VET fast facts



Fact: VET is for VCE, VCE VM and VPC students.

VET can provide credit towards the VCE, VCE VM and VPC. It is important to choose studies that complement your goals.





Fact:

University and VET both offer a wide range of qualifications that lead to a wide range of salaries. The salary you earn is a result of your qualification and what you do with it - not where you get it.













Fact:

You can still go to university if you do VET at school.

If you are a VCE student, VET can be used in the calculation of your Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

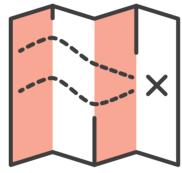
If you do not achieve the ATAR you need, or if you are a VCE VM or VPC student, undertaking a VET qualification may give you an alternative pathway to university.

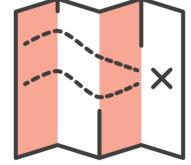
VET courses delivered to secondary students are

VET has national standards. The same standards

apply to everyone undertaking a qualification.

identical to VET courses delivered to everyone else.











Top to bottom: Laboratory Skills, Integrated Technologies, Engineering

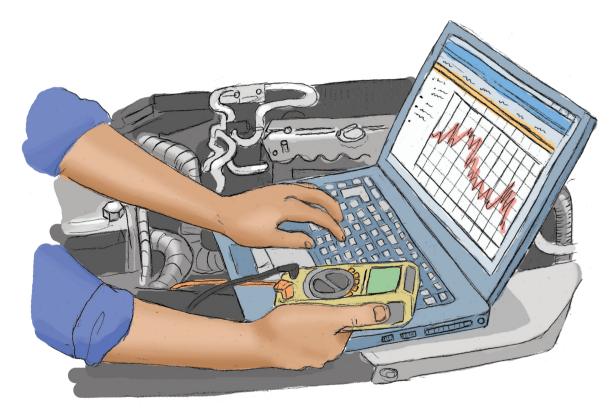






This is how VET is different

Here are the top five differences between a VCE VET program and a VCE study, VCE VM study or a VPC unit.

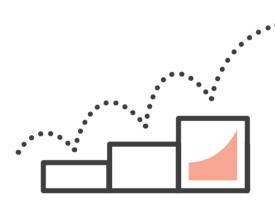














1. An extra qualification

You can gain a nationally recognised VET qualification while undertaking your VCE, VCE VM or VPC. You receive the VET qualification from a Registered Training Organisation, such as a TAFE.



VET qualifications give you industry exposure and experience in the workplace that reinforces your skills development. This connection also makes for a smooth transition between training and work.

3. Practical

VET can strengthen your education by giving you the opportunity to gain practical skills and knowledge that complement your other studies. For example, if you want to be an engineer and you are studying VCE Physics and VCE Mathematical Methods, you can develop practical skills, technical knowledge and industry insight by doing VCE VET Engineering.



Units of competency are the building blocks that make up a VET qualification. Each unit of competency includes specific skills and knowledge.

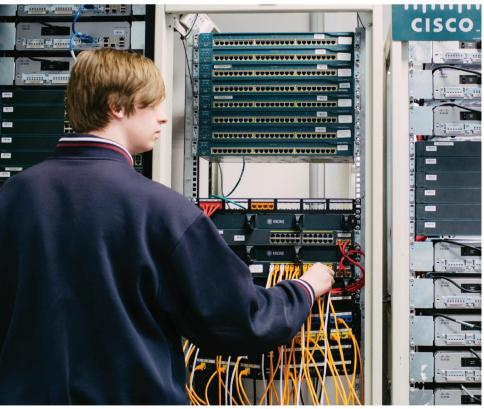
5. Competency based assessment

VET students are assessed as 'competent' or 'not yet competent' in each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent, you must show a consistent application of skills and knowledge to the standard required in the workplace.

To make sure you are ready to begin your career or continue with further study, assessments take place in a real or simulated workplace environment.







Top to bottom: Sport and Recreation, Animal Studies, Cisco®





This is what you get from VET





Nationally recognised qualification

VET is a national system with qualifications that are recognised and can lead to employment anywhere in Australia.



