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## Open Days & Info Sessions

### [ADF | Engineering Careers Virtual Information Session](#)

Tuesday 19 October 2021, 8:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Online

Consider an Engineering career in the Navy, Army or Air Force and keep Defence weapons, vehicles, aircraft, ships and infrastructure operating safely and effectively.

Join us for a virtual info session to learn more.

Find out more: <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/celxpo7>

### [Endeavour College of Natural Health | Virtual Open Day](#)

Wednesday 20 October 2021, 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Online

Attending a Virtual Open Day is a great way to find out more about the educational institution you are thinking of attending and to ask all the study and enrolment questions you need to. Whether you're at home, in an office, or even overseas, you can join our Virtual Open Day from wherever you are on your smartphone or computer.

Find out more: <https://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/virtual-open-day/>

### [NAS | Bachelor of Fine Art Webinar](#)

Tuesday 26 October 2021, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Join our BFA webinar to find out what makes NAS different from all other Fine Art degrees. You can also hear tips from current BFA students about how they prepared for their interview and portfolio assessment, and how their experience has been so far as part of the NAS community. It's also a chance to ask any questions you might have, so tune in.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/bachelor-of-fine-art-webinar-tickets-189421985257>

### **[University of Sydney | Why you should study history, society and culture](#)**

Wednesday 27 October 2021, 4:45 pm - 5:30 pm

Online

Learn more about the critical skills you will develop through studying humanities and the wide range of career opportunities. We will explore the variety of courses available and cover subjects including archaeology, ancient history, ancient Greek, Latin, cultural studies, diversity studies, gender studies, history, international and global studies, and philosophy.

Find out more: [https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_23700lqcR6qrQB81UxQldg](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_23700lqcR6qrQB81UxQldg)

### **[Sydney Design School | Info Session](#)**

Wednesday 27 October 2021, 6:00 pm

Online

Find out everything you need to know about our flexible courses and career support. Our Director, Amanda Grace will introduce you to our unique philosophy, passionate Educators and industry focused approach to learning. This event will take place online or on campus we will update you closer to the time. Register to join us below.

Find out more: <https://sydneydesignschool.com.au/information-sessions/>

### **[University of Newcastle | TAFE to Uni Webinar](#)**

Thursday 28 October 2021, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

Are you looking at studying a University degree after completing TAFE? We invite you to join us for our TAFE to Uni webinar via zoom.

Tune in to hear from our admissions staff and student ambassadors that will cover the following topics:

- Info about our University
- How to apply
- TAFE entry pathway
- Scholarships
- Support and services

Our student ambassadors will share their experiences coming to Uni via the TAFE pathway, and there will also be plenty of time for you to ask any questions.

Find out more: <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/events/future-students/tafe-to-uni-webinar>

### **[UOW College | Nursing Information Night](#)**

Wednesday 10 November 2021, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Online

Thinking about studying the Diploma of Nursing at UOW College or already have an offer and still need answers? Don't worry we've got you covered. Please join us for our upcoming online info session to find out how to become an enrolled nurse or progress onto the Bachelor of Nursing at UOW in just 18 months. We will provide an overview of course structure, entry requirements, job outcomes, scholarships available, VET student loans and current remote online delivery mode for this course. Staff will be available on the night to answer any questions you may have.

Find out more: <https://studentservice.uow.edu.au/Portal/Events/EventDetails?eventId=598d6431-b819-ec11-818a-00224810b8e7>

### **[UAC Digital | The Schools Recommendation Scheme, course preferences and offers](#)**

Wednesday 10 November 2021, 6:00 pm

Online

Have you applied for the Schools Recommendation Scheme?

The Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) is one way institutions make early offers of undergraduate admission to Year 12 students. They do this by using criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR.

Learn about key dates, listing course preferences and what to do once you receive an offer.

