

Careers News – Tuesday, 22 November 2022

Apprenticeship Opportunities

There are a number of companies looking for apprentices in a variety of trades – building, plumbing, electrical and landscaping. Please contact Ms Knowles if you are interested in an apprenticeship.

Perfect Panels, Bondi Road has two apprenticeships available - Apprentice Spray painter and apprentice Panel Beater. Call John Shelley on 0404277671.

UAC Key dates

Friday, 9 December 2022

Thursday, 15 December 2022 - 6am

Thursday, 15 December 2022 - 9am

Thursday, 22 December 2022

Thursday, 12 January 2023

Equity Scholarships applications close for December Round 2

NSW HSC results released

NSW and ACT ATARs released

December Round 2 offers released

January Round 1 offers released

[Link: UAC News / Applications](#)

UOW | ATAR Information Webinar

Thursday, 15 December 2022, 6pm

Online

Received your offer to UOW and wondering what happens next? Or maybe you're ATAR is a little lower than expected and you're looking for an alternative pathway to uni?

Our panel of experts will be on hand to talk to you about UAC offers, ATARs, enrolment and getting started at UOW in 2023.

Find out more: https://uow-au.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_we1F6tI-SXqoly8QAd9x6g

University of Sydney | Info Day

Friday, 16 December 2022, 8:30 am - 2pm

The University of Sydney, Camperdown Campus

Start your journey to Sydney. Get personalised course advice before finalising your UAC preferences, along with information sessions and campus tours. This is your chance to experience Sydney.

Register now to plan your schedule and get the most out of Info Day. We look forward to seeing you on campus!

Find out more: <https://infoday.sydney.edu.au/>

UTS | Info Day

Friday, 16 December 2022, 9am - 3pm

University of Technology Sydney

UTS Info Day is your chance to explore your course and pathways options.

Speak 1-1 with UTS staff, attend an info session or join a campus tour to discover more about your options at UTS.

Find out more: <https://events.humanitix.com/uts-info-day>

Have a back-up plan: Pathways to Uni

UAC always recommends that, when you choose your course preferences, you include a 'back-up' course; that is, a course you are confident you'll be offered a place in and will be happy to study if you miss out on offers for your higher preferences. For example, you could include a diploma course in a similar area of study as your preferred degree course. You could then use your diploma studies as a stepping stone to the degree: you may even be able to move straight into second year.

Pathways to uni.

<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/admission-criteria/pathways-to-university>

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UAC Deferring a Uni Course - What you need to do.

How do I defer?

When you receive an offer to enrol in a course, information included with your offer will explain how to apply for deferment. You may have to accept the offer before you can defer.

Most institutions will ask you to provide a statement to explain why you wish to defer and what you'll be doing during this period.

Once your deferment has been granted, you'll receive written confirmation of your deferment from the institution concerned. This will also give instructions on how to take up your deferred course.

If, at the end of the deferment period, you decide you'd like to be considered for other courses, you can complete a new UAC application and include these course preferences. If you receive an offer to one of the new courses, you can then decide whether to accept the offer or take up your deferred course.

Can my offer lapse?

Yes. If you undertake degree studies or certain levels of TAFE study other than NSW HSC courses during your deferment period, your offer at many institutions will lapse. You'll need to re-apply through UAC and declare all of your studies. Check with each institution for specific policies.

<https://www.uac.edu.au/current-applicants/undergraduate-applications-and-offers>

UNSW | Portfolio Entry Info Evening

Thursday, 1 December 2022, 6pm - 7pm

Online

You're so much more than an ATAR.

With UNSW Portfolio Entry, your pathway into uni is unique – just like you.

UNSW Portfolio Entry is now offered for more UNSW degrees in 2023, providing you with the opportunity to demonstrate your passion and talent, alongside your ATAR.

Join us online to hear from UNSW staff and academics about submitting an outstanding portfolio for a range of degrees across our Faculties for study at UNSW in 2023:

- Arts, Design & Architecture Portfolio Entry
- Business School – Bachelor of Information Systems Admissions Scheme (BISAS)
- Faculty of Engineering Admissions Scheme (FEAS)
- Medicine & Health Portfolio Entry

In this interactive session we will provide tips and examples on what you need to submit and how to apply and there will be an opportunity to get all your questions answered.

This info session is for students (and parents/caregivers) who have just completed their HSC and are considering their options for university next year.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/unsw-portfolio-entry-info-evening-tickets-451603567427>

What is UNSW Portfolio Entry?

- Art and Design
- Built Environment
- Bachelor of Information Systems at the UNSW Business School
- Engineering

Here at UNSW, we want to reward your passion, creativity and potential to succeed in your degree area. That's why we offer UNSW Portfolio Entry, which gives you the opportunity to demonstrate your passion and talent, alongside your ATAR.

If this sounds like you, we want to see your portfolio submission. It's an easy, online process, and can only ever boost your chances of admission. What you submit in your portfolio will depend on which degree you're interested in. Remember, your UNSW Portfolio Entry submission needs to be completed in addition to your UAC application.

Who: All domestic and some UAC International applicants who are applying for an eligible degree and expecting an ATAR within 10 points of the lowest selection rank for your degree (unless stated otherwise).

<https://www.unsw.edu.au/engineering/study/alternate-pathways/faculty-engineering-admission-scheme>

UNSW Elite Athletes, Performers and Leaders Program

Applications by 30 November

The Elite Athletes, Performers and Leaders (EAPL) Program considers both academic and elite extra-curricular achievements and recognises these by awarding adjustment factors. Through the EAPL Program you may be eligible for up to five adjustment factor points towards your UNSW admission for excellence in sport, academic, leadership, and/or music at an elite level. Activities must have been undertaken in Years 11 and/or 12.

<https://www.unsw.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/undergraduate/entry-requirements/adjustment-factors>

University of Western Sydney Early Offer True Reward Dates

7 December 2022 Final closing date for HSC True Reward, apply by 11:59pm

15 December 2022 True Reward unconditional offers released (Final Offers: Year 12 results) Our HSC True Reward early offer program will give school leavers much needed peace of mind, providing students with an early offer into most university degrees based on their Year 11* or Year 12 results.

