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University and TAFE applicants

Have you applied for university or TAFE courses through a Tertiary Admission Centre?

Additional application requirements

To ensure you don't miss submitting compulsory documents, forms, or folios etc., or booking an interview or additional tests such as CASPer, check the course entry requirements on the institute's website or on the Tertiary Admission Centre website.

Scholarships

If you are planning to study in 2021, you should explore the scholarships available at each institute you have applied for. Simply Google the name of the institute plus the word scholarships.

External scholarships can be searched for via the Good Universities Guide website and via Internet searches, <https://bit.ly/3blJm0y>

Applications

If you missed the timely application dates for state-based Tertiary Admission Centres, you can still apply for university and TAFE courses, you will just have to pay a higher application fee.

Application fees

Remember to pay the Tertiary Admission Centre application fees by the closing dates. For example – Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre is the 17th of December for timely applications.

Would you like to help people with eye disorders?

You may like to study Orthoptics

These allied health professionals play a crucial role in the early detection and treatment of eye diseases in children and adults. They can specialise in areas such as the following:

- Children's vision/paediatrics
- Eye movement disorders
- Low vision care/rehabilitation
- Cataract care and retinal disorders
- Neurological vision disorders
- Laser eye surgery and corneal conditions
- Driver vision and sports vision

You can study orthoptics at La Trobe University, Melbourne.

For key information about this occupation, visit the Orthoptics Australia website, www.orthoptics.org.au/

You may also like to consider Optometry

Often the optometrist is first point of contact for people and they can make referrals to orthoptists. They are health care professionals who can diagnose eye diseases, detect changes in the visual system and prescribe corrective lenses. You can study optometry at Deakin University and Melbourne University in Victoria.

For key information about this occupation, visit the Optometry Australia website <https://bit.ly/3iOYSeV>

Train to become a flight attendant

The following are examples of two institutions that offer flight attendant training in the Melbourne area:

Aviation Australia

Training runs in blocks with numerous starting dates throughout the year. You can explore start dates, location and fees at this link - <https://bit.ly/35kRGlw>

William Angliss

Offers the Certificate III in Aviation (Cabin Crew). To find out about the course, go to <http://bit.ly/1U6C1uv>



Charles Sturt University

Charles Sturt has revitalised many of their courses. You can watch a video on their new Bachelor of Arts degree at this link <https://bit.ly/3dm1Qqg>

To book a one-to-one course advice consultation with a Charles Sturt course adviser, visit <https://bit.ly/2WpDXqQ>

Focus on VET Pathways

Vocational education and training (VET) includes traineeships, apprenticeships and TAFE study.



4 out of 5 parents report that they would prefer their child to go to university than study VET, <http://bit.ly/2vPBkPF> but it is crucial that both parents and students take the time to understand the VET sector, and that a preference for just university study may in some cases limit a young persons potential.

Between 20 – 30% of young people in Australia drop out of or change their university course within the first year. Many young people don't even consider studying VET due to incorrect perceptions or through lack of understanding of the sector.

It's no secret that employers love job applicants who have TAFE qualifications, including those who graduate from a university degree with a VET qualification.

VET graduates are considered to have 'job ready' skills and in the future labour market in Australia with 1 in every 2 young people expected to complete a Bachelor degree, it is more important than ever to have diverse skills, industry experience and more than one qualification (e.g., a Bachelor of Engineering with a TAFE Diploma in Project Management).



Did you know that 9/10 occupations predicted to have the most jobs growth by 2023 are in vocational training areas and in the industries with the most growth (e.g., health and community services, construction, and accommodation and food services)? Source: <http://bit.ly/1mab7j7>

Specific occupations with the biggest growth prediction include sales assistants, aged care workers, disability workers, enrolled nurses, electricians, chefs, and early childhood education workers etc.

Current skills shortages are in occupations such as automotive trades, food trades, construction trades, and building professionals.



A report, titled: 'Perceptions Are Not Reality: myths, realities & the critical role of vocational education & training in Australia', was released by Skilling Australia Foundation last year,

It revealed the following:

- VET graduates earn wages comparable to, if not exceeding, that of university graduates.
- VET graduates have a higher employment rate than university undergraduates. More than 78% of VET graduates are employed after training.
- VET courses have adapted more readily to changing workforce needs.



There are some occupations that require a university degree (e.g., medicine, social work, law).

It is advisable that students consider undertaking VET study during their gap year (e.g., gap year traineeship or TAFE course) and concurrently with their university studies (if time permits).

Other benefits of TAFE courses include:

- Higher level courses (e.g., Diploma) can provide a direct pathway into university courses with credit
- Can give you the opportunity to trial an industry or career area before you commit to university study
- Can give you a qualification you can use to gain part time work whilst undertaking university study.



