

WELCOME TO CAREER UPDATES TERM THREE



Year 12 Dates to Diarise in Term 3

- VTAC timely applications – throughout August and September
- VTAC SEAS and Scholarship applications open August and September
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EARLY ENTRY



Swinburne University New 2021 Early Entry Program

Swinburne University are now offering a different way to enter university that won't depend on your ATAR. For Semester 1, 2021 entry only. You'll still need to complete Year 12 and achieve specific subject study scores to receive a full offer, but you won't have to sweat the ATAR.

First, you need to submit your expression of interest so you can be the first to know when they are taking applications: <https://www.swinburne.edu.au/alerts/coronavirus/future-student/early-entry-program/> **To find out more visit [Early Entry Program](#)**



University of Western Australia Early Entry Scheme

The University of Western Australia (UWA) is pleased to announce that they are running the IB Early Entry Scheme for 2021 intake based on Year 11 results. This is open to all applicants from the Nov 2020 examination session who are completing the IB Diploma within Australia and New Zealand. Below are the details and key dates to take note of:

1. Students should sign-up and [apply directly to UWA](#).
2. Regardless of whether they have UWA as first preference or not, they can send their Year 11 results through **before December 11, 2020**
3. Please note that offers will be made on a rolling basis.

Visit [University of Western Australia](#)



Charles Sturt Advantage Early Offer Program

The Charles Sturt Advantage is our way of recognising Year 12 students who demonstrate to us how you've displayed resilience, empathy and a commitment to creating a world worth living in (like your motivation to study your chosen degree) – the soft skills we know give them the edge!

Students can apply for a wide variety of undergraduate courses for 2021 via the Charles Sturt Advantage program. Applications are open and will **close 31 August 2020**.

Visit [Charles Sturt Advantage](#).



Principal's Recommendation Scheme CQU

At CQUniversity we believe senior schooling results are important, but we also believe that other factors such as motivation, talent, and passion can lead to student success at university. So, we have introduced a pilot program, the Principal's Recommendation Scheme, that allows Year 12 students to apply to a CQUniversity course based on the recommendation of their high school Principal rather than ATAR.

So, CQUniversity's Principal's Recommendation Scheme provides an alternate entry pathway to CQUniversity courses that is based on the recommendation of a students' high school Principal and not reliant on whether they have received an ATAR.

Find out more at [Principal's Recommendation Scheme at CQU](#)



Principal's Recommendation Scheme University of Melbourne

The [Melbourne Principals' Scholarship](#) is a new opportunity for students who are undertaking their final year of VCE or International Baccalaureate at a school in Victoria. This one-off allowance of \$5000 is aimed at attracting talented students with a strong record of academic performance and contribution to their school or the wider community. Eligible students nominated by their school principal as a student with an excellent academic record and a strong record of contribution to the school or wider community will be automatically considered for this award. Nominations must be submitted by **Monday 31 August** and offers will be notified mid to late September. If you are interested in apply please make a time to meet with Marilyn.

Find out more at [Melbourne Principals' Scholarship](#)



NSW Armidale's University of New England Early Entry Program

"The UNE Direct Early Entry program has been running successfully for more than 30 years. We understand that an ATAR score is not the only measure of future success at University. Instead, our approach relies on the School's/TAFE's recommendation of the student, including the student's personal attributes, ability to work and learn independently, as well as their overall potential for academic success at UNE.

For more information visit [UNE's Early Entry Program](#)



News from the University of Tasmania (UTAS)

➤ **New School's Recommendation Program**

The University of Tasmania is introducing the new **School's Recommendation Program** designed to relieve students' stress and ensure that current disruptions do not impact upon their future. This means enabling them to be admitted to the University based on the recommendation of their school. This program means that applicants can apply, have their Year 11 results considered, and have a letter of recommendation being given by the school. Applications received after 30 May will aim to be processed within 8 weeks of receipt. View the 2021 course guide [here](#).

Find out more at [UTAS School's Recommendation Program](#)



Latrobe University Aspire Early Offer

Latrobe: Score one of 40 Aspire Scholarships at Latrobe University. If you meet the conditions, you will receive an early conditional offer in September to your dream course. This is also perfect opportunity to to highlight some experiences in your CAS portfolio. Applications **close 31 August 2020**. Outcomes by mid-September 2020. For full eligibility requirements and details on how to apply visit [Aspire](#)



Australian Catholic University Community Achiever Program

As a Year 12 student, do you demonstrate leadership in your school or workplace, coordinate a community initiative, volunteer in a local cultural, sporting or religious group or provide care to someone in need? ACU's Community Achiever Program is designed to acknowledge commitment to our local communities. Students are encouraged to browse how the CAP is assessed and offered so they can make sure their submission is well-written, and also provides guideline minimum ATARs required. **Closes – Wednesday 12 August 2020**

Find out more at [Community Achiever Program \(CAP\)](#).