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/hsc-true-reward.html>

Find your way into ACU with the new ACU Foundation Studies!

The new Foundation Studies program is another pathway into ACU. This free program is currently offered to domestic students at our Blacktown Campus, but acts as a pathway to degrees at any ACU campus provided you meet minimum GPA requirements for your chosen course.

<https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/admission-pathways/foundation-studies>

ACU | Pathways to ACU Webinar

Thursday, 8 December 2022, 1pm - 2pm - Online

If you didn't receive the ATAR you wanted, it's all good – there's more than one way into university. Learn about the entry pathways to ACU, including diplomas and Foundation Studies, that can give you access straight into the second year of your preferred bachelor's degree.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2022/december/pathways-to-acu-webinar>

ACU | Change of Preference Event

Friday, 16 December 2022, 9am – 12pm

Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus

Register for this event to speak with staff and students about your study options and pathways to ACU. You can drop in at any time throughout the event.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2022/december/change-of-preference-event-strathfield>

University of Sydney | Why Study Chemical Engineering?

Wednesday, 7 December 2022, 4pm - 4:30pm

Online

Chemical Engineering deals with systems that integrate chemical, physical, and biological concepts to design and operate processes and produce materials and products that benefit individual lives and societies around the world.

Chemical engineers work on problems at multiple systems scales from molecules to enterprise and to supply chains addressing climate change and the energy transition, but also reducing raw material usage and transitioning to a circular economy, conserving water and resources, and scaling up manufacturing including food, pharmaceuticals and health products.

Chemical engineers are versatile problem solvers engaging in systems-level thinking and are leaders in various industry sectors.

Find out more: https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pjU0RqtHSJu1ou8CvqwoeA

University of Sydney Changes to Education Degree Entry Requirements.

Band 5 Requirements removed for Secondary Teaching

Following a recent NESA review, we no longer require students to obtain a Band 5 in three HSC subjects to enter into Secondary teaching.

University offers and your options explained

For those of you planning on heading off to university, or for parents with children heading off, the wait for your ATAR results is nearly over and the next chapter of your lives is about to begin.

Hopefully your exams will go really well, your ATAR score will be what you expected (or better) and you'll get an offer for your first preference. But if that's not the case, you've still got time and options on your hands, so don't stress.

[Check out our offers flowchart on our website](#), which could be helpful if you need to reassess what to do after the main round of offers are over.

Do you need to Change your Preferences?

You've applied to university.

Perhaps you've applied through a [Tertiary Admissions Centre \(TAC\)](#) like UAC, QTAC or VTAC. Maybe you applied directly to the university of your choice.

Either way, did you know that once you've submitted your applications, they're still not set in stone? That means that you've got plenty of wiggle room and options to consider.

Preferences – the basics

By the time you've submitted your [applications](#), it's assumed that you understand 'preferences' and what it means to your application.

But just in case you're still a bit uncertain, here's what it means. *Preferences* are just a term for the courses you want to apply for, listed in the order you'd like to study them.

At Study Work Grow we recommend that you list your dream course(s) first, some more realistic options next, and one safe option last. That way you'll increase the odds that you'll get at least one offer in the main offer rounds.

Listing the maximum number of possible preferences on your applications is also a good strategy. Giving you the maximum opportunity to receive at least one offer – maybe more.

Get more tips on choosing preferences in our video [here](#).

Flexibility can be handy

If you're certain that you have applied to the best uni and selected the best courses for you, that's great. Move on and wait for the offer rounds to start up.

But if you've decided that you're not happy with the universities or courses you've listed, or perhaps the order you listed your preference just isn't sitting right with you anymore, guess what?

There's good news – the whole applications system is designed to allow you to change your preferences.

When can you change your preferences?

Most universities and TACs provide plenty of opportunities to change your preferences.

After submitting your application and before you take your exams or get your results, you can usually log into your application and adjust your preferences.

Tip: If you've received an early conditional offer for one or more of the courses on your preferences, and you'd still like more offers during the main rounds – it's best to call the admission centre or institution directly if you're unsure about what to do next.

Note: Changing your preferences is usually free, but some TACs may charge a fee if you change them more than two or three times.

Between receiving your exam results and the main offer round taking place, there is a window of time to change your preferences.

Here are the Change of Preference cut-off dates for the main rounds of offers after ATAR release date:

Tertiary Admission Centre	Results Date	Main Round Offers Date	Change of Preference Cut-off for main round
<u>UAC</u>	15 December	22 December	Midnight 16 December

Once the main round offers have happened, another window is usually opened up. You'll get the chance to change your preferences again and possibly receive more offers so you can choose which one to accept. Or, if you didn't get an offer in the first round, you can have another go in the subsequent rounds.

Top Tips for Changing Preferences

1. Spend some time considering why you want to change your preferences before you go ahead and do it
2. Check if any fees or cut-off dates (and times) apply
3. If you're unsure about what to do, pick up the phone and call someone at the TAC or university for advice

Do you really need to change your preferences?

Consider adjusting your preferences if:

- Your ATAR was better than you expected. Good work, if there's a competitive course that you hadn't listed or had placed low down your preferences because you didn't think it was a realistic option before your exams, change your preferences

- Your ATAR wasn't as good as you had hoped for and you'd like to ensure you get offers, change your preferences to list courses with pre-requisites that match your score up the top of your list
- You have had a change of heart about the ideal course or the best university for you
- There's a new course that's become available and you think it would be perfect for you
- You've discovered a course you didn't know about when you applied, add it to your list
- You've been advised that the pre-requisites for a course you had on your list have changed, or a course you'd applied for has been dropped by the university
- Perhaps you're having a look back over your application and you realise that you didn't put your preferences in the right order

If any of these options ring true for you, then it could be a good idea to change your preferences.

Is changing your preferences really necessary?

If you get a higher ATAR than you expected (yay you), *don't* immediately rush off and change your preferences just because you *can* apply for Law or Engineering now. If you're happy with your preferences then stick with them – there's no such thing as 'wasting' a good ATAR.

You might feel pressured into thinking you should change your list, particularly if your friends are talking about changing theirs and cut-off dates are coming up. Hold off, spend some time researching any changes you're thinking of making, and be sure you're making the changes for all the right reasons.