Find out more: <https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/srsupdate>

### **[CQUni | Online Chat Session](#)**

Tuesday 23 November 2021, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

Thinking about starting a TAFE or university qualification in 2022? If you're considering CQUniversity, you probably have a few questions.

Get to know CQUniversity a little better at our Online Chat Session on the 23 November at 3pm AEST. All you need to do is head over to our CQUniversity Facebook page and send us a message during the session and you'll receive real-time answers to all your questions.

Our staff will be able to help with your course of interest, student support services, or anything else to do with studying with us.

Register now to receive an SMS reminder when the Online Chat Session is about to start.

Find out more: <https://www.cqu.edu.au/courses/eforms/online-chat-registration>

### **[Wings Over Illawarra School & Careers Open Day 2021](#)**

Friday 26 November 2021, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Shellharbour Airport

A major aim of Wings Over Illawarra is to inspire younger Australians to consider careers in the aviation industry. Wings Over Illawarra has partnered with the [Australian Government Department of Industry, Innovation and Science](#) and [Women in Aviation Careers](#) to present the School & Careers Open Day.

The Open Day will provide a unique opportunity for students to access information on aviation career opportunities from a plethora of aviation exhibitors, from commercial and defence aviation, government regulators and industry organisations.

Find out more: <https://wingsoverillawarra.com.au/visitor-info/school-careers-day/>

## **Workshops and Courses**

### **[Campion College | Creative Writing \(Module C\) Workshop](#)**

Wednesday 20 October 2021, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Online

Looking for helpful tips to encourage creativity under exam conditions? Develop your creative writing skills ahead of the HSC English exam. Register now for Campion's Creative Writing (Module C) Workshop, presented in partnership with Veritas Academy.

This workshop will focus on imaginative (creative) writing, as part of 'Module C: The Craft of Writing.' Students will receive insightful guidelines from an experienced HSC English teacher on how to compose effective imaginative texts, using examples from Band 6 responses.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/hsc-preparation-creative-writing-module-c-workshop-tickets-178387340337>

### **Virtual Camp United Nations for Girls Australia**

Saturday 30 October 2021, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Online

Virtual Camp United Nations for Girls Australia is an interactive virtual camp that introduces girls 12 to 16 to the work of the United Nations and international policy.

Virtual Camp United Nations begins with a lesson on the history of the United Nations and its purpose. This is followed by a study of the structure, leadership, and the rules of procedure of the United Nations. Each student will be given an assignment to serve as a delegate for a UN Member State. When the General Assembly convenes delegates will propose a resolution. The resolution will be subject to negotiation and amendment by the UN Delegates before a vote on a final version of the resolution.

Find out more: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/girlsinpoliticsinitiative/555822/>

### **Whitehouse Institute of Design | Foundation Portfolio Workshop**

Saturday 6 November 2021, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Online

This online workshop is for aspiring designers and recommended as a starting point for those wishing to develop their illustration skills and create a portfolio for application to the Bachelor of Design program. In this 2-hour workshop, you will gain an understanding of how to illustrate with Marker and Paper, experiment with different multi-media materials and learn techniques for presenting your creative ideas.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/foundation-portfolio-workshop-tickets-189361353907>

### **SAE | Creative Futures, Sydney**

Thursday 2 December 2021, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

SAE Institute Sydney

Are you in year 11 or 12 and want a career where your imagination is your only limitation?

Come along to SAE Sydney Creative Futures event, to explore your interest and passion for a career in Creative Media. We're opening the campus doors and giving you the chance to chat with our industry experts, who are ready to answer all your questions about studying and working in creative fields.

Find out more: <https://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events/creative-futures-sae-sydney/?date=2021-12-02&id=1913>

## **Scholarships**

### **Charles Sturt AHO Tertiary Accommodation Grants**

Value: \$2,000 - \$10,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: October 1, 2021 – November 3, 2021

Access to affordable accommodation is a significant barrier that impacts on Aboriginal tertiary education rates across New South Wales. The grants will provide eligible Aboriginal students with assistance to source affordable accommodation options.