Australian Catholic University Guarantee Program

Guarantee your place at ACU, even before your Year 12 exams. The ACU Guarantee program offers eligible Year 12 students a place at ACU based on your Year 11 results. Offers may be made as early as September. While successful applicants must still complete their Year 12 exams, you can do so secure in the knowledge that your marks from Year 11 meet our entry requirements. You may also enhance your entry score by including a short personal statement that gives ACU an insight into your personal circumstances and motivation for university study. **Applications open 3 August 2020.**

Register your interest here: <https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/register-your-interest>



Notre Dame University Sydney and Freemantle Early Entry

Early Offer applicants will receive an outcome within 2 to 4 weeks of submitting an application. Therefore, the earlier you apply online, the earlier you may receive an offer to study at Notre Dame University. Gather your available Year 11 and Year 12 reports. If you have not yet received your Year 12 report you can still submit your application.

Ensure these documents are in electronic format to upload to the online application. For information about how to apply visit [Early Offer Program](#).

*You can also read their early entry e-publication [here](#). Undergraduate Course Guide is [here](#).

*Attend the student and parent online information session on Thursday 2 July

***Applications close Friday 31 July**

SCHOLARSHIPS RESEARCH



Good Universities Guide

<https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/scholarships>



Scholarships available through VTAC – Automatically applied via VTAC

Link: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships/types/available.html>



VTAC - Scholarships available through Institutions

Link: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships/other/list.html>



UAC - Scholarships and Early Entry

Link: <https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/scholarships-and-schemes>

Link: <https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/scholarships-and-schemes/schools-recommendation-schemes>



Australian University Scholarships

Link: <https://www.australianuniversities.com.au/scholarships/>

COURSE INFORMATION | TOURS | WEBINARS

ADF GAP YEAR

REMINDER: ADF GAP Year 2021

Students are reminded that applications for the **2021 ADF Gap Year** program close soon. **Gap Year** opportunities are available in the **Navy, Army and Air Force** and the **closing dates for the various roles do differ, so please check the closing dates at [ADF GAP YEAR](#)**.



Meet Melbourne Webinar Recordings

Students who missed the *Meet Melbourne Webinars* that took place in May can access and watch the **recordings** at [Meet Melbourne Webinar Recordings](#).



Deakin Explore

Deakin Explore is an excellent resource that allows students to kick-start their course and career exploration. Students can start with courses that lead to a career or start with careers to find courses that lead to it. Students can filter courses and careers by what matters to them; each course and career lists others that are similar thus allowing students to broaden their options, and students can save their favourite courses and careers to access later, and even share them by email, Facebook and even Twitter. **Students are encouraged to visit [Deakin Explore](#) and familiarise themselves with this excellent resource.**



STEM Hub

Current senior students planning to study in the STEM fields are encouraged to browse this link and flag this platform as a valuable resource once at university.

[Stem Hub](#) is a digital platform connecting students and industry. This hub is open to all university students and graduates from any universities who have studies **science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics**. Students who sign up get access to leading industries and potential future employers.



Virtual Tours of Bond University

Bond University has made available two **virtual tours** that may be of interest to some students.

- [Campus Tour](#) – hosted by current Bond students
- [Tour of the Bond University Sports Centre](#) – hosted by an elite swimmer attending Bond



Discover What's Next Webinar Series

RMIT University will be hosting a series of **Discover What's Next** webinars aimed at providing students and parents with information on the wide range of study areas at the university. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions to RMIT staff and students about the courses they might be interested in. The webinars will take place until 30 July 2020 and commence at 6.00pm, and students can register for as many as they wish.

