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Beazley Medal
Winners

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Section 1 for Students and Families

Career News

New ECU Perth Campus Opens

The dynamic new ECU campus opens in Semester One 2026.

It is the most exciting building in Perth. Everything is state of the art, from the electronic art displays on the façade and in the entrance, to the building's foundations sprung to withstand jolts from trains passing underneath.

On the north side, facing Northbridge theatres and galleries, they have focused on creative industries. On the side facing the city there is business, law and information technology.

Ten thousand students will be based at the City Campus studying:

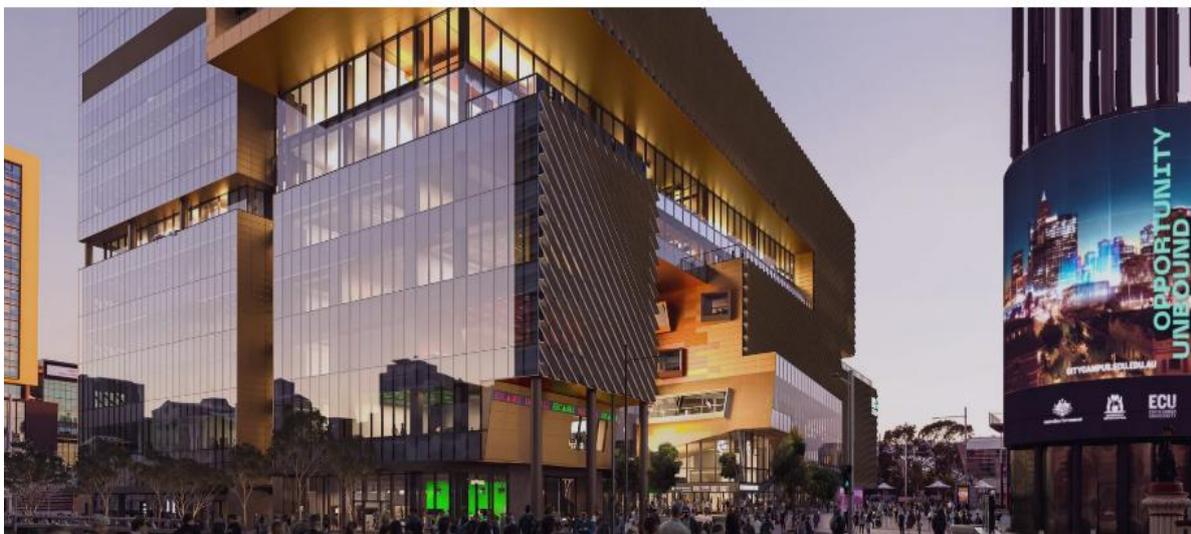
- The WA Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA)
- Arts and Humanities
- Business and Law, and
- Information Technology

Staff started moving over from the Mount Lawley and Joondalup campuses, during the Christmas break.

The building will be open to the public from the middle of the year.

ECU
CITY

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The ECU City Campus **Open Day** won't be until August.

New Curtin University \$94.6 million Centre of Excellence to empower Quality Work in a Digital Age

Curtin is to explore to create and sustain productive, inclusive and healthy work in a digital age. This is a significant opportunity for West Australian students, researchers, industry and citizens.



Curtin is at the hub of a technology precinct that includes Technology Park and the Pawsey Supercomputing Research Centre. This Centre aims to focus its existing strengths to humanise digital technologies:

The new Centre, will revolutionise how Australia approaches the design and use of digital technologies to achieve a fairer, healthier and more productive future for all Australians

Director of [Curtin's Centre for Transformative Work Design](#), 2024 WA Scientist of the Year and ARC Laureate Fellow [John Curtin Distinguished Professor Sharon Parker](#)



John Curtin Distinguished Professor Sharon Parker.

Read about it [HERE](#).

\$200m Science Building for Curtin



The new \$200 million Sciences building at [Curtin University's](#) Bentley campus is a major six-storey development targeting completion in 2027. It will serve as a premier hub for the John de Laeter Centre and the WA School of Mines, featuring advanced, hands-on learning spaces and specialized research facilities to enhance scientific impact.

Vice Chancellor Harlene Hayne was on the Science Show on 24 January describing how science is a pillar at Curtin University. She described a spectacular parade of achievements at Curtin.

Mining, geology and engineering are strengths, together with astronomy thanks to the Square Kilometre Array.

You can hear the 11 minute item [HERE](#).



The new building is named “B316” which is a sure sign that it could be time to refocus SOME effort onto the creative industries at Curtin!!

\$100m donation to Murdoch Veterinary School

Perth businessman Ted Powell has donated \$100m to Murdoch University.

The funds will be used to rebuild the university's veterinary school. The new build is expected to take about five years and will allow the university to boost the number students wanting to train as vets from 105 to 150 per year. ([ABC News](#))



Perth Film Studios Open

This is the time to kick start your creative career in WA. The new [Film Studios in Malaga](#) has opened.

The facility aims to provide ideal facilities to be used by film producers, actors, camera operators, script writers, costume and set designers, makeup artists and directors.



CONGRATULATIONS 2025 Beazley Medal Winners

Beazley Medal: WACE Cohen Beveridge

Willetton Senior High School's Cohen Beveridge, took out the WACE Beazley award after top scores in six ATAR classes including maths, physics, chemistry, literature and Italian.

Cohen also received a General Exhibition, Subject Certificates of Excellence in Chemistry, Mathematics Methods and Physics, along with a Certificate of Distinction.

Cohen found his studies in Years 11 and 12 to be challenging but enjoyable across all his ATAR subjects, and he is looking forward to studying Electrical Engineering at the University of Western Australia in 2026.

Cohen Beveridge
Willetton Senior High School



Holly Hunter
Rossmoyne Senior High School



Beazley Medal: VET Holly Hunter.

Holly received a VET Exhibition and a VET Certificate of Excellence in the Construction Industries industry area. She achieved a Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start) through South Metropolitan TAFE. Alongside the Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start), Holly undertook ATAR Mathematics Applications in Year 11 as it complemented her VET studies.

Holly has secured an apprenticeship in the Certificate III in Electrotechnology (Electrician) qualification with Thyssenkrupp (TK) Elevator, which she will commence in 2026. Holly looks forward to pursuing a career in construction and continuing to develop her skills within

the industry.

[From SCSA page](#) Find the complete list of 2025 Exhibition and Awards Recipients [HERE](#).

National Training Award Winners

Western Australia was represented by outstanding young industry stars at the National Training Awards in December.



Pictured L-R: Cadie Doyle, Arabella Poole, Lewis Italiano, Nel Williams and Elisajane Thompson

- **Vocational Student of the Year:** Arabella Poole turned her long medical journey into triumph by following a vocational pathway in fitness.

After completing a Certificate IV in Fitness at North Metropolitan TAFE, she has built a new career as a personal trainer and group fitness instructor and is now training to become a clinical pilates teacher.

- **Small Training Provider of the Year:** Taylorweir

Hairdresser and

Barber Training, a WA institution shaping careers for nearly three decades.

Supporting almost half of WA's hairdressing and barbering apprentices, Taylorweir is recognised for its innovative, student-focused approach and strong industry partnerships. Its nationally recognised programs blend technical skills with creativity, ensuring graduates are job-ready and respected across the sector.