[Find out more](#)

## Competitions

### [WIPO Photography Prize for Indigenous Peoples and Local Community Youth](#)

The WIPO Photography Prize is open to individuals of indigenous peoples and local communities located in one of [WIPO's Member States](#) and under 30 years old.

The theme is Climate Change and Climate Action: Mother Earth through our Lenses. Photographs should illustrate:

- the impact of climate change on your communities, biodiversity and environment (land, air, water, flora and fauna, etc.); and/or
- practices, including ones based on Indigenous and traditional knowledge, or climate actions that allow your community to adapt to or mitigate the impact of climate change.

**Entries close 22 January 2022.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://youth-prize.wipo.int/>

### [Nakata Brophy Short Fiction and Poetry Prize for Young Indigenous Writers](#)

Sponsored by Trinity College at the University of Melbourne and supporters, this prize, now in its fifth year, recognises the talent of young Indigenous writers across Australia. In 2021, the prize will be awarded to the best short story by an Indigenous writer who is 30 years or younger at the closing date of the competition.

First place is a \$5000 prize, publication in *Overland's* print magazine, and a writing residency (of up to three months) at Trinity College, the oldest student residence at the University of Melbourne. Two runner-up prizes of \$500 may also be awarded.

**Entries close 2 November.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://overland.org.au/prizes/nakata-brophy-short-fiction-and-poetry-prize-for-young-indigenous-writers/>

### [Financial Wellbeing Youth Design Challenge](#)

Young people need to be able to navigate the world of finance so they can make good decisions and plan for the future. Financial skills are important both professionally and personally, yet for many people money isn't something we talk about or really understand how to manage. Equipping young people with essential financial skills will help set them up for their future.

Our challenge for you is: "How might we introduce financial wellbeing at a younger age and make it friendly, relevant and engaging for young people?"

We want your help to make sure more young people have a strong understanding of financial concepts, planning and decision making skills.

The Young Change Agents team will work with AMP Foundation to choose 20 finalists and from that group, 6 winning ideas. There will be two categories:

- 10-15 year olds (3 winners will be chosen)
- 16-21 year olds (3 winners will be chosen)

The winners will receive the following per idea:

- An awesome JBL Flip Essential Portable Bluetooth Speaker (or a voucher if there are multiple people in your team)
- A virtual mentoring package from Young Change Agents and AMP Foundation (2 x 1 hr sessions)
- Plus the opportunity to be featured on our website and in our top ideas media campaign! 14 runners-up will also receive a special reward for taking part and be featured on our site as a runner-up!

**The challenge runs until 25 November.**

Find out more here: <https://youngchangeagents.com/challenges/financial-wellbeing-youth-design-challenge>

## Work Experience

### [Work Experience with Taronga Zoo Sydney](#)

Taronga Zoo Sydney offers school work experience opportunities for students in years 10 – 12 who are interested in pursuing a career in zoo keeping, animal care, tourism or zoo horticulture.

Work experience undertaken at Taronga Zoo Sydney allows students to:

- Observe a variety of work being done in the fields of zoo keeping, animal care, zoo horticulture or guest services and education
- Undertake supervised work appropriate to the student's skill level
- Ask questions about a zoo workplace
- Gain skills related to being at work at the zoo
- Investigate training and employment opportunities with Taronga

Applications for 2022 are now open and close 28 February 2022, unless program reaches capacity earlier.

[Learn more](#)

## Careers & Jobs

### [Otis 2022 Apprenticeship Program](#)

Otis is the world's largest elevator and escalator manufacturing, installation and service business. They serve customers in over 200 countries and territories around the world and maintain more than 2 million elevators and escalators.

Kickstart your career with an apprenticeship at Otis. They are currently seeking 1st, 2nd and 3rd year apprentices to join them throughout Australia in both Electrician and Mechanical Trades apprenticeships to commence in January 2022.

