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Careers Newsletter

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JobJump - Parents and students please watch YouTube video and sign up

Sign up to JobJump for information about tertiary study options, ATAR's and apprenticeship and TAFE information. Create a resume, sign up for news alerts.

To register go to <https://www.jobjump.com.au/>

Search school – St Pius X Chatswood

Register with an email address (use a private address, not spx)

Password – pius (lower case)

Parent information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZoyckJwvVg&feature=youtu.be>

AIE | Meet the AR/VR Expert: Connor Gibson

10 March 2021, 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

Connor Gibson, an AIE Alumni from 2014, will be discussing his success working with AR and VR technologies and the exciting future it holds for any industry.

Connor has experienced firsthand the rise of AR/VR technology and how we are using it more in our day-to-day lives and not just for games with his current role at Tradiebot.

Tradiebot focuses on developing immersive software and hardware for training and information delivery in the automotive and trades sectors.

Find out more: <https://aie.edu.au/workshop/meet-the-ar-vr-expert-connor-gibson/>

WEP | Student Exchange Info Session

11 March 2021, 6:00 pm

Online

Imagine making friends from all over the world, learning about yourself and the world around you and seeing sights you could only dream of! Find out more about your student exchange opportunities at WEP's online info session.

Find out more: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ulcgoAlkScWr98FUyl_Dww

ACU | Talk with Nurses, Midwives and Paramedics

20 April 2021, 6:00 pm

Online

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about their experiences working as nurses, midwives and paramedics. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates and learn what it is like working on the frontline and using your skills to help people when they need it the most.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2021/april/talk-with-nurses-midwives-and-paramedics>

ACU | Talk with Business and IT Professionals

21 April 2021, 6:00 pm

Online

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about their professional experiences after completing a business or IT degree. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates to find out what your future could hold with one of these degrees.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2021/april/talk-with-business-and-it-professionals>

UAC Digital | Year 12 Conference

21 April 2021, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Online

UAC Digital is being launched with a conference designed for you: find out about our participating universities, why you should consider them for future study, and what's coming up for you in 2021. You do not want to miss this event!

Each uni will have a 5-minute block to highlight their best qualities, share useful resources and answer your questions. UAC will finish the conference with some key information to help you make the most of your application to uni.

Find out more: <https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/year12conference>

ACU | Talk with Lawyers

22 April 2021, 6:00 pm

Online

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about their experiences working in legal practice and how they have made an impact. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates to find out where a law degree can take you.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2021/april/talk-with-lawyers>

ACN Nursing & Health Virtual Expo

24 April 2021, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Online

The ACN Nursing & Health Virtual Expo is the perfect place to discover and progress your career in the nursing and health professions. The ACN Nursing & Health Virtual Expo has a strong reputation for connecting visitors with a range of organisations including hospitals, health care services, educational institutions and specialty nursing groups. There are a wealth of products and services on show and visitors gain practical take-home advice and skills in a series of complimentary educational seminars. If you are a nurse, currently studying nursing or considering a career in the nursing or health professions, then the Expo is for you.

Find out more: <https://www.acn.edu.au/events/nursing-health-expo>

WSU | Mid-Year Info Day

15 May 2021, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Western Sydney University

Join us on Saturday, 15 May at our Mid-Year Info Day where you can explore course options with academics and current students.

Find out more: <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/mid-year-information-day.html>

NIE | Simulated UCAT Day Workshop Online

27 March 2021, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Online

The workshop is designed to cover fundamental techniques in navigating all five sections of the UCAT. Students will spend the day with our specialist teachers and will be able to ask questions and address any concerns they may have about the test. Those who will be attending the online version of the workshop will be provided with a practice test, which they have to attempt soon after the workshop day.

The follow-up online session will be run within a week of the full-day program. It will provide insightful and extremely valuable information about the application process into medicine and guidance for future planning strategies. Finally, we will spend some time to better explain the Medical Interview process as well as providing students with preliminary instructions on how to start preparing for this very important stage of the admission process.

