted materials.

Costs for inclusions, such as fume cupboards, should be listed via further sections of the application.

Costs for Agricultural Science Sheds which include learning spaces will be provided via evidence submitted as additional supporting documentation to the application, e.g., Quantity Surveyor costing or similar.

SECONDARY	100	5,210
<u>Associated Areas</u>		
– Science Preparation Room	20	5,210
– Storeroom (Resource store, ventilated)	10	3,120
– Student Experiment Space (ventilated)	35	3,120
– Agricultural Science Equipment Shed (Proprietary shed to be assembled, minimal fit out, excludes air-conditioning)	40	2,180

SENIOR TECHNOLOGIES WORKSHOP

Workshop areas, machine bays, spraying bays, wash areas, materials storage/racking space and associated joinery. Learning space designed for industry relevant fit out. Cost per m² excludes air-conditioning.

Costs for inclusions, such as extraction systems, should be listed via further sections of the application.

Typical uses: Delivery of VET or senior syllabi such as Building and Construction Skills, Engineering, Engineering Skills, Furnishing Skills etc.

SECONDARY	120	3,910
<u>Associated Areas</u>		
– Materials Prep Area	50	3,560
– Storeroom (Resource store, excludes air-conditioning)	50	2,890
– External Covered Work Area	100	1,470

TRAVEL, ENCLOSED AND STAIRWELLS

Enclosed pedestrian travel, such as stairwells, corridors and hallways.

PREP, PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED	Various	4,580
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TRAVEL, LINK

Detached structure, basic frame, roof, simple lighting, ground slab as covered pedestrian walkway between buildings.

PREP, PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED	Various	1,070
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TRAVEL, UNENCLOSED

Attached structure, basic frame, roof, simple lighting, light ground pavement as pedestrian walkway between buildings.

*Excludes uncovered paths (refer Appendix 2, Sundry Allowances-Landscaping)

PREP, PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED	Various	1,300
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FUNCTIONAL AREAS	Area (up to m²)	*Rate (\$ per m²)
TRAVEL, VERANDAH		
1 st and/or 2 nd floor, one side length of building, up to 3m wide. Attached structure, basic frame, roof, simple lighting, light ground pavement.		
PREP, PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED	Various	1,070
TUCKSHOP		
Service areas such as service counter, roller doors, sink, storage/joinery. Food preparation areas such as benches. High intensity of building services and security.		
PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED	20	7,110
Associated Areas:		
– Storeroom (Dry store, excludes air-conditioning)	40	4,580
– Cold Room	10	5,770
– Book Hire Facility	40	4,530
– Uniform Store	40	4,530
UNDERCROFT		
Basic structure to building works above, basic lighting and minimal walls.		
PREP, PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED	Various	1,830
VISUAL ARTS		
Wet areas, display areas, storage/joinery.		
SECONDARY	110	4,010
Associated Areas		
– Storeroom (Resource store, excludes air-conditioning)	30	2,890
– External Covered Work Area	40	1,470
BOARDING FACILITIES		
A floor area indicator of 24m ² per boarding student is utilised, in relation to the combination of typical student-focused facilities associated with the operation of a boarding facility, i.e., study/sleep, amenities, recreation/common areas and circulation.		
Costs and areas associated with any other boarding service areas, including those requiring commercial quality fittings, such as kitchens, laundries, etc. will be assessed outside of the 24m ² per student floor area indicator.		
STUDENT ACCOMMODATION		
ACCOMMODATION with SHARED ENSUITES	Various	4,140
Basic framed structure, shared ensuite between multiple accommodation spaces (one, two or four beds sharing same service corridor). Higher density amenities.		
ACCOMMODATION with ENSUITES	Various	4,380
Basic framed structure with dedicated ensuite servicing single accommodation space.		





FUNCTIONAL AREAS	Area (up to m²)	*Rate (\$ per m²)
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SHARED FACILTIES		
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Dining room, kitchen, sick bay and ancillary support services, recreation/common room.	Various	5,940
<u>Associated Areas</u>		
– Internal circulation	Various	2,640

SUPERVISORS ACCOMMODATION		
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Supervisor’s units (on site) will be assessed outside of the 24m² per student floor area indicator.
Basic framed structure, with dedicated ensuite, kitchenette, area for single bed.

STUDIO TYPE UNIT	45	4,180
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DISTANCE EDUCATION FACILITIES		
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The construction and renovation of facilities to service Australian distance education students are eligible for consideration under the Australian Government Capital Grants Program. Queensland Government State Capital Assistance Scheme grants will apply to the confirmed number of Queensland student enrolments only.

To service 250 students, as a baseline number, the following areas are deemed reasonable to enable a distance education facility to operate efficiently. Pro-rata increases for greater enrolments, in spaces such as teacher work areas. are appropriate.

Teacher work area (per teacher)	6	4,760
Recording or video-conferencing room	10	4,940
Mail room and bench space	20	4,760
Photocopy room	8	2,640
Interview room	15	2,640
Reception and staff workspace (2 staff)	18	4,760
Staffroom (including kitchen)	50	4,760
Resource store and staff resources	50	3,120
Head teacher office	14	4,760
Staff amenities	20	4,760
Travel	30	2,880





Appendix 1- Enrolment Based Functional Area Indicators

ADMINISTRATION

PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED

A general indicator value for Administration areas for medium to large schools of approximately 1m² per student is applied. Recognition is given to small (or new/developing) schools where a minimum provision is required.

