



KSC Career News

February 2022

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Welcome

It is great to see students back at school and hopefully they have had a relaxing break and are looking forward to the year ahead.

Yr 12 News

The Careers Teams will be conducting one on one Year 12 Career Interviews this term. Year 12 students should check their schedules for a Year 12 Careers Interview on their Compass Schedules. A Careers Interview can be scheduled by emailing the Careers Team, Karen Riding and Carole Marcianti or dropping by the Careers Office and there is an Interview appointment sheet just outside the Careers Office door.

Please remember to look at Compass Newsfeed as we will continue to share information from the Universities and TAFEs about upcoming events or course information.

Yr 11 and 10 News

Year 10's will commence Career Exploration through Pathways classes.

Year 10 and 11 students should continue to look at Compass Newsfeeds as we will share information from the Universities and TAFEs about upcoming events or course information.

Open Days & Info Sessions

What to expect from online study with Deakin

Wednesday 2 February 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online





There are many benefits to completing a degree online, but it's hard to know what to expect. Join this interactive webinar for an inside look at what it's like to study on Deakin's premium online learning platform.

Find out more: <https://www.deakin.edu.au/student-life-and-services/events/what-to-expect-from-online-study-with-deakin>

Holmesglen | Virtual Open Day

Thursday 3 March 2022, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Online

Find out more: <https://holmesglen.edu.au/Students/Open-Days/>

AIE | Information Evening

Thursday 17 March 2022, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE), Melbourne, and Online

Find out more: https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/information-evening/

NIE | UCAT and Pathways into Medicine

Tuesday 15 February 2022, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Online

This forum is an excellent opportunity for teachers, students and their parents to find out about the UCAT, pathways into medicine, and have all questions answered by an expert teacher who has been working in the field since 1999.

Find out more:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HUpUmH55TmSwu0W7k3cC1w

VCE and Careers Expo 2022

Thursday 28 April 2022, 9:00 am - Saturday 30 April 2022, 3:00 pm

Caulfield Racecourse

Find out more: <https://www.vceandcareers.com.au/>

Collarts | Open Day 2022

Saturday 7 May 2022, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Collarts, Wellington St Campus

Find out more: <https://www.collarts.edu.au/open-day>





Victorian Careers Show 2022

Thursday 12 May 2022, 9:00 am - Saturday 14 May 2022, 3:00 pm

Melbourne Showgrounds

Find out more: <https://www.victorianshow.com.au/>

Whitehouse Institute of Design | Foundation Portfolio Workshop, Online

Saturday 5 February 2022, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Online

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/foundation-portfolio-workshop-tickets-250068811547?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

UCAT ANZ for Medicine and Dentistry in 2023

The University Clinical Aptitude Test is a compulsory test that you may have to sit in order to apply for some degrees in the fields of Medicine or Dentistry. It is designed to help universities select applicants with the appropriate abilities and professional behaviours required to practice successfully as a doctors or dentists. It is used in collaboration with other admissions processes, such as interviews and academic qualifications.

Registrations for concession and access schemes are open now. **Bookings open on 1 March 2021 and close on 17 May.** You'll sit the tests between 1 July and 12 August 2022. Results will be delivered to the universities in early September.

It costs \$305 to sit the test (\$199 concession fee, but you only have until 10 May to register for concession prices).

Additional information about dates, fees and how to register can be found [here](#).

To find out which universities and courses apply, the eligibility criteria, or simply to find out more, head over to the official [UCAT ANZ website](#).

If you're looking for more help with your Entry to Medicine applications, we're working on the latest edition of our Entry to Medicine Guide. Keep an eye out for it coming soon.

NIE | Simulated UCAT Day Workshop, Online

Sunday 20 February 2022, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Online

Find out more: <https://www.nie.edu.au/products-listing/ucat-preparation-courses/product/216-simulated-ucat-day-workshop-2-day-intensive-program>





Australian Federal Police | Directions Program

The AFP Directions Program recognises the valuable contributions First Nations people make to policing for a safer Australia. It also helps ensure the AFP's workforce is representative of the communities we serve.

Are you eligible?

The AFP Directions Program is open to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australians who are 18 years or older at time of applying. No formal qualifications are required.

Find out more about the program, the applications and recruitment process, salary and benefits here: <https://jobs.afp.gov.au/job-opportunities/directions-program>

Scholarships

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

Value: Up to \$8,000 USD

Open/Closing Dates: February 28, 2022 – April 30, 2022

[Find out more](#)

RMIT Elite Athletes Scholarship

Value: \$10,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: November 1, 2021 – March 20, 2022

For students who are elite athletes.