Double check any course pre-requisites as well as your eligibility before you go adding any new courses or moving them up your list. It would be a real shame to miss out on receiving more offers or the offer you really wanted because you didn't take a few minutes to read the course entry criteria.

Don't panic

If you miss the change of preference cut-offs for the first round, you'll get the chance to change them again before the next offer round.

Once all the offer rounds are over and you have an offer but it's not for the course you really wanted, call up the university and find out what your options are. Perhaps you can transfer internally if there are spaces left or when places open up later in the year.

Most importantly, if you don't receive any offers at all please remember that you still have lots of options. Find out about [alternative pathways](#) from universities, you may be happily surprised to learn about the number of choices available that could help get you into the uni course you'd like to study.

Need more information?

If you're still after more information including key dates and change of preference events being held by the TACs and universities, keep an eye out for our updated Change of Preference Guide, coming soon.

Change your preferences even after you've accepted an offer

Say what? Yes, it's true – even if you received an offer in the main round, you can ***still change your preferences.***

(If you get an offer, it's probably always best to accept it. That way, if you don't receive an offer in later rounds, you still have that option to fall back on).

For example:

- you receive an offer in main rounds for your first preference but have changed your mind about the course you want.

Mathematics Prerequisites Course Listing – University of Sydney

All you need to know about our mathematics prerequisites

We have mathematics prerequisites for some courses to help you thrive in your degree and prepare you for future career challenges.

Check here for Degrees that require a Maths prerequisites:

- Arts and social sciences
- Business
- Education
- Engineering and computer science
- Law
- Medicine and health
- Science

<https://sydney.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/undergraduate/mathematics-prerequisite.html>

Academic Insights Summer Programme

Wednesday, 4 January 2023, 9am – Saturday, 14 January 2023, 5pm

The University of Sydney, Camperdown Campus

This Summer School in Sydney is a unique opportunity for you to live and study in the highest ranked university in Australia for graduate employability.

The immersive Academic Insights summer programme provides ambitious high school students from around Australia and the world with an unrivalled experience studying undergraduate-level subjects at the University of Sydney.

In enrolling in this programme, you'll benefit from expert teaching, blended with admissions sessions and essential skill development. Each subject follows a specifically-designed summer school syllabus combining theoretical knowledge with practical application.

Immerse Education tutors from the world-leading university of Oxford and Cambridge will support students in forming a strong foundational knowledge, understanding, and skillset within their field of interest. Students will uncover their academic potential, by choosing from the below subjects:

- Medicine
- Engineering
- Business Management
- Creative Writing

Find out more: <https://www.nie.edu.au/academic-insights-program>

NAS | 2023 Summer School Short Courses

Monday, 9 January 2023, 9am – Friday, 20 January 2023, 5pm

National Art School, Darlinghurst

Develop and expand your creative skills in our 5-day intensive January Summer Schools, held on-campus at NAS in Darlinghurst. Study for one or two weeks and choose from a variety of courses offered in the disciplines of Ceramics, Drawing, Painting, Photomedia, Printmaking and Sculpture.

Find out more: <https://nas.edu.au/nas-2023-summer-school-short-courses/>

Quantum Computing School Summer Camp

Monday, 16 January 2023, 9am – Friday, 20 January 2023, 5pm

Online

Applications open soon for the 2023 SQA Quantum Computing Summer Camp — delivered by Qubit by Qubit (QxQ), a leading educational organisation in quantum, in collaboration with Sydney Quantum Academy (SQA).

Join us to dive into quantum computing during our 1-week summer camp designed for high school students. Learn about the fascinating world of quantum physics, to explore quantum phenomena like superposition and entanglement.

The summer camp includes special workshops where you'll learn how to code quantum gates and circuits — the building blocks of quantum algorithms using IBM's quantum coding language, Qiskit. Held virtually on 16-20 January 2023 with a bonus day in person, the summer camp will be open to Australian high school students (9-12) and recent school leavers.

No prior quantum or coding knowledge is required or expected, and there are many full scholarships available! Scholarships are prioritised for students underrepresented in STEM.

Find out more: <https://sydneyquantum.org/programs/schools/>

Summer Skills Program

Kickstart your career with short summer skills courses that you can learn online at your own pace or at a location near you.

The NSW Government is offering fee-free, industry aligned short courses for young people aged between 16-24 who have left school and want to learn new skills.

Heaps of courses and locations are available across a range of vibrant growth sectors including early childhood education, care sectors, trades, hospitality, agriculture, construction, business, fitness, digital literacy and more. Learn skills for real jobs, build your resume and join school leavers across NSW planning for their future.

There are limited places available, so enrol now and get ahead of the game!

Find out more about the program here: <https://skills.education.nsw.gov.au/initiatives/summer-skills>

STEM Camps for High School Students

Do you have a passion for all things STEM? Or maybe you're looking for a fun way to spend the holidays. You might be interested in attending a STEM camp.

There are heaps of options out there all across the country and the world, helping you explore potential careers in STEM, learn new things, and make new friends.

Take a look at some of the options we've found, and see if there are any that interest you.

Engineering Summer School

Designed for students about to enter Year 12, Engineers Australia's Summer School is a fully residential 5-day program, giving you the opportunity to visit universities and engineering organisations around Sydney. You have the opportunity to take part in immersive workshops, chat with engineers and graduates, and participate in other fun activities.

The next Engineering Summer School will run from 3-8 December 2023. Registration hasn't opened yet, but you can read details of this year's program [here](#).

UTAS Feed your mind, Feed the world

Feed your mind, Feed the world is a free three-day camp for Year 11 and 12 students to learn how science is solving real world challenges. See first-hand the science behind some of Tasmania's leading agricultural businesses, including a robotic dairy, commercial flower producer, cider orchard, vegetable processor and more.

The next program runs from 5-7 December 2022. Registrations close 4 November. [Find out more](#).

Academic Insights Summer Programme

The Academic Insights Summer Programme provides ambitious high school students from around the world with an unrivalled experience studying undergraduate-level subjects at the University of Sydney. You can choose between four subjects to study in the program (Medicine, Engineering, Business, or Creative Writing), all while living like a real university student at St Paul's College.