Contribution towards VCE, VCE VM or VPC

VET qualifications can contribute towards your VCE, VCE VM and VPC.



Skills

Technical skills

Develop technical skills through specialised training for a specific job or industry.

Employability skills

Develop non-technical skills that can be applied across different jobs and industries. Skills include:

- communication
- teamwork
- problem solving
- initiative and enterprise
- planning and organising
- self-management
- learning
- technology



KnowledgeSpecialised knowledge

Gain knowledge through specialised training to understand and perform specific workplace tasks.

Industry knowledge

Learn how an industry works – see the big picture and learn how to progress your career.



Employment opportunities

VET can lead to full-time, part-time or casual employment opportunities. This flexibility may allow you to follow multiple interests at the same time – like employment, education and volunteering.



Financial outcomes Earn while you learn

Apprenticeships and traineeships allow you to earn an income as you train, study and work.

Gain qualified employment to finance further studies

Once you receive a VET qualification you may be able to gain employment that can finance further studies – like a more advanced qualification.

Secure income

A VET qualification in an area with increasing job opportunities may provide you with a secure income.



Education pathways

VET can lead to TAFE or university – it is up to you and your goals.







Top to bottom: Hair and Beauty, Engineering, Hospitality





This is how VET can prepare you for the jobs of the future

Government, employers, industry and training providers work together to make sure VET courses give graduates the skills and knowledge that employers need – now and in the future.



On average, working or training in one job will provide you with the skills for 13 other jobs (The Foundation for Young Australians 2017).

VET can lead to careers in the fastest growing industries.

Industries with the most new jobs created by 2026 (Labour Market Information Portal 2021):

- health care and social assistance
- professional, scientific and technical services
- education and training
- accommodation and food services
- construction

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Careers with the most new jobs by 2026 (Labour Market Information Portal 2021):

- aged and disabled care
- software and applications programmers
- registered nurses
- general clerks
- database and systems administrators, and ICT security specialists

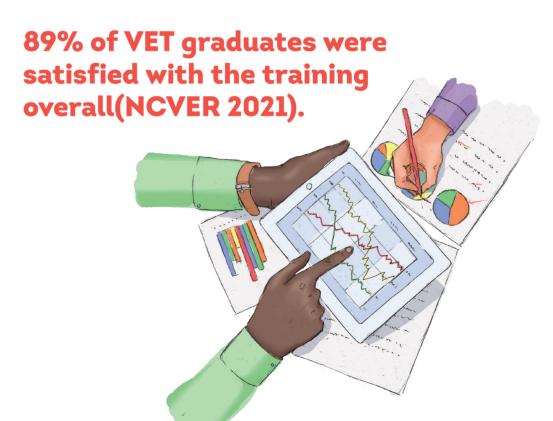
Starting VET at secondary school can give you a head start on joining the workforce with a qualification directly linked to employment.

VET gives you the opportunity to get experience in the workplace and show employers that you have the right attitude towards work.

The two best ways to improve your job prospects are having experience in the workplace and a good attitude towards work (Australian Government Department of Employment n.d.).

85% of VET graduates achieved their goal for training (NCVER 2021):

- to get a job
- to gain extra skills for their current job
- it was a requirement of their job
- to try for a different career
- to improve general education skills
- to obtain credit points towards senior secondary schooling
- to develop or start their own business
- to get a better job or promotion
- to gain advanced entry to a higher qualification or university
- to get into another course of study
- to get skills for community/voluntary work
- to increase self-esteem









Top to bottom: Health, Laboratory Skills, Building and Construction







This is what a VET pathway looks like

Creating your pathway

A pathway shows the steps you plan to take to achieve your career goals.

Pathways are flexible – not fixed. If your goals or job opportunities change, your pathway can change too.

Sometimes a course from one institution will provide credit towards a course from another institution, so you do not repeat the same units.

This can be between VET courses and in some cases between a higher level VET qualification and a bachelor degree.

Designing your learning program

A VCE VET program can often complement a VCE study. For example, Certificate III in Screen and Media can complement VCE Media.



Flexible pathway



Marlee includes Certificate II in Hospitality in her VCE.



