



Vocational Education and Training

You've probably heard of **Vocational Education and Training** (aka VET), what is it exactly?

VET is a way to describe a practical style of technical, or job related, training. You can study *while still at school* through a vocational school like TAFE or a private training organisation.

Many vocational courses offer the opportunity to learn by doing, demonstrating your skills in the real world, as well as through written assessments. This is called competency-based training. The "competency based" training model means you complete your training faster when you reach the required skills level.

Vocational courses are designed to teach you the skills you need to succeed in the workplace.

Australian School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships

The main difference between an apprenticeship and a traineeship is that:

- a **traineeship** can be within a broader range of occupations and is run either part-time or full-time, where you are employed and trained for typically between one to two years.
- an **apprenticeship**, which covers *skilled trades* and takes around four years to complete.

Important information

Both apprenticeships and traineeships for students still at school are funded by the Department, so there is no cost to the student.

Apprenticeships and traineeships require employers to enter a training contract with the apprentice or trainee, which is a legally binding agreement to work and train together for a length of time. Employers work with a training organisation and the apprentice or trainee to negotiate a training plan.

Students can combine a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship with studying for their Queensland Certificate of Education and/or Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (**ATAR**). Your training can also contribute towards your ATAR.

Opportunities for students still at school (generally Yr 11 and Yr 12):

- are a great career option. You can start your vocational training, earn a wage, and get hands on experience **while finishing school**.
- you paid employment can take place outside or during school hours based on your employer's needs

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- you need to negotiate your attendance at work and training with your school
- you can use your qualification to work anywhere in Australia or even around the world.

When looking at possible courses, you should consider whether:

- you would get any credit when starting the apprenticeship or traineeship qualification
- it leads to the industry or apprenticeship role you are considering. Some apprenticeships are suitable for multiple apprenticeship roles. Others are linked to a single role and include:
 - ✓ Agriculture, Animals & Conservation
 - ✓ Automotive, Transport & Maritime
 - ✓ Business & Financial Services
 - ✓ Construction & Electrical:
 - Carpentry
 - Plumbing
 - Electrical
 - Automotive
 - Bricklaying
 - Floor & Wall Tiling
 - ✓ Creative & Beauty
 - ✓ Digital, Technology & Telecommunications
 - ✓ Energy & Utilities
 - ✓ Government Sector & Education
 - ✓ Health & Community Services
 - ✓ Manufacturing & Production
 - ✓ Resources, Mining & Processing
 - ✓ Retail, Hospitality & Recreation

Non-trade qualifications

Other options the College may offer includes undertaking a qualification above a Certificate III, usually at a Diploma level. These are fee for service, meaning there is a cost, and there are no funding options available.

Diploma courses *are more in depth* and can prepare for university study as well as working in industry.

Completing a Queensland certificate III, certificate IV, diploma, advanced diploma, or associate degree *may improve your QTAC* selection rank and allow you to get into your dream university degree.

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Another benefit of studying this way is that you can start working in your industry straight away, using your certificate or diploma skills while you finish off your degree.

VET qualifications for tertiary selection

Successfully completed VET qualifications, at a certificate III level or higher, may be used for tertiary selection in two ways as:

- an input into an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR), and/or
- a stand-alone basis or tertiary admission

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