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This Week's Events

RCSWA High School to Med School: Everything TISC Webinar

Organisation: University of Western Australia

Location: Online

Date: August 31, 2026

Applying to a medical school through the Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC) is a crucial step in a student's journey to medicine.

Chat to our experts and hear from current medical students about navigating the TISC application process.

The Rural Clinical School of WA (RCSWA) is a partnership between UWA, Notre Dame Australia, and Curtin University medical schools.

Established in 2002, the school has supported hundreds of country students to enter medicine since. RCSWA also provides 12-month rural training placements across WA for penultimate and final year medical students with the aim of preparing them for future rural practice.

[Find out more](#)

UWA Business and Commerce Open Night

Organisation: University of Western Australia

Location: UWA Business School

Date: August 31, 2026

Join us for our Business and Commerce Open Night and discover what it's like to study at UWA.

You'll connect with our students and academics, explore our facilities, and get hands-on with the kinds of experiences that bring your future career to life. Whether you already know your path or you're still deciding, this event will help you take your next step with confidence.

Why attend?

- **Get your questions answered** by our academics and students - from Business vs Commerce to study abroad and hands-on learning opportunities.
- **Explore the UWA Business School**, including our world-class [Trading Room](#).
- **Experience university life firsthand** by joining an interactive activity of your choosing, in one of our tutorial rooms.
- **Hear real student stories** about life at UWA - from transitioning after high school to student clubs, courses and campus life.

Who should attend this event?

This event is tailored for year 12 students who are:

- interested in Business and Commerce
- considering a future in [Accounting](#), [Economics](#), [Marketing](#), [Management](#), [Business Analytics](#), [Finance](#), [Human Resources](#) and more.

[Find out more](#)

Torrens University Virtual Open Day 2026

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Online

Date: September 1 to September 2, 2026

Ready for the next step on your career journey? Join us online as our academics talk you through the courses on offer and how you can get the most out of studying with us. Learn about scholarships, study pathways, our industry partnerships with global brands and what sets us apart from other universities.

- Business, Education, Health, Hospitality, Technology and Higher Degrees by Research: Tuesday 1 September - 6pm - 7pm (AEST)

- Design: Wednesday 2 September - 6pm - 7pm (AEST)

[Find out more](#)

Monash Information Evening – Webinar

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Online

Date: September 1, 2026

Choosing a university is a big decision.

Join our Monash webinar to have your questions answered and get the key details you need to plan your next step.

You'll discover what it's like to study at Monash, and hear about our courses, accommodation, scholarships, support services and campus life. You'll also gain insights about moving to Monash and settling in.

This session is ideal if you're:

- Considering moving from interstate, or
- From regional or rural Victoria, or
- Live in Melbourne and are keen to know more about Monash.

Register now to secure your place.

[Find out more](#)

UWA STEM Open Night

Organisation: University of Western Australia

Location: UWA EZONE

Date: September 1, 2026

If you're a Year 12 student ready to make your next move, this is your opportunity to explore, connect and choose UWA with confidence.

Discover what it's like to study **Engineering, Data and Computer Science**, and **Natural and Physical Sciences at UWA**.

You'll connect with our students and academics, explore our facilities, and get hands-on with experiences that bring your future career to life.

Whether you know your pathway or are still exploring your options, this is your opportunity to discover where a future at UWA could take you.

- Gain insight into what it's really like to study STEM at UWA and where it can take you
- Get hands-on with interactive activities, from microscope challenges and live insect encounters to farming, space-time simulators and more
- Take a tour of our world-class [EZONE facility](#)
- Connect with current students and academics to hear first-hand experiences and advice
- Discover career pathways, industry opportunities, scholarships and the support available to help you succeed
- interested in **Engineering, Data and Computer Science**, or **Natural and Physical Sciences**; and
- considering a future in Agriculture and Environment, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Data and Computer Science, Earth and Ocean Science, Engineering, Mathematics or Physics, **and the wide range of career opportunities these fields can lead to**

[Find out more](#)

Murdoch Open Night 2026

Organisation: Murdoch University

Location: Murdoch University, Perth Campus

Date: September 1, 2026

Discover how your passion can become a career by exploring the many course possibilities at Murdoch University. Join us for a night of curiosity, connection, innovation and opportunity, as we explore how Murdoch University equips students with the skills and knowledge needed to solve complex problems, think critically, and adapt to new challenges.

Experience our building, Boola Katitjin, as you visit exciting expo stalls from each of our course areas and engage with speakers throughout the evening by attending our TEDx style 10 minute information sessions. With over 280 courses, there is a degree for everyone at Murdoch University.

[Find out more](#)

ECU South West UniPrep Information Evening

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: Edith Cowan University, South West (Bunbury) Campus

Date: September 1, 2026

ECU's University Preparation Course – or UniPrep – is a free program that gets you ready for university level study by teaching you the skills required for academic success – with an emphasis on becoming an independent learner.

UniPrep is open to any Australian Citizen or permanent resident who hasn't been at school for a while, to students who are currently completing high school and want to prepare for university, or to recent school leavers who didn't get the result they'd hoped for.

If you successfully complete UniPrep, you'll be eligible to start many of our undergraduate degree courses. This is also a great session for anyone who is thinking about applying for our UniPrep Summer program, a condensed on-campus version of the course available at the South West campus.

In this session, we'll cover:

- What subjects you can expect to study in UniPrep
- How to apply for UniPrep
- Flexible study options, including full or part-time, online and UniPrep Summer
- Career advice and course selection post-UniPrep

[Find out more](#)

ECU Computing and Security Degrees Information Evening

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: Edith Cowan University, Joondalup Campus

Date: September 1, 2026

Curious about the exciting possibilities in Computing and Security? Join us for ECU's Computing and Security Showcase Evening and discover where a career in this fast-evolving field can take you.

Our Computing and Security programs include a broad choice of major subjects and cover dynamic areas such as computer science, cyber security, information technology, counter terrorism, security, intelligence, and software engineering.

On the night, you will hear from academic staff, learn about course and entry pathways, and take a guided tour of our cutting-edge facilities.

[Find out more](#)

Monash Women in Engineering

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Online

Date: September 2, 2026

Engineering is for everyone. Diversity makes engineering stronger, more creative and more responsive to the most pressing needs of diverse communities and industries in a rapidly changing world.

Join us online to hear from inspiring current students and alumni about their journey and careers in Engineering.

[Find out more](#)

Admission to medicine at Sydney

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: September 2, 2026

Join us to learn about admission requirements, application dates and timelines, and the assessment process. We'll share details of the options available, whether you're applying to commence your studies after high-school, or after completing a bachelor's degree. Through a live Q&A with our admission specialists, you'll gain valuable insights into the application process, better understand the options available to you, and ask your questions to help you plan your next steps with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

Study medicine at Sydney

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: September 2, 2026

Join us to discover what it's like to study medicine at the University of Sydney and learn how we prepare future doctors to make a meaningful impact in Australia and around the world.

Through a live Q&A with our specialist team, you'll gain valuable insights into your study options and ask any questions you may have as you consider your future in medicine.

[Find out more](#)

Monash Discover VTAC, Equity Schemes & Scholarships

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Online

Date: September 3, 2026

Want to apply for university but not sure where to start? Get all your questions answered at our Equity Schemes and Scholarships Applications online information session.

Find out more about submitting course preferences, how difficult circumstances translate into Equity Schemes eligibility, and considerations when applying for scholarships through VTAC.

[Find out more](#)

Collarts Open Day 2026, Online

Organisation: Australian College of the Arts

Location: Online

Date: September 3, 2026

At Collarts, Open Day is designed to help you understand what it's really like to study online, explore our learning experience, meet the people who will support you, and discover how flexible online study can fit around your life while keeping you connected to a creative community.

We invite you to come and experience life at Collarts: from our passion for creativity, close community, industry opportunities, expert faculty, and more.

Here are some of the experiences you can take part in during Open Day.