WA Screen Industry Kick Starting in 2026

Screen industry jobs are about to get a boost in Western Australia.



The Australian government has brought in laws to make screening services create Australian content.

Western Australia is well placed to jump into this opportunity with the fabulous new Perth Film Studios in Malaga.

North Metro TAFE Perth City Campus and ECU City Campus will both deliver education and training for people wanting to kick start their screen industry career.

If you are interested in a screen career, I have gathered information about screen industry opportunities, that include gaming, in a post at the [In Focus Careers website](#).

CUA51020 Diploma of Screen and Media (Film & Television)

National ID CUA51020 State ID AC75

The demand for content creators is growing around the world

You'll get the opportunity to put knowledge and theory into practice working on a variety of films to develop a wide range of industry skills. You will gain on-set experience in various roles.



It's time to be flexible. What jobs will AI replace by 2030?



The career challenge for 2026 and beyond will be knowing how to be flexible enough to pivot to a path that will secure your future career in a well-paid job that you love.

Read what experts have to say about the jobs that AI will replace by 2030 at Curiosmatrix [HERE](#).

- Human centred jobs will continue to exist. That is great but.... The BankWest Curtin Economics Centre at Curtin University released its 10th [Gender Equity Insights Report](#) late last year. If you are wondering about how poorly “women’s work” is paid, check the latest BCEC Gender Equity Insights report [HERE](#).

Job Type	Probability of Replacement
Data Entry Clerks	98%
Cashiers	95%
Transcriptionists	92%
Truck Drivers	90%
Customer Service Representatives	88%
Warehouse Workers	85%
Travel Agents	80%
Bank Tellers	80%
Paralegals	78%
Journalists (Basic Reporting)	75%

Competition for Human Centred Jobs

As jobs are automated leaving only human centred jobs for workers, competition for those jobs will increase and chances of improved pay and conditions will go down.

- Check the Jobs and Skills Australia Spotlight: Recruitment patterns for entry level vacancies report to see how AI is already impacting entry level jobs [HERE](#).

Peel Region Schools – Boom times for jobs in stevedoring and IT

The West Australian government is investing more money into the stevedoring industry in the Kwinana area.

Maritime: Further funding towards the delivery of Westport

As part of the 2025-26 Mid-Year Review, an additional \$30 million will be invested to prepare the Kwinana Industrial Area for construction of Westport.

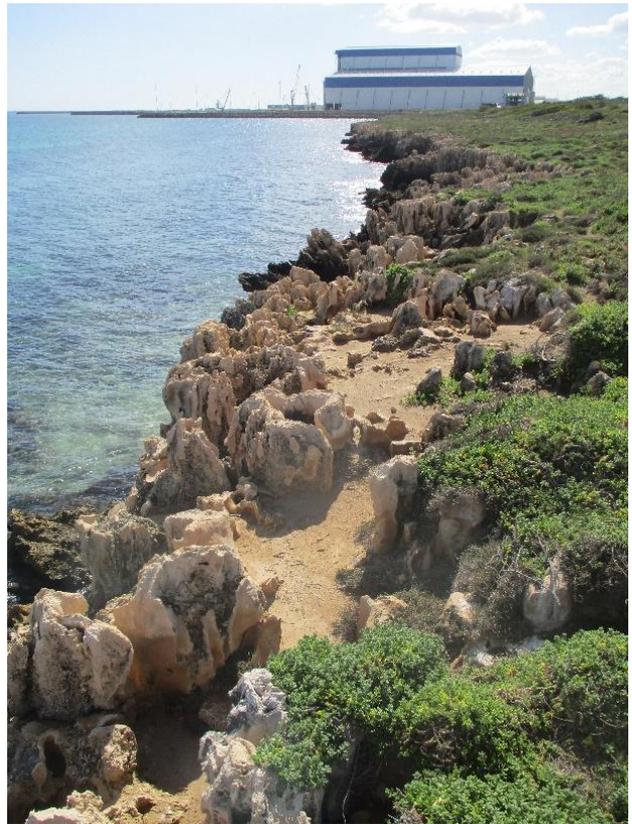
Maritime: Contract awarded to progress Westport planning and design

The Cook Government has awarded a major contract to Worley Arcadis Joint Venture (JV) for the delivery of marine and port infrastructure technical advisory services for Westport.

Maritime: Contract awarded to manufacture WA's first electric ferry fleet

The Cook Government has awarded a \$66 million contract to Henderson-based shipbuilding company, Echo Marine Group, to design and construct five new electric ferries as part of the METRONET on Swan Ferry Expansion project.

All this is in ADDITION to the \$12bn on a defence facility!



Career Opportunities – General

8 February ACER Primary and Secondary Scholarship Applications Close for 2027



[Australian Council for Educational Research \(ACER\) scholarships](#) are granted to academically outstanding students by independent schools throughout Australia.

There are [24 participating independent schools](#) in WA and they all run the test at a date that suits their schedule. Tests are generally run in February and March of each year to identify scholars for the following year.

There are two categories of test:

1. [Primary Tests for entry into Years 4 – 6](#)

- Reading and Viewing
- Mathematics
- Writing



2. [Secondary for entry into Years 7 – 12](#)

- Written Expression
- Humanities – Comprehension and Interpretation
- Mathematics (Level 1), Mathematics and Science (Level 2 & 3)

There are [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and [Practice Tests](#) on the website.

Employment Statistics

Australian Bureau of Statistics – to December 2025

Unemployment is down. New jobs created.

- unemployment rate decreased to 4.2%.
- participation rate remained at 66.8%.
- employment increased to 14,686,100.
- employment to population ratio remained at 64.0%.
- underemployment rate remained at 5.9%.
- monthly hours worked increased to 1,997 million.

In Western Australia:

- the number of people employed went up 0.4%
- the unemployment rate was 4.3%

See the latest ABS report [HERE](#).

Jobs and Skills Australia to November 2025

The Jobs and Skills Australia January newsletter showed that last year, to November:

- Aged & Disabled Carers increase employment by 27,300
- Electricity, Gas, Water & Waste Services increase employment by 18,900 (**the fastest-growing industry**)
- Health Care & Social Assistance increase employment by 103,800 (the largest growth by volume). 16.2% of the Australian workforce

Sales Assistants (General) is the largest occupation employing 559,800 people.