Throughout your apprenticeship you will gain exposure to completing the installation, modernisation, repairs and maintenance of escalator, elevators and travelators.

Applications are open to people with a minimum Year 10 School Certificate or equivalent. Otis are committed to achieving a diverse workforce and strongly encourage applications from females and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

If this sounds like the next step for you, please send your resume to [nicola.hilton@otis.com](mailto:nicola.hilton@otis.com).

### [New Apprenticeship Opportunities](#)

Are you looking to kick start your career with an apprenticeship? This is a great way you can combine work and study, and get a foot in the door for your dream career.

Here are some opportunities we've found you might like:

- [Apprenticeships with Scania](#) (Multiple locations)
- [AUSDRIILL 2022 Apprenticeship Program](#) (Perth)
- [Engineering and Supply Chain School Based Apprenticeships](#) (Burnie)
- [CMI Toyota 2022 Automotive Apprenticeships](#) (Adelaide)

Want more? Check out the [Apprenticeships](#) page on Study Work Grow.

## **APS Indigenous Apprenticeships Program**

The 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:

- A permanent, full-time, entry-level job
- on-the-job training
- a competitive salary and great benefits
- a nationally recognised certificate or diploma qualification.

It also offers a range of roles across a number of departments and agencies. You could work in:

- administration
- policy and program development
- service delivery
- finance
- human resources
- information technology.

**Applications are open now and close on Friday 29 October.**

Find out more and apply here: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/organisations/about-us/careers/employment-options/indigenous-apprenticeships-program>

## **Further Learning**

### **2022 Accommodation Applications at Newcastle Open Now**

Applications are now open for student accommodation at the University of Newcastle in 2022.

With nine residences to choose from, all within walking distance to class and only 20 minutes to the City campus via shuttle bus, you'll have the unique opportunity to design your ideal on campus lifestyle.

Applications are extremely competitive, therefore we encourage all students to apply as soon as possible to ensure the best possible chance of living on campus next year.

First round offers will be rolled out from Wednesday 24 November.

Find out more here: <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/student-living>

### **Bond University's Transformation Degrees**

Bond University has long held a reputation for producing graduates equipped with the knowledge and capabilities necessary to be highly successful in their future lives and work. In 2020, we launched new degrees in Digital, Entrepreneurial, Health and Legal Transformation.

These innovative programs combine key discipline studies, a core of transdisciplinary subjects and work integrated learning in industry or community. Students work collaboratively on diverse projects and create innovative solutions to real-world problems – graduating in just two years, 12 months ahead of their peers, with a professional portfolio ready to show off to potential employers.

Find out more: <https://bond.edu.au/intl/bond-transformation-colab>

## Resources

### [Indigenous Student Support at University](#)

#### Going to uni?

Thinking about studying at university when you finish school, or already have an offer? Congratulations! Going off to university is a big step in life, and it's normal to feel nervous or unsure. Leaving the support of family and community can be scary.

Thankfully, universities across Australia offer specialised support for Indigenous students starting (and continuing) their studies.

#### What support can I get?

While the types of support offered can differ between universities, here are some of the typical things you can expect:

- Individual and group study support and tutoring
- Peer mentoring programs
- Culturally safe spaces to study and relax
- Alternative entry programs
- Advisors to help with uni and scholarship applications
- Career advice and services

#### Where can I find out more about the uni I want to go to?

We've gathered links here to each university's page on support for Indigenous students. Take a look at the list:

#### NSW

- [Australian Catholic University](#)
- [Charles Sturt University](#)
- [Macquarie University](#)
- [University of New South Wales](#)
- [University of Newcastle](#)
- [University of Sydney](#)
- [University of Technology Sydney](#)
- [University of Wollongong](#)
- [Western Sydney University](#)

### [Are you a Critical Thinker?](#)

Lots of careers list [critical thinking](#) as a core skill that's required in order to be successful.