- Take a guided walkthrough of the Collarts Online learning environment and see how your study experience comes together. You'll gain a clear understanding of how online study works and what to expect as a student.
- Connect with academics, Online Learning Tutors and Student Success Advisors. These sessions provide an opportunity to ask questions about courses, study options, career outcomes and student support. You will learn more about the people who will guide and support you throughout your studies.

- See examples of learning activities, projects and creative work from across our disciplines. See how students apply their learning through authentic industry-focused projects and gain insight into the types of experiences that form part of a Collarts online study.
- Hear directly from current students and graduates about their experiences studying online. Learn how they balanced study with work and life commitments, built creative networks, developed their skills and progressed towards their career goals.
- Discover how Collarts Online helps students stay connected throughout their studies. Learn about study groups, live sessions, student communities, one-on-one support and the range of services available to help you succeed from your first week through to graduation.

[Find out more](#)

ECU Nursing and Midwifery Degrees Showcase Evening

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: Edith Cowan University, Joondalup Campus

Date: September 4, 2026

If the idea of a career in nursing and/or midwifery gets your pulse racing, look no further than ECU. ECU produces some of the highest quality nursing and midwifery graduates in Western Australia and is recognised as a top 75 nursing program worldwide.

ECU prepares more nursing and midwifery students for careers in health than any other university in WA. We also offer WA's only dual Nursing/Midwifery degree – and our facilities are hard to beat too!

At our Nursing and Midwifery Showcase Evening you will have the opportunity to explore our state-of-the-art facilities, learn about our courses and the excellent support services you can expect as a student. You can speak to our Future Student Engagements Team about admission pathways, how to apply, fees and scholarships and flexible study options like online or part-time.

[Find out more](#)

Massey University International Online Open Day

Organisation: Massey University

Location: Online

Date: September 5, 2026

Join us in New Zealand. Each year, more than 5,000 international students from over 100 countries find a warm welcome at Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa Massey University.

During the event, you'll hear from our academics, current students and support staff as they share insights into studying at Massey and answer some of the most common questions from future international students.

During the event, we'll cover topics including:

- Courses and qualifications available including graduate outcomes
- Our campuses in New Zealand and accommodation options
- What makes Massey unique
- Student life in New Zealand
- Student support services including careers
- Admission and enrolment support
- Fees and funding

You'll also have the opportunity to connect with Massey staff and ask questions about your study options, helping you choose the qualification that's right for your interests and career goals.

Whether you're just starting to explore university or have applied already, you'll leave with a better understanding of what studying at Massey is like and the next steps to begin your journey.

We can't wait to welcome you to Massey University's 2026 International Online Open Day.

[Find out more](#)

WA Police Recruitment Information Session

Organisation: WA Police

Location: East Perth Police Recruitment Centre

Date: September 5, 2026

Learn about a career with the WA Police Force at our free information session.

[Find out more](#)

Next Week's Events

ECU Teacher Education Information Session, Perth

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: Edith Cowan University, Joondalup Campus

Date: September 7, 2026

Are you thinking of pursuing a career in Teacher Education? If so, our information evening is perfect for you!

If you're passionate about making a positive impact on young people and shaping the next generation of exceptional teachers, our School of Education offers nationally accredited programs in early childhood, primary, and secondary education, all delivered by world leaders in teacher education.

Our Information Session will cover course details, admission pathways, application processes, fees, scholarships, and flexible study options such as online or part-time learning.

[Find out more](#)

Bunbury Defence Careers Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Bunbury Army Reserve Depot

Date: September 8, 2026

Wondering whether a job in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) is the right fit for you?

Come along to an upcoming info session where you'll have the opportunity to ask questions and learn everything you want to know regarding job roles in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

You'll have the chance to speak with current serving members to see if an ADF career is the one for you.

It is highly recommended you book as soon as possible to avoid missing out as places are strictly limited!

Please arrive no later than 15 minutes early to allow time for check-in. Due to building access restrictions, late arrivals will not be permitted entry after the session begins.

[Find out more](#)

Perth Defence Careers Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Perth ADF Careers Centre

Date: September 8, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

ADF Engineering Careers Information Session Melbourne/online

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Melbourne ADF Careers Centre

Date: September 9, 2026

Consider an Engineering career in the Navy, Army or Air Force and work at the peak of your profession on formidable military assets such as warships, tanks, fighter aircraft and all the systems that control them. Join us for an info session and speak with current serving military personnel to hear about their own experiences and advice and what opportunities are available to you.

It is highly recommended you book as soon as possible to avoid missing out as places are strictly limited!

Please arrive no later than 15 minutes early to allow time for check-in. Due to building access restrictions, late arrivals will not be permitted entry after the session begins.

[Find out more](#)

Flight Centre Travel Academy Information Session Online

Organisation: Flight Centre

Location: Online

Date: September 9, 2026

Where could a career in travel take you?

You're invited to our Flight Centre Travel Academy Info Night — an evening designed to inspire, inform and open doors to exciting career pathways in travel, tourism, hospitality, aviation and events.

Learn about our Diploma of Travel and Tourism and flexible study programs

 Gain real industry insights and career advice

Discover job pathways across travel, tourism, hospitality, aviation & events

Hear student stories and connect with industry professionals

Enjoy an evening full of travel inspiration and networking opportunities

[Find out more](#)

UWA Law, Humanities and Social Sciences Open Night

Organisation: University of Western Australia

Location: Beasley Library, UWA Crawley Campus

Date: September 9, 2026

Join us for our **Law, Humanities and Social Sciences Open Night** and step into the possibilities of studying Law and Criminology, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Immerse yourself in dedicated hubs, connect with leading academics, current students and clubs, and be inspired by real student stories through dynamic presentations and live Q&As, while discovering the experiences that enhance your learning beyond the classroom.

Whether you have a clear direction or are still exploring your options, take the first step on your UWA journey with confidence and discover where your future can lead.

Why attend?

- Discover what's possible with a degree in Law, Humanities and Social Sciences at UWA, and where it could take you
- Connect with current students and academics and gain real insight into their experiences and journeys
- Explore future pathways and global opportunities, from industry connections to international experiences that enrich your studies
- Envision yourself at UWA as you explore our spaces and uncover the experiences that make your university journey uniquely yours

Who should attend?

This event is tailored for Year 12 students who are:

- interested in Law, Criminology, Humanities and Social Sciences.
- considering careers such as lawyers, judges and policy advisors; as well as roles in international relations, media and communications, languages, archaeology and beyond.

[Find out more](#)

Inspiring Girls Careers Forum, Kalgoorlie

Organisation: Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA

Location: Kalgoorlie Overland Motel

Date: September 9, 2026

The Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA is excited to bring the Inspiring Girls Careers Forum to regional Western Australia again in 2026.

This unique event showcases the resources sector to female Year 6-8 students, helping discover the diverse range of roles and skills that can take them there.

What students will experience:

- Hear from an inspiring female industry guest speaker
- Take part in fun, hands-on STEM and team building activities
- Participate in a fast-paced speed-careering session
- Meet and interact with local resources representatives

By attending, students will:

- Learn about the broad pathways taken by representatives in the resources sector
- Understand the opportunities available for women working in the industry
- Gain inspiration to explore new subjects and future career options
- Build connections with local companies and professionals

[Find out more](#)

Midwest Community & Employment Expo

Organisation: MEEDAC

Location: Central Regional TAFE, Geraldton Campus

Date: September 10, 2026

MEEDAC's Midwest Community & Employment Expo is returning in 2026, offering bigger and better opportunities for career development and exploration. This free event is perfect for anyone looking to take the next step in their career or explore new pathways. Attendees will receive guidance on securing sustainable employment, discover alternative career opportunities, and explore educational pathways leading to fulfilling jobs.

The expos will also provide access to traineeships and apprenticeships, as well as personalised support services to help individuals achieve their career goals.

This community event is open to everyone, including:

- Students (TAFE and senior school)
- Skilled workers
- Mature-age job seekers
- Entry-level job candidates
- Those pursuing apprenticeships and traineeships (both mature-age and senior school)

Since 2019, MEEDAC has been collaborating with service providers, community groups, and employers across the Midwest, Goldfields, and Esperance regions to deliver impactful community and employment expos. These free events provide a unique platform for community members to connect with support services, local employers, and community groups—all in one convenient location.