Marlee gains employment working in the kitchen at an aged care facility. Marlee likes the interaction with the residents and decides to do a Certificate III in Individual Support.



When Marlee receives her qualification she is employed as an aged care worker.



Marlee goes on to undertake a Diploma of Leadership and Management.



Marlee becomes a manager at an aged care facility.

Directional pathways



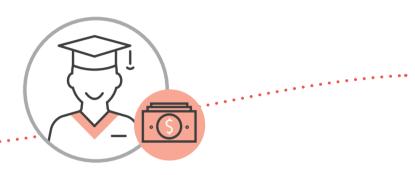
Chaun includes Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance in his VCE.



Chaun gains employment as a nursing support worker in disability care. He is able to provide financial support for his family while he undertakes a Diploma of Nursing.



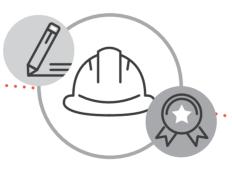
When Chaun receives his qualification he is employed as an enrolled nurse. He is also accepted into university to commence a Bachelor of Nursing.



Chaun graduates and is employed as a graduate registered nurse.



Emily includes Certificate II in Building and Construction in Year 10, 11 and 12.



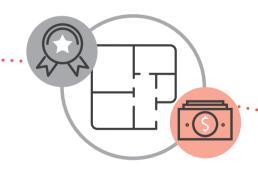
In Year 12, Emily commences a Certificate III in Carpentry as a School Based Apprenticeship in her VCE VM.



After secondary school, Emily continues her apprenticeship full-time.



Emily works as a qualified carpenter while undertaking a Diploma of Building and

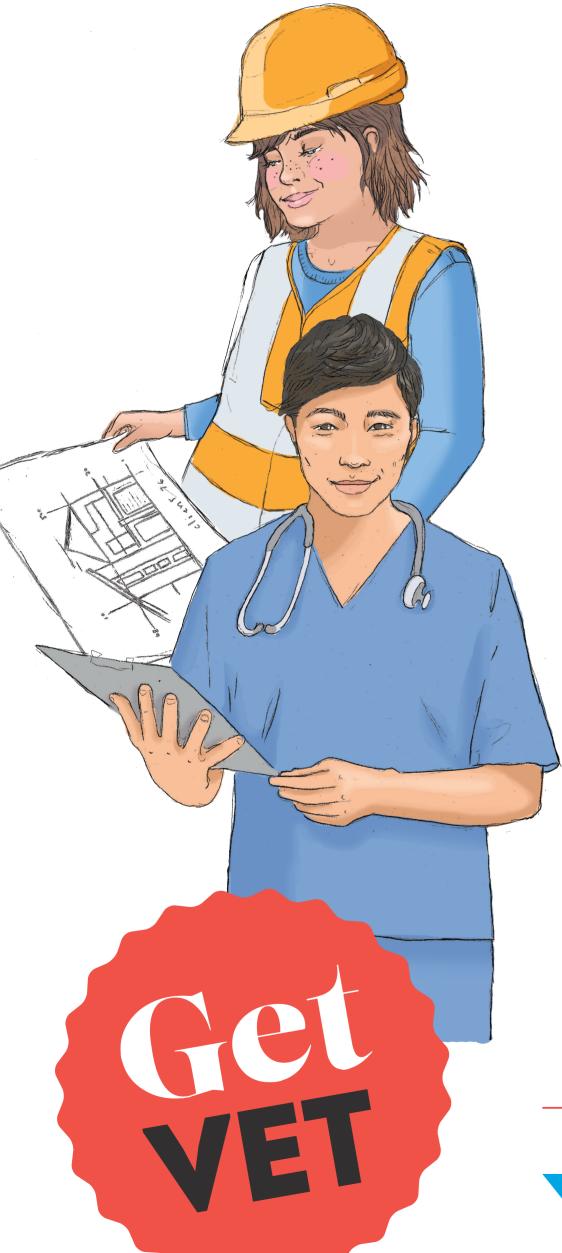


Emily becomes a Registered Domestic Builder (Unlimited).





7 questions to ask yourself





What am I passionate about?

'I'm passionate about good food.'



What are my strengths?