[Find out more](#)

Deakin Western Chances Scholarships

Value: Up to \$3,500 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: January 13, 2022 – March 10, 2022

[Find out more](#)

Rural Bank Scholarships

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: December 6, 2021 – February 18, 2022

[Find out more](#)





Larsen Jewellery Design Scholarship Program

Value: \$3,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: February 1, 2022 – November 30, 2022

[Find out more](#)

Commonwealth Scholarships Program for Young Australians

Value: Up to \$13,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: February 1, 2022 – March 11, 2022

[Find out more](#)

Job Spotlight

How to become a Train Driver

Move passengers and freight

What do Train Drivers do?

Train Drivers are responsible for driving and operating trains. There are many different kinds of trains you could drive, such as passenger trains, freight trains, trams, locomotives, and more.

Your duties and working hours will also vary depending on the type of train you drive.

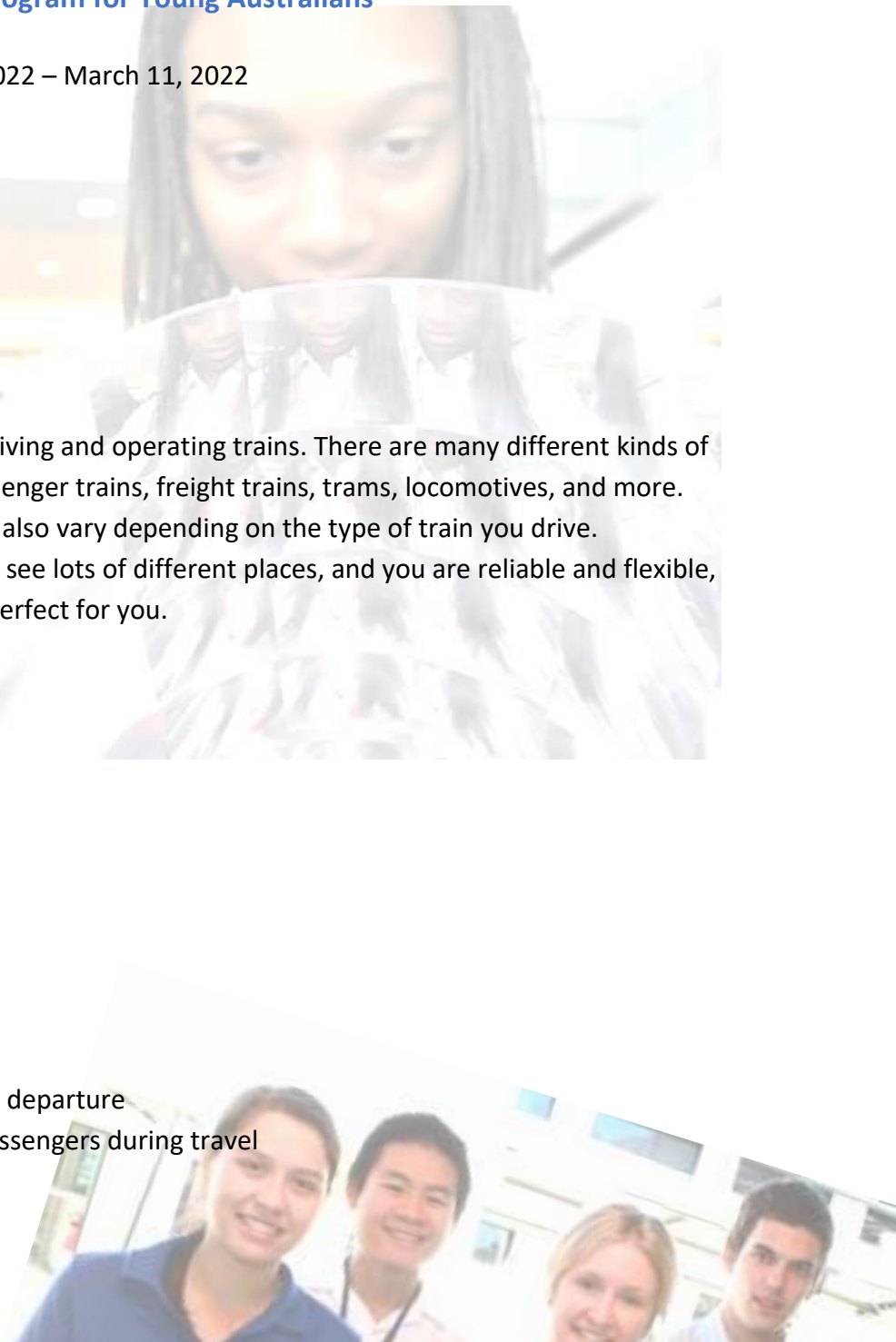
If you want a job that could let you see lots of different places, and you are reliable and flexible, becoming a Train Driver could be perfect for you.