[Find out more](#)

ECU Year 11 & 12 Engineering Showcase

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: Building 7 Room 102, ECU Joondalup Campus

Date: September 11, 2026

Join us for an insightful evening designed for Year 11 and Year 12 school students and their families to explore the exciting opportunities available through engineering at ECU.

Learn why ECU is a leading choice for engineering, with a strong focus on hands-on learning, industry connections, and career-ready graduates. You'll gain insight into the wide range of engineering courses and specialisations available, helping you find the path that best suits your interests and goals. Hear directly from current students about what life is really like studying engineering at ECU, and from a recent graduate about where an ECU degree can take you. You'll also meet our Executive Dean of Engineering, course coordinators, and student club members, who will share how ECU supports students every step of the way. Discover ECU's strong industry partnerships, scholarship opportunities, and vibrant student community, all designed to help you succeed both during your studies and after graduation. The evening includes a Q&A session and guided lab tours, giving you a personalised, behind-the-scenes look at our facilities and learning environment.

[Find out more](#)

RCSWA High School to Med School: Online Interview Prep Workshop for Year 12s

Organisation: University of Western Australia

Location: Online

Date: September 12, 2026

Year 12 students applying for medical school can role-play interviews and get the best tips from our experts and current medical students

Learn all about the different formats and scoring of medical school entry interviews and how you can best prepare for success.

Meet our experienced university administrators and medical students who will role-play common interview questions with you and provide valuable feedback.

[Find out more](#)

RCSWA High School to Med School: Interview Prep Workshop for Year 12s

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: Edith Cowan University, South West Campus

Date: September 12, 2026

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Learn all about the different formats and scoring of medical school entry interviews and how you can best prepare for success.

Meet our experienced university administrators and medical students who will role-play common interview questions with you and provide valuable feedback.

Lunch is provided. Please include the names of all parents/carers attending before completing your registration.

[Find out more](#)

Future Events

ECU Medical and Health Sciences Showcase

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: ECU Joondalup Campus

Date: September 14, 2026

Join us for this interactive event that will showcase courses offered in Allied Health, Medical and Exercise Science and Public Health and Occupational Safety and Health.

If you have a passion for enhancing the quality of people's lives, we offer you a variety of health-related courses and career directions. Here, you can specialise in areas like Biomedical Science, Health Science, Exercise and Sports Science, Preclinical Foundations of Imaging Science, Paramedicine, Nutrition and Dietetics, Occupational Therapy or Speech Pathology.

You will have the opportunity to explore of our state-of-the-art laboratories and an opportunity to meet with dynamic, industry-experienced lecturers as well as current students.

So if you want to find out more about our Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses in this area, grab your friends and family and come on over to our Showcase Evening.

[Find out more](#)

ADF Indigenous Pathways Virtual Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Online

Date: September 14, 2026

Join the thousands of Australian Defence Force members who enjoy financial security, rewarding work and personal development in jobs that proudly represent their communities.

Join us for a virtual info session to learn about Indigenous opportunities in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

Spaces are limited, so register ASAP!

[Find out more](#)

ADF Health Careers Information Session Perth/online

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Perth ADF Careers Centre

Date: September 15, 2026

Protect the health and wellbeing of Australian Defence Force personnel both on base and on deployments, in a rewarding Health role.

Join us for an info session and speak with current serving members about the job variety and satisfaction you can experience while contributing to humanitarian, combat and disaster-relief operations.

Spaces are limited, so register ASAP!

Please arrive no later than 15 minutes early to allow time for check-in. Due to building access restrictions, late arrivals will not be permitted entry after the session begins.

[Find out more](#)

Inspiring Girls Careers Forum, Bunbury

Organisation: Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA

Location: Mantra Bunbury Lighthouse

Date: September 16, 2026

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- Understand the opportunities available for women working in the industry
- Gain inspiration to explore new subjects and future career options
- Build connections with local companies and professionals

[Find out more](#)

CDW Studios Online Information Session

Organisation: CDW Studios

Location: Online

Date: September 16, 2026

Discover our industry-recognised pathway into the entertainment design industry!

This free online session is designed for anyone interested in building a creative career in the entertainment design industry, becoming a professional artist for games, movies, animation and VFX.

[Find out more](#)

Get Hands-On in Hospitality & Cookery at North Regional TAFE Broome

Organisation: North Regional TAFE

Location: Broome Campus, South Hedland

Date: September 16, 2026

Join us for a fun and interactive Hospitality & Cookery Information Day at North Regional TAFE.

Whether you're thinking about a new career, looking to build your skills, or simply curious about the hospitality industry, this is a great opportunity to experience it for yourself.

What to Expect

Take part in practical, hands-on activities

Meet our vibrant hospitality and cookery trainers

Learn about hospitality and cookery courses and where they can take you

Explore exciting career opportunities

Chat with industry professionals about an industry that can take you all over the world

Come along, get involved, and discover whether hospitality and cookery could be the right fit for you.

[Find out more](#)

Perth Army Special Forces Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Perth ADF Careers Centre

Date: September 16, 2026

Life as an Army Special Forces Operator is as challenging as it is rewarding. Are you ready for the ultimate Australian Defence Force career?

Find out more about the endurance, strength and courage required to thrive as an Army Special Forces Operator at the upcoming info session.

It is highly recommended you book as soon as possible to avoid missing out as places are strictly limited!

Please arrive no later than 15 minutes early to allow time for check-in. Due to building access restrictions, late arrivals will not be permitted entry after the session begins.

[Find out more](#)

WAAPA Bachelor of Performing Arts (Performance Making) Night

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: ECU City Campus

Date: September 17, 2026

The Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) at Edith Cowan University is internationally recognised for its world-class performing arts training.

Join Dr Jeremy Neideck, Course Coordinator, for an exclusive information session on the Bachelor of Performing Arts (Performance Making).

Whether you're passionate about performing, directing, producing, playwriting, facilitating community arts projects or devising original physical theatre, then the Bachelor of Performing Arts (Performance Making) is the perfect choice for you.

To find out more about this exciting course including audition and application information, come along to our Bachelor of Performing Arts, Performance Making Information Evening.

Please note this information evening does not cover our Acting or Musical Theatre programs.

[Find out more](#)

ADF Trade Careers Information Session Newcastle/online

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Newcastle ADF Careers Centre

Date: September 17, 2026

Whether you're starting your trade career from scratch or are looking for new avenues for your skills, you'll receive world-class training in the Australian Defence Force from experts in your field.

You'll have the opportunity to gain nationally accredited qualifications that benefit you for life.

To find out more about available Trade roles, come along to an info session and speak with current serving personnel.

It is highly recommended you book as soon as possible to avoid missing out as places are strictly limited!

Please arrive no later than 15 minutes early to allow time for check-in. Due to building access restrictions, late arrivals will not be permitted entry after the session begins.

[Find out more](#)

WA Police Recruitment Information Session Joondalup

Organisation: WA Police

Location: WA Police Academy

Date: September 19, 2026

Learn about a career with the WA Police Force at our free information session.

[Find out more](#)

WAAPA Production & Design Information Evening

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: ECU City campus

Date: September 22, 2026

The Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) at Edith Cowan University is internationally recognised for its world-class performing arts training and strong industry connections.

If you're passionate about the creative and technical elements that bring live performances to life, join us to explore WAAPA's Production and Design courses. With hands-on, industry-focused training, these programs prepare students to design, build, manage and deliver live productions across theatre, music theatre, opera, dance and music.

Whether your interests lie in set and costume design, lighting, props, scenery construction, stage management, technical production, this session is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the exciting study options available.

Please note that this information session will not cover performance courses.

[Find out more](#)

Get Hands-On in Hospitality & Cookery at North Regional TAFE WA

Organisation: North Regional TAFE

Location: Pundulmurra Campus, South Hedland

Date: September 22, 2026

Join us for a fun and interactive Hospitality & Cookery Information Day at North Regional TAFE.

Whether you're thinking about a new career, looking to build your skills, or simply curious about the hospitality industry, this is a great opportunity to experience it for yourself.