Find out if you are a critical thinker, get examples of why you might need this skill in the workplace and get tips on how to develop your critical thinking skills.

#### What does Critical Thinking actually mean?

Essentially, it's the skills where you:

- learn to recognise or develop an argument
- use evidence to support your argument
- draw reasoned conclusions, and
- put your knowledge to use by using that information to solve problems



## Why critical thinking in the workplace is important

Critical thinkers in the workplace are more likely to understand the meaning behind their role, which increases the chances of them engaging with the work.

Employers want job candidates who can evaluate a situation using logical thought and offer the best solution.

Plus, critical thinkers can reduce wastage and increase productivity through analysing processes and identifying areas for improvement, be trusted to make decisions independently, and won't need constant handholding.

## Examples of [jobs](#) that require critical thinking:

- [Nurses](#) working in Emergency triage need to assess the cases waiting to be seen and decide who needs to be treated first
- **Criminologists** are required to do a lot of research and critical thinking to solve crimes
- **Plumbers** called to a job need to evaluate what action needs to be taken (and the order work needs to be done) then decide on the best materials to do the job.
- [Lawyers](#) review evidence, quickly refer to past rulings and laws to come up with strategies to win a case or get the best outcome for their clients
- [Logistics Managers](#) dealing with large quantities of goods and complex supply chains requires strong critical thinking skills
- [Accountants](#) clients will appreciate your critical thinking skills when you help and direct them use their money productively
- [Managers](#) need to find ways to obtain customer feedback, review it and use the information to make changes or improve on their service, products and staff performance to increase the sales
- **Software Developers** need critical thinking to design today's complex but efficient code – making things easier for people who use them
- [Doctors](#) need to use critical thinking skills as patients often present with complex symptoms and issues, you'll have to come up with appropriate solutions and make sure you're providing the best possible care
- Safety is incredibly important, so being able to think critically and identify any problems is crucial for [WH&S Officers](#)

## Develop your critical thinking skills

Practise the steps of critical thinking by applying them in as many situations as you can:

- Pinpoint the issue – what is the problem that needs solving or the question that needs answering
- Collect information – do some research and collect data, be sure to include sources that challenge your own opinions
- Scrutinise the evidence – is your data from a reliable source, is it biased, is there hard evidence
- Decide what's relevant – reject any dodgy information, then make sure everything that's left is actually relevant to the original issue
- Self-evaluate – have you approached this exercise with an open mind, willing to learn, done enough research?
- Conclude – based on your work, create a couple of conclusions. Then assess each one for weaknesses, validity and decide which one is the most sound
- Share your ideas – communicating your findings to other people is the last but really important part of critical thinking. If you can't effectively share your thinking or solutions, then you may have wasted your time.

Improving on these [skills](#) could help you to become a better critical thinker:

**Observation** – take notice of what’s going on around you, it could help you to see opportunities and problems as well as help you to come up with solutions

**Analysis** – this could help you to gather the right information, understand it and draw useful information from it

**Inference** – use relevant data and personal experience to draw valid conclusions

**Communication** – active listening, [teamwork and collaboration](#), presentations, working on your verbal and written work will all ensure that you’re learning and sharing the right information in the best way

**Problem solving** – learn to identify problems, find solutions and then, importantly, assess whether the solution is working or not

**Objectivity** – this skill will allow you to really ‘see’ the information in front of you rather than working from assumptions or your own personal bias. Get outside your comfort zone, be inclusive, and saying yes to a variety of opportunities could really help you to learn how to be more objective.

### **10 Things to Teach your High School Leaver**

The end of high school is a huge milestone in life. Not just for your children either, this is a huge thing for you as parents as well.

It probably seems like yesterday when your child started out at kindy or prep with backpacks bigger than they were, and Year 12 seemed like forever away, and now the time is nearly here.

