

# Careers Corner Weekly

Events 12th February to 25th February



## Tuesday 13 February 2024

### Defence Careers Australia - Perth: Gap Year Information Session

Experience a Gap Year like no other with the Australian Defence Force. You'll grow and develop in a dynamic, supportive and people focused environment.

Join us for an info session and speak with current serving personnel to learn about the challenges and rewards on offer.

Time: 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM

Location: Perth ADF Careers Centre

[Click here for Details and Registration](#)

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**The National Apprenticeship Week 2024**  
**Theme is, 'It's all in your hands.'**



As thousands of students think about their future career, NAWA is timed to raise awareness of the advantages of apprenticeships.

Apprenticeships place the power to make a better future firmly in your hands, by helping you to:

- Build self worth.
- Create a sense of achievement.
- Turn your personal strengths into a rewarding career.

An apprenticeship is a learning pathway that builds character, confidence and commitment by learning on-the-job from real experiences, and from people who are invested in your development. But most of all, apprenticeships and traineeships are about equipping yourself with a skills that open up a world of opportunity and are yours to keep for a lifetime!

## 2024 Australian Apprenticeship Priority List

The Australian Apprenticeship Priority List identifies occupations that need more apprentices and trainees to meet current and future skill shortages. The 2024 list has 19 more occupations on it than last year's list, and this is good news because apprentices and trainees working in these occupations may be eligible for an extra \$10,000 over the duration of their apprenticeship! These payments are to encourage apprentices and trainees to pursue work in areas of skills shortage, complete their training, and go on to have successful long-term careers.



### The 19 new priority occupations in 2024 are:

1. Ambulance Officer
2. Animal Husbandry Technician
3. Aquaculture or Fisheries Technician
4. Architectural Draftperson
5. Boat Builder and Repairer
6. Earth Science Technician
7. Fire Protection Plumber
8. Flight Attendant
9. Furniture Maker
10. Graphic Pre-press Trades Worker
11. Irrigation Designer
12. Irrigation Technician
13. Light Technician
14. Mine Deputy
15. Nursing Support Worker
16. Out of School Hours Care Worker
17. Pharmacy Technician
18. Shipwright
19. Sound Technician





## Step 1. Do your research

Discover career pathways an apprenticeship can lead to on the [Your Career](#) website or check out Busy At Work's [A-Z of Apprenticeships and Traineeships](#). A VET or pre-apprenticeship course and work experience while you're at school are real-life research tasks that give you confidence in the trade you've chosen and that also help make you more employable.

## Step 2. Make sure you're prepared

Learn about the [financial support](#) that's available, understand your [rights and responsibilities](#), and check your [literacy and numeracy skills](#) are up to scratch. Use the [Preparation Checklist](#) to make sure you're ready.

## Step 3. Find and apply for jobs

There are many ways to find an apprenticeship, such as by contacting an [Australian Apprenticeship Support Network](#), applying to a [Group Training Organisation](#), or searching on the [Workforce Australia](#) website.

## Step 4. Sign up to start

Once you're hired, [sign your contract](#) asap so your apprenticeship is official, and enrol in your VET course to begin your training towards your qualification. [Prepare for your first day](#) and understand what's expected of you.

## Indigenous Apprenticeships Program

The [Australian Government Indigenous Apprenticeships Program](#) is a pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to start their career in the Australian Public Service (APS).

The 12-month program offers:

- Permanent, full-time, entry-level job.
- Job security with a competitive salary.
- A nationally recognised Certificate IV or Diploma in Government qualification.

There are a range of roles in:

- Administration.
- Policy and program development.
- Service delivery.
- Finance.
- Human resources.
- Information technology.



The APS is looking for people who are keen to learn, want to make a positive difference in the lives of Australians, and want to start their career in the APS. You can nominate the departments or agencies you're interested in and where in Australia you would like to work.

Express interest in the 2024 Program by emailing the [IAP team](#).



Get involved in these extra-curricular challenges and competitions to pursue your passions, build your skills, and develop your portfolio. All are free (unless otherwise stated), and many offer amazing prizes!

### Fantastical Sharks & Rays

Help save our threatened and endangered species with the power of your imagination. Create an artistic masterpiece and it could end up in the Australian Museum!

- Open to: students up to 15 y.o
- Dates: now - 29 February 2024



### Australian Stockholm Junior Water Prize

Create solutions for water challenges individually or in pairs. The winner is invited to participate in the Stockholm Junior Water Prize.

- Open to: high school students 15 - 20 y.o
- Dates: now - 1 March 2024



### QUT BlueShift Business Case Competition

Compete in teams of three or four to analyse a business challenge and prepare a written solution to a real business case.

- Open to: Year 10, 11, & 12 students
- Dates: now - 27 February 2024



### Op-Ed Competition 2024: Say what matters

Tell us what change you would like to see in the world, in your country, or in your community in 500 - 1000 words.

- Open to: 13 - 19 y.o
- Dates: now - 26 February 2024