What to Expect

Take part in practical, hands-on activities

Meet our vibrant hospitality and cookery trainers

Learn about hospitality and cookery courses and where they can take you

Explore exciting career opportunities

Chat with industry professionals about an industry that can take you all over the world
Come along, get involved, and discover whether hospitality and cookery could be the right fit for you.
[Find out more](#)

Women in Defence Virtual Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Online

Date: September 22, 2026

Consider a career in the Navy, Army or Air Force and work alongside likeminded, supportive, proud serving men and women.

Tune in for a virtual info session to speak with current serving women in Defence to learn more.

Spaces are limited, so register ASAP!

[Find out more](#)

It Takes a Spark STEM Conference for Year 4-10 Students and Teachers, Perth

Organisation: Intuyu Consulting Pty Ltd

Location: Frederick Irwin Anglican School, Meadow Springs Campus

Date: September 24, 2026

Most conferences currently being offered on STEM, STEAM and Entrepreneurship tend to be targeted towards teachers and involve a series of speakers and the occasional mini-workshops. This conference is designed to be different. This conference is designed by students and teachers for students and teachers.

The intent of the It Takes a Spark STEM Conference is to bring together Students (Year 4 to 10) and Teachers to connect with inspiring industry role models, share their current school based activities and projects using an authentic sharing and experiential model, create networks of teachers and student teams, and solve social justice design challenges.

The participation of the students is as important as teachers as our intent is to ignite, empower and nurture both to be leaders of STEM and Entrepreneurship within their schools. This is a conference designed and led by students and teachers for students and teachers.

Teachers will have both formal and informal opportunities to speak to other teachers who have enacted programs and activities in their schools and get their questions answered.

The Problem Solver design challenges are all hands-on so students and teachers will experience first-hand what it is like to be part of great STEM and entrepreneurial learning. This will spark new ideas about curriculum and pedagogy.

[Find out more](#)

ECU 2026 ATAR Revision Sessions

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: Building 32 Room 101, ECU Joondalup Campus

Date: September 29 to October 2, 2026

If you're a Year 12 ATAR student, you shouldn't miss our free revision sessions hosted at our Joondalup campus.

You can choose from a variety of subjects, each one delivered by a teacher familiar with the 2026 syllabus.

Select one subject and order 1 ticket. You can book for multiple subjects by repeating the process and selecting a different subject.

Sessions run between Tuesday, 29 September and Friday, 2 October 2026

[Find out more](#)

ECU 2026 ATAR Revision Sessions Online

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: Online

Date: September 29 to October 2, 2026

If you are a Year 12 ATAR student, you shouldn't miss our free online revision sessions. You can choose from a variety of subjects, each one delivered by a teacher familiar with the 2026 syllabus. Select one subject below and order 1 ticket. You can add more subjects from the registration page. Sessions run between Tuesday 29 September and Friday, 2 October 2026.

[Find out more](#)

Quantum Tech Camp for Year 9-12 Students and Teachers

Organisation: Sydney Quantum Academy

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus OR Online

Date: September 29 to October 1, 2026

Now in its fifth year, Quantum Tech Camp is a free three-day program for students in Years 9-12 who want to explore one of the world's most exciting emerging technologies.

Through interactive activities, coding and problem-solving challenges, you'll learn the fundamentals of quantum computing and experiment with concepts such as superposition, entanglement and quantum randomness. No prior knowledge of quantum physics or coding is required.

Beginners will be supported through hands-on activities, while students with coding experience can explore more advanced programming challenges using Python.

You'll also meet Australian quantum researchers and mentors, connect with like-minded students from across Australia, and discover study and career pathways in quantum technology.

In 2026 the Camp is free to attend, but spaces are limited.

SQA is committed to making this event accessible to everyone. If you require any accommodations, please let them know in advance by sending an email to: info.sqa@sydney.edu.au.

[Find out more](#)

Life Skills for Young People: Resume Tips & Tricks (Ages 14-18)

Organisation: Town of Victoria Park Library

Location: Victoria Park Library

Date: September 30, 2026

Life Skills for Young People is a series of workshops at Victoria Park Library.

Get your application ready for casual jobs this upcoming summer and learn how to create a resume with career coach Alison Bannister.

[Find out more](#)

School Holiday Aviation Program for Young People Aged 15+ in Perth

Organisation: Flight Standards

Location: Flight Standards, Jandakot Airport

Date: October 1 to October 3, 2026

This three-day program is a fantastic opportunity to learn many of the hands-on skills required to pilot an aeroplane in a fun and relaxed environment.

All practical and theory training is delivered by Flight Standards instructors, with each participant receiving pre- and post-flight briefings. Participants have the opportunity to go on a "behind-the-scenes" tour of the airfield, visit on-field aviation organisations, and visit the control tower (subject to operational requirements). Then to cap it all off, they will get to actually fly an aeroplane in two experience lessons, plus spend some time in the flight simulator.

The focus of the course is understanding what it takes to become a pilot, including the medical requirements, structure of a typical training day, knowledge and skills required to obtain your licence, and various training pathways for a career in aviation or becoming a recreational pilot.

While targeted at participants 15 years of age, participants over 13 years of age will be considered based on height and maturity.

[Find out more](#)

Events & Hospitality – Youth Career Series

Organisation: Shire of Chittering

Location: Sandalford Wines

Date: October 1, 2026

This Career Series youth event with Sandalford & Stringybark introduces students aged 13+ to the fast-paced, people-focused world of events, hospitality, and wine careers. Set across their unique venues, the experience gives young people a feel for what it takes to bring events to life, while also showcasing opportunities within the wine industry, from production through to customer experience.

During the visit, students meet team members from a variety of roles including event coordination, venue operations, food and beverage, and wine-related careers such as cellar door experiences, sales, and marketing. Staff share their career journeys in a friendly and down-to-earth way, helping students see how different skills and interests can lead to a place in the industry.

Overall, the event is designed to be hands-on, engaging, and inspiring. By exploring real venues and hearing directly from industry professionals, students gain a clearer understanding of the wide range of opportunities available and the pathways they can take to get there.

[Find out more](#)

Create for a Day at SAE Perth

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE University College, Perth Campus

Date: October 3, 2026

This October school holidays, SAE University College Perth is opening its doors for Create for a Day: a one-day, hands-on experience where you'll step into the studio, lab or production space and start creating.

Choose from:

- Animation
- Audio
- Computer Science
- Design
- Film
- Games
- Songwriting & Electronic Music Production

Create for a Day lets you skip the textbooks and jump straight into building, recording, designing, coding or filming, all guided by lecturers who work in the industry.

By the end of the day, you'll walk away with your own finished project and a certificate of participation, plus a clearer idea of what studying at SAE is really like and where your skills could take you in the future.

Open to students in Years 10-12 and young creatives up to age 21.

[Find out more](#)

Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research – Immersion Program for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research

Location: Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research (North)

Date: October 6 to October 10, 2026

Enrol in this exciting 3-day immersive laboratory experience at Perth's world-class Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research. You will work beside scientists, gaining experience in how research is conducted on a day-to-day basis.

Aspects of the program change but may include:

- training for PC2 Laboratory operations
- techniques of microbiology and cell culturing techniques
- use of fluorescent microscopes
- genetic manipulation techniques

- tours of various centres within the grounds of the QEII medical complex

The Immersion Program is for students in Years 10-12 and is run in the last week of every school holidays (including summer holidays), including the following dates:

- 6 – 10 October, 2026
- 19 – 21 January, 2027
- 19 – 21 April, 2027
- 12 – 14 July, 2027
- 4 – 6 October, 2027

Selection is by application. After reviewing all applications, five participants are selected to attend the next program. Outcomes will be determined two-weeks prior to the commencement of the program.

[Find out more](#)

Curtin Business Innovation Bootcamp for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: Curtin University

Location: Curtin Perth

Date: October 7 to October 8, 2026

Dive into the world of business with our Business Innovation Bootcamp, designed for high school students in year 10 to 12. Whether you're curious about business careers, already managing a small venture, or dreaming of launching your own startup, this two-day workshop is tailored for you.