'I'm a legend in the kitchen. People all over the world like my food ... on Instagram.'



What careers will allow me to follow my passion and develop my strengths?

'Hospitality is a huge industry. I need to learn more about the different careers and where they can take me.'



How can I get a better understanding of different career opportunities?

'I did work experience at a hotel restaurant during the school holidays. I learnt so much! The food and beverage manager was about to move to Asia and work for a five-star resort. It was really inspiring.'



What job opportunities will there be in the future?

'I had a look online and hospitality is one of the fastest growing industries.'



What qualification will help me get the job I want?

'I think I'll start with a Certificate II in Hospitality. I can learn new skills and get more real world experience. Hopefully I can get a good employer reference too.'

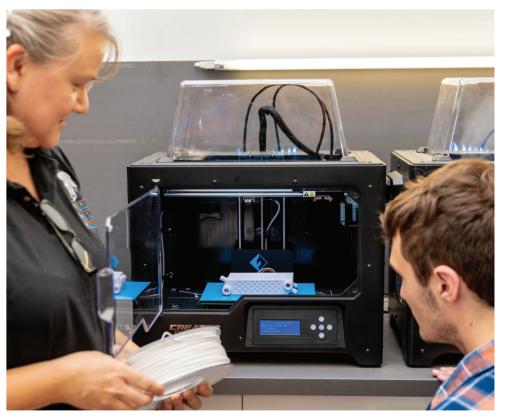


What are my long-term goals?

'It's too soon to know exactly what I want to do. I could work, study, travel ... and maybe one day run my own food truck. Right now, I just want to keep my options open. I'll finish year 12 and get my VET qualification at the same time.'