Find out more: <https://www.nie.edu.au/products-listing/product/216-simulated-ucats-day-workshop>

Building Resilient Minds Online Workshop – NSW/QLD

9 April 2021, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Online

A highly interactive, fun and engaging, half-day workshop for high-school students (Year 8-11).

Working in groups, the workshop will focus on:

- Understanding the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the future of work
- Explore and apply Critical Thinking, Problem Solving and Rapid Ideation techniques.
- How to build your “Empathy Muscle”
- Practice the Stanford d.school Design Thinking methodology.

This workshop will:

- Empower you with Problem Solving and Creative Thinking skills.
- Help you get comfortable with failure and develop the ability and confidence to share unfinished work.
- Learn how to move from a negative / neutralising mindset to a transformative mindset

Find out more: <https://events.humanitix.com/building-resilient-minds/tickets>

AIM | School Holiday Music Intensive

12 April 2021, 10:00 am - 16 April 2021, 4:00 pm

Australian Institute of Music, Surry Hills

AIM Open Youth offers 5-day school holiday intensives in Sydney and Melbourne.

The 5-Day Intensive is a series of collective and collaborative face-to-face practical classes focused on different aspects of music, taught by AIM's professional staff and guest artists.

Over the course of the week, students will come together for large group exercises and masterclasses, as well as streaming into their specialisation classes for music performance, music theatre performance and music production.

The week ends with a celebration of the students' music and performance work in one of AIM's venues, where family and friends are welcome to attend.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/school-holiday-music-intensive-aim-sydney-tickets-141401055363>

ANU Tuckwell Scholarship Program

Value: \$22,350 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: March 3, 2021 – April 18, 2021

The Tuckwell Scholarship Program is the most transformational undergraduate scholarship program in Australia.

We award 25 Scholarships each year and offer talented and motivated students the opportunity to realise their potential by providing financial support, personal enrichment and development opportunities. Most importantly, Scholars can connect with and learn from one another within our home on campus, Scholars House.

The financial support offered to you as a Tuckwell Scholar is intended to help you through your university journey, giving you the freedom to focus on what is important.

[Find out more](#)

USQ Get Songwriting Prize

If you are a high school student in Years 9 -12, it is time to put your pen to paper or fingers to keys and try your hand at songwriting.

Enter a song or two for your chance to win a prize pool valued at over \$1700.

Entries are open until Monday 7 June.

Find out more and enter here: <https://usq.edu.au/study/faculty-events/2021/02/get-songwriting-prize>

2021 STEM Video Game Challenge

The Australian STEM Video Game Challenge is open to upper primary and secondary school students. Students are encouraged to design, build and submit an original educational video game that includes science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) content or themes.

The theme for 2021 is “scale”.

Registration is open now, and games can be submitted up until Thursday 5 August.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.stemgames.org.au/>

Harvard Crimson Global Essay Competition

We look forward to welcoming you to The Harvard Crimson Global Essay Competition 2021!

The Harvard Crimson Global Essay Competition provides a platform for young, ambitious high school students to exercise their writing skills in a non-traditional environment.

This competition encourages students to challenge themselves and explore different writing styles to ultimately strengthen their writing skills.

Here's what you stand to win:

- Gain a head start on your career with an exclusive Harvard Crimson internship and a Letter of Recommendation
- Achieve global recognition as a top writer by having your essay published on the official HCGEC website and endorsed by The Harvard Crimson
- Receive generous cash prizes
- Reach individual goals with Crimson credits by Crimson Education
- Earn Harvard Merch

Registrations close Monday 22 March.

Find out more and register here: <https://www.essaycomp.org/register>

Linking interests with industries

Link your interests with possible career paths

It's usually much easier to work out what things you're interested in than to work out what you want to do when you 'grow up'.

Ask anyone what interest them and they'll usually be able to give you three or four things that they find fascinating – and if they can't tell you then Google probably can. But linking something you're interested in with a job is less straightforward.

In this article we're going to look at the difference between interests and industries, identify some cases where working in your interest area is not a good idea, then we'll link some common interests with possible industries.