Day 1: Learn the fundamentals as we cover essential business concepts, from idea generation to market research.

Day 2: Level up with our advanced workshops where we delve deeper into marketing strategies, financial modelling and legal obligations to give you tips for scaling your existing business or to help kick-starting a new business idea.

[Find out more](#)

Technology & Robotics – Youth Career Series

Organisation: Shire of Chittering

Location: Australian Automation and Robotics Precinct

Date: October 8, 2026

The Youth Career Series at the Australian Automation and Robotics Precinct (AARP) offers students aged 13+ a unique, hands-on introduction to the future of technology and innovation. During the visit, participants will tour the state-of-the-art facility, gaining insight into how robotics, automation, and autonomous systems are shaping modern industries.

Students will also meet Autonomo, a newly launched training academy focused on building practical skills in robotics and autonomous technologies, helping prepare the next generation for high-tech careers. In addition, they will engage with RS Components, a global distributor of industrial and electronic products, and tour their lab to see real-world applications of engineering and innovation in action.

This experience is designed to inspire young people by connecting them directly with industry leaders and emerging career pathways in advanced technologies.

[Find out more](#)

WAAPA Arts & Cultural Management & Production Info Evening

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: Edith Cowan University, City Campus

Date: October 13, 2026

The Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) at Edith Cowan University is one of the world's leading performing arts academies. WAAPA is recognised nationally and internationally for the quality of its graduates.

Our Bachelor of Arts (Arts and Cultural Management) prepares students for exciting and challenging careers in the arts and entertainment industries. Students develop professional knowledge and skills in arts and cultural

leadership, marketing, finance and legal compliance, and at every stage of the course apply what they learn to industry practicums. The course has a strong focus on developing transferable skills whilst also fostering ethical, collaborative and innovative dispositions to help graduates advocate for the values of arts and culture in a rapidly changing world.

To find out more about these exciting courses, come along to our WAAPA Arts & Cultural Management Information Evening.

Please note that this information session will not cover performance courses.

[Find out more](#)

ECU UniPrep Online Information Evening

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: Online

Date: October 19, 2026

ECU's University Preparation Course – or UniPrep – is a free program that gets you ready for university level study by teaching you the skills required for academic success – with an emphasis on you becoming an independent learner.

UniPrep is open to anyone who hasn't been at school for a while, to students who are currently completing high school, or to recent school leavers who didn't get the result they'd hoped for.

If you successfully complete UniPrep, you'll be eligible to start many of our undergraduate degree courses.

In this session, we'll cover:

- What subjects you can expect to study in UniPrep
- How to apply for UniPrep
- Study options, including full or part-time and online
- Career advice and course selection post-UniPrep

[Find out more](#)

Murdoch Year 12 Online Information Evening

Organisation: Murdoch University

Location: Online

Date: October 20, 2026

Year 12 is almost over, what happens next? Take the leap from secondary school to university!

There are hundreds of study choices for school leavers. We're here to help you through this exciting new chapter in your life by providing all the information you need to transition through the remainder of Year 12 and beyond.

Join us for an Information Session where we'll cover:

- Course options
- Understanding ATAR outcomes & University offers
- Using alternative pathways & Cert IV
- Application processes
- Key dates
- Fees & Scholarships
- Orientation
- Much more!

[Find out more](#)

Aviation Careers and Networking Event – Joondalup

Organisation: Sky Careers

Location: Edith Cowan University at the Joondalup Campus, Perth

Date: October 21, 2026

Aviation careers extend far beyond the cockpit, from working in ground support in Antarctica, to piloting drones that track marine life, winching out of a helicopter as an aircrew officer, or travelling the world as an onboard chef, the aviation industry offers pathways as diverse as the people within it.

Our Aviation Careers and Networking Events are immersive, industry-connected experiences designed for anyone aged 18 and over who wants the opportunity to connect directly with aviation professionals, explore the hundreds of pathways and careers available, and gain real-world insight into one of the most exciting and rapidly evolving industries.

These FREE events combine industry speakers, a wealth of knowledge, practical tools and resources, emerging trends and valuable networking opportunities all in one inspiring day. As a special thank you, all attendees will receive a free Altitude Membership valued at \$249.00. This membership provides ongoing access to Sky Careers' premium content and industry updates.

If you're under 18 then you'll need a parent or legal guardian to go with you and you'll both need to register separately to attend this event. Registrations are required for ALL attendees.

[Find out more](#)

Yr 12 & Beyond with ADHD – Webinar for Year 12 Students and Parents

Organisation: ADHD Webinars

Location: Online

Date: October 29, 2026

Designed to help Year 12 students and parents navigate the transition to tertiary study or employment with practical ADHD management strategies. It offers actionable guidance on post-school options, strengths and interests, accommodations, and setting up tailored support systems.

[Find out more](#)

WA Police Force Careers Day Joondalup

Organisation: WA Police

Location: WA Police Academy

Date: November 1, 2026

Our Careers Day at the Joondalup Police Academy is an incredible opportunity to come and meet officers from a variety of units all in one place. Come and see the world class training facilities and chat directly with our Recruitment team.

Featuring:

- Live demonstrations from specialist units
- Recruitment information sessions
- Exclusive tours of the academy
- Meet and chat with officers from all areas of policing

[Find out more](#)

Inspiring Girls Careers Forum, Karratha

Organisation: Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA

Location: Red Earth Arts Precinct

Date: November 5, 2026

The Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA is excited to bring the Inspiring Girls Careers Forum to regional Western Australia again in 2026.

This unique event showcases the resources sector to female Year 6 students, helping discover the diverse range of roles and skills that can take them there.

What students will experience:

- Hear from an inspiring female industry guest speaker
- Take part in fun, hands-on STEM and team building activities
- Participate in a fast-paced speed-careering session
- Meet and interact with local resources representatives

By attending, students will:

- Learn about the broad pathways taken by representatives in the resources sector
- Understand the opportunities available for women working in the industry
- Gain inspiration to explore new subjects and future career options
- Build connections with local companies and professionals

[Find out more](#)

Procrastination & ADHD – Webinar for Year 10, 11, 12 Students and Parents

Organisation: ADHD Webinars

Location: Online

Date: November 5, 2026

A practical session focusing on why ADHD brains procrastinate and how students in Years 10–12 can overcome executive dysfunction. Attendees will learn evidence-based study tools, time-management hacks, and task-initiation techniques.

[Find out more](#)

Inspiring Girls Careers Forum, Port Hedland

Organisation: Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA

Location: The Hedland Hotel

Date: November 6, 2026

The Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA is excited to bring the Inspiring Girls Careers Forum to regional Western Australia again in 2026.

This unique event showcases the resources sector to female Year 6-8 students, helping discover the diverse range of roles and skills that can take them there.

What students will experience:

- Hear from an inspiring female industry guest speaker
- Take part in fun, hands-on STEM and team building activities
- Participate in a fast-paced speed-careering session
- Meet and interact with local resources representatives

By attending, students will:

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[Find out more](#)

ECU South West Future Undergraduate One-to-One Appointments

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: Edith Cowan University, South West (Bunbury) Campus

Date: November 10, 2026

ECU South West is at the centre of education, health and science in this amazing part of Western Australia. Our campus also has strong links with the surrounding community, including with key employers.

As a student at ECU South West, you'll enjoy smaller class sizes and huge support in whatever course you choose.

If you'd like to ask all sorts of questions about studying with us, here's your chance. This month we're offering personalised one-to-one appointments for anyone considering undergraduate study at ECU South West.

This gives you an opportunity to:

- Talk to a friendly – and knowledgeable – staff member about entry pathways and undergraduate courses at any of our three campuses, including the new ECU City campus
- Get help on how to apply for your dream course

Appointments are for twenty minutes and are available from 2:00pm - 7:00pm.

Light refreshments will also be available.

[Find out more](#)

Year 11 & Beyond with ADHD – Starting Strong in the Senior Years

Organisation: ADHD Webinars

Location: Online

Date: November 26, 2026

Focuses on setting senior students up for success as they enter their final school year and look ahead to future pathways. This webinar for parents, senior high school students and career practitioners covers strategies for managing workload stress, building independence, and planning post-school transitions.