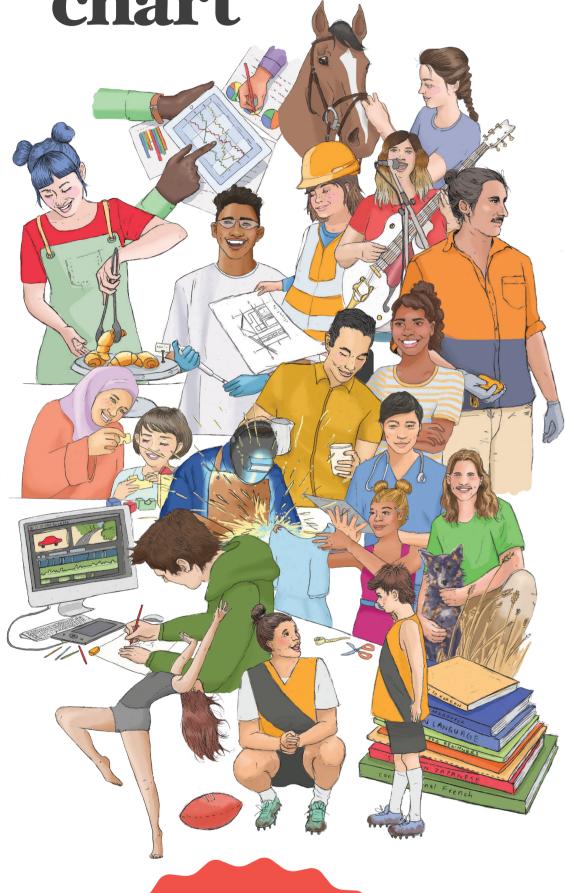


Top and centre: Hospitality.
Above: Integrated Technologies





VCE VET
program
chart





VCE VET Program	VET Qualification	Units 1 & 2	Units 3 & 4	Scored	Non-scored
	Certificate II in Agriculture	✓	✓		✓
Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Ecosystem Management	Certificate II in Horticulture	✓	✓		✓
	Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management	✓	✓		✓
Animal Care	Certificate II in Animal Care	✓	✓		✓
Applied Fashion Design and Technology	Certificate II in Applied Fashion Design and Technology	✓	✓		✓
Applied Language	Certificate II in Applied Language	✓			
	Certificate III in Applied Language		✓		✓
Automotive	Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation	✓	✓		✓
Building and Construction	Certificate II in Building and Construction Pre-apprenticeship	✓	✓		✓
Building and Constituction	Certificate II in Construction Pathways	✓	✓		✓
Business	Certificate II in Workplace Skills	✓			
Dusiness	Certificate III in Business	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cisco	CISCO CCNA v7		✓		\checkmark
Civil Infrastructure	Certificate II in Civil Construction	✓	✓		✓
	Certificate II in Active Volunteering	✓			
Community Sonviosa	Certificate II in Community Service	✓			
Community Services	Certificate III in Community Services	✓	✓	√	✓
	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	✓	✓		✓
o .:	Certificate II in Creative Industries	✓			
Creative and Digital Media	Certificate III in Screen and Media	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Certificate II in Dance	✓			
Dance	Certificate III in Dance		✓	✓	✓
	Certificate II in Electrotechnology Studies (Pre-vocational)	✓	✓		✓
Electrical Industry	Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start)	✓	✓		✓
Engineering Studies	Certificate II in Engineering Studies	✓	✓	✓	
Equine Studies	Certificate III in Equine Studies	✓	✓	✓	
Furnishing	Certificate II in Furniture Making Pathways	✓	✓	✓	
	Certificate II in Retail Cosmetics	✓			
	Certificate II in Salon Assistant	✓			
Hair and Beauty	Certificate III in Beauty Services	✓	✓		√
	Certificate III in Make-Up	✓	✓		✓
Health	Certificate II in Health Support Services	✓			
	Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance	√	√	√	✓
	Certificate III in Health Services Assistance	✓	√	√	✓
Hospitality	Certificate II in Hospitality	√	✓	√	·
	Certificate II in Kitchen Operations	✓	✓	√	
	Certificate II in Applied Digital Technologies	✓	·		
Information and Communications Technology	Certificate III in Information Technology	·	√	✓	✓
Integrated Technologies	Certificate II in Integrated Technologies	·	<u>·</u> ✓	·	•
Laboratory Skills	Certificate III in Laboratory Skills	·	· ✓	√	
	Certificate II in Music	·	•	•	
Music	Certificate III in Music	· /	✓	√	✓
Plumbing	Certificate II in Plumbing (Pre-apprenticeship)	√	✓	<u> </u>	√
Small Business	Certificate II in Small Business (Operations/Innovation)	√	✓		√
	Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation	<u> </u>			•
Sport and Recreation	Certificate II in Sport and Recreation	<u> </u>			
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	Certificate III in Visual Arts	Y	Y		Y



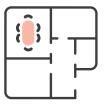


Which VET are you?









Animals

Arts

Building and furnishing

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Pick a career that interests you Animal Attendant Animal Welfare Officer Pet Groomer Veterinary Physician Veterinary Nurse Zoo Keeper Equestrian Coach
Equine Event Manager
Equine Nutritionist
Foaling Attendant
Horse Trainer
Stud Manager
Strapper

Artist
Ceramic artist
Digital artist
Glasswork artist
Illustrator
Painter
Photographer
Printmaker
Sculptor
Textile designer

Visual artist Woodwork designer Bricklayer
Builder
Carpenter
Glazier
Painter and Decorator
Plasterer
Stonemason
Tiler

Cabinet Maker
French Polisher
Furniture Designer
Furniture Maker
Interior Designer
Kitchen and Bathroom
Designer
Upholsterer

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See what you can get with VET

If caring for animals makes you happy, you can develop skills in animal health, welfare and nutrition. When you complete the qualification you will be able to assist with the care of animals in a variety of environments.

If horses set your heart racing, saddle up for an exciting opportunity to learn about their behaviour, care, nutrition and biology. Gain an entry level qualification to work in an industry that includes sport, recreation and primary production.

If you feel inspired to express your creativity through visual art, these qualifications provide you with a broad range of skills and knowledge to pursue a career or further training in the visual arts industry in a range of areas such as: ceramics, digital art, glasswork, illustration, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, textile design and woodwork design.

If you want to start building your future, you can get hands-on with bricklaying, carpentry, painting and decorating, tiling and more. This course is a pre-apprenticeship, giving you the basic skills and knowledge to move onto an apprenticeship in the building and construction industry.