- 75% work part time hours
- 64% are female
- Median age is 23 years old
- Median weekly full-time earnings are \$1,112

Dentists are among the highest paying occupations at \$3877/week

Internet Vacancy Index December 2025 – Job advertisements up

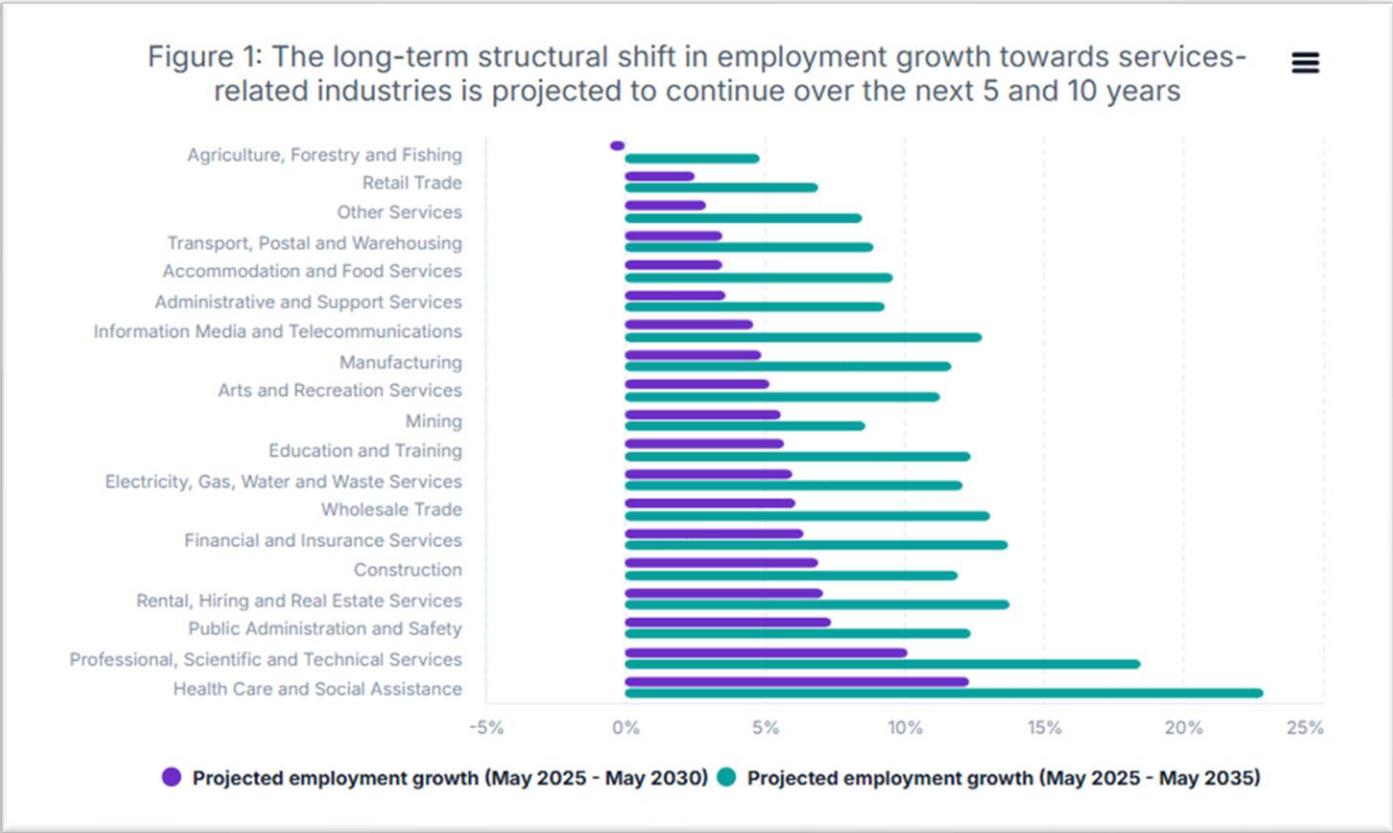
Advertisements increased by 3.2% and with increases across most major occupation groups, skill level groups and all states and territories.

Online job ads decreased slightly over the year. Vacancy numbers continue at relatively high levels historically.

10 Year Employment Projections to May 2035

Total employment in Australia is projected to grow by 961,000 people (or 6.5%) over the next 5 years, and by nearly 2.0 million people (or 13.3%) over the next 10 years, reaching 16.6 million employed people by May 2035.

This growth rate is in line with the projected growth of the population.



Industry Outlook

- The largest industry (close to one in every six jobs in 2025), **Health Care and Social Assistance**, accounts for the strongest projected employment growth over the next 5 and 10 years. Similarly, employment growth in the Professional Services industry is projected to be much faster than the national average.
- **Retail Trade**, which accounted for 9.2% of total employment in May 2025, has one of the *lowest projected* employment growth rates over both the next 5 and 10 years.
- The **services-related industries** (roughly all except for agriculture, forestry and fishing, mining, manufacturing and construction) are projected to account for 84% of employment growth over each the next five and ten years

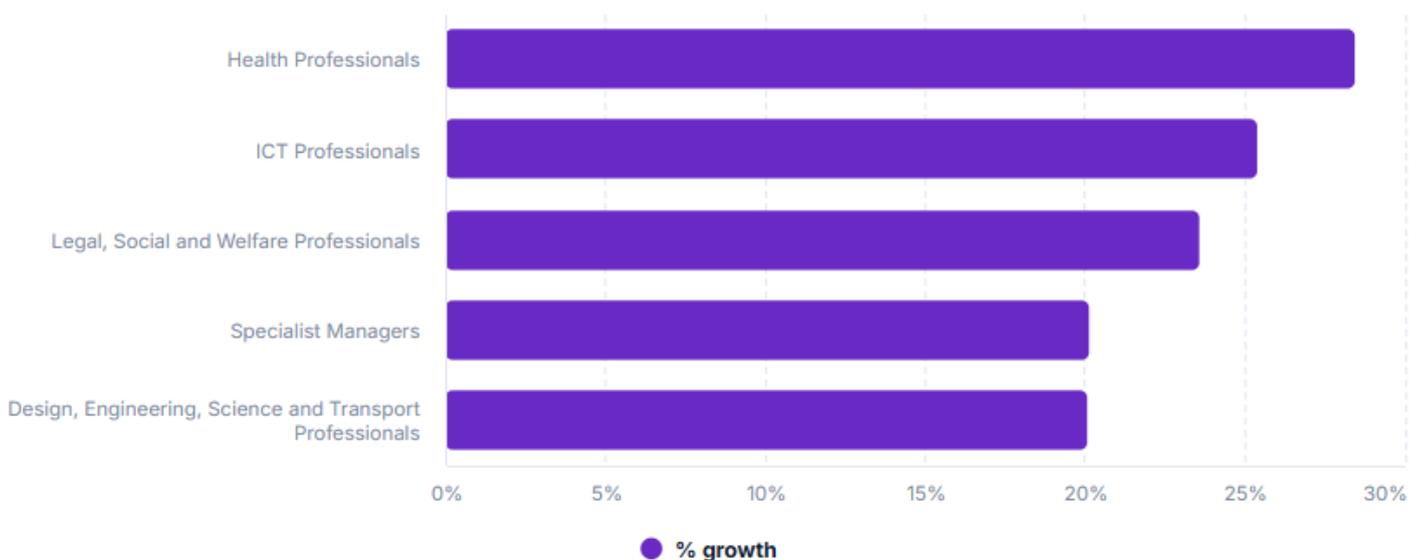
JSA commissioned Victoria University to produce employment projections to May 2035, using the *Victoria University Employment Forecasting (VUEF) model*.

10 Year Employment Projections for states and territories

Western Australia has 11.4% of Australian employment. It is predicted to still be 11.4% in 10 years. See the report [HERE](#).

Outlook by Occupation

Figure 4.2: Top 5 group level 2 occupations by projected employment growth over the next decade are mostly Professionals



See occupation growth details [HERE](#).

Employment by Skill Level

In summary, jobs that require degrees will be more plentiful in 10 years than jobs with no post high school qualifications, but the movement between skills levels across the entire workforce is less than I anticipated. See the details on a simple table [HERE](#).

Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre Labour Market Update

December growth stronger than expected.

- Unemployment rate falls from 4.3 per cent to 4.1 per cent on the back of a rebound in jobs.
- Since the rate peaked at 4.4 per cent in September, the labour market has remained significantly tighter than anticipated in key official forecasts.
- December's jobs surge raises the stakes for the February interest rate call, with much riding on the inflation figures due out next week.

The December labour force estimates show employment jumping by 65,200 persons. Almost all of that increase came in the form of additional male, full-time positions (+62,500).

- Electricity, gas, water and water services stand out as the fastest growing industry on trend measures. Employment in the sector expanded by **61 per cent** over the past decade, far ahead of the overall employment growth of 24 per cent.



- Employment growth in 'Electricity Supply' rocketed to **155 per cent** over the past 10 years,
- Employment in 'Gas Supply' fell by almost **60 per cent**.

Construction Industry Snapshot November Quarter Growth Continues



The national construction workforce continued its expansion through to mid-2025, reaching a record high of nearly 1.35 million workers in February. This growth has been underpinned by strong demand across all major construction sectors.

The sector's resilience is evident in its ability to sustain high employment levels despite ongoing challenges.

Download the Report [HERE](#)

University Events

Go to Open Days 2026

All Year 10+ students who want to go to university in WA should go to at least two Open Days:

1. To the one closest to where you live.
2. The one with the courses and campus life that will make your life better.

These [myfuture](#) tips will help you make the most of open days:

- [8 ways to a great university open day](#)
- [Preparing for an open day](#)
- [How to make the most of open days and career expos.](#)

University Open Day Calendar 2026

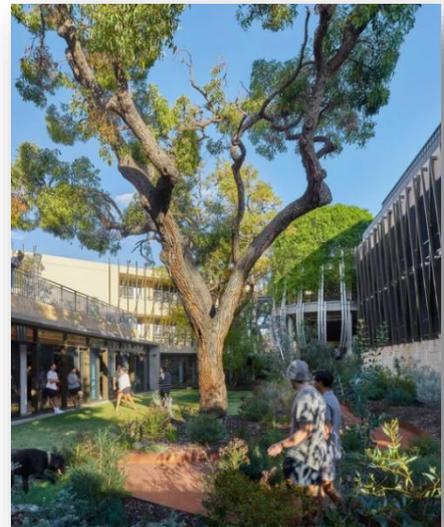
15 March Joondalup Get details HERE .	
22 March 10am – 3pm Get details HERE .	
28 March South Street 10am – 3pm Saturday Get details HERE	
29 March 10am – 3pm Get details HERE .	
3 May ECU South West, Bunbury Get details HERE .	
9 August ECU City Get details HERE .	
TBA	

11 & 12 March UWA St Catherine's College Boarders' Experience

We invite your Year 10 - 12 boarders to an exclusive opportunity to experience life at St Catherine's College, UWA.

Join us for a vibrant evening that includes:

- Dinner in our Dining Hall
- A guided tour of the College grounds and facilities, led by our Resident Ambassadors
- Hands-on sessions with:
 - Dandjoo Darbalung, our nationally recognised Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Excellence
 - Bloom, our hub for youth innovation and entrepreneurship



Places are limited, so early expressions of interest are encouraged.

To register, please email Sarah Warburton at sarah.warburton@stcats.com.au

University News

See WA Uni Results from 2025 in the Supplement to this issue.

It includes:

- Good Universities Guide rankings of WA universities
- ComparED rankings of WA universities
- Courses that required an ATAR of 95 or greater
- ATAR ranks of 10 or more ABOVE the estimated rank.

Training Opportunities

Scorchers + Murdoch Partnership gives credit from VET diploma into a degree

From 2026 students will be able to enrol in a one-year Diploma in Sport and Business at Murdoch and get up to one year's credit towards a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science and a Bachelor of Business.



This new opportunity combines classroom learning with 100 hours of hands-on work experience with WA Cricket and the Perth Scorchers.

There is no ATAR requirements for this course, however applicants must have obtained successful completion of Australian Year 12 or equivalent.

Get the details [HERE](#).

Consider Media Studies at TAFE



You might want to check out their [Diploma of Screen and Media \(Film &](#)

[Television\)](#) before signing up for a Media Degree. Universities will assess your application for recognition of learning if you wish to go on and do a degree.

North Metropolitan TAFE Perth City Campus has great studios, sound and lighting equipment, industry contacts and lecturers.



Save money – Choose an apprenticeship on the priority list

Australian Apprenticeships Priority List - 1 January 2026



Commonwealth Government Funding

The [Australian Apprenticeships Priority List](#) identifies courses eligible for fee free courses and incentives to employers.

You usually have to pay for tools and equipment needed for the course, but there are no course fees.

There are 26 pages of Priority Occupations where there are skills shortages. You can find the full list [HERE](#). Speak to your career advisor for guidance in your choice.

State government FREE VET pathways

The West Australian government subsidises VET courses for occupations where we have specific skills shortages. See the [Fee free and low fee course finder](#).



Fee free and low fee course finder

If you have an idea of what career you want to start, go to a [Jobs and Skills Centre](#) to find out if any courses in your chosen field attract a training subsidy.

Funding to address Training Weaknesses



The State and Commonwealth governments are working to build vocational education outcomes.

- **Improve support provided to apprentices and trainees**, especially in priority groups. This could help to reduce the number of apprentices and trainees who drop out of their contracts. (\$46m).
- **Better training and employment outcomes for Aboriginal people** by investing in partnerships with Aboriginal community-controlled and Aboriginal-owned training sector. (\$43.9)
- **Growing and retailing a high-quality VET workforce.** (\$15.2m) (I am not sure what this means.)
- **Expand Foundation Skills, including Read Write Now.** (\$8m)

This funding is on top of the \$85.1m for the:

- Clean energy Skills National Centre of Excellence and the
- Defence Industry Skills Centre of Excellence

Apprenticeships and Traineeships

WA Apprenticeship and Traineeship Intake Guide

[This Guide](#) is written each year by the Australian Apprenticeship Support Services.

It provides most of the information you will need if you are planning on undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship.

You can download it [HERE](#).



Apprentice and Trainee Connect Providers

[WA Government Apprenticeship Office](#)

If you want an apprenticeship or traineeship, you can contact an employer (uncle, family friend, person you know through work experience) and ask them to take you on, or apply for a job through [Seek](#) or other job advertising site.

- To get your qualification you will sign a [Training Contract](#) with the employer.
- Contact your local [Jobs and Skills Centre](#) to get help to find to get started.

There are organisations that have been contracted to help WA apprentices and trainees. They are called [Apprentice Connect Australia](#) providers and they can help you to find an employer and support you through your training.

Apprentice Connect Australia Providers

[Apprenticeship Support Australia \(ASA\)](#)



- [Apprenticeship Support Australia \(Generalist\)](#)
- [Women in male-dominated trades specialist](#)
- [First Nations specialist](#)
- [Apprenticeship Support Australia \(ASA\) \(Clean Energy specialist\)](#)

1300 363 831

[BUSY At Work](#) – The Apprenticeship Community



- [Women in male-dominated trades specialist](#)
- [The Apprenticeship Community \(Generalist\)](#)

Perth and Surrounds – not outback.