Enrolments	Area (up to m ²)
Up to 150	250
151 to 250	320
251 to 350	380
Greater than 351	380m ² plus 1m ² per student in excess 350

HALL, MULTIPURPOSE

PRIMARY

Enrolments	Area (up to m ²)
Up to 300	Half netball court of 391m ²
Greater than 301	Full netball court of 781m ²

SECONDARY and COMBINED

Primary and secondary enrolments should be counted together. Different considerations may apply where a P–12 school is not on one campus, i.e., primary and secondary sites are geographically separated.

Enrolments	Area (up to m ²)
Up to 500	Full netball court (781m ²)
Greater than 501	Double netball court (1,562m ²)

LEARNING SUPPORT AREA

PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED

Learning support spaces may be in a single location or dispersed across the site.

Enrolments	Area (up to m ²)
Up to 699	75-85
700 to 1,049	150-170
Greater than 1,050	225-255





LIBRARY/RESOURCE CENTRE/SENIOR STUDY CENTRE

PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED

Recognition is given to small (or new/developing) schools, where a minimum floor area provision will be considered to service the needs of a school community. For schools greater than 200 students, a floor area indicator of 0.6m² per student will be applied, based on total enrolments (FTE).

Enrolments	Area (up to m ²)
Up to 200	120
Greater than 200	120 plus 0.6m ² per additional student

OUTDOOR COVERED AREA

PRIMARY

Enrolments	Area (up to m ²)
Up to 300	100
Greater than 301	150

SECONDARY and COMBINED

Enrolments	Area (up to m ²)
Up to 400	200
Greater than 401	300





Appendix 2- Cost Item Inclusions

Cost items included in the construction rate for the functional areas

Cost Element	Included	Not Included
Building footings and other structural elements	Up to a two level building	If the building is three levels or more, contact QIS BGA office to obtain an appropriate rate
Network hardware and phone system	Cabling and access points	All software and head end control systems
CCTV and security system	Cabling and access points	CCTV cameras, CCTV hardware and software, Security hardware and software
Communications - data rack	Rack sized to suite the building being constructed generally located centrally within the building	
Smart card access and central control system	A master key system and locks - \$10 to 20K depending on size of building	This is viewed as being an upgrade from MVP.
PA / Bells	Speakers, cabling and access points	All software and head end control systems
Hearing augmentation (for hearing impaired)	Building infrastructure	All software and head end control systems
Rooftop plan deck, access structures on a two-story building	Yes, if related to plant room	Access ladders, roof openings, gantries, potential uplift in structural sizes to carry the additional loads, additional penetrations to roof etc.
Fire extinguishers / Fire blankets	Yes	Unless the specific installation requires excessive numbers due to the floor configuration i.e., many corridors
Fire hose reels	Yes	As above
Fire emergency and exit lighting	Yes	As above
Amenities exhaust systems	Yes, for a typical installation which would be extractor fan in close proximity to an external wall	Central ventilation system dedicated to amenities





Appendix 3- 2024 Furniture, Equipment and Sundry Allowances

NOTE 1- Costs/m² shown are at the 100% rate. Any locality allowances will be applied automatically through the application process.

NOTE 2- Furniture and equipment allowances are not intended as an amount to fully complete the requirements of a functional space.

NOTE 3- Allowance for furniture and equipment is combined unless otherwise indicated.

Functional Areas	Allowance
ADMINISTRATION	\$31,407
FLA	\$15,708
GLA (Furniture only, per GLA space)	
PREP	\$18,908
PRIMARY, SECONDARY and COMBINED	\$12,816
WITHDRAWAL ROOM	\$ 3,420
GLA (Equipment only, per GLA space)	\$ 1,306
LIBRARY/RESOURCE CENTRE/SENIOR STUDY CENTRE	\$59,395
SCIENCE	\$18,923
TECHNOLOGIES	
DESIGN and TECHNOLOGIES KITCHEN	\$38,873
HOSPITALITY PRACTICES KITCHEN	\$54,421
DESIGN and TECHNOLOGIES WORKSHOP	\$38,639
SENIOR TECHNOLOGIES WORKSHOP	\$38,639
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES LABORATORY	\$15,708
THE ARTS	
DANCE	
DRAMA	
MEDIA ARTS	\$15,708
MUSIC	
VISUAL ARTS	
Sundry Allowances	Allowance
CAR PARK	\$96,870
LANDSCAPING (per building)	\$19,360





Appendix 4- 2024 Locality Indices

The Locality Index (LI) is used as a means to compare the same project from one site to another. The LI incorporates the adjustment to costs for the increase in transportation of labour and materials to site, as well as the industrial allowances for working on remote sites and the change in labour productivity through travel and other external influences. It is applicable to the total cost of construction and is subject to factors such as building design, material selection and regional workloads of contractors.

LOCALITY INDICES FOR THE 2024 ROUND

Reference: *Locality Index – September 2023, GRC Quantity Surveyors*

Locality (Alphabetical)	2024 Locality Index
Agnes Water	113
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Brisbane	100
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Caboolture	101
Cairns	109
Cannonvale	118
Charters Towers	124
Chinchilla	111
Cooktown	138
Dalby	106
Emerald	126
Gatton	102
Gladstone	117
Gold Coast	102
Gold Coast (CBD)	103
Goondiwindi	111
Gordonvale	111
Gympie	107
Hervey Bay	106
Innisfail	117
Ipswich	100
Jimboomba	102
Kewarra Beach	112
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Locality (Alphabetical)	2024 Locality Index
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