Next webinars are -

Education and Social Sciences	Tuesday 28 July	Register here
Property, Building & Construction	Thursday 30 July	Register here

➤ Useful Links and Videos

- ✓ [RMIT - study with us webpage](#)
- ✓ [2021 Degree and Diploma Guide](#)
- ✓ [International Guide](#)
- ✓ [Accommodation Brochure](#)
- ✓ [Pathways Tool](#)
- ✓ [ATAR Course Finder Tool](#)
- ✓ [RMIT Intro Video](#)
- ✓ [RMIT - Life after Year 12 Video](#)
- ✓ [RMIT - Study Tips Video](#)



Studying Nursing at the University of Tasmania (UTAS)

Nursing at UTAS is taught within the College of Health & Medicine and is offered as a traditional three-year degree in at the [Launceston Campus](#), and as a two – year, fast track degree at the [Hobart Campus](#) and at the two NSW campuses in [Rozelle](#) and [Darlinghurst](#).

Upon successful completion of the Bachelor of Nursing, graduates have the knowledge and practical skills to register as a nurse in Australia with the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency \(AHPRA\)](#).

Many of the nursing graduates from UTAS have gone on to working as nurses and midwives in a range of areas including chronic disease management, mental health, workplace safety, rural and Indigenous health, and emergency medicine.

UTAS also offers three post-graduate programs allowing students to develop their knowledge and skills further. Visit [Studying Nursing at the University of Tasmania \(UTAS\)](#).



New Exercise and Sports Science/Nutrition Science

From 2021, ACU will be offering the *new* double degree in **Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science/Bachelor of Nutrition Science**. This course is ideal for students who are passionate about fitness and creating a better life for others. The Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science/Bachelor of Nutrition Science will uniquely equip graduates to become experts in professions related to both exercise/sport science and nutrition science. Graduates will capitalise on the synergies between the two fields of study to promote optimal health and nutrition through the lifespan. Graduates of this double degree will be eligible to apply for further study in nutrition research or in dietetics to become an accredited practising dietitian. In addition, they will be eligible to apply for further study in exercise science/sports science research and clinical exercise physiology to become an accredited exercise physiologist, or further study in high performance sport. Find out more at [Exercise and Sports Science/Nutrition Science](#)



News from Swinburne University

➤ Studying Law at Swinburne

Swinburne's law school offers an undergraduate program that focuses on commercial law with emphasis on intellectual property law, and it is the only degree in Victoria with this specialisation.

Focused on **commercial law, with a distinct emphasis on intellectual property, technology, and innovation**, it offers students a degree that stresses practical skills and real-world experience. Students complete law-related professional experience placements at organisations in Australia or overseas. Students are also introduced to the practical aspects of legal practice through moot court scenarios and advocacy exercises. The Swinburne **Bachelor of Laws** program is fully accredited by the Council of Legal Education in Victoria and offers students the option of a single degree or combined program with arts, science, business, or engineering. **To find out more visit [Bachelor of Laws](#)**

➤ Bachelor of Accounting and Business Information Technology (Professional)

Sponsored by leading Australian organisations, this course offers students a scholarship worth approximately \$40,000 for the duration of their studies. Students spend two 20-week periods in the accounting and business information technology industries learning how to guide investment decisions, develop operating strategies and evaluate business performance. This degree is degree that's professionally accredited by Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ), and CPA Australia. **Find out more at [Bachelor of Accounting and Business Information Technology \(Professional\)](#)**



News from Monash University

➤ Destination Monash 2021 Hub

Year 12 students keen on studying at Monash are encouraged to visit the [Destination Monash 2021](#) hub which has a range of resources and contact details for all the different faculties, and there is an opportunity to book a one-on-one appointment via the hub too.

➤ New Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (PPE)/Arts double degree

Commencing in 2021, students will be able to enrol in the **Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (PPE)/Arts double degree**. In the PPE, students develop a desire and ability to engage with ideas and issues in public life and come out with well-honed communication skills to share their ideas effectively. Combining with the BA, students will have the choice of 40 Arts areas of study and also have access to the Global Immersion Guarantee. Students could consider natural pairings with PPE, such as *international relations, journalism, public relations, or a language*. **Find out more at [Politics, Philosophy, and Economics \(PPE\)](#)**

➤ Resource Engineering Online Information Session

Resources engineers design and implement systems that supply the natural resources required for modern industry and society. Students keen on learning more about this field of engineering are invited to register for an online Information Session taking place on the **Thursday 30 July at 5.00pm. Register [here](#).**

➤ **Difference between Comprehensive and Specialist Courses**

Students are encouraged to view this [YouTube](#) clip which provides an explanation for the two groups of courses at Monash: *Comprehensive* and *Specialist*.