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[MEGT \(Australia\) Ltd \(Generalist\)](#)

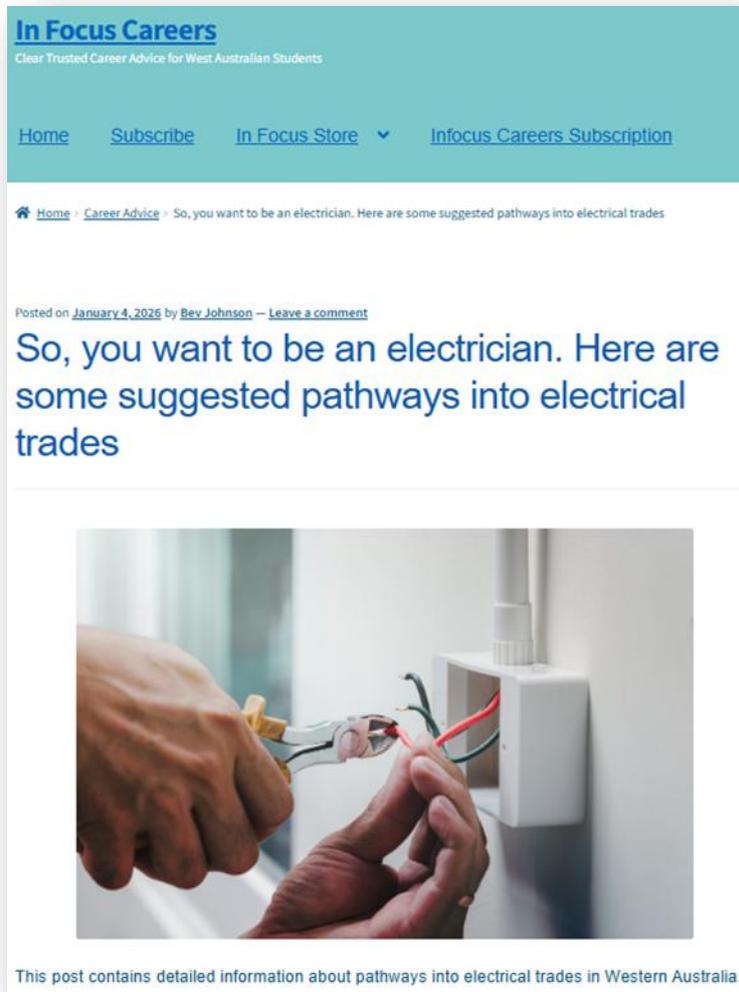


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So, you want to be an electrician

Getting an electrical apprenticeship is becoming as hard as getting into medicine!

The demand for electricians is going to double as solar, wind, hydrogen and battery power are rolled out.



The screenshot shows a webpage from 'In Focus Careers' with a teal header. The header includes the site name and navigation links: Home, Subscribe, In Focus Store, and Infocus Careers Subscription. Below the header, a breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Career Advice > So, you want to be an electrician. Here are some suggested pathways into electrical trades'. The article is dated 'January 4, 2026' by 'Bev Johnson' and includes a 'Leave a comment' link. The main title of the article is 'So, you want to be an electrician. Here are some suggested pathways into electrical trades'. Below the title is a photograph of a person's hands using wire cutters to strip the insulation off a red wire connected to a white electrical outlet. At the bottom of the image, a caption reads: 'This post contains detailed information about pathways into electrical trades in Western Australia.'

I have collated information about how to get an electrical apprenticeship and alternative pathways into becoming an electrician [HERE](#).

Book an appointment with your school-based career advisor to discover what is possible.

Each region has a [Jobs and Skills Centre](#) which will be well placed to advise you on alternative pathways to an electrical career.

Senior School Opportunities

31 March Applications Close Rotary Youth Exchange



Please consider this life changing opportunity to study in a foreign country through a supported, low cost exchange program. Rotary Youth Exchange is run through Rotary clubs around the world. To find

details about how to apply for 2027 go [HERE](#).

Girls + Engineering Tomorrow (GET) for 2026



Applications close 5 April 2026

The GET Network is a ten-session program designed to support and inspire girls and non-binary students in Years 11 & 12 interested in exploring engineering. The program runs over Terms 2 & 3 at Curtin University on Saturday mornings, providing study support and opportunities to explore engineering through engaging workshops, mentors and study pathways.

The program will offer an opportunity to:

- Meet like-minded peers
- Meet industry role models
- Connect with our university Student Mentors
- Participate in a range of engineering-themed activities and workshops
- Learn about engineering courses and careers



The program runs on Saturday mornings from May to September. Find details [HERE](#).

ATAR Pathways

With more than 90 per cent of new jobs requiring post-secondary education, young people need support not just to finish school but to go on to further education



ATAR is NOT USED by more than 75% of our young people seeing a uni place.

Students should contact their year coordinator or career advisor early in the year to start building their path through school into their lives after school.

Year 12 Information

Curtin Undergraduate Course Guide

This is a helpful collation of information that Curtin career staff think future students might need.

- Career quiz
- Study tips
- Glossary of university language
- Study areas and course explanations

This 150 page online booklet is useful even if you DONT want to go to Curtin. Check it out [HERE](#).



2026 Medicine - University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) Dates

If you want to apply for medicine for 2027 you will need to undertake a UCAT assessment.

These are the important dates for UCAT in 2026:

Deadline times are 11.59pm AEST - Australian Eastern Standard Time

Concession Scheme opens Access Arrangements open	16 February 2026
BOOKING OPENS	3 March 2026
Concession application deadline	11 May 2026
Access Arrangements application deadline	15 May 2026
BOOKING DEADLINE	15 May 2026
Late booking deadline Late Access Arrangements application deadline	29 May 2026

FINAL late booking deadline	5 June 2026
Cancellation deadline	12 June 2026
Testing begins	1 July 2026
Last testing date	5 August 2026
Results delivered to universities	early September 2026

Sign up for notices on the [UCAT ANZ website](#).

Curtin Casper Test for Medical Entry

1-on-1 Casper Test Preparation Tuition

Designed specifically for **Curtin University Medical Entry** (and other Casper-requiring programs), this individualised training session provides intensive, hands-on learning.

During a **2-hour one-on-one session**, students work directly with Rebekah Ramsey to:

- Practise realistic Casper question types and scenarios.
- Master the **14-scenario format** and timed open-ended responses.
- Understand best practices for on-camera recorded responses.
- Receive personalised, detailed feedback on answers and delivery.
- Improve confidence, timing, and communication clarity under pressure.

This focused tuition helps students respond effectively and confidently to Casper questions — both written and video-based.

Get details and resources [HERE](#).

Year 12 Opportunities

Find the huge range of scholarships available



Register for Scholarship Alerts NOW

You can create scholarship alerts through the [Good Universities Guide](#) and through universities.

- [Good Universities Guide](#)
- [Curtin](#)
- [ECU](#)
- [Murdoch](#)
- [Notre Dame](#)
- [UWA](#)

Get [Five tips for a strong scholarship application](#).