The Academic Insights Summer Programme will run from 4-14 January 2023. Find out more [here](#).

Five Steps to Study in the USA

Whether you plan to pursue a short-term or full degree program in the United States, EducationUSA has the resources you need in 'Your Five Steps to U.S. Study'.

<https://educationusa.state.gov/your-5-steps-us-study>

USA – College placements and scholarships – Green Room Futures

At Green Room Futures our focus is on finding college opportunities and scholarships for general students, artists and student-athletes interested in studying in the USA. However, that is actually just a small piece of what this whole experience is all about. To us, this process is about establishing and growing genuine relationships with students and their families to inspire, mentor, educate, advise, assist, and motivate students on their unique journeys toward self-actualization in life. We pride ourselves in finding suitable and affordable US university options based on the individual we are working with. Every person is unique and every University in the US is unique, therefore the opportunities our students receive are specific to them and everything they bring to the table. As long as you want to get a university education in the USA, we can help turn those dreams into a reality.

<https://lp.greenroomfutures.com.au/specialonlinediscussion>

Explore Teaching

Thinking about a career in education? Find out what it's like to be a teacher in NSW schools and what type of teacher you could become.

<https://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/exploreteaching>

NSW Ambulance Service

Thinking about a career in the Ambulance Service? Find the information that you need for careers in New South Wales here:

<https://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/careers>

<https://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/careers/paramedic>

<https://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/careers/control-centre-officer>

<https://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/careers/flight-nurse>

<https://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/careers/prehospital-and-retrieval-registrar>

What is ADFA ?

Receive service training while studying for your degree, earn a salary while learning, and graduate with a rewarding job and no HELP debt. Forged from a unique partnership between the ADF and the University of New South Wales, the Australian Defence Force Academy offers world-class education plus cutting-edge military and leadership training. On our Canberra campus, in addition to being expertly trained in the art of leadership and management, you'll undertake a degree in Arts, Business, Engineering, Information Technology, Science or Technology.

<https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/australian-defence-force-academy/what-is-adfa>

ADFA Virtual Tour

Want to learn more about the Australian Defence Force Academy? Discover ADFA through our virtual tour. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWI74RY9IIA>

Applying to the Australian Defence Force Academy

Applying for ADFA is a competitive, dual application process that can take up to 12 months. It's preferable you apply in Year 11, but you can still apply in Year 12.

To start the ADF application process, use our [degree and job match tool](#) to explore the courses through ADFA, and the careers they can lead to. You can choose from a range of [UNSW degrees](#), each of which

leads directly to an officer role in the Navy, Army or Air Force. You will also need to [ensure you are eligible](#).
<https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/australian-defence-force-academy/how-to-apply/>

Police Recruitment Process

Learn about the process and the requirements here:

<https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment>
[Information & Practice PCT Sessions - NSW Police Recruitment](#)

NSW Police Force – Recruiting Eligibility Quiz and Certificates You Need

Take the quiz to see if you may be eligible to commence an application to the NSW Police Force.

Aquatic Rescue Sequence certification:

Applicants are required to provide certification of successful completion of the Aquatic Rescue Sequence.

First Aid certification:

Applicants are required to supply certification of completion of an approved 'Apply First Aid' course with at least 12 months currency remaining on certification.

Typing certificate:

Applicants are required to supply a recognized certificate of typing proficiency equivalent or greater than 25 words per minute at 98 per cent accuracy.

https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment/eligibility_quiz

Australian Border Force Officer Recruit Training Program

Working for the Australian Border Force (ABF) can give you the opportunity to work across the country or the world. You will be on the frontline protecting Australia's border, whether it be:

- processing passengers at an air or seaport
- clearing cargo at an air or sea port
- clearing mail at a clearance centre
- patrolling the Australian coastline in an ABF vessel
- working at a district office
- investigating illegal border activity
- working at a detention centre
- locating and detaining unlawful non-citizens.

The Border Force Officer Recruit Training (BFORT) program is an entry level program. It prepares you for a career in the ABF.

To apply for a Border Force Officer Recruit position you must:

- be an Australian citizen – you must show evidence of this during the recruitment process
- be 18 years of age or older
- have a minimum Year 10 Certificate with a Cert IV/Diploma level qualification or Trade Certificate and/or relevant work experience
- be able to obtain an [Australian Government security clearance](#) and an [Employee Suitability Clearance](#).

Border Force positions are typically advertised twice a year, generally in May and November. However this can change due to operational priorities.

You can read all about the role and the entry requirements, as well as keeping an eye out for applications, here: <https://www.abf.gov.au/about-us/careers/a-career-with-us/entry-level>

Qantas Group Pilot Academy Applications are Open

Applications are now open

Estimates suggest that 790,000 more pilots will be required globally over the next 20 years with around one third of them in the Asia Pacific region.

To help meet the increasing need for skilled aviators in one of the fastest growing global industries we've launched the Qantas Group Pilot Academy. The Academy is part of our plans to build a long-term talent pipeline not just for Qantas, QantasLink and Jetstar, but for the industry more broadly. As the national carrier, we have a history of attracting the best and brightest to fly for us, so we're hoping to see passionate men and women training with us at our new Academy.

Course Information here:

<https://www.qantas.com/au/en/about-us/our-company/pilot-academy.html#course-information>

Main site here: <https://www.qantas.com/au/en/about-us/our-company/pilot-academy.html>

Basair | Open Day

Saturday, 26 November 2022, 9:30am - 4pm

Basair Aviation College, Bankstown Aerodrome

Discover a career that will take you to new heights. Register for the 2022 Basair Open Day. Visitors can talk with the crew, attend seminars, access test flights and more.

Find out more: <https://basair.com.au/open-day/>

Real Estate Institute of NSW - Certificate of Registration Course

A new course developed to meet NSW Fair Trading requirements for you to become an assistant agent. This course is the stepping stone to your future real estate career. The course will equip you with the skills and knowledge to be work ready. You can also continue your studies and complete the full Certificate IV in Real Estate Practice to become a fully Licenced Real Estate Agent.

View full course information below.

