Central Queensland University (CQU) is a multi-campus university with campuses in Rockhampton, Bundaberg, Gladstone, Mackay and Emerald plus delivery sites on the Sunshine Coast. The University also operates international campuses in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Gold Coast and Fiji. In addition, CQU has offshore delivery sites in Hong Kong, Singapore and Shanghai.

CQU was founded in 1967 as the Queensland Institute of Technology (Capricornia). It became the Capricornia Institute of Advanced Education in 1971 before a transition phase as the University College of Central Queensland in 1990. CQU achieved University status in January 1992. At that time the University was known as the University of Central Queensland. The name was changed on 1 January 1994 to Central Queensland University.

CQU now offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses on-campus and by distance education. In 2005 CQU began the process of restructuring the University, changing from a five to three-faculty structure. The new faculties for 2006 will be:

- The Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Education;
- The Faculty of Business and Informatics; and
- The Faculty of Sciences, Engineering and Health

CQU hosts the Institute for Sustainable Regional Development and four designated research centres:

- Centre for Environmental Management
- Centre for Railway Engineering
- Centre for Social Science Research
- Primary Industries Research Centre

CQU is also a partner in four Co-operative Research Centres (CRCs):

- CRC for Coastal Zone, Estuary and Waterway Management
- CRC for Cast Metals Manufacturing
- CRC for Railway Engineering and Technologies
- CRC for Integrated Engineering Asset Management

**Campuses wholly operated by CQU:**

- Rockhampton
- Bundaberg
- Gladstone
- Mackay

**Campuses and/or delivery sites operated in association with other higher education organisations:**

- Emerald (with the Emerald Agricultural College)
- Noosa Hub (with Education Queensland)
- Sunshine Coast (with University of Sunshine Coast)

**Campuses and/or delivery sites operated in association with C_Management Services:**

- Sydney (with C_Management Services)*
- Melbourne (with C_Management Services)*
- Brisbane (with C_Management Services)*
- Gold Coast (with C_Management Services)*
- Fiji (with Campus Group Fiji)

**Multifunction delivery sites:**

- Hong Kong (with Hong Kong College of Technology)
- Singapore (with Hartford Global Holdings Management Systems)
- Shanghai (with Raffles Education Corporation’s subsidiary, LaSalle International Design College/ Dong Hua University)

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