There are many scholarships available for super smart kids, for people with special needs, for industries like trades and jewellery making and insurance industry scholarships

- [Curtin has a scholarship database](#)
- The [Country Education Foundation](#)
- [Commonwealth Teaching Scholarship](#)
- [Indigenous Pathways Portal](#).
- [Pinnacles Foundation Scholarships for LGBTIQI](#)
- [ADCET Scholarships for people with disability](#)

Gap Year Opportunities with AgCAREERSTART

Consider a [Gap Year in the Ag Industry](#) for 2027. You get:

- \$3000 towards training.
- A full-time job.
- Tons of support to find out about career opportunities.

Check out the opportunities [HERE](#).



WA Police Recruitment Sessions

Are you interested in learning more about a career with WA Police Force?



Recruitment information sessions are held at the WA Police Force Academy in Joondalup, where you can learn more about the application process and life as a police officer.

Our Recruiting Team will provide an overview of the selection process and training requirements.

Register for the next session by going [HERE](#).

Police Cadets

Australian or New Zealand Citizen or Permanent

Australian Resident aged between 17 and 19.

Please note, applicants can apply at 16, however must be 17 years old upon selection to a Cadet school. Find details [HERE](#).

Year 11

Kick Start Year 11

Senior School Language

Here is a quick guide to some of the acronyms that you will hear in senior school.

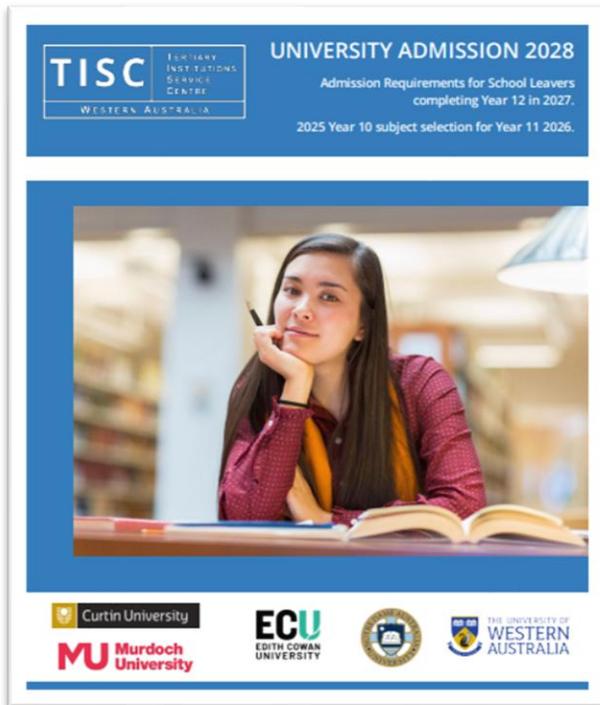
You can download a free copy [HERE](#).

Senior School Language

- WACE**
The West Australian Certificate of Education is what you get when you successfully complete Year 12.
- ATAR**
The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank reports your rank compared to all other students who have taken ATAR that year. If there are 100 students and you get an ATAR of 99, you have done better than 99% of those students.
- TISC**
The Tertiary Institutions Service Centre processes your application for courses at Western Australian universities. If you want to go to uni, you apply through TISC.
- SRMS**
The Student Record Management System is a database of your achievements on your WACE subjects.
- SCSA**
The School, Curriculum and Standards Authority is responsible for all curriculum, assessments, standards and reporting for all Western Australian schools.

Year 10

TISC University Admissions 2028



This information is issued on behalf of the five Western Australian universities. Its aim is to help Year 10 students to decide on their senior school courses, so that they meet university admission requirements.

Remember to choose courses which will allow entry to a wide range of university courses.

Download it [HERE](#).

Middle Year Opportunities

WAAPA Junior Academy for secondary school students

The WAAPA Junior Academy is designed specifically for young people who have a passion for performing.

There will only be 3 terms in 2026 due to WAAPA moving to the new City Campus.

You can find information about the 2026 schedule [HERE](#).



Year 10

Year 10 Magic Happens

Your school has Year 10 Magic Happens which:

- Helps you to identify what's important to you
- Gives you information about the WA education and employment scene
- Guides you as you develop your personal plan.

You can ask your Year Coordinator, Student

Services of VET coordinator for a copy. You can

[download it for free.](#)



Year 7

Who are you at the start of 2026?

You will change a lot at high school. This is a

fun chart

where you

can record

your

favourite

things when

you start high

school.

[My Personal Record](#)

Name	
Skills	Interests
Values	Allies
Motto	

[Starting High School](#)

Also check out the [MyFuture Career Coat of Arms.](#)

Rural Regional Remote

Regional University Study Hubs

We now have **nine** of these [Regional University Study Hubs](#) across Western Australia and there has been research that shows that they are *widening participation in higher education and reshaping what access and success look like in and for regional, rural and remote Australia*

Regional University Study Hubs are used by regional and remote students to support their tertiary studies regardless of the institution, providing everything from study spaces and computer facilities, to support services such as study advice and how to manage administrative processes.

Great Southern Wheatbelt Local Jobs Plan

This Local Jobs Plan outlines employment priorities and actions for the region. It can be used by individuals, organisations and communities to understand their local labour market, and help inform local initiatives that assist their community.

You can find it [HERE](#).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Career Opportunities

Save Money by Choosing a Priority Apprenticeship



Each year a priority list of courses is collated which attract government subsidies. You can see the full list [HERE](#).

At the top of that list are 19 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander courses in health care. If you are interested in a job in the health care industry, you can save yourself some money by starting off with one of these qualifications. Check them out [HERE](#).

Find scholarships and opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders



[Australian Indigenous Education Foundation](#)

The Australian Indigenous Education Foundation provides funds for Indigenous students to attend boarding school or university.

To find out more about the scholarships go [HERE](#).

These are the [participating school in Western Australia](#)



Aboriginal performers at WAAPA

Edith Cowan University (ECU) has reached a partnership agreement with international law firm Allens, which would fully fund up to 20 students to study the [10908NAT Certificate IV in Aboriginal Performance](#) in 2026.

Although the program is subsidised by government funding as a Vocational Education and Training course, Allens' partnership ensures the remaining student contribution is fully covered, removing the final financial barrier for participants.

The Certificate IV in Aboriginal Performance opens pathways into the arts that may otherwise feel out of reach, and removing the final financial barrier means students can step into the program with confidence and focus fully on their creative and cultural development. Find details [HERE](#).



Aboriginal Youth Services list - Perth

Knowing what services are available to support our work is tricky. The Department of Health has put [this list together](#).

It includes projects including:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Madalah Youth Leadership program, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairbridge Freedom Centre
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belmont The Base Youth Service Centre. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billy Dower Youth Centre Mandurah
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freedom Centre Northbridge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigo Junction Midland
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Youth Leadership Program - Secondary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Youth Leadership Program - Tertiary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midnight Basketball 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nyaarla
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMYL Community College
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waalitj Foundation • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youthlink
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YouthReach 	

People with Disability Opportunities

Inclusive Employment Australia replaces Disability Employment Services

Inclusive Employment Australia replaced the Disability Employment Services program on 1 November 2025.

Inclusive Employment Australia is a new specialist disability employment program. It assists people with disability, injury or health condition to prepare for, find and maintain work and grow their career. Inclusive Employment Australia will help create a more inclusive future.