If you’re having a last minute wobble and are wondering how to prepare your child for leaving school or support them through this time, we’ve put together 10 things to focus on that could help you both to feel more equipped before they fly the nest.

#### **1. How to cook**

The novelty of eating two minute noodles every day will soon wear off, so if your teen has never been interested in cooking, now’s the time to get them started. They don’t have to be gourmet chefs, being able to prepare a few simple meals from scratch could set your child up to eat more healthily and save money.

#### **2. How to care for themselves**

Self-care means lots of things.

From knowing how to do your laundry (and saving you from dealing with a whole semesters worth of stinky socks coming home), cleaning where you live, knowing some basic maintenance – even if it’s just putting up pictures and keeping the drains unblocked.

To being responsible for their own health and wellbeing as well as knowing when and where to ask for help.

#### **3. How to manage money**

It’s great for your school leaver to know how to plan a budget based on their income, (whether that’s from a salary, scholarship or loan); and also to keep track of their expenses.

They’ll also need to know how to:

- pay bills
- start saving
- stay out of debt
- pay taxes
- contribute to their super
- avoid credits cards and debt
- compare prices
- be aware of scams

#### **4. Staying safe**

This is no doubt something you've been drumming into your child since day dot. But if they're leaving home and becoming more independent, then you may not be around to remind.

It's a great idea have a chat together and work out a few ways to stay safe, including:

- avoid walking alone at night or in unsafe areas
- locking doors and windows
- understanding how their own and other people's behaviour can change under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- knowing some first aid, CPR and self defence
- be careful who they share information with or allow to get close
- keeping their online details safe and secure
- having an emergency plan if something happens

#### **5. How to get around**

It's hard to be independent if you rely on others for lifts everywhere or haven't experienced using public transport.

Get your kids to use the local buses and trains, from working out which route they need to figuring out the timetables and fares. Ask them to organise Ubers and taxis, maybe even pay for them too.

If they're learning to drive – great! They'll also need to feel confident about driving in the dark and all kinds of weather conditions. And it's a good idea to teach them some basic mechanics from filling their wiper washers, to checking oil, pumping up or changing tyres. (You could also buy them or encourage them to but their own roadside assistance cover for additional peace of mind).

#### **6. Finding work**

It's called "job hunting" for a reason. If your child hasn't had a job before, now's the time to encourage them to find something part time.

Make sure they have a decent looking resume and know where to look for jobs, how to apply and practise their interview techniques too.

#### **7. Work life balance**

We all want our kids to be hard workers and do well. They often put plenty of pressure on themselves though, so it's great to talk about and role model great work life balance.

Having fun and taking time out to care for yourself is important too.

#### **8. Dealing with relationships**

You and your child might be used to you dealing with problems in the past, but letting them handle their own issues and giving them tips on how to deal with situations themselves will really empower them.

Get them to speak up and be assertive, use their initiative and ask questions, compromise, set boundaries that they feel comfortable with, voice concerns and settle arguments. Remaining calm, walking away from conflict, being professional are also good pointers to go over.

## 9. Being a great global citizen

Encouraging your teen to:

- be kind
- take responsibility for their actions and impacts on others
- be aware of what's going on around them not just on a local scale but around the world
- travel
- seek out opportunities
- live by their values
- stand up to ignorance and intolerance
- get involved in communities, projects and programs
- take action and advocate for themselves and for others

You'll help to show your child that they have a voice. Even if the world is changing fast, they can always make a positive difference, and do their bit help to build a fairer, happier, safer, and more secure world.

## 10. Be true to yourself

Inspire your young person to be themselves, remind them that:

- It's ok if not everyone likes you
- You should follow your passion
- Listen to your intuition
- You can change your mind
- Let go of past mistakes and issues and move on
- Be honest about what you want to do, how you feel, and what you need
- You are enough

Good luck, you've got this.