<https://training.reinsw.com.au/Assistant-Agent>

The benefits of an Australian Apprenticeship

An Australian Apprenticeship refers to a qualification that is completed through working on-the-job, studying off-the-job and earning a wage. The term 'Australian Apprenticeship' covers both apprenticeships and traineeships.

Apprenticeships and traineeships are completed with a hands-on learning style, which makes them a great alternative for those who don't wish to complete traditional studies. There may be some classroom-based elements, but these are linked to things you will be doing in your job.

In this blog, AATIS explore in-depth the different types of apprenticeships and traineeships, the benefits of completing an Australian Apprenticeship and how you can start a rewarding career and earn while you're learning on the job.

NECA Electrical Apprenticeships Career Pathways

Apprenticeships in all electrical fields are available.

Express your interest here:

<https://www.necatrainng.com.au/electrical-apprentices/expression-of-interest/>

<https://www.necatrainng.com.au/electrical-apprentices/career-paths/>

NECA Electrical – View all the different types of electrical courses

Includes solar, battery and telecommunications courses.

<https://www.necatrainng.com.au/electrical-training-courses/>

,Careers in the Construction Industry

If you're considering a career in construction, there are lots of roles you could consider and many pathways that will get you there.

We've got lots of resources, information about industry growth and opportunities to explore over on our page: <https://studyworkgrow.com.au/careers/construction/>.

HIA Building Apprenticeships

Shape your future by learning from the best in the building industry

Our apprentice program guarantees that you will learn every facet of the industry that you need to know from the most experienced and skilled HIA members. You will learn on the job training and mentoring with a mix of training courses to make sure you become a fully qualified tradesperson. You can then decide if you want to continue working for someone else or whether you want to become your own boss.

Apply here:

<https://hia.com.au/careers-and-learning/become-an-hia-apprentice/how-do-i-apply>

Apprenticeships on offer here:

<http://careers.hiaapprentices.com.au/>

<https://hia.com.au/careers-and-learning/become-an-hia-apprentice>

Australian Cabinet & Furniture Association Apprenticeships

Flexibility and Personalised Apprenticeships ACFA is a registered training organisation that brings a unique experience to how young people are trained in an existing industry. The workplace-based training model brings flexibility and a personalised touch with a dedicated trainer. Click to find out more about where to start.

<https://www.acfa.net.au/>

Apprenticeships - What is the My Pathways Hub Account?

Navigating your way through information regarding Australian Apprenticeships can be quite the time-consuming activity, even if you're searching in the right place. Fortunately, AAPathways has made the process of finding and storing Australian Apprenticeship information, an easy one.

The new My Pathways Hub Account facilitates a custom user journey, whereby users can choose the information and resources that they would like to save, allowing for quick and easy future access.

Designed with providing the best user experience front of mind, you're bound to benefit from using the new My Pathways Hub Account.

Visit: <https://bit.ly/3Qi5Av0>

AFTRS | Intro to Directing

Monday 5 December 2022, 6:30pm – Wednesday, 21 December 2022, 8:30pm

Online

'What does a director do?' This introductory course delivered completely online will focus on the responsibilities and workflow of the film and television director, from pre-production through to post-production. Taught by highly experienced Industry practitioners you'll get an insight into this key role, and what makes a great director.

This course is delivered by Zoom Video in six evening sessions over three weeks.

- Learn about the important role the director takes in narrative storytelling and bringing the script to screen
- Find out about key relationships and working with the different production departments
- Basic principles of blocking for camera, working with actors and character development

Find out more: <https://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-course/intro-to-directing/>

TAFE Pathways Brochures – Find a large range of occupational pathway brochures on this [link](#).

Secure the future with a TAFE NSW Bachelor of IT Degree (Network Security)

The rise of cybercrime has created an unprecedented demand for professionals who can secure and monitor IT systems and protect personal and organisational privacy in cyberspace. The Bachelor of Information Technology (Network Security) will allow you to develop your skills in communication, problem solving and critical thinking.

This degree prepares students to sit for recognised industry certifications (such as CISCO, CCNA, and CCNP).

Alternatively, you can complete a Diploma of Information Technology by completing all first year subjects in the degree.

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-information-technology-network-security>

Study Overseas – information from the Australian Government

The Australian Government has put together some information for students planning to Study Overseas – there are lots of useful tips, advice and links to resources that could help you to make it all happen.

Read more – <https://www.smarttraveller.gov.au/before-you-go/activities/studying>

Spend your Gap Year in America

Applications for the 2023 Camp America program are now open.

As part of Camp America, you will head to the United States for 9-12 weeks and become a counsellor for youth participating in Summer Camp programs. Summer camp in America is a massive tradition. It's estimated there are 12,000 camps spread all over the country and each summer some 11 million children and adults will attend camp.

There is also the opportunity for participants to spend time travelling around America after the camp has concluded.

Learn more about Camp America and how to get involved here: <https://www.campamerica.com.au/>

Summer Camp Gap Year in the US

Looking to travel for your gap year? If you want to see some amazing places, make new friends, and have tons of fun, you might want to consider a Summer Camp in the US.

What is Summer Camp?

Summer Camps are programs for American school students during their Summer holidays (which is in the middle of the year in the Northern Hemisphere). Students participate in all kinds of activities, from outdoors activities like camping, hiking, swimming, and much more, as well as other skill building and recreational activities. Some camps even offer activities like music, arts, and science.

What will you do as part of your Gap Year?

If you choose to spend your Gap Year at Summer Camp, you will usually participate as a worker or mentor rather than a student. You'll still get to take part in the fun, but you'll also be responsible for looking after students and helping to set up and run activities too. The best part is you'll also get paid, as well as getting valuable experience and skills for future job and study applications.

As well as working at Camp, you'll also get the opportunity to spend your free time travelling, so you can see the sights and explore to your heart's content.

What's included in the program?

There are lots of different programs out there, and inclusions can vary, but here's what you'll typically get as part of your program:

- Placement at a camp (usually 8-12 weeks)
- Included accommodation & food while at camp
- A salary

- Help to obtain a visa
- Medical insurance
- 30 days of travel after camp is finished

These are all included as part of the program fee, which varies depending on your provider. Note that there are other expenses not included that you'll need to pay for separately, such as flights, visa application fees, and accommodation and food outside of camp.