About you:

- Punctual and reliable
- Excellent communicator
- Great problem solver
- Works well independently
- Quick reflexes
- Calm in pressure situations
- Good attention to detail
- Flexible and adaptable

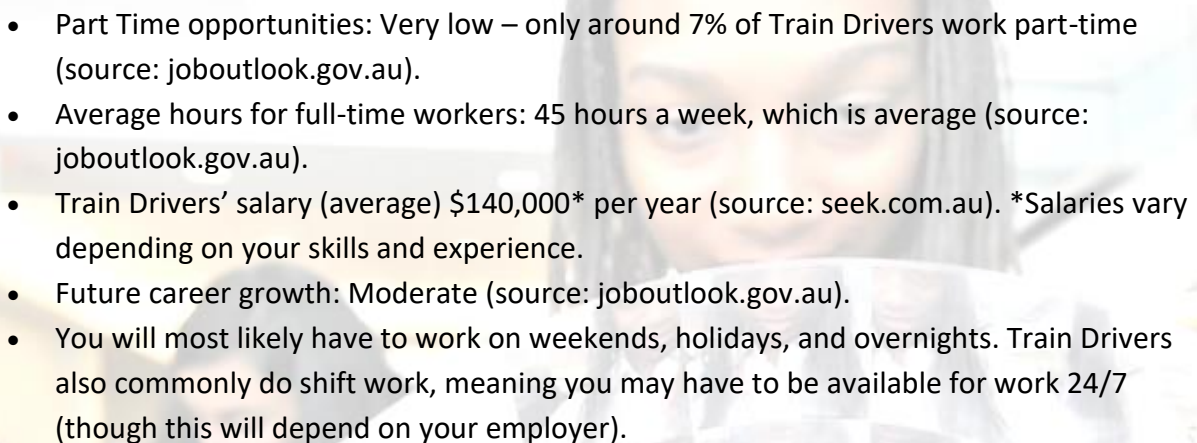
The job:

- Inspecting the train prior to departure
- Monitoring the safety of passengers during travel



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- Ensuring freight loads and carriages are fixed securely
 - Controlling the speed of the train in accordance with rules
 - Ensuring trains arrive and depart on time
 - Making minor adjustments and repairs to trains
 - Making announcements to passengers
 - Liaising with other workers, such as security and station guards

Lifestyle Impact: Moderate

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- Part Time opportunities: Very low – only around 7% of Train Drivers work part-time (source: joboutlook.gov.au).
 - Average hours for full-time workers: 45 hours a week, which is average (source: joboutlook.gov.au).
 - Train Drivers' salary (average) \$140,000* per year (source: seek.com.au). *Salaries vary depending on your skills and experience.
 - Future career growth: Moderate (source: joboutlook.gov.au).
 - You will most likely have to work on weekends, holidays, and overnights. Train Drivers also commonly do shift work, meaning you may have to be available for work 24/7 (though this will depend on your employer).

Train Drivers are most in demand in these locations:

This is a medium sized occupation, with around 13,300 people working as Train Drivers in Australia in 2020 (source: joboutlook.com.au). Demand for Train Drivers is spread fairly evenly across Australia, with large demand in Queensland. Most Train Drivers work in the Transport, Postal and Warehousing industry.

How to become a Train Driver in Australia

You will most likely need to complete a relevant VET qualification to become a Train Driver in Australia.

Step 1 – Complete Year 10 with a focus on English and Maths.

Step 2 – Complete a relevant VET qualification, such as a [Certificate IV in Train Driving](#). In some cases you may even be able to complete the qualification as a Traineeship.





Step 3 – You may be required to pass a [Rail Workers Safety Medical](#), as well as have a Driver's License.

Step 4 – Start working as a fully qualified Train Driver.

Find out more here –

<https://ara.net.au/>

<http://railsafetyworker.com.au/>

Similar Careers to Train Driver

[Logistics Manager](#)

[Pilot](#)

Truck Driver

[Drone Operator](#)

[Delivery Driver](#)

[Engineer](#)

[Bus Driver](#)

Find out more about alternative [careers](#).

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What do Train Drivers do?

Train Drivers are responsible for the safe and efficient operation of a variety of trains.

Which industries employ Train Drivers?

Train Drivers are mostly employed in the Transport, Postal and Warehousing industry.

What options are there for career progression?

You might start working as a Train Driver, and once you have lots of experience move into roles in Management or Logistics.





Do I need to go to university to become a Train Driver?

No, you do not need to go to university to work as a Train Driver in Australia. However, you will need a VET qualification.

Where do Train Drivers work?

There is demand for Train Drivers across Australia, particularly in Queensland.

What are 3 things I can do right now to help me become a Train Driver?

If you're in high school and you'd like to find out if a career as a Train Driver is right for you, here's a few things you could do right now:

1. See if you can find work experience in a transport or logistics-based setting. This will help you see if you might enjoy the work, and can help you start building important contacts for the future.
2. Consider undertaking a school-based traineeship to get a head start on gaining the required qualifications and experience.
3. Talk to a Train Driver to see what a day in their life is like. If you don't know anyone, see if you can watch videos or documentaries about a career in transport.