Finding careers for people with disability

You can read more about this change [HERE](#).

BHP Neuro-Diverse Internship Program



If you are neuro-diverse and interested in computing, consider the [BHP Internship](#) as a future opportunity. It is run through a partnership between Curtin and BHP. Read about it [HERE](#).

Curtin University has invested in creating a positive learning environment for students with autism. Check out their AccessAbility services [HERE](#).

Jamie Erak, the 2026 Rhodes Scholar went to Curtin, after leaving school to be home-schooled. He has autism which helped him to focus “I have very strong interests in certain subjects.” Read about him [HERE](#).

Scholarships & Awards



Many organisations offer scholarships in a wide variety of categories such as students with disabilities, students in equity groups, students from overseas and students that have demonstrated academic achievement in a particular area of study.

There are four types of scholarships:

- [Federal government scholarships](#)
- [Education provider scholarships](#)
- [Scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students](#)
- [Community scholarships](#)

Support for Australian Apprentices with Disability

A range of assistance is available including tutorial, mentoring and interpreting services as well as the [Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Support \(DAAWS\)](#) incentive, which is paid to employers.

Find out more and how to claim [HERE](#).

Employment Pathways for People with Intellectual Disability

[Everyone Can Work](#) is a website designed to help people with intellectual disability and their families to understand the supports available to get into open employment.

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Student Opportunities

(International students. Immigrants. Refugees)

Career Advice for Immigrants

The Australian Migrant Education Services provides free advice to potential students and to job seekers.

Find information about education, jobs and settlement issues [HERE](#).



TAFE Migrant English Program

The free Adult Migrant English Program is available at TAFE Colleges for Australian citizens.

- [North Metro TAFE](#)
- [South Metro TAFE](#)
- [South Regional TAFE](#)
- [Central Regional TAFE](#)
- [North Regional TAFE](#)

Supplement – University Results for 2025

WA based university rankings - Good Universities Guide

Edith Cowan University led Western Australia student satisfaction score, with 80.8%



of students being satisfied with the overall quality of their educational experience. ECU has a consistent record as best large university in Western Australia for overall student experience.

Measure	WA universities ranking
<p>Overall Experience</p> <p>This rating looks at the proportion of students who were satisfied with the overall quality of their educational experience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECU 80.8% • Murdoch 77.2% • Curtin 75.8% • UWA 75.5% • Notre Dame 75.4%
<p>Social Equity</p> <p>This rating shows what proportion of domestic students enrolling at each university who come from low socioeconomic or social disadvantages backgrounds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murdoch 25.4% • Curtin 22.2% • ECU 20.5% • UWA 11% • Notre Dame 10.8%
<p>Skills Development</p> <p>Students who were satisfied with the skills development they experienced through their studies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECU 86.3% • Notre Dame 85.4% • Murdoch 81.1% • Curtin 79.3% • UWA 77.4%
<p>Learner Engagement</p> <p>The extent to which students were prepared to study, had a sense of belonging, were prepared to participate in discussions, worked with other students.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notre Dame 67.7% • UWA 62.3% • Murdoch 60.3% • ECU 57.5% • Curtin 52.6%

<p>Staff Qualifications</p> <p>The proportion of staff who hold a masters or doctoral degree</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curtin 82.3% • ECU 73.9% • UWA 65.6% • Murdoch 40.5% • Notre Dame 38.8%
<p>Student Teacher Ratio</p> <p>The number of students per teaching staff member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notre Dame 17:1 • Curtin 24:1 • ECU 25:1 • UWA 26:1 • Murdoch 37.1
<p>Learning Resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECU 86.5% • Murdoch 86.2% • Curtin 83.2% • UWA 83% • Notre Dame 72.2%
<p>Student Support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECU 78.5% • Murdoch 74.8% • Curtin 69% • UWA 67.2% • Notre Dame 64.5%
<p>Teaching Quality</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECU 83.4% • Murdoch 81.6% • UWA 80.7% • Curtin 78.8% • Notre Dame 78.6%
<p>Graduate Salary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curtin \$73,400 • Murdoch \$73,000 • ECU \$72,900 • Notre Dame \$70,000 • UWA \$67,000

Full Time Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notre Dame 86.3%• Curtin 81.2%• ECU 76%• Murdoch 70.4%• UWA 68.7%
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- Murdoch is now ranked second top WA university for “Overall Experience”.
- Curtin is now bottom for “Learner Engagement”. It is the biggest university in Western Australia and students are ranking it poorly for its capacity to create a sense of belonging. Students may need to take initiative and ask for help.
- According to students, ECU is still the overall top large university in Western Australia

ComparED

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Curtin



75.8%

CI (75.2% - 76.4%)
National average: 76.6%

Had a positive overall experience



79.3%

CI (78.8% - 79.9%)
National average: 81.1%

Were positive about their skills development



81.2%

CI (80.1% - 82.3%)
National average: 77.2%

Found full time employment



Based on 10275 responses

Based on 9921 responses

Based on 2802 responses

<https://www.compared.edu.au/institution/curtin-university-of-technology/undergraduate>

ECU



80.8%

CI (80.2% - 81.3%)
National average: 76.6%

Had a positive overall experience



86.3%

CI (85.8% - 86.7%)
National average: 81.1%

Were positive about their skills development



76.0%

CI (74.7% - 77.4%)
National average: 77.2%

Found full time employment



Based on 8728 responses

Based on 8514 responses

Based on 2091 responses

<https://www.compared.edu.au/institution/edith-cowan-university/undergraduate>

Murdoch



77.2%

CI (76.2% - 78.1%)
National average: 76.6%

Had a positive overall experience



81.1%

CI (80.2% - 82.1%)
National average: 81.1%

Were positive about their skills development



70.4%

CI (68.4% - 72.2%)
National average: 77.2%

Found full time employment



Based on 3296 responses

Based on 3182 responses

Based on 1248 responses

<https://www.compared.edu.au/institution/murdoch-university/undergraduate>

Notre Dame



75.4%

CI (74.5% - 76.3%)
National average: 76.6%

Had a positive overall **experience**

Based on 3947 responses



85.4%

CI (84.7% - 86.1%)
National average: 81.1%

Were positive about their skills **development**

Based on 3796 responses



86.3%

CI (84.7% - 87.8%)
National average: 77.2%

Found **full time employment**

Based on 1098 responses

<https://www.compared.edu.au/institution/the-university-of-notre-dame-australia/undergraduate>

UWA



75.5%

CI (74.9% - 76.1%)
National average: 76.6%

Had a positive overall **experience**

Based on 7915 responses



77.4%

CI (76.8% - 78.0%)
National average: 81.1%

Were positive about their skills **development**

Based on 7673 responses



68.7%

CI (66.7% - 70.6%)
National average: 77.2%

Found **full time employment**

Based on 1291 responses

<https://www.compared.edu.au/institution/the-university-of-western-australia/undergraduate>

Courses requiring 95 or higher ATAR

For information about ALL courses go to [TISC 2026 Admission Ranks](#).

I highlighted scores that I thought worth a special mention.