Where can I sign up?

If you're keen to spend your gap year at Summer Camp, there are lots of providers out there that offer programs. Here are some we've found:

- [Camp America](#)
- [Camp Leaders](#)
- [IEP Summer Camp](#)
- [Letz Live Summer Camp](#)

EA Ski & Snowboard Job Offers Guaranteed with Training

We are now recruiting for paid ski & snowboard instructor jobs with full training provided for next season. Download your free Canada instructor brochure to find out how you can become an instructor at one of our world-class ski resorts.

Dates and prices here:

<https://easkiandsnowboard.com/dates-and-prices/>

<https://easkiandsnowboard.com/canada-instructor-jobs-brochure>

Skills shortage and what to study in university: Is this your sweet spot?

There are many factors that play into a student's decision making around undergraduate study. It's no longer foreign to ask, 'What should I study in university?'. In the midst of seemingly endless options and factors, how can one easily choose the right course or the right university for them?

<https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/education-blogs/tertiary-study/skills-shortage-and-what-to-study-in-university-is-this-your-sweet-spot>

Searching for your dream course

Looking for the perfect course to study? Going through every single university website and seeing if they offer the course you want can be tedious.

Thankfully, you don't have to do that. This is where [Course Seeker](#) comes in.

What is Course Seeker?

Course Seeker is a comprehensive database of tertiary courses on offer from universities and private providers across the country.

It makes it easy to find your dream course. You can filter your search by subject area, location, duration, qualification level, institution type, and more.

You can also see the entry requirements for each course, so you can work out which courses you might be eligible for in a flash.

You also get other handy info, like the course duration, whether you can study part-time, and the campuses where the course is offered.

You can also add courses to your shortlist, which lets you easily compare them when you're trying to make a decision. In your shortlist, you can also compare indicative course fees, whether or not Commonwealth Supported Places (CSPs) are available, and if there are any prerequisites, plus more. And if you click on a course, you can see all the information you'll need, including majors, extended admissions criteria, the date the course will start next, and more.

Get searching

Find the course of your dreams here: <https://www.coursesseeker.edu.au>

Looking for something similar for VET courses? Try [MySkills](#).

National Skills Commission NERO Data Dashboard

The National Skills Commission (NSC) **Nowcast of Employment by Region and Occupation (NERO)** dashboard provides data on employment levels, both by job and location. It's a great way to see how the landscape of jobs has changed across Australia, and how it might change into the future.

You can search 355 occupations across 88 regions in Australia. Until now, this type of data was only readily available every five years as part of the Census. With NERO, this information is right at your fingertips.

What can you do?

The NERO dashboard lets you search for your dream job, and then see how employment in that job has changed in different areas.

It's a handy way of easily seeing trends in employment, as well as maybe even predicting future trends. You'll also see a map of Australia that shows you the different growth trends in different regions. Want even more detail? You can select a specific area and view employment trends for just that area too.

Find out more

Access the NERO data dashboard here: <https://www.nationalskillscommission.gov.au/our-work/nero>

How can I turn my passion into a career?

This handy video is a guide to help students on what they can do now to start pursuing a career that reflects their passions.

Watch the full video here: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/educational-pathways-program/resources/how-do-i-turn-my-passion-into-a-career->

Career mapping: where to after school?

Many students are uncertain about their next steps after Year 12.

The most important thing is to focus on your direction, not your destination.

Read some practical tips for starting your career journey here: <https://www.uac.edu.au/media-centre/news/career-mapping-where-to-after-school>

What are my future options?

After you finish school, there's a whole wide world of options out there for you. Maybe you want to study. Maybe you want to work. Maybe you want to travel. But how do you know what the right choice is for you?

Well, you've got lots of options. And if one pathway doesn't quite fit, there's bound to be another. Let's take a look.

University

This is probably what most people think of when they're asked about what they want to do after school. University is a great option if you have a career in mind, and know what you need to study to get there (for example, if you want to be a doctor, you're going to have to study medicine).

Most students finish Year 12, and use their ATAR to gain entry to university. But this is far from the only way. There are a ton of alternative pathways you can take if your first option doesn't work out (take a look at some [here](#)).

You can find out more about applying to uni on our website [here](#).

TAFE/VET

Speaking of study, uni isn't your only option. Vocational Training and Education (or VET) is a great way to get skilled for work, often in a much shorter time frame than university. Most VET courses don't have any entry requirements either, so you don't need to stress about results.

And if you decide you do want to study at uni one day, you can use your VET qualification for entry. You could even combine work and study by doing an [apprenticeship or traineeship](#).

Find out more about VET pathways and options [here](#).

Work

Maybe you don't want to do anymore study, and that's okay too. There are lots of jobs out there that you don't need a qualification to jump into.

Or, you could start at the bottom and work your way up – maybe you've had your retail job for a while, and there's an opportunity to become manager. Even better, you might come up with the next big idea and start your own business.

You might even find that you can access some pathways you thought you'd need a degree for – but this will usually take lots and lots of time and experience.

Interested in the world of work? Take a look at our resources [here](#).

Gap year

Not quite sure what you want to do just yet? That's totally fine! You can always take some time off to evaluate your options and spend time growing as a person.

Traditionally people take a gap year to travel, though this changed a bit thanks to COVID. Luckily, lots of travel and exchange programs are opening back up. You can combine your travel with work, or just get out there and have some great experiences.

Even if you don't want to travel, there's so much you can do – you could volunteer, pick up a new hobby, learn a new language, build your soft skills... The list is nearly endless.

Read more about your gap year options [here](#).

Combine your options

You might've already figured this out, but one of the best (and most common) things to do is combine your options.

While you're studying, you might like to get a casual or part-time job. If you want to work full-time, you could upskill with microprograms or short courses that won't take time out of your busy day.

Pick up a job while you travel overseas. Get a VET qualification, then use it to get into uni. Take some time off to rest and relax, then start studying mid-year.

The options out there are nearly endless! And if you don't end up liking the pathway you've chosen?

You can always try a different one. Even if it's after six months, or twenty years down the track.

Wherever you want to go, there's probably more than one pathway you can take to get there.