➤ **Explore Psychology at Monash**

Have you ever wondered how the human mind works? Here is your chance to analyse how we think and behave. On the QS World Rankings for subjects in 2019, Monash was ranked #48 in the world. Monash also has a world-first neuroscience research lab, transforming how compulsive behaviours are treated. Monash is also leading research breakthroughs in areas like addiction, mental health, ageing, neurodegeneration and sleep.

Find out more about the benefits of studying psychology at Monash as well as the various study options at [Explore Psychology at Monash](#)



Talk with Industry Specialists

Talk with Industry events, a series of webinar panel discussions featuring ACU graduates across a range of different professions. Get helpful advice and find out what it is really like to work in your area of interest. Students are encouraged to join the webinars to:

- hear from ACU graduates about their work experiences
- get tips and advice for pursuing a career in an area of interest

Arts Graduates	18 August, 5.00pm – 6.00pm	Register here
Nurses, Midwives, and Paramedics	17 September, 6.00pm – 7.00pm	Register here
Teachers	30 September, 6.00pm – 7.00pm	Register here



News from La Trobe University

➤ **Student Excellence Academy**

The [La Trobe Student Excellence Academy](#) provides support and enrichment opportunities that expand the study and employment advantages to current students. Current senior students are encouraged to browse the link included to learn more about the advantages of being part of this program should you enrol at La Trobe University.

➤ **La Trobe Accelerator Program**

Students with a keen interest in entrepreneurship, *new* business start-ups, etc. might be keen on learning more about the [La Trobe Accelerator Program](#) which is open to current La Trobe students and connects participants with *mentors, resources, seminars, and workshops*, enabling them to succeed in their new endeavours. Participants have the opportunity to do internships, and receive business development support, and start-up teams may be awarded \$10,000 as seed-funding for their new business. Students are encouraged to browse the above link, and also visit the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) link which provides very detailed information.

VU's [Bachelor of Outdoor Leadership](#) prepares graduates for rewarding work - with a focus on building practical skills and industry connections. VU's partnership with [The Outdoor Education Group \(OEG\)](#), gives paid internship opportunities for students, who work part time for the second and third year of their degrees as part of the internship stream. When students graduate, there is an exciting opportunity to apply for a two to three-year full-time contract with OEG.

LABOUR MARKET



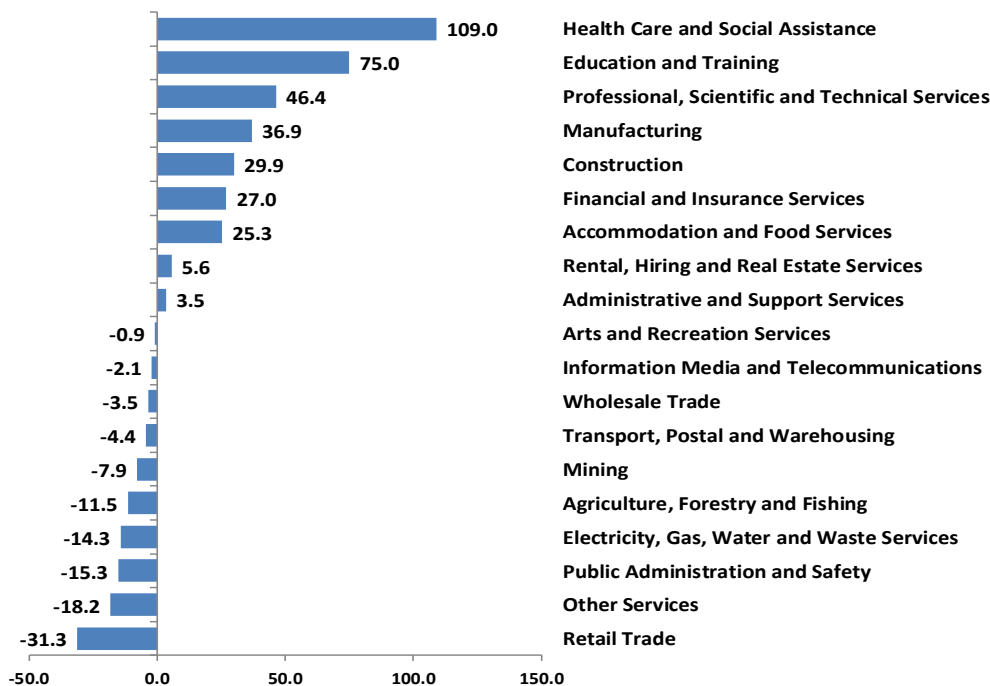
Australian Government

Department of Employment

Industry Employment Summary

In February this year, the Department of Employment released the trend in employment indicating that employment increased in nine industries and declined in 10 over the year to **February 2020**. Health Care and Social Assistance; Education and Training and Professional, Scientific and Technical Services made the largest contributions to employment growth. The largest falls in employment were recorded in Retail Trade, Other Services and Public Administration and Safety.