[Read the full blog here.](#)

How to Become a Doctor in Australia

Why become a Doctor in Australia?

Even before COVID-19 was a thing, we needed more doctors and medical specialists in Australia. Our population is growing, and a large proportion of people are approaching their senior years – requiring more care, more treatments, services, surgeries and support.

When you consider that doctors in Australia can expect to earn between \$200k and \$350k per annum and work at some of the best-resourced hospitals in the western world, the future is bright for this career.

Add in the health effects of a global pandemic, and demand is likely to stay very high for years to come.

It all starts with a medical school in Australia, all of which are universities.

No matter which course of study or entry method (undergraduate or postgraduate entry to medicine), if you graduate with a Doctor of Medicine or an MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery), you will have the same recognised qualifications as any other doctor graduating in Australia.

Are you ready for the challenge ahead? Read on to find out more.

There are two ways to become a Doctor in Australia.

Study Undergraduate Medicine in Australia

This is the most common route for students going into medicine – studying the right subjects at school and achieving a sufficiently high ATAR to apply for entry.

Also called *Direct Entry* to medicine, it means starting your journey in an undergraduate medical program at an Australian university in the year after you've finished high school.

5 or 6 years after starting, you'll be an intern and on your way to practising as a doctor in Australia.

Thankfully, you don't have to aim for the best or most competitive medical schools in Australia (unless you want to), as they all offer equally appropriate programs to train you as a Doctor. Every capital city has a university offering medicine or pathway to medicine, as well as some regional universities. So there are plenty of options available.

To apply for Undergraduate Medicine/Direct Entry to Medicine, you need to:

- **Study the appropriate prerequisite subjects** like English, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology etc. Talk with a school Careers Advisor or your chosen university about which ones are right for you.

- **Prepare early** – generally, you don't just apply for medicine after school finishes. Application processes often require you to sit the UCAT exam (if applicable) while you're still at school, usually held mid-year.
- **Get ready to be interviewed** – many competitive university programs have an interview process to help them evaluate applicants to choose candidates to accept. Practice getting interviewed and be comfortable talking about your achievements, aims and goals for your medical career.
- **Consider alternatives** – some university programs have hundreds of students with high ATARs applying for a handful of places, so ensure you've got a few different options available to fall back on, just in case.

There are 18 direct entry/undergraduate entry programs available. For a complete list of medical programs in Australia, check out the [Entry to Medicine Guide](#) from Study Work Grow (it'll show you all of the options and save you countless hours of searching).

Study Postgraduate Medicine in Australia

Don't want to go directly into medicine after school? Are you studying IT, accounting or physics?

Australia (and the world) needs doctors who have a wide range of knowledge and life experiences. As a postgraduate entry candidate for medical school, especially mature aged entry, you're likely to have both.

There are many postgraduate entry to medicine options in Australia (many of which don't require you to have studied a specific medicine/healthcare/science-related undergraduate degree).

Unlike the ATAR/UCAT-centred programs for undergraduate medicine, graduate entry to medicine is based on your current GPA (Grade Point Average), academic standing, and your results from sitting the GAMSAT test.

In most cases, you'll need to apply through GEMSAS (www.gemsas.edu.au), and you might also need to pass an interview by a university candidate selection panel. This, of course, depends on the individual university you're applying for.

Usually, after 4 years of postgraduate study, you'll be on your way to becoming a medical intern in an Australian hospital.

FAQs for Studying Medicine in Australia

How long does it take to become a Doctor in Australia?

Undergraduate medicine in Australia (an MD, MChD, or MBBS – all are equivalent) usually takes 5 – 6 years of study, 1 year of internship and then 1 – 2 years as a Resident Medical Officer.

Postgraduate medicine in Australia usually takes 4 years to complete, then 1 year of internship and 1 – 2 years as a Resident Medical Officer.

How long does it take to become a Surgeon in Australia?

It takes 5 – 6 years to complete the additional training required to become a Surgeon after completing your degree in medicine.

How much does it cost to become a Doctor in Australia?