You can find heaps of resources to help you on your journey on [Study Work Grow](#).

Is Your Resume Summer Ready?

Before you start applying for jobs, it's a good idea to make sure that you have a resume ready to go and that it's up to date and that's going to appeal to potential employers.

Getting your resume summer ready

If you already have a resume, but you haven't looked at it since you last applied for a job, or you were nagged to get one sorted – it could well be due for a refresh.

- Check your contact and personal details are correct
- Add in any recent jobs you haven't listed yet (including voluntary and community work)
- Update and skills, awards, achievements that you've accomplished lately
- List a couple of hobbies – the more relevant they are to the jobs you're looking for the better

Take some time to review your skills and attributes section too.

Don't forget that if you're applying for a particular job, it's a good idea to edit your CV to reflect what the employer is looking for. **Never** make things up, but it's amazing how a little re-wording could make you more appealing as a prospective employee.

Creating a resume

If you don't have a resume and you'll be applying for your first job, no problem, you've got some time to prepare one.

Remember to include:

- Your name, age and contact details
- Education details, including the names of your schools and a list of subjects you've studied
- Any other jobs that you've had, including volunteer work or work experience
- A list of your skills – don't be shy
- Awards or achievements you've received
- A couple of your hobbies and interests

Keep it brief, simple, honest, and easy to read.

These blogs "[It's all about the resume](#)" and "[Create your resume](#)" have a few more tips and ideas.

Or head over to the [Super Simple Resume Builder](#) to get your CV whipped up in no time.

Customise the details

Your resume and cover letter will what gets you through the door and into an interview, so you've got to make them relevant and stand out.

If you're just planning on going around to businesses handing over your resume, keep it short and sweet. It's still worth writing a shiny cover letter too, just a few sentences letting the business know why you'd be an amazing addition to their team.

Applying for specific jobs? You'll need to address skills or other criteria listed in the advert (remember, for entry level jobs the bar shouldn't be set too high, so don't be afraid to blow your own trumpet).

If you really don't think you have many of the skills or experience they are looking for, but you are still keen on the job – say that in the cover letter. Tell them you are really keen to learn. It could make a difference.

Preparing your professional resume

Written by Julie Dal Santo from My Career Capital

Preparing a professional resume can often feel like a daunting task for everyone — even those who have been in the workforce for some time can find it a difficult process. For students who are often still learning about themselves and the world of work, it certainly can feel like a huge task.

Before reading on, take a deep breath — you're not alone.

First of all, what do we even refer to it as? Is it a CV (curriculum vitae) or a resume?

Traditionally, a CV presents a comprehensive description of your entire professional life and academic credentials. This means that the document can be lengthy. On the other hand, a resume is a concise summary (up to two pages) of your education, skills and work experience that are relevant for a specific job.

These days, the need for a lengthy overview of your career history is usually not required. Recruiters or hiring managers now expect around a two-page summary, which should be supported by a cover

letter in which you introduce yourself and advise that you are applying for a given position or role. Importantly, whether you call your career overview a 'CV' or 'resume', it often has no bearing on your chance of reaching an interview shortlist. How do you condense all of your experience into a couple of pages — or, if you've just graduated, how do you even fill out one page? How do you make it look good, succinct, engaging, concise and capture all information? Here are some tips to support you as you prepare your professional resume.

Try on the job

Really understanding the brief and getting to know what you would be doing in that job is such a valuable source of information to help you prepare your resume, all the way through the process to your first day in the job.

To help with this as a minimum, we recommend printing out the job description and highlighting keywords and responsibilities that are most important.

Firstly, you must make sure these keywords are included in your resume (and cover letter). These are the most critical skills that the job requires, so if you don't address them, the reader likely thinks you don't have them. Also, having them will help get past any [initial screening algorithms](#) or applicant tracking systems (ATS), which identify suitable candidates based on the use of relevant keywords.

Then take a minute to imagine yourself doing these key responsibilities of the job:

- What would you be doing at work?
- How would you need to talk to people?
- What does that feel like?
- Would you feel nervous because you haven't done those tasks before?
- Do you feel excited because you love the sound of that and feel strongly about it / connected to it?
- Do you feel confident because you've either done it or something similar in a school project or in your casual job?
- What were the strengths or previous experiences that came to mind for you?

Depending on your response you'll get an idea about what is important and relevant for you to include in your resume.

Another benefit from imagining yourself doing these tasks and getting a sense of how you'd feel, is that it grows your connection and perspective of the job. This will provide more depth and connect with how you write and talk about yourself and the job.

Make every word count

With only two pages, you need to make sure every word you have on those pages is telling the reader something important about you and why you're the best candidate for the job, and that it's working for you.

To help do this, remove any filler words that are not necessary — instead of words like 'did', use action-oriented words (adjectives) such as 'designed', 'processed', 'created', 'implemented', 'analysed' or 'recommended'. These words describe what and how you've done something, and provide the reader with much more information and insight without taking up too much space on the page.

What story are you trying to tell?

You are the only person who has your story. It's strong and unique, so use it to your advantage. Start with asking yourself these questions.

- What does the person reading my resume need to know?
- What is it they would want to know?
- What is important about me to tell them?
- This can help you get the narrative and key headlines to your resume, the professional story about you underway.

Structure always underpins a good story. To help you with this, keep the resume design simple. Include a “headline” under your name at the top of your resume that describes who you are, your strengths and key qualities in how you go about your work. Another tip is to ensure you’ve captured your experience in chronological order and use bullet points to help make the details digestible. Sometimes we often feel uncomfortable or anxious around how to approach a ‘gap’ in our story. Gaps in peoples’ careers are becoming more common and are a natural thing that can occur over a career journey. A gap could be due to a number of things, such as a long period of time actively looking for work, personal reasons, transitioning between employment, or more education.

More recently, we are seeing students take a different approach to designing their career post-COVID-19. If this is you, the key is to make sure you can address this rather leaving the reader guessing, and having a confident explanation to offer up at a potential interview. Whatever the gap is from, it’s important to draw the learnings and transferable skills that you have taken from that time to put a positive spin on that time. For example, while I don’t have any direct experience in this area, I have the confidence to ask questions or ask colleagues.