Employment in the **Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing** and **Manufacturing** industries was expected to continue to fall.



This summarised information has been sourced from [Industry Employment Insights](#). For the most recent up to date information you can visit [IMIP](#).

Note: The Australian labour market is changing rapidly as the COVID-19 situation continues to develop, so regularly browsing the above-mentioned links is advised.

CAREER EXPLORATION

maths:
make your career count **Maths: Make your Career Count**

Students often ask where maths and statistics can take you! Are there jobs out there that use maths? By browsing [Maths Careers](#), students will certainly find out just how many jobs use maths.



Australian Government

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

A Diplomatic Career – Making a Difference

The **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)** offers university graduates with the opportunity to implement their academic and personal skills to develop and implement policies that advances Australia's interests both in Australia and overseas. DFAT has an official **graduate program** allowing university graduates the opportunity to continue to develop and expand their knowledge – from *international legal and security issues to international financial corporation, trade negotiations and public affairs*. Graduates who enter this DFAT program work in diverse and challenging environments, and often represent Australia on overseas assignments. On completion of the two-year program, graduates will have the opportunity for an ongoing position in Canberra.

Students who are keen on studying Law, International Studies, Global Studies, Asian Studies, as well as the Sciences and Medicine, and even Counter-Terrorism, please browse the following link to find out more about this program and the opportunities it offers once you have graduated with a Bachelor degree - [Foreign Affairs and Trade \(DFAT\) Graduate Program](#)



What does a Radiation Therapist do?

The [Good Universities Guide](#) states that Radiation Therapists *design, and administer radiation treatment to cancer patients, and provide related care to patients in conjunction with radiation oncologists or other medical specialists*. The [Health Times](#) website indicates that a Radiation Therapist is *also responsible for collecting relevant patient information and using this information to plan a patient's treatment. A radiation therapist will work under the guidance of a Radiation Oncologist, in a team of health professionals who care for and treat cancer patients*.

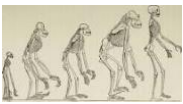
Radiation therapists are responsible for supporting the patient throughout their treatment. They must have compassion and strong interpersonal skills. Part of their role is to listen to the emotional concerns and anxieties of the patient and refer them appropriately if needed. The radiation therapist will also assess the patient's reaction to treatment, providing advice on the side effects of treatment and methods of alleviating these. Radiation therapists often develop close relationships with their patients, as they usually see them five days per week for between three and seven weeks.

To become a Radiation Therapist, students have to study radiation therapy at university. Studies in Radiation Therapy in Victoria are offered by [Monash University](#) and [RMIT University](#), and Radiation Science units are offered in the Medical Imaging degree offered by [Deakin University](#).



What does an Otolaryngologist do?

The *Career Cornerstone* website indicates that an otolaryngologist is a **head and neck surgeon** who provides complete medical and surgical care for patients with diseases and disorders that affect the *ears, nose, throat, the respiratory and upper alimentary systems and related structures of the head and neck*. An otolaryngologist diagnoses and provides medical and/or surgical therapy or prevention of diseases, allergies, neoplasms, deformities, disorders and/or injuries of the ears, nose, sinuses, throat, respiratory and upper alimentary systems, face, jaws, and the other head and neck systems. Head and neck oncology, facial plastic and reconstructive surgery, and the treatment of disorders of hearing and voice are fundamental areas of expertise. According to the [Royal Australasian College of Surgeons](#), to become an otolaryngologist, one must have medical and surgical training and experience as part of the selection into the training.



Career as an Anthropologist

According to the Good Universities Career Guide, [anthropologists](#) *study the origin, development and functioning of human societies and cultures, as they exist now or have existed throughout history. Anthropologists are concerned with the complexities of social and cultural life, including religion, rituals, family and kinship systems, languages, art, music, symbolism, and economic and political systems.*

Successful anthropologists –

- Have the capacity for detailed observation and accurate practical work
- Can work independently
- Have enthusiasm for research
- Good oral and written communication skills and sensitive to other people and cultures.