If you like working with wood and have an interest in making furniture and cabinets, you can learn how to make timber joints using hand and power tools, as well as developing skills in construction, assembly, timber preparation, sustainability and safe work practices. You can also make a piece of furniture to keep.





Animal Care

Equine Studies

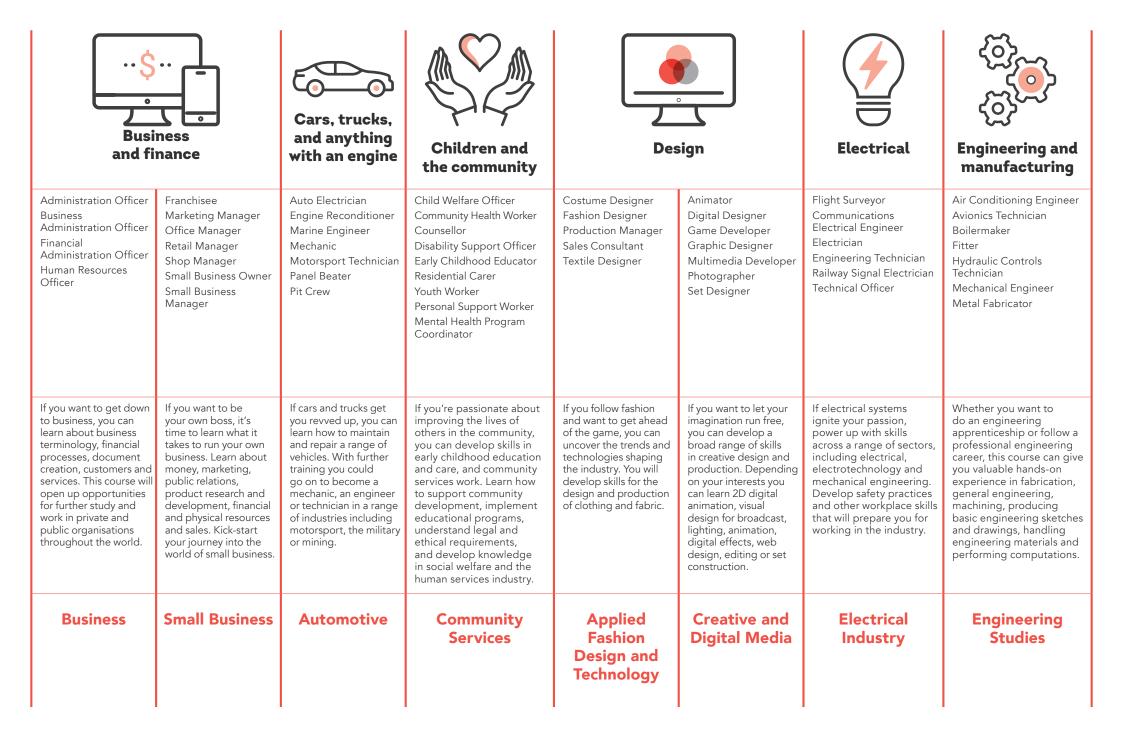
Visual Arts

Building and Construction

Furnishing







Enterta	ainment	Farming and the environment	Food, coffee, restaurants and hotels	Hair and beauty	Health	Infrastructure
Arts Administrator Choreographer Dancer Dance Teacher Physical Therapist	A&R Coordinator Audio Engineer Concert Promoter Music Producer Music Teacher Musician Tour Manager	Agricultural Scientist Animal Nutritionist Conservation Worker Farmer Fisheries Officer Horticulturalist Landscape Designer Nursery Manager Park Ranger	Barista Caterer Chef Event Coordinator Guest Services Officer Hotel Manager Restaurant Manager Waiter	Barber Beauty Consultant Beauty Therapist Hairdresser Makeup Artist Salon Assistant Salon Manager Stylist	Allied Health Assistant Hospital Orderly Medical Practice Assistant Nurse Nursing Assistant Operating Theatre Assistant Patient Service Assistant Technician Therapist's Assistant	Civil Construction Plant Operator Civil Construction Technician Construction Manager Design Engineer Driller Miner Safety Manager Structural Engineer Transport Planner Stationary Tunnel Technician Urban Planner
Whether you dance for fun, fitness or a future career, this course has the versatility to develop your dance techniques, prepare you to work in the industry and develop a range of complementary skills like preparing for auditions.	If you've got the music in you, get behind the scenes and see what it takes to be successful in an industry that is always changing with new technology and trends. You can study Music Performance or Sound Production, learning about the industry, recording and the music business.	If you want to grow or conserve nature, you can develop skills in farming, animal handling, animal health and feeding, milking, growing plants, restoring natural areas, pest control, agricultural technology, sustainability and much more.	Whether you see yourself behind the scenes preparing fantastic food and drinks or front-of-house creating memorable customer experiences, you can develop the cookery and service skills that will prepare you for a career in hospitality. You can learn to prepare food, cook, process payments, and follow hygiene and health and safety procedures.	If you want to give your subject selections a makeover, you can learn what it takes to stand out from the crowd with an introduction to the hair and beauty industry. You will learn to provide advice to clients, perform a variety of hair and beauty treatments and services, apply makeup, sell hair and beauty products, handle money and keep records.	If you see yourself working in a hospital, health clinic, medical facility or lab, you can begin to develop a range of entry level skills in patient care and supporting health services. Learn about medical terminology, infection prevention and control, patient transport, body systems and health support.	If you see yourself being involved in the design, construction, and maintenance of the built environment, such as roads, railways, buildings, bridges, tunnels, and dams, this qualification will give you the entry level skills and knowledge to enter the world of civil construction.