In Australia, you can expect to pay between \$11,000 and \$60,000 per year for your studies, depending on whether you have a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) or are paying full-fees in an accelerated program.

How good does my ATAR have to be to study medicine?

Most undergraduate medicine programs in Australia have a minimum ATAR of 95 or above (some are 99.95). However, there are universities with requirements of 80 as a minimum. So you don't have to be an exceptional achiever at school to become a doctor (you just have to be good academically and determined to succeed).

Best medical schools in Australia?

That depends on what you deem to be 'best'. There certainly are highly coveted places in medical schools in Australia, such as those offered by the University of Sydney – requiring a 99.95 ATAR with only 30 spots available. No matter how prestigious each university may be, every medical program in Australia that results in you becoming a doctor with the MD, MChD, or MBBS qualifications is recognised equally by the Australian Medical Association (AMA). So your choice of Australian medical school may come down to affordability, location, places available, or your results.

[Do You Want to be a Firefighter?](#)

Have you ever considered a career as a firefighter? It can be incredibly tough, being physically and emotionally demanding, but it can also be extremely rewarding knowing that you're helping to save people's lives.

One of the main duties of a firefighter is attending and containing fires. You could also find yourself doing rescue and recovery, fire prevention, attending road crashes, or cleaning large toxic chemical spills. The day of a firefighter is fast-paced and every day brings new challenges.

But if you'd like to become a firefighter, where do you start?

The first step is to see if you can volunteer or get work experience at your local fire station. These are great ways to experience a career first-hand, and ask people working in the job what it's like. One example is the NSW [Community Fire Unit \(CFU\)](#), where people in areas close to bushland volunteer to raise awareness of bushfires and learn strategies to prepare homes for fire. Certain places also have Cadet programs for young people, like South Australia's [CFS Cadet Program](#).

The next step is to make sure you're physically capable. Many recruitment processes to become a firefighter involve a fitness test of some sort. For example, to become a firefighter in Queensland, you will need to pass an [Operational Focused Abilities Test \(OFAT\)](#), which tests things like your strength, reflexes and coordination. Most states also require you to do a Shuttle Run (the infamous Beep Test).

Another important consideration is ensuring you're mentally capable. Firefighters sometimes have to work in high-stress situations, and deal with people who may be seriously injured or dying. You need to be level-headed and perform well under pressure. In some states you may be tested on your mental and emotional capability, like in Victoria where you need to undertake a [psychological questionnaire](#).

Here are some other attributes you'll need if you want to be a firefighter:

- Work well in teams
- Excellent initiative
- Commitment to ongoing training and education
- Strong communication skills
- Great at problem solving

Firefighting can be a tough job, but worth it knowing you're helping make your community safe and saving lives. If you're resilient, love helping others, and aren't afraid of a challenge, a career as a firefighter could be extremely rewarding.

You can read more about firefighter recruitment in your state at the links below:

- NSW – <https://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/>
- VIC – <https://firefighter.vic.gov.au/>
- QLD – <https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/employment/>
- ACT – <https://esa.act.gov.au/join-us-careers/fire-rescue/firefighter-recruitment>
- SA – <https://www.mfs.sa.gov.au/join-us/>
- WA – <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/careers/>
- NT – <https://pfes.nt.gov.au/join-us/careers-firefighting>
- TAS – <https://recruitment.fire.tas.gov.au/>

Professional Cadetships Australia – Business Cadetships Program

For Year 12 students who are interested in business, why wait until you finish university to launch your career? Secure your future now by applying for a cadetship under the Business Cadetships Program.

Business Cadets combine study at the university of their choice in Sydney with paid work at either top-ranking global bank, **UBS**, or at **Barrenjoey Capital Partners**. Barrenjoey is Australia's newest capital markets and advisory firm.

As a cadet, you may choose from a wide range of degrees, including economics, commerce, business, computer science & technology, mathematics and the humanities. In 2021, the Business Cadetships Program offers exciting cadetship opportunities in a range of business areas at UBS and at Barrenjoey. You will work alongside world-class professionals and be well remunerated

By studying and working at a leading company from the start of university, cadets earn a competitive advantage over students who delay work until after university. Only current Year 12 students can apply so this is your once-in-a-lifetime chance to take advantage of this exceptional opportunity!