Curtin		
Course	Minimum Rank for Consideration	Lowest Selection Rank Offered
Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) in Earth Sciences	95.00	97.05
Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) in Chemistry	95.00	95.00
Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) in Environmental Biology and Ecology	95.00	98.55
Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) in Computing	95	95
Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) in Industrial and Applied Mathematics	95	95
Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) in Financial Mathematics	95	95
Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) in Marine Science	95	95
Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) in Molecular Genetics	95	95
Bachelor of Education (Secondary Education) - Science Education in Chemistry	70	98.75
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Electrical and Electronic Engineering); Bachelor of Science (Science) in Data Science (double degree)	80	94.8
Bachelor of Science (Oral Health Therapy)	83	98.25
Bachelor of Science (Nutrition); Bachelor of Science (Health Promotion) (double degree)	70	99.95
Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) in Space and Planetary Science	95	95
Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) in Agricultural Science	95	n/a

Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) in Physics	95	95
Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) in Data Science	95	95
Entry to the Curtin Bachelor of Medicine, Surgery has a minimum ATAR of 95 + other requirements.		

Murdoch

Course	Minimum Rank for Consideration	Lowest Selection Rank Offered
Bachelor of Laws; Bachelor of Arts (combined degree)	90	97.6
Bachelor of Laws; Bachelor of Business (combined degree)	90	97.1

Veterinary Science entry requires more than raw ATAR scores.

Notre Dame

Course	Minimum Rank for Consideration	Lowest Selection Rank Offered
Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Science (double degree)	70	99.4
Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Science (double degree) 80.00 95.70	80	95.7
Bachelor of Physiotherapy	97.2	97.4

UWA

Course	Minimum Rank for Consideration	Lowest Selection Rank Offered
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) and Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours)	98	98
Bachelor of Modern Languages and Bachelor of Arts	80	96.6
Bachelor of Modern Languages and Bachelor of Science	80	95.5
Bachelor of Modern Languages and Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours)	98	99.7
Master of Public Health via Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) Assured Pathway	98	-

Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours)	98	98.10
Master of Architecture via Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) Assured Pathway	98	-
Juris Doctor (Law) via Bachelor of Arts Assured Pathway	96	96.5
Juris Doctor (Law) via Bachelor of Commerce Assured Pathway	96	96
Juris Doctor (Law) via Bachelor of Science Assured Pathway	96	96.05
Juris Doctor (Law) via Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours)	98	98.15
Juris Doctor (Law) via Bachelor of Philosophy; Politics and Economics	96	96.3
Juris Doctor (Law) via Bachelor of Psychology Assured Pathway	96	96.15
Juris Doctor (Law) via Bachelor of Human Rights	96	96.5
Juris Doctor (Law) via Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice	96	96.5
Juris Doctor (Law) via Bachelor of International Relations	96	96
Bachelor of Molecular Sciences and Master of Biotechnology	90	97
Bachelor of Science (Frontier Physics) and Master of Physics	95	95
Bachelor of Human Sciences and Master of Bioinformatics	90	96
Bachelor of Marine Science and Master of Oceanography	90	98.8
Bachelor of Science (Frontier Physics) and Master of Physics - Medical Physics	95	95.75
Bachelor of Molecular Sciences	80	95
Bachelor of Modern Languages	80	98.4
Bachelor of Biomedicine (Specialised)	95	97.7

Doctor of Podiatric Medicine via Bachelor of Biomedicine (Specialised) (Podiatric Health and Medical Sciences Major) Assured Pathway	94	98.85
Master of Landscape Architecture via Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours)	98	-
Master of Teaching (Secondary) via Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) Assured Pathway	98	-

ATAR ranks 10 or more ABOVE the estimated rank

Each year universities estimate the minimum ATAR rank which they *think* students will need to be offered a place in each course.

When the Tertiary Information Service Centre collates the ATAR results, it matches students with places from top ATAR rank down until all places have been filled.

This is a collation of the Actual ATAR accepted by the university for courses in 2026. I have

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only recorded where the cut off is 10 or more ABOVE the estimated rank. You can see all ranks [HERE](#).

ATARs and Ranks

Yellow indicates more than 20 points difference.

The weird, wonderful and emerging.

Curtin		
Course	Minimum Estimated ATAR	Lowest ATAR Selection Rank Offered
Bachelor of Science (Science) in Mathematics; Bachelor of Commerce (double degree)	70	83.8
Bachelor of Education (Secondary Education) - The Arts Education in Drama	70	81
Bachelor of Science (Science) in Biochemistry	70	98.85
Bachelor of Education (Secondary Education) - Science Education in Chemistry	70	98.45
Bachelor of Science (Science) in Chemistry	70	86.35
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Electrical and Electronic Engineering); Bachelor of Science (Science) in Data Science (double degree)	80	94.8
Bachelor of Science (Oral Health Therapy)	83	98.25
Bachelor of Science (Nutrition); Bachelor of Science (Health Promotion) (double degree)	70	99.95
Bachelor of Science (Science) in Physics; Bachelor of Commerce (double degree)	70	93.6
Bachelor of Science (Midwifery)	80	91.4
Bachelor of Science (Paramedicine)	75	96.7

Bachelor of Science (Space and Planetary Science)	70	91.25
ECU		
Course	Minimum Estimated ATAR	Lowest ATAR Selection Rank Offered
Bachelor of Engineering Honours / Bachelor of Science (double degree)	80	92.65
Bachelor of Engineering (Instrumentation Control and Automation) Honours	80	92.55
Bachelor of Engineering (Mechatronics) Honours / Bachelor of Technology (Motorsports) (double degree)	80	90.05
Bachelor of Engineering (Mechatronics) Honours	80	90
Bachelor of Engineering (Energy) Honours	80	90
Bachelor of Community and Human Services	70	85
Bachelor of Arts (Sociology)	70	93.95
Murdoch		
Course	Minimum Estimated ATAR	Lowest ATAR Selection Rank Offered
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy	70	86.2
Bachelor of Biomedical Science in Microbiology and Immunology	70	80
Bachelor of Engineering Technology - Environmental Engineering	70	88.75
Bachelor of Science (Mathematical Science)	70	82.45
Bachelor of Science (Physical Sciences) in Physics	70	92.9
Notre Dame		
Course	Minimum Estimated ATAR	Lowest ATAR Selection Rank Offered
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology	70	86.4
Bachelor of Biomedical Science / Bachelor of Commerce (double degree)	70	92

Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Science (double degree)	70	99.4
Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Science (double degree)	80	95.7
UWA		
Course	Minimum Estimated ATAR	Lowest ATAR Selection Rank Offered
Bachelor of Biomedical Science - Albany	70	92.4
Bachelor of Agricultural Science and Bachelor of Science	80	90
Bachelor of Environmental Science and Bachelor of Arts	80	90
Bachelor of Modern Languages and Bachelor of Arts	80	96.4
Bachelor of Modern Languages and Bachelor of Science	80	95.05
Bachelor of Art History and Curatorial Studies and Bachelor of Arts	70	88.9
Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Sciences and Master of Public Health	80	90.6
Bachelor of Modern Languages	80	98.4
Master of Teaching (Secondary) via Bachelor of Arts Assured Pathway	80	93.05
Master of Teaching (Secondary) via Bachelor of Biomedical Science Assured Pathway	80	99.9

This table shows data relating to offers made through TISC as published on the [TISC website](#).