Keep in mind that when you’re writing your professional story, it must be able to demonstrate and articulate how your past and current skills, experience, unique value and future potential are all working together to set you up for this job.

The same CV isn’t a fit for every job

Your resume must demonstrate that you possess most or all the criteria required for the job. What is required by each job will vary, even if it’s the same job title for two different companies. The company’s culture and values, team size or structure will vary. Do your research and ‘try the job on’ to get a better understanding. It will help you be clearer when you tailor your resume for each position you apply for.

Some tailoring and changes may only be minor — it’s about expanding on your most relevant experience for the job and cutting back the less relevant parts.

Again, use the highlighted keywords you’ve already captured in the job description ensure you’re tailoring the skills in your current work or previous professional experiences to the job that you seek.

Proof read

Before you submit your resume, please make sure it gets proof read!

You can be the best person for the job, the most qualified or have the most experience, but if the reader picks up on any grammar, formatting or spelling mistakes, your resume may go to the bottom of the pile. To do all your hard work justice and to give yourself the best chance at having success with your resume, it needs to be proof read.

Try to find someone to proof read it for you. Not only this, ask them what impression they get from reading your resume. They may even give you some extra tips that will make all the difference.

If you can't find someone to proof read it for you, walk away and take a day of not looking or thinking about it. When you've got fresh eyes and mind, print it out to proof read it. This can make it much easier to mark up and see mistakes when not looking on a computer screen.

Smart Reasons to Get a Summer Job

After a hectic school year and with everything else that's gone on this year, you'd be forgiven to counting down to some time out and looking forward to winding down.

Getting a summer job could be the last thing on your mind.

If you give the benefits of a summer job some thought, you might just change your mind and start reaching for the classifieds. We've put together a list of 10 reasons why you might like find some employment over the summer months.

10 Smart Reasons to Get a Summer Job

1. Feel more **confident** applying for jobs and attending interviews.
2. Help you build an impressive **resume** which could make you stand out to future employers, or make your uni application more competitive.
3. **Learn** all kinds of new skills – some you might not even realise you're doing, like prioritising and multi-tasking.
4. Gain **insight** into different jobs, find out if there's something you'd like to explore further, or put it on the "no thanks" list.
5. Getting a job during high school *will* give you an **advantage** over people who wait until after graduation to land a job.
6. Develop and practise **life skills** including, time management, patience, communication, customer service, people skills, collaboration, team work, good work ethic, leadership, and problem solving.
7. **Professional networking** – this could guarantee you a job to come back to in future, or secure you a part time job while you study, get you a great reference, or through word of mouth could get you an even bigger and shinier job offer.
8. Earn your own **spending money** to do with exactly as you'd like, help out at home, or put towards your savings for a car, gap year or uni expenses.
9. Get familiar with entitlements, taxes, banking, budgeting and other essential parts of **becoming an adult**.
10. Getting a summer job could help you assert your independence, **boost** your self-confidence, help you to learn more about your capabilities, and might even [give you some ideas about what you want \(or don't want\) to do next](#).

Every job is valuable

You might think that showing up to work flipping burgers or serving up ice creams won't benefit you much at all, but aside from earning some cash, it could teach you how to motivate yourself (getting up each day to do something you're not mad about), work hard, prioritise tasks, and achieve goals. Plus, you could make new friends and have some fun along the way.

At the end of the day life is all about balance. So, there's no need to find a job that has you slaving away from sun-up till sun-down, seven days a week. Something part time and flexible will give you all the benefits, plus allow you the time you'd like to enjoy the summer break.

It's not too late, but lots of employers have already started advertising and filling positions so you might like to get organised soon.

Job Spotlight

How to become a Big Data Analyst

Big Data Analysts specialise in the analysis and presentation of large and complex data sets. This includes the identification, collection and analysis of [big data](#) for the purpose of improving decision making and gaining a competitive advantage in the market.

Information empowers businesses. It can be used to identify the causes of problems or failures; calculate ways to make cost reductions and time savings; generate coupons for customers based on their unique buying habits; or direct new product development and smart business decision making. It can also be used to calculate risks and detect fraudulent behaviour.

If you've got a great head for figures and enjoy the challenge of figuring out patterns and trends, then a future in the growing field of Big Data Analytics is well worth investigating.

About you:

- Great maths and technology skills
- Logical
- Analytical and problem-solving
- Creative and innovative
- Can work independently and as part of a team
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Continuous learner – update skills and knowledge

The job:

- Find new ways to use data and to improve business
- Create collection systems, processes and reporting
- Write reports, clearly describing findings
- Translate and extrapolate relevant and useful data
- Cross-reference and make interpretations from large, multiple data sets
- Present data and findings for customers

Lifestyle Impact: Low

- Part Time opportunities: Low – only around 21% of Big Data Analysts work part-time (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 42 hours a week, which is average (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Big Data Analysts' salary (median) \$110,000* per year (source: ato.gov.au). *Salaries can vary depending on your skills and experience.
- Future career growth: Strong (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- You will be doing most of your work indoors, using computers and technology.
- More than a third of workers reported regularly working overtime or extra hours (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).

Big Data Analyst are most in demand in these locations:

Big Data Analysts are overwhelmingly found in metropolitan areas and capital cities. However, opportunities to work remotely or from home are growing. Most Big Data Analysts work in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, and Financial and Insurance Services industries.

How to become a Big Data Analyst in Australia

You will usually need a university-level qualification in order to work as a Big Data Analyst in Australia.

Step 1 – Complete Year 12 with a focus on English and Maths. Business subjects might also be useful.

Step 2 – Study a relevant undergraduate degree, such as mathematics, data analysis, business, computer science, or information technology.

Step 3 – Find work in a relevant field and start building on your experience.

Step 4 – Consider upskilling with a postgraduate degree, such as a [Graduate Certificate in Data Analytics](#).

Step 5 – Once you have lots of experience, consider starting your own business.

Find out more here –

<https://australia.iiba.org/>

<https://www.aiia.com.au/>

Similar Careers to Big Data Analyst

- Systems Analyst
- Database Engineer
- Business Development Manager
- Market Researcher
- SEO Specialist
- Accountant
- App Developer
- Web Developer

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