Check out our video: www.professionalcadets.com.au/business-cadetships-video.asp

Applications for the Business Cadetships Program are open now.

They **close on 26 May 2021**. By this date, both your Application Form and School Assessment are due in.

To apply, go to www.businesscadetships.com.au

What are VET Pathways?

Did you know that university isn't your only option after leaving school? Vocational and Educational Training is a great way to get you skilled and ready for work, and is often faster than traditional university pathways.

School to VET

Many VET courses have no prerequisites for enrolment, meaning you can start no matter what ATAR you get or which subjects you studied at high school. Some courses you can even study while you're still at school through a VET in school program. You could also get paid while you learn by starting an apprenticeship or traineeship.

VET to Uni

Getting a VET qualification can also be a great pathway to university if you don't meet your dream course's entry requirements straight out of school. Many universities will accept Certificate IV and higher qualifications for entry into most courses. Plus, doing a VET course first can be a great way to get a feel for what studying is like, and you might even want to go straight into work instead.

Career Changers

If you work in the same job for a while but just find it isn't for you anymore, VET is a great way to get re-skilled quickly and into a brand new career. Some courses can be completed in as little as six months, meaning you can jump into your new job sooner. And it doesn't matter how young or old you are – anyone can study a VET qualification.

Want to know more about VET Pathways? Read more VOCEDplus' blog here:

<https://www.voced.edu.au/vet-knowledge-bank-getting-know-vet-overviews-vet-pathways>

[Download Macleay's 2021 Course Guide](#)

Macleay College offers a personalised learning environment for students looking to pursue careers in journalism, advertising, digital media, business, accounting and marketing.

Renowned for its practical programs, links with industry and flexible course delivery, Macleay's diploma and degree programs provide students with the skills, confidence and professional networks needed to launch a successful career.

You can study at their campuses in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

Download a copy of their 2021 Course Guide here: <https://campaign.macleay.edu.au/course-guide-download>

[Academy of Entrepreneurs Online Bootcamp](#)

Do you want to start your own business and be your own boss? This online course from the Academy of Entrepreneurs will guide you step-by-step on how to successfully plan and start your business.

By the end of this course, you will have taken your first steps towards business success, the right business model & revenue model, the knowledge to acquire your first paying customers and a road map with the steps to take over the next months.

The course is made for:

- First-time entrepreneurs
- People who want to start a business
- Corporates who want to start a side business
- Students who don't want to get into the corporate world

You will also have the opportunity to network with other like-minded entrepreneurs.

Find out more about the course here: <https://aestudy.com/lp/new-online-course-99usd/>

[University of Sydney HSC Society and Culture Support](#)

To help support Year 12 HSC Society and Culture students, the University of Sydney is running expert consultations with Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences for PIP Projects.

These 15 minute virtual consultation sessions aim to support Year 12 HSC Society and Culture students with their personal interest projects. The one-on-one consultation sessions will be led by senior postgraduate and doctoral candidates in the Department of Gender and Cultural Studies via Zoom. Students will be individually matched to an expert in the same field as their PIP.

Multiple places are available for the week of Monday 29 March – Thursday 1 April.

All students are invited to submit an expression of interest. Students from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander or low SES backgrounds or in rural/regional areas are particularly encouraged to apply.

Expressions of interest close Tuesday 17 March.

Find out more and register here: https://sydney.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eL1UiNOjfdkcgS

Careers with STEM Indigenous

Careers with STEM has launched their first Indigenous-only student career guide, launched to inspire young Indigenous students in Australia and New Zealand to pursue STEM courses and careers.

The magazine celebrates and showcases the science, technology, engineering and maths that busts stereotypes about who works in STEM and what those jobs look like, while providing an Indigenous-first and inclusive viewpoint of STEM.