Do you know you can study a huge range of vocational courses at TAFE? TAFE provides students with the opportunity to:

- Undertake applied learning
- Gain 'industry ready' experience
- Learn about industries and careers
- Obtain a qualification in a relatively short time frame.

The following are example courses you could consider:

Jane knows she loves working with people, has excellent written and verbal communication skills, is creative, loves thinking outside the box, is highly organised and enjoys solving problems. She explores the following TAFE courses:

- Public Relations
- Marketing
- Advertising
- Professional Writing and Editing
- Broadcast Journalism
- Liberal Arts
- Library and Information Services



Sheridan loves sciences and health and is considering working in rehabilitation, medical sciences or allied health in the future. She explores the following courses:

- Dental Technology
- Nursing
- Massage and Myotherapy
- Allied Health Assistance
- Laboratory Technology
- Pathology Collection

Paul knows he loves helping people and that he would like to work in counselling, case management, or human services in the future. He explores the following courses:

- Community Services
- Youth Work
- Disability Services
- Mental Health
- Alcohol and other Drugs
- Aged Care



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To search for TAFE courses, use the following websites:

Victorian Skills Gateway website - <http://bit.ly/2cPZDUF>

TAFE NSW - <http://bit.ly/1mgtM05>

MySkills (Australia wide) - <http://bit.ly/2gWp25g>

It's important to note that many courses have optional or compulsory information sessions that run between now and the end of the year.

You will need to ensure that you attend these sessions and also fulfil any portfolio or selection task requirements.

Key VET websites include

VET – VCAA, <https://bit.ly/2CKD9Va>
'VET. It's right now', <https://bit.ly/2yhKLdT>
Skills Road, <https://bit.ly/2P2YazQ>
SkillsOne, <https://bit.ly/1zCKBUG>
Myfuture, <https://bit.ly/1t6Uj62>
Australian Apprenticeship Pathways, <https://bit.ly/2Gif3PD>

Free TAFE for priority courses in Victoria

If you live or work in Victoria, you may be eligible for a fully subsidised course at a Victorian TAFE Institute next year.

To check your eligibility and to search for TAFE courses and providers, use the websites:

Victorian Skills Gateway, <https://bit.ly/2yG6vzc>

Victorian Government, <https://bit.ly/2nR7NGs>



The A-Z of science careers

If you like science, wading through never-ending Google searches to find 'the one' can be daunting.

Hit up the Careers With STEM list of every science-related job option they can think of. Some you would have heard of, but loads will surprise you! <https://bit.ly/2SQi5CI>

La Trobe University

New early entry program

Achieve Plus – students can apply to complete two first year La Trobe subjects during Year 12. Results across the two subjects will give students a boost to their ATAR or a La Trobe entrance score, as well as an early conditional offer (if completed successfully).

The La Trobe entrance score will be used instead of an ATAR if it's higher – giving them more chances to succeed. For information, visit <https://bit.ly/34P5qFD>

Achieve Plus information webinar

Date: Monday 26 October
RSVP: <https://bit.ly/31CRp4D>



Discover your career in health at Monash University

Explore your course and career options in the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences through the 'Future Careers in Health' website, <https://bit.ly/2MCr7xj>

Cyber Security

AustCyber Canberra Innovation Node has partnered with the University of Canberra to deliver a FREE cyber security careers showcase which will:

- Unpack the skills cyber security employers look for when hiring
- Provide insights into a 'day in the life' of a cyber security professional; and
- Showcase career pathways in the dynamic and rapidly growing cyber security sector.

Date: Tuesday 27 October, 10am
RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3nSVS5h>

The STEM Careers Guide

The Uni Guide is excited to announce the 2020 STEM Guide can now be accessed online! The co-produced guide is a careers resource designed to help VIC and NSW students in years 10 to 12 understand the wide range of career paths available to students of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) degrees, <https://bit.ly/34PH3aK>

UCAT ANZ

National Institute of Education

Is running online medical interview and effective communication skills workshops for students who have sat the UCAT ANZ. For information, dates and to register your place, visit <https://bit.ly/34yQuga>

Federation University

Online webinars

Federation University is running the following online webinars for prospective students in October:

20	IMB Scholarships – combine with business or IT
21	Early Childhood Education

To access these webinars and watch recorded webinars covering a variety of topics and courses, visit: <https://bit.ly/3i7CdLo>

Get course advice

To book a one-to-one course advice consultation with a Federation University course adviser, visit <https://bit.ly/3lftFvI>

Jobs of the future podcasts

Federation University has released a series of podcasts exploring jobs of the future such as social entrepreneurship and cyber security. Search 'Jobs of the Future' Federation University.



Endeavour College of Natural Health

Open Day

Endeavour College is located at Melbourne and offers courses in:

Naturopathy, Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine, Acupuncture, Myotherapy and Complimentary Medicine.

The College is running a virtual open day for prospective students on Wednesday 21 October. For information and to register, visit <https://bit.ly/2FpfFaR>