Dance	Music	Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Ecosystem Management	Hospitality	Hair and Beauty	Health	Civil Infrastructure

Languages	Plumbing	Science	Sports and outdoor activities		Technology	
Adult-Education Teacher Customer Service Officer Interpreter Lecturer Tour Guide Translator	Gas Fitter Hydraulic Designer Mechanical Services Plumber Plumber Plumbing Contractor Roofing and Mechanical Plumber Site Manager	Agricultural Technician Field Assistant Food Scientist Instrument Operator Laboratory Assistant Metallurgist Pathology Collector	Aquatic Centre Manager Community Sports Manager Lifeguard Outdoor Adventure Guide Personal Trainer Sports Administrator Recreation Centre Manager Sports Coach Sports Trainer	Database Administrator Game Developer Multimedia Developer Network Administrator Software Developer Technical Support Web Developer	Aircraft Electronics Computer Systems Technician Electronics Technician ICT Support Technician Robotics Engineer	Hardware Engineer IT Support Worker Network Systems Engineer Project Manager Security Engineer Technical Specialist
If you love foreign languages and culture or you are thinking about living and working overseas, you can develop your foreign language skills. In your chosen language, you can learn how to listen, speak and write in social, casual and professional situations.	If you value a safe, clean water supply, quality sanitation facilities and dry and comfortable shelter, this qualification will prepare you with the skills and knowledge to enter into an apprenticeship in one of the various sectors of the plumbing industry.	If you want to see a career in science under the microscope, you can get technical training in laboratory operations. Carry out laboratory procedures and develop technical skills and scientific knowledge for entry-level positions including laboratory assistant and instrument operator.	If you are sports minded or love physical activities, you can get a new set of skills in sport and outdoor recreation. Develop skills and knowledge in a range of different sports. Learn how to plan and conduct activities, events, warmups, cool downs, fitness programs, recreation, coaching and risk assessment.	If you have ever wanted to build computers and networks, now you can. You can also learn to troubleshoot and repair faulty hardware, diagnose malware, maintain software and operating systems, and protect and secure ICT systems.	If you want to change the world, Integrated Technologies might give you the spark. Almost every product and service you use depends on electronic technologies. This is creating new and growing career opportunities in robotics, advanced manufacturing, 3D printing and more.	Learn how to manage and optimise Cisco® systems, and develop the skills and knowledge to undertake the exams for internationally recognised Cisco® qualifications. You will also develop advanced problem solving and analytical skills appropriate for studies in engineering, mathematics and science.
Applied Language	Plumbing	Laboratory Skills	Sport and Recreation	Information and Communications Technology	Integrated Technologies	Cisco [®]