Read the first issue here: https://issuu.com/refractionmedia/docs/cws_indimag_2021

Hobbies to Help You Become More Productive

Most of think of hobbies as fun things we do to pass the time when we're not at school or work. But did you know that having a hobby can help you become more productive, as well as build other important skills?

From cooking to hiking, painting to gardening, there are heaps of hobbies out there that can help you develop mindfulness, patience, motor skills, improve your focus and mental health, all while being a ton of fun at the same time.

Curious to find out more? Check out the list of the most productive hobbies here:

<https://www.lifehack.org/articles/productivity/20-hobbies-which-will-make-you-more-productive.html>

YEA! Youth Exchange Australia

YEA! Youth Exchange Australia is a leadership-focused domestic exchange program for Australian high school students.

A YEA! Program gives you the opportunity to participate in a domestic exchange program complemented by a leadership workshop and project to equip you with the skills to become a leader of tomorrow.

YEA! is all about experiencing Australia at a time when our international borders are closed, learning to lead and complementing your high school studies with a term at a pre-selected high school.

Whether you want to experience snow, surf, sun, sand or desert, there's somewhere here for you!

Generally students are in year 9 and 10 when they begin their program. Choose from a range of regions including the Sunshine and Gold Coasts, Perth, Sydney's Northern Beaches, Alice Springs, Cairns, and more.

Applications are currently open for 2021 term 3 and term 4. Term 3 applications close June 1, and term 4 applications close August 17.

Find out more and apply here: <https://wep.org.au/student-exchange/yea/>

Join the Y NSW Youth Parliament

The Y NSW Youth Parliament is an empowerment and advocacy program that provides a platform for young people to have their voices heard through legislative debate and decision making.

Aimed at young people in years 10, 11 and 12 or equivalent age throughout the state, the Y NSW Youth Parliament highlights the power of young people speaking on issues that are important to them.

Every participant's potential to lead, learn and connect is nurtured through parliamentary education, community engagement, confidence building and teamwork. They develop their skills in creating social impact and positive change in a safe and supportive environment.

Since its beginning in 2002, approximately six pieces of the Y NSW Youth Parliament youth legislation have been passed into NSW Law, including the recent Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme.

Applications to join the Y NSW Youth Parliament in 2021 are open now and close 5pm Friday 12 March.

Find out more and apply here: <https://www.ymcansw.org.au/community-services/youth/youth-parliament/>

Purpose Project launch in Sydney

Did you know that 1 in 2 students have no idea what they're going to do after school? Or that in 1 in 3 young Australians are unemployed or underemployed after their studies?

The Purpose Project has launched 3 new programs in 2021 for high schools in Greater Sydney to enable every student to pursue meaningful work. We believe the answer is not giving students more resume advice and career quizzes. Rather, it's connecting each student to what's truly important and worthwhile to them, and to what's consequential to the world.

Our new programs include:

- Life Design Program – half day program exploring future of work trends, student values and proto-typing.
- Proto-typing Program – 2 hour program giving students a practical compass to navigate their career path using Design Thinking.
- Future of Work Program – 1 hour program informing students of the latest mega trends in the future of work.

To find out more, please visit: www.thepurposeproject.com.au

How to become a Financial Manager

Responsible for guiding the financial health of organisations

What do Financial Managers do?

Financial Managers take care of the money side of businesses. They create budgets, do forward planning, report on how well (or how badly) businesses may be operating. They work out what investments or expenses can be approved or cut and then implement strategies to work helping organisations to keep running and ultimately boost profits.

If you're mathematically inclined, love figures and spreadsheets, but also enjoy working with people, then it could be worth exploring a career as a Financial Manager.

About you:

- Advanced mathematical knowledge, great at compiling and analysing data, able to make sense of large volumes of financial information
- A high level of organisation is essential as is logical thinking and decisiveness
- Advanced technological skills required to use a variety of different programs and access information in different formats
- Meticulous attention to detail regarding figures (to the cent), laws and regulations
- As a manager you'll also need to have strong leadership abilities, be able to work well as part of a team and also manage your workload independently

The job:

Financial Managers are needed in most industries supporting executive management teams by providing insights and financial advice that will allow organisations to make the best decisions.