[Find out more](#)

Girls+ Engineering Tomorrow (GET) Forum 2026

Organisation: Curtin University

Location: Curtin University, Bentley Campus

Date: November 27, 2026

Explore the exciting world of engineering at Curtin's free event designed for girls and non-binary students interested in STEM.

What's planned:

- **Interactive engineering workshops** - explore engineering through hands-on workshops
- **Meet industry and university role models** - meet a range of university and industry role models
- **Hear from engineers about their journey** - learn about the wide range of opportunities available within engineering

We'll also share information about our other Girls+ in STEM initiatives, programs and events your students can participate in.

Interested in bringing your students? Here's what you need to know:

- Maximum of 25 students per school - if you have a larger group, please leave a comment in your registration and we will let you know if there is space
- Complete the registration with your details
- Our team will contact you to confirm your groups details and provide additional information

[Find out more](#)

SAE Online Info Session: IT & Computer Science

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: Online

Date: December 1, 2026

From software development and cyber security to cloud computing and AI, technology careers are evolving fast. At SAE's Online Info Session: IT & Computer Science, you'll explore our complete range of technology courses, including our new Information Technology qualifications launching in February 2027, alongside our established Computer Science and Cyber Security pathways.

[Find out more](#)

Scholarships

AFTRS Netflix First Nations Pathways Scholarship

Organisation: Australian Film Television and Radio School

Location: Australia, New Zealand

Value: \$50,000 AUD

Open Date: June 29, 2026

Close Date: October 21, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Pens Against Poverty Writing Competition for Years 3-10

Organisation: Pens Against Poverty

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Close Date: September 11, 2026

[Find out more](#)

NASA Space Apps Challenge

Organisation: National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Location: All, United States

Value: See details

Close Date: No closing date

[Find out more](#)

The Rhiza Edge Short Story Competition for 2026

Organisation: Rhiza Press

Location: Australia, New Zealand

Value: See details

Close Date: September 30, 2026

[Find out more](#)

2026 Cabonne Women Writers Open Writing Competition

Organisation: Arts OutWest

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Close Date: September 11, 2026

[Find out more](#)

The Tom Collins Poetry Prize 2026

Organisation: Fellowship of Australian Writers Western Australia

Location: Australia

Value: Up to \$1,000 AUD

Close Date: September 30, 2026

[Find out more](#)

King of the Ranges Bush Poetry Competition

Organisation: King of the Ranges

Location: Australia

Value: Up to \$150 AUD

Close Date: September 4, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Experiences

WA Youth Orchestra 2027

Organisation: Western Australian Youth Orchestra Association

Location: Western Australia

Registrations close: October 23, 2026

Date: August 27, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Supanova Comic Con & Gaming – Event Volunteers for ages 16+

Organisation: Supanova Expo Pty Ltd

Location: Adelaide, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

[Find out more](#)

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Finding your way into engineering courses

You know you like maths, or building things, or solving problems that actually matter. You've picked your subjects in high school. Engineering feels like the obvious next step and you're feeling confident about your path. But the entry requirements for your dream course could feel a little daunting. Engineering courses can have high [selection ranks](#), as they're often popular, and perhaps the entry scores seem higher than what you're expecting.

If you're really determined then now's the time to knuckle down to some serious studying but remember, the courses that you've look at so far - they're not the only door into an engineering career. In this article we'll take a quick look at back-up options and Plan B's that could still get you into engineering.

Why study engineering?

Engineering isn't one thing. It's dozens of different careers hiding under one name.

- You could design bridges that thousands of people cross every day.
- You could build the batteries that power electric cars.
- You could work on robots, water systems, aircraft, or even roller coasters.
- Engineers are needed almost everywhere, in most industries, so jobs tend to be easier to find than in a lot of other fields.
- Pay is often above average too, especially once you've got a few years of experience behind you.

If you like working out how things fit together, and you don't mind a bit of maths along the way, engineering gives you a lot of options.

Understanding ATAR and NCEA entry scores

If you're in Australia applying for university here, your selection rank is calculated from your ATAR. If you're in New Zealand, it's calculated from your NCEA results. Both work a bit differently, so it helps to know what you're actually looking at.

ATAR (Australia): engineering courses usually sit somewhere between an ATAR of about 75 and 95, although there are [engineering degrees who offered places to students with ATARs of 58.00](#) - so it can pay to research all your options. A maths subject is typically required, and physics is generally expected too, especially for mechanical, electrical or aerospace streams.

NCEA (New Zealand): you'll need [University Entrance](#), and most engineering degrees ask for at least 14 credits at NCEA Level 3 in both calculus and physics. While a higher rank score doesn't guarantee a place, it could make your application stronger, especially for competitive courses including some engineering programs.

In either country, the entry requirements aren't fixed forever. They'll vary depending on how many students apply each year as well as how many places are available, so again it's worth checking your options and keep the information updated.

Give your entry scores a little push

Before you write off any course completely, even if the entry score is very high, check what else could help your application.

Lots of universities offer adjustment factors or equity schemes. These could lower the score you need slightly if your school results, background, or personal circumstances suggest you haven't had the easiest run; or give your selection rank a little boost that gets you over the line. It's always worth checking whether you qualify, if you're eligible it would be a shame to miss out. Contact the future students team or faculty directly if you're not sure about anything or can't find the most up to date information.

Look at courses close to your dream degree

If your Year 12 results really don't seem like they'll stack up, take a look sideways instead of giving up.

For example, if a software, aerospace or biomedical engineering course is your first choice but the entry score feels out of reach, add it to your preferences then look at some alternatives - just in case. A few other routes lead to a similar place:

- **A related degree with a lower cut-off**, like computer science, mechatronics, or general engineering, can often be transferred across once you've built up strong results in your first year.
- **A diploma pathway** is not just a fallback option. Completing a one or two-year diploma before moving straight into the second year of the full degree could be a pathway worth exploring and you'd still be learning all the right things (and maybe earning credits towards future units).
- **A bridging or foundation year** is built for students who are talented but haven't quite hit the score yet, and it leads straight into the full degree.
- **A different specialisation within engineering**, such as mechanical or electrical, can share a lot of first-year content with software or aerospace streams, giving you the option to move across once you're enrolled, or pursue a postgraduate qualification down the track.
- Look at **vocational pathways** where you'll be learning on the job and can upskill later with some work experience already under your belt.

None of these options are second-best. Plenty of engineers started out on one of these routes and ended up doing exactly the same job as someone who went straight into an engineering degree with top marks.

An easy way to start comparing all engineering degrees (and pathways) in Australia is on [Course Seeker](#) or [Study New Zealand](#) if you're looking for study options in New Zealand.

Your path in doesn't have to be straight

Results day doesn't have to be the moment your engineering ambitions are decided forever. If your score doesn't match up to your first preference, you can change your preferences then wait and see if you get an offer in future rounds. You could also look at other routes like bridging courses, diplomas, and related degrees that are perfect for exactly for this situation.

If you want to find out more about how alternative routes actually work, head over to our [pathways](#) page or even see what [apprenticeships and traineeships](#) have to offer. Whether you're still choosing subjects or waiting on results or offers, there's no harm in exploring all of your options and having a back up in mind.

Vocational Education

What actually happens if you don't pass a competency during an apprenticeship

During an apprenticeship, you're not marked against other students or given a score out of a hundred. You're assessed on whether you can carry out a specific task, called a competency, to the standard expected in the workplace.

How apprenticeship assessment works

Rather than an overall grade, you're assessed on each competency separately. Not being marked competent means much the same thing as not passing something, since you weren't able to complete the task to the standard required. Where it differs is in what happens next. You're either marked competent, meaning you've

demonstrated the skill properly, or not yet competent, often shortened to NYC, meaning you haven't demonstrated it to that level yet.

Because each unit is assessed on its own, a reassessment isn't something you have to ask permission for or hope you're granted, it's built into how the system works. An NYC result also doesn't get averaged into an overall mark the way a failed test might drag down a final grade. It simply flags that one specific unit needs another attempt.