## Job Spotlight

### [How to become an Aircraft Pilot](#)

*Soar the skies*

#### What do Aircraft Pilots do?

Aircraft Pilots operate planes in order to transport passengers and goods from one location to their destination. They may also provide agricultural, aerial surveillance, or other aviation services.

If you are hard working and confident, are willing to work long hours away from home, and want a job that can take you anywhere in the world, becoming an Aircraft Pilot could be ideal for you.

#### About you:

- Trustworthy and reliable
- Confident with a steady hand
- Excellent communicator
- Analytical and thorough
- Alert and quick-thinking
- Works well under pressure
- Good problem-solver
- Patient and thorough

### The job:

- Preparing flight plans before take-off
- Considering weather conditions and other factors
- Completing comprehensive system checks before take-off
- Operating a variety of aircraft and associated technology
- Communicating with other staff on the ground and on board
- Monitoring aircraft performance and safety
- Taking important directions from air traffic control

### Lifestyle Impact: Moderate

- Part Time opportunities: Low – only around 29% of Aircraft Pilots work part-time (source: [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au)).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 45 hours a week, which is average (source: [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au)).
- Aircraft Pilots' salary (average) \$130,000\* per year (source: [seek.com.au](http://seek.com.au)). \*Salaries vary depending on your skills and experience.
- Future career growth: Stable (source: [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au)).
- You will be spending a lot of time away from home travelling, and may need to work at all hours of the day or night.

### Pilots are most in demand in these locations:

This is a small occupation, with around 8,000 people working as Aircraft Pilots in 2016 (source: [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au)), with stable growth expected over the next five years. Demand for Aircraft Pilots is highest in Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory. Most Aircraft Pilots work in the Transport, Postal and Warehousing industry.

Your job as an Aircraft Pilot could take you nearly anywhere around the country and even the world. Although the impact of COVID-19 has slowed international travel, there is still high demand for air travel within Australia.

### How to become an Aircraft Pilot in Australia

You will need to complete a combination of both practical and theoretical assessment in order to become a qualified Aircraft Pilot in Australia.

Step 1 – Complete Year 12 with a strong focus on English, Maths and Sciences.

Step 2 – Start your flight training, either through a private flying school, or in combination with a VET or university degree.

Step 3 – Obtain your recreational or private pilot license.

Step 4 – Obtain an aviation reference number (ARN) from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).

Step 5 – Gain extensive experience and pass further examinations to obtain a commercial pilot license. You may also need to complete further training in order to operate specific types of aircraft.

Find out more here –

<https://www.casa.gov.au/>

<https://www.afap.org.au/>

<https://www.airforce.gov.au/>

## Similar Careers to Aircraft Pilot

Helicopter Pilot

Logistics Manager

[Air Traffic Controller](#)

[Bus Driver](#)

Flight Attendant

[Picker and Packer](#)

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

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### What do Aircraft Pilots do?

Aircraft Pilots operate planes to transport goods and passengers to their destinations.

### Which industries employ Aircraft Pilots?

Aircraft Pilots are usually employed in the Transport, Postal and Warehousing industry.

### What options are there for career progression?

You can start out by acquiring your recreational or private pilot license and fly small aircraft, and continue your study and practice to gain a commercial license and fly large planes across the world.

### Do I need to go to university to become an Aircraft Pilot?

You technically do not need a university qualification to become an Aircraft Pilot. However, you must still complete extensive practical and theoretical training in order to gain a commercial pilot license.

### Where do Aircraft Pilots work?

Aircraft Pilots are needed all across Australia, particularly in Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

### What are 3 things I can do right now to help me become an Aircraft Pilot?

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

1. See if you can try out a flight simulator, get work experience in aviation, or even talk to a current pilot to see what a day in the life is like.
2. Volunteer in your community or find a casual job to start building valuable skills, as well as it looking great on any future job and study applications.
3. Start researching your options when it comes to flying schools and course options.

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