To become an anthropologist, students usually have to complete a degree in *science, arts, social science or international studies* at university with a major in anthropology (preferably at honours level), followed by a postgraduate qualification in anthropology.

A useful link to browse regarding the job prospects, and salaries anthropologists earn is [Job Outlook - Social Professionals](#)



Working in the **real estate profession** offers students the opportunity to achieve high levels of personal satisfaction and career success. In general terms, estate agents *lease, manage, appraise, buy and sell residential, rural, commercial and industrial property or business on*

behalf of clients. The first step in establishing a real estate career is to become an **agent's representative**. Agent's representatives perform a variety of real estate roles under the supervision of a licensed estate agent. Students who are interested in completing a course to become a real estate agent, might like to browse the following link that addresses a number of FAQs - [Student Information](#). For more information about careers in real estate and the Real Estate Institute of Victoria (REIV) visit [REIV](#)



What is a Paralegal?

The [Centre for Paralegal Studies](#) states that *paralegals play an integral role in the legal profession, and they can offer significant assistance in the delivery of legal services. They work in various types of organisations including law firms, government agencies and corporate legal departments. The use of paralegals in the profession can allow legal services to be delivered more efficiently and more cost effectively.*

Although paralegals are not solicitors or barristers, they often perform tasks that are of a legal nature. However, this does not mean that only people who are undertaking a law degree or are currently working in a legal environment can obtain a role as a **paralegal**. With the right training, skills and knowledge, opportunities for paralegal roles are available to people from a wide range of disciplines including business and management.

In Victoria, a number of universities offer studies in *Legal Disputes, Criminology, Criminal Justice, etc. and all lead to careers in the paralegal services.*

APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS



Schindler Apprentice Information Webinar

Are you looking to start a career working in a dynamic and exciting environment? Do you want to work hands on with innovative and cutting-edge engineering technologies?

Schindler Lifts Australia is one of the largest suppliers of new escalators and elevators in Australia today. It has over 1,200 employees across Australia who design, install, service and modernise urban transport systems for almost every building type.

Most people considering a career in electrotechnology usually think about becoming a domestic (home) electrician, but this is only a small part of the electrical industry. Apprentices in the lift industry not only learn electrical skills, but all the skills required to install, service, and repair and modernise lifts and escalators.

Students keen on finding out more about an ***electrical apprenticeship with Schindler*** are encouraged to register for the online [Apprentice Information Night](#) taking place on **Wednesday 1 July 2020, from 6.00pm – 7.00pm.**

Difference between an Apprenticeship and Traineeship?

*What's the Difference between an Apprenticeship and Traineeship? Which one should a student apply for? Both apprenticeships and traineeships offer a structured pathway into a career of choice. However, there are three key differences – *range of occupations, completion time and legal requirements*.*

Range of Occupations

While traineeships are available on a broad range of occupations, apprenticeships are offered on skilled trades only. For example, you can complete a traineeship in a diverse set of fields including:

- Business (e.g. business administration, marketing, accounting)
- Technology (e.g. information technology, telecommunications, digital media)
- Trades (e.g. plant operator, warehouse operation, hairdressing).

Apprenticeships are also offered across a broad range of industries, including:

- Building and construction (e.g. carpentry, bricklaying)
- Electrical (e.g. electrician, electrical fitter)
- Engineering fabrication (i.e. boiler maker/ welder)
- Engineering manufacturing (i.e. fitter and turner)
- Horticulture (e.g. parks and gardens)
- Plumbing (e.g. plumbing and gas fitting or drainage).

Completion Time

Apprenticeships are a full-time commitment and are awarded after a fixed period of time. For example, an Electrical Apprenticeship will generally take four years, however this can be shortened by up to 6 months, depending on circumstances.

Traineeships can be full-time or part-time. Because traineeships are competency-based, completion is dependent on achieving and demonstrating a level of competency in all the required modules. In general, a traineeship is usually completed within one to two years, but it may take more or less time depending on the role, employee and number of hours worked.

Legal Requirements

When a student signs up for an apprenticeship, the level of commitment made by both themselves and their employer is different to a traineeship. As an **apprentice**, upon signing the contract, their employer is committing to employ the student for the full term of their apprenticeship – and if they sell the business while the apprentice is working towards completion, the new owner must continue with the training contract. After the probationary period is up (usually 90 days) the contract can be cancelled, but all parties (apprentice and employer) must agree. As a **trainee**, the employer must keep the trainee on for the term of their traineeship, however, either party can cancel the contract before it's complete (mutual agreement is not needed). In addition, if the business is sold, the new owners are not obliged to continue your employment.