An NYC result usually comes down to one of a few things: a missed step, evidence that wasn't detailed enough, or one part of the task that wasn't fully covered. Workplace tasks often have several specific requirements attached to them, and all of those requirements generally need to be met, even if most of the task was done well. Trades and industries rely on a consistent level of quality before someone is signed off to work independently, both for the person doing the job and for the people affected by it, and this system exists to make sure that happens.

What happens after a not yet competent result

When you're marked not yet competent, your Registered Training Organisation, or [RTO](#), is required to give you feedback that explains why. This feedback should point to the specific part of the task or unit you didn't demonstrate, so you know exactly what to focus on before trying again.

An NYC result only applies to that specific unit. Apprenticeships are broken into separate units, so if you're marked competent in nine out of ten and not yet competent in one, only that one unit needs to be reassessed. Competency you've already demonstrated in other units stays in place.

Whether it shows up on your record

An NYC result is a normal step within the assessment process. Once you're reassessed as competent, it generally doesn't appear on your final qualification or statement of attainment. Your official record reflects the final outcome for each unit, regardless of how many attempts it took to get there.

Support before you try again

RTOs typically offer support before a reassessment rather than leaving you to work it out alone. Depending on your RTO and employer, this could include:

- Additional training or a refresher session on the specific skill
- One-on-one time with a trainer or assessor to go over what needs improving
- Extra practice opportunities in the workplace with your employer or supervisor
- Access to resources or materials to fill any knowledge gaps

Your employer is often involved in this too, since a lot of your practical skills are built and observed on the job.

What to do if you disagree with an NYC result

If you don't agree with a not yet competent result, you're entitled to raise it. RTOs are required to have a clear appeals process that lets you challenge an assessment decision, and they need to make that process easy to find and understand.

Usually this starts with speaking to your trainer or assessor directly, since that conversation often clarifies exactly what was expected and why the result was given. If that doesn't resolve things, most RTOs have a formal appeal or review step, where someone other than the original assessor looks at the decision again. Your RTO should be able to tell you their specific timeframes and how to lodge an appeal, and this information is usually available on their website or in your enrolment documents. If a dispute with your RTO still can't be resolved, [ASQA](#) is the national regulator for vocational education and training and can direct you to services that assist with provider disputes.

How long reassessment takes

There's no fixed timeframe that applies to every RTO. As a general guide, some providers can arrange a reassessment within a couple of weeks if the gap is small, while others require a set assessment period or a certain amount of extra training first. These timelines vary significantly between providers and qualifications, so there's no guarantee your experience will match this, and it's best to ask your RTO directly what their process looks like.

If it happens more than once

A single not yet competent result on one unit is a normal part of working through an apprenticeship and doesn't put your training contract at risk on its own. The system is built around the expectation that most people need more than one attempt to reach a professional standard.

Repeated not yet competent results on the same unit, without improvement between attempts, are treated differently. At that point, your RTO and employer will usually sit down with you to work out what's getting in the way, whether that's a different approach to training, more time, or an alternative way of demonstrating the skill. If the gaps continue without progress, it can eventually affect your training contract, since both your RTO and employer need to see you working toward what's required over the course of your apprenticeship. If you want to learn more about how apprenticeships work day to day, check out our [apprenticeships and traineeships](#) section.

What it means for a VET qualification to have a “core” vs “elective” structure

Every VET qualification is a mix of units you have to complete and units you choose. A Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician is built from [27 core units and 2 electives](#). A Certificate III in Hospitality is [6 core units and 9 electives](#). Depending on which one you're looking at, your electives might barely matter, or they might shape most of your training. Here's why that split exists, and what it means once you're the one picking.

What core and elective units actually mean

Core units are the ones everyone has to complete. They cover what's considered essential to the job, things like safety procedures and foundational techniques that don't change no matter where a graduate ends up working.

Electives come from a defined list attached to the same qualification, though the rules aren't always as closed as they look. Some qualifications let a provider bring in a unit from a different training package altogether, as long as it's still relevant to the job outcome. Some electives carry prerequisites too, so you can't always complete them in whatever order suits you.

How this compares to subject electives at school

There's a loose parallel at school: subjects everyone takes, plus a few you pick yourself. VET electives sit inside tighter boundaries though. They're tied directly to the qualification's job outcome, not a broad spread of unrelated subjects, and missing a core unit means not finishing the qualification at all.

Why the ratio is so different between qualifications

A good comparison to draw is between Electrotechnology and Hospitality, both qualifications sit at the same [AQF level](#), Certificate III. But how much of each one is fixed versus chosen comes down to the work itself.

Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician

Get electrical work wrong and you're looking at electrocution, fire, or serious equipment damage. That risk sits underneath the whole trade, which is why the core has to cover baseline safety and technique no matter which specialisation someone ends up in. This qualification locks in 27 core units, covering circuit theory, installation basics, and workplace safety. What's left is small, and measured a little differently: electives are chosen to hit a required points value rather than a simple headcount, which in practice usually works out to just two or three units.

Certificate III in Hospitality

Hospitality carries a lot less of that risk. A wrong drink order or a scheduling mix-up isn't in the same category as a mistake made wiring a building. The core here is just 6 units, covering customer service and safety, and the other 9 electives let you specialise almost straight away, into food and beverage, accommodation, or gaming, depending on where you're headed.

Who actually decides this

None of this comes from an individual training provider. Every qualification sits within a [training package](#), built by one of [ten Jobs and Skills Councils](#), industry-led groups made up of employers, unions, and training providers from that sector. They develop training packages against standards set by Skills Ministers, who hold the formal authority to endorse them nationally. That's why a Certificate III in Electrotechnology looks the same no matter who delivers it, even though the electives on offer can shift slightly between providers.

What the split actually means for you

The more elective-heavy a qualification is, the more your choices shape your training overall. In the electrician example, most of the course is locked in either way, but the two or three electives you do get still point toward a specific specialisation, solar and battery work sets up a different accreditation path to data and fibre cabling, so they're still worth picking with some direction in mind. In hospitality, electives shape most of what you walk away with, and two students can finish the same qualification with meaningfully different skills.

Do you need to know what you want straight away?

Not usually. Most qualifications don't make you lock in every elective before you start, and plenty of students pick broader, more general electives early, then narrow down later in the course. The qualification itself is the bigger decision, and the electives are a smaller choice sitting inside it, so if you're picking electives within a Certificate III in Hospitality, you've already chosen hospitality as a direction, and the elective just decides which part of it you lean toward.

If you're not sure yet, go broad. General customer service skills carry across food and beverage, accommodation, and gaming alike, and keep more doors open than a narrow, job-specific elective would.

How to actually choose

Check a few things before settling on electives:

- Which job outcomes an elective is actually linked to, most course outlines list this
- Whether it's a listed prerequisite for anything you might want to study next
- Whether your specific provider even offers it, not every provider runs every option on a qualification's full list

If you're curious about how a VET qualification could fit into your own plans, our [vocational education](#) resources have more to help you weigh it up.

Job Spotlights

How to become an Access Consultant

Access Consultants advise on the design and modification of buildings and spaces to ensure they meet accessibility standards, helping to create environments that work for people with disability. They review architectural plans, conduct audits of existing buildings, and guide design teams on how to meet their legal obligations and build more inclusively from the outset.

For people who care about fairness in their environment and want their work to make a practical difference to how others experience the world, this is a career with real purpose.

What skills do I need as an Access Consultant?

- Empathy & advocacy mindset
- Attention to detail
- Strong communicator
- Knowledge of building regulations
- Analytical thinker
- Report writing ability
- Collaborative approach
- Comfortable with legislation

What do Access Consultants do?

Much of your work begins at the design stage, before a building is even constructed. You'll review architectural drawings and plans to identify where access requirements haven't been met, and advise the design team on how to address them. This might involve assessing the placement of ramps, lifts, doorways, signage, and amenities against the relevant standards, and writing up your recommendations in a clear report that the project team can act on.

