

Careers Newsletter

Career in Non-Emergency Patient Transport



A patient transport officer or PTO is responsible for providing transport for patients to and from medical facilities. They are in charge of maintaining and operating patient transport vehicles and providing excellent customer service to patients. The interactions that a patient has with their patient transport officer can make a huge difference in their medical care experience, putting them at ease and ensuring they feel cared for.

Becoming a PTO could be a rewarding career path if you have a positive, outgoing personality, enjoy driving and connecting with a range of people from different generations, cultures and backgrounds.

Typical duties of a Patient Transport Officer (PTO) can be seen [here](#).

PTO's are not paramedics but, rather, they fulfil the vital role of transporting non-critical patients to hospitals, clinics and other medical facilities.

To become a Patient Transport Officer (PTO), one needs to complete a minimum of HLT31120 Certificate III in Non-Emergency Patient Transport.

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"Courage can't see around corners, but goes around them anyway"

— Mignon McLaughlin



Useful Websites



- Discover Your Career
A website launched by the National Careers Institute, and become more informed about career ideas, career industries, and how to become job ready - www.yourcareer.gov.au



- Myfuture
A career information & exploration service providing current career information, articles and links to many resources - www.myfuture.edu.au



- Workforce Australia
Free online jobsite, searches can be made by region and state, occupational category, type of employment – casual, part-time, or full-time, and covers a range of occupations - <https://www.workforceaustralia.gov.au/>

C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship

C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships are one of the most generous privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate students in Australia. Each residential scholarship is valued at up to \$60,000 over three years. The scholarships are available to all Australian students, and the majority are usually awarded to students entering their first year of university studies.

Selection is largely based on personal qualities and demonstrated leadership as well as academic ability. Undergraduate Hawker Scholars are able to attend a range of Australian educational institutions, so this scholarship is not restricted to one university.

The Charles Hawker Scholarship perpetuates the memory of scholar, soldier and pastoralist Charles Allan Seymour Hawker and commemorates the achievements of one of Australia's most respected political leaders.

The 2023 C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships will open on Monday 5 December 2022 and close on Friday 6 January 2023.

Current Year 12 students are encouraged to browse **Hawker Scholarship** for more information about the scholarship, and to download an application form.



Engineering Your Future

Engineering is a career for problem solvers that touches every part of human life. [Engineers Australia](#) are on a mission to help you understand more about this amazing industry.

Annually, Engineers Australia provide experiential activity opportunities for schools students with the support of industry and university partners (talk to your careers adviser for more of these kinds of opportunities for 2023!). Among facilitating Autumn, Winter & Summer Engineering Schools, Engineers Australia now introduce their Academy.

The [Engineering Your Future](#) Academy is a four-module learning experience designed to let you explore all things engineering and figure out if it's the right fit for you.



**ENGINEERS
AUSTRALIA**

Research was released in June 2022 analysing the gender differences in the Engineering industry. It found that:

- Most girls do not consider engineering
- Lack of familiarity is the single top stated reason for never considering engineering
- Among those who did consider engineering, top barriers to pursuing it were concerns about it being difficult and male-dominated
- The most common female perceptions of engineering are that it is “male-dominated” and “challenging”
- There seems to be a perception that girls have to excel in STEM subjects, not merely do well in them, to go into engineering

See below the top three messages Engineers Australia want you to know!

1

Engineers make a difference

Through a career in engineering, you can do work that tangibly impacts society and the environment - helping to shape a better tomorrow. You can be proud of and passionate about your work.

2

Great opportunities in engineering

Engineering graduates have strong job prospects and earning potential. Their problem-solving skills create demand across many industries. And there are diverse disciplines, sectors, and types of roles to choose from.

3

Not just for STEM prodigies

Interest and aptitude in science, maths and how things work are important, but you don't need to be peerlessly excellent in order to be a great engineer!

Young Endeavour Youth Scheme



Join a crew of young Australians and embark on a life-changing 11-day journey – learning not only how to sail a square-rigger tall ship, but how to lead, support others and work together as a team.

Since 1988, more than 14,000 young Australians aged 16-23 have joined the national sail training ship Young Endeavour on a life-changing voyage. The program is delivered by professional Royal Australian Navy staff crew who ensure the highest standards of safety are maintained.

Every day on board Young Endeavour is different. During each voyage youth crew spend several days and nights at sea learning to set and furl the sails, keep watch, and take the helm, as well as participating in games and team building activities on deck. Participants assist the chef in the ship's galley, carry out ship's rounds with the engineer, chart a course with the navigator, climb the masts, and even take command!

Applications for January – June 2023 are now open. Find out more at [Young Endeavour](#).

BMW Automotive Apprenticeships 2023

NextTech is an industry leading and modern accelerated three-year apprenticeship program developed in partnership between BMW Group Australia and NextGen Jobs. The automotive industry is evolving at a rapid rate, and with it the need in the way we attract, train and skill our future workforce.

This is not just another automotive apprenticeship, NextTech is at the forefront of automotive technician development and where traditional methods meet the future of technological industry advancement.

Applications for the 2023 intake are now open! NextTech is an industry-leading, 3 year fast-tracked light vehicle apprenticeship

NextTech offers the opportunity to also work towards:

1. Becoming a BMW Master Technician
2. Receiving a qualification in automotive electrical
3. Local and International Apprentice Scholarships

NextTech includes dedicated trade school classes with BMW qualified trainers. The Trade school is held at Kangan Automotive Centre of Excellence in Victoria (may require interstate travel). All PPE, BMW Uniform, travel, and accommodation costs are covered where applicable.

For further Information and to apply visit [BMW Automotive Apprenticeships](#).



Scholarships to study abroad

Looking to study abroad but worried about the costs? Good news! There are hundreds of scholarships to study abroad, including general scholarships and more specialised funding schemes. Some are offered by government agencies, some by individual universities, and others by external funding organisations and charitable enterprises.

The [Top Universities website](#) is an excellent resource to learn more about what scholarships are on offer.

Students can search for *region-specific* scholarships or *country-specific* scholarships. Students can even search for *subject-specific* scholarships.

Students are encouraged to browse [Scholarships to Study Abroad](#).

Note that in many cases you will not be able to apply for university scholarships until you have gained acceptance to a program at the university.

If you are relying on a scholarship for funding, you should let the school in question know of your situation. Some schools offer only 'fully funded' places, meaning all applicants must have sufficient funding in place. But many allow you to apply to a program before gaining scholarships, on the understanding that you let them know as soon as possible if you have to reject the place due to lack of funding. If you do not get the scholarship, you should still have time to withdraw your university application or find an alternative method of funding before the start of term.



Key to success

Students who do best at university or TAFE are not necessarily those with the highest ATARs but those with persistence, determination, organisational and self-management skills that are also assertive in asking for help. Make sure you choose a course you will enjoy and are interested in; otherwise, you may experience problems with motivation. Form friendship groups with other students so you can be active in groups that discuss work and share ideas. Students that are engaged in learning communities and networks have a more positive university experience.