- Collect, interpret, and review financial information
- Monitor, review and manage budgets
- Predict financial and market trends then create informed forecasts and projections
- Writing reports and delivering them to other executives and stakeholders
- Advise on organisations future business decisions
- Produce long-term plans and strategies based on your reports to help the organisation to run more efficiently and effectively
- Identify and work towards minimising financial risks
- Making sure your organisation is operating and complying within the strict financial laws and standards

Lifestyle Impact: Medium

- Part Time opportunities: Low – only 14% of Financial Managers work part-time (source: Joboutlook.gov.au)
- Average hours for full-time workers: 46 hours a week which is above the average (source: joboutlook.gov.au)
- Financial Managers salary (average) \$119,000* per year (Source: com.au) *salaries vary between industries, your role, and depending on your skills and experience
- Future career growth: Strong (Source: Joboutlook.gov.au)
- Working as a Financial Manager comes with a high level of responsibility, you'll have to work to deadlines and comply with lots of different laws, legislations and standards. You may have to work outside of normal office hours and learn how to deal with a variety of stressful situations managing finances, organisational expectations, and leading teams.

Financial Managers are most in demand in these locations:

53,900 people were employed in Financial Management in 2019 (Source: ABS) so it's a large occupation. There are work opportunities in most regions of Australia, but New South Wales employs around 40% of workers in this job. There is a possibility that in this role you could work remotely, but you may have to travel frequently to meet with teams and present findings.

How to become a Financial Manager in Australia

You'll usually be required to have a university degree in finance, accounting, business or economics to be employed as Financial Manager.

It doesn't mean you can't work as a Finance Manager without formal qualifications, but your path may take longer, and you'll need to get lots of work experience to illustrate that you're capable of doing the job.

Step 1 – Obtain your high school certificate, you'll need English (critical for good communication) and high-level maths. Consider IT, accounting, business and economics studies which could also be useful. Check for university course prerequisites.

Step 2 – Complete relevant tertiary qualification e.g.:

[Bachelor of Finance at Adelaide University](#)

[Bachelor of Business \(Honours\) at UTS](#)

[Bachelor of Advanced Finance and Economics \(Honours\) at UQ](#)

You could also consider a related undergraduate degree, then completing a postgraduate qualification:

[Master of Financial Management at Bond](#)

[Master of Accounting and Financial Management at La Trobe](#)

Many of the courses can also be completed online.

Step 3 – Ensure that your technology skills and knowledge of laws, legislations and standards are constantly refreshed and up to date.

Step 4 – Gain work experience and consider upskilling while you work, then applying for vacancies within the executive leadership and management teams.

Find out more here –

<https://afia.asn.au/>

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

<https://aicm.com.au/>

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Asset Manager

Financial Analyst

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What do Financial Managers do?

Financial Managers support higher level executives such as the Chief Financial Officer within an organisation. They help businesses to make informed financial decisions by providing guidance. They analyse strengths and weaknesses, identify and manage risks, make sure operations are legal and above board, create and monitor budgets, as well as exploring ways to increase revenue and reduce costs.

Which industries employ Financial Managers?

Most industries need Financial Managers however the largest number are employed in the financial and insurance services. Followed by professional, scientific and technical industries. Manufacturing, public administration and safety are also notable employers. (Source: ABS)

Do I need to go to university to become a Financial Manager?

It's best to assume that you'll need a university degree to competitively apply for most Financial Management positions.

If you're determined and prepared to wait longer to reach your goals though, there are other pathways you could explore.

Where do Financial Managers work?

Financial Managers work in financial districts, within offices, branches or departments of most organisations. For example, you could be working in a bank, risk and insurance services, loan and credit businesses. You could also work remotely and be based at home.

What are 3 things I can do right now to help me become a Financial Manager?

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

1. Build on your leaderships and technology skills
2. Obtain work experience within a finance environment
3. Build a portfolio of your own finances that you can use to illustrate your skills.

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