Day to day, you'll also conduct audits of existing buildings, visiting sites to assess how well they accommodate people with disability and document what needs to change. These audits require you to move methodically through a space, checking each element against a detailed set of criteria. You'll then prepare reports outlining your findings and advising on what works, what doesn't, and what steps the building owner needs to take to achieve compliance.

Periodically you'll work on more complex or sensitive projects, such as heritage buildings where accessibility improvements need to be balanced against conservation requirements, or public infrastructure where the stakes of getting it wrong are particularly high. Some Access Consultants develop areas of speciality around particular building types, specific user groups, or the development of policy and standards. Others work independently, building a consulting practice around audit and advisory work.

What kind of lifestyle could I expect?

Access Consultants work for building consultancies, architecture and planning firms, local and state government agencies, and disability advocacy organisations. Some work as independent consultants, taking on audit and advisory work across a range of clients and project types. The role sits at the intersection of the built environment and disability inclusion, which means you'll encounter a wide variety of workplaces and project contexts.

Work is primarily office-based, with regular site visits to conduct audits or attend design meetings. The balance between desk work and fieldwork varies depending on your caseload, but most Access Consultants spend time in both settings on a regular basis. Hours are generally average, and the role offers moderate flexibility, particularly for those who work independently or in consultancy settings where project-based work allows for some variation in how and when tasks are completed.

Salaries are above average, reflecting the technical knowledge and regulatory expertise the role requires. This is a small and specialised field, so opportunities are more concentrated than in broader built environment professions. However, demand for accessibility expertise has grown steadily as awareness of inclusive design has increased and regulatory requirements have become more stringent. The outlook for the field remains positive.

How to become an Access Consultant

- **Study a relevant foundation discipline:** Most Access Consultants enter the field through a background in architecture, building surveying, or occupational therapy. Each brings a different lens to the work, and all are legitimate starting points. A degree or diploma in one of these areas gives you the technical grounding the role requires.
- **Build practical experience in the built environment:** Before moving into access consulting specifically, it helps to have hands-on experience in construction, design, or health and community services. This gives you a working understanding of how buildings are designed and used, which makes your advisory work more grounded and credible.
- **Develop specialist knowledge in accessibility:** Learn the relevant building codes, standards, and legislation that govern accessibility in the built environment. Many Access Consultants pursue additional qualifications or training specifically in access and inclusion to formalise this knowledge and signal their expertise to clients.
- **Seek out access-focused work experience:** Look for opportunities with architecture or building consultancy firms that handle compliance work, or with organisations focused on disability advocacy and universal design. Even junior involvement in audit or reporting work builds the practical skills and professional contacts you'll need to establish yourself in the field.

From here, you could move into senior consulting roles managing complex or high-profile projects, develop expertise in policy and standards development, contribute to the review of accessibility legislation, or build an independent practice around audit and advisory work.

What can I do right now?

If you're in high school and interested in working as an Access Consultant, here are some practical steps:

- Start noticing how buildings and public spaces work for people with different needs, paying attention to what makes environments easy or difficult to navigate for someone using a wheelchair, a guide dog, or a hearing aid
- Look for work experience with architecture firms, building consultancies, or disability advocacy organisations to get an early understanding of how accessibility is approached in professional settings
- Study subjects like design and technology, legal studies, or health, which build the combination of technical and social understanding that access consulting draws on

Find out more about alternative careers on [our Job Spotlights page](#).

Health & Wellbeing

Getting through high school finals in one piece

Finals are coming up, and it could feel like everything is happening at once even though you've been expecting it. There's revision to do, exams to sit, and on top of that, big questions about what comes next. University? An apprenticeship? A job? As well as doing all the life admin that comes with entering adulthood, it's a lot to carry. The good news is you aren't on your own and looking after yourself and doing well in your exams aren't in competition with each other. In fact, they go hand in hand. Here are some practical ways to keep your body, mind and study routine on track over the coming weeks.

Sleep is not optional

It's tempting to think that an extra hour of revision at midnight is worth more than an extra hour of sleep. It usually isn't. Your brain needs sleep to store the information you've been cramming in. Without it, revision doesn't stick as well, and you'll find it harder to concentrate the next day.

Try to get between 8 and 10 hours a night if you can. Set a rough bedtime and stick to it, even during exam week. It might be a good idea to turn off your phone or leave it another room too, avoid being disturbed and the temptation to scroll for hours. If your mind is racing with worry, write down what's bothering you before bed, getting it out of your head and onto paper can help you switch off and you'll have a reminder to sort it out the next day.

Fuel matters, so eat well

Food is fuel, and your brain uses a lot of it. Skipping meals is always a bad idea, no matter how stressed you are. Surviving on sugary snacks might give you a quick burst of energy, but it won't last. You'll probably crash an hour later, right in the middle of your study session and be left feeling sluggish and low on energy the next day. Try to eat regular meals and include protein (lean meat, fish, dairy, tofu, tempeh, lentils, and chickpeas are all great sources), wholegrains like whole oats, quinoa, brown rice and even pop corn are good options, and a mix of different fruit and vegetables. For example you could choose porridge, eggs, or wholegrain toast in the morning. Nuts, fruit, or yoghurt as a snack instead of biscuits. Wraps, salads, and pasta dishes could be great lunch options to try instead of going for deep fried options. Remember to drink plenty of water throughout the day too, since even mild dehydration can make it harder to concentrate and make you feel exhausted.

Move your body

Sitting at a desk for hours on end does nothing for your energy levels or your frame of mind. Taking just a short walk, a quick run, or ten minutes of stretching or doing some weights could clear your head and help you focus better afterwards. Exercise doesn't need to be a whole workout though (or a way to procrastinate). Getting up between study blocks and moving around the house counts too, if you add in some music and busting some moves could be really great for your energy levels and your mood.

Build a study routine that actually works

Good study habits matter more than the number of hours you put in, and it's never too late to get started. Some tips that could help:

- Break your revision into short blocks with proper breaks in between, rather than one long slog.
- Test yourself with practice questions instead of just re-reading notes. It's a much better way to check what you actually know and find out what you might need to work on.
- Study one subject at a time rather than jumping between several. It's easier for your brain to focus.
- Keep a simple to-do list each day so you know what you're aiming to cover and can tick things off as you go.

If something isn't working for you, change it. There's no single "correct" way to study. What works for your sibling or your friend might not work for you, and that's fine.

Make space for downtime

Rest isn't a reward you earn after all the work is done, it should be part of doing the work well. Schedule proper breaks, not just five minutes scrolling your phone, but time away from intensive learning altogether. See a friend, watch something you enjoy, read for fun, do some cooking, or just sit outside for a bit. Your brain needs the recovery time as much as it needs the study time.

Ask for help if you need it

If exam pressure is starting to feel like too much, that's not something to push through alone. Talk to a teacher, a parent, a school counsellor, or anyone else you trust. Asking for help isn't a sign that you're failing to cope. It's a sign that you know how to look after yourself, which is life skill that could serve you well in the years ahead.

The same goes for decisions about life after school, you don't have to have it all figured out right now. Careers advisors and teachers are there to help you weigh up your options, whether that's university, an apprenticeship, a gap year, or straight into work. And parents, carers, friends and lots of professionals are there to help answer any questions or direct you for everything else.

You are important

Exams matter, but so do you. Looking after your sleep, food, movement and study habits will help you get through finals in better shape, both for the exams themselves and for whatever comes next. For more tips on looking after your wellbeing, check out our [Health & Wellbeing section](#) or for [study tips head over to the page](#) or [download the guide](#).

Future of Work

9 reliable jobs that are AI-proof

Some jobs are easy to imagine a computer or AI tool eventually doing. Others are much harder to picture that way, because so much of the work happens face-to-face, on your feet, or in situations where someone has to make the right call and stand by it. The nine jobs below fall into that second group. Each one depends on people showing up, adapting in the moment, and being the one responsible when something goes wrong or right.

Youth Worker

Youth Workers support young people through challenges like mental health, family breakdown, homelessness, or trouble at school. The job depends on trust, and trust is built through consistent, honest relationships over time. A Youth Worker has to read body language, adjust their approach person by person, and decide on