Understand the Differences Before You Commit

Both apprenticeships and traineeships provide a fantastic way to learn on the job – and as an added bonus, one gets paid for it too! So, when weighing up the two, it is important to consider the field one wishes to pursue, how long they are ready to commit to it, and what the legal implications are.

You can read the full article here at [NECA Education - Apprenticeships and Traineeships](#)
Or for more information about Apprenticeships visit the [Australian Apprenticeship Website](#).

UNIVERSITY TERMS



When students are looking into university study, they often come across words or terms they are unfamiliar with. So, here are a few of the more commonly used terms to help students understand what is being talked about!

Associated Degree – an associate degree is generally a two-year qualification that is made up of two-thirds of a bachelor's degree and may be offered by both TAFEs and universities. Students often use this as a steppingstone to the full bachelor's degree.

Assumed knowledge – refers to subjects the university recommends or prefers a student to have studied at school before starting the course

ATAR – Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank – the figure used by UAC and VTAC to calculate the entrance ranking for a university course

Bachelor's degree – the award/qualification a student gains when they have completed studies in an undergraduate course, which takes between 3 or 4 years of full-time study. This is the traditional starting point of a university qualification.

Bridging Course – an introductory course to help students achieve the preferred entry level to a degree, e.g. a bridging maths course for students who do not have the preferred maths but need it to access a course

Census Date – the last day a student can withdraw from their university course and not owe fees

Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) – a student's enrolment in a university degree for which the Commonwealth government makes a contribution towards the cost of that student's education (formerly known as a HECS place)

Credit – if a student has previously studied – perhaps at TAFE – and has Recognised Prior Learning (RPL), the student may be able to receive credit for a subject or subjects in their course. Also often referred to as *Advanced Standing*.

Double degree – a student can choose to complete a double degree – this integrates studies in two degrees resulting in an award of two degrees, usually after a minimum of 4 years of study. Often also referred to as *Combined Degrees*.

Defer – a student may choose to delay starting their course. Deferring an offer of a place might mean delaying for 6, 12, 18 or 24 months. Deferment ensures the student is guaranteed their place in their selected course

Elective – a subject that is not core to the degree and is often from another faculty, e.g. a commerce student might choose psychology (from the Arts Faculty) as an elective

Faculty – a department within a university devoted to a particular area of study – so, Faculty of Arts or Faculty of Science

FEE-HELP – a loan scheme for domestic students used to pay all or part of an eligible student's tuition fees for university courses but cannot be used for additional study costs such as laptops, accommodation, or textbooks. A 25% loan fee may apply.

HECS-HELP – a loan scheme that assists domestic students with a CSP place to pay their contribution. Students may choose to pay their fees upfront, or choose to defer payment via the HECS-HELP loan scheme

Honours – many bachelor's degrees offer a fourth year – called an Honours year. The Honours year allows students to further focus on a particular area of interest. The Honours year can either be integrated into a 4-year bachelor's degree or be offered as a separate year after completion of a 3-year bachelor's degree

Lecture – a period of teaching given by a lecturer to a large group of students in a lecture theatre; can often be as many as 300 students in a lecture

Major study – an area within a course that allows in-depth study in a particular field. More than one major may be allowed in some courses

Minor study – a grouping of subjects allowing a broader understanding of a few subjects, with less emphasis on in-depth study

Prerequisite – a set of conditions – usually a completion of a subject – that must be met before enrollment in a subject or course is allowed.

SA-HELP – SA-HELP is a loan scheme that assists eligible students to pay for all or part of their student services and amenities fees – so, non-academic fees.

Transcript – this is the university academic record each student receives, like a school report

Tutorial – a period of teaching given to a small group of students – involving discussion and participation

Undergraduate – a student studying at university for a first level degree, e.g. a bachelor's degree

VET Student Loans – a loan scheme for domestic students used to pay all or part of an eligible student's tuition fees for TAFE courses, but cannot be used for additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. A 20% loan fee usually applies.

Workplace learning – practical training in a workplace, such as internships or practical work experience. This is a hands-on experience – some universities call it *Industry Based Learning* or *Work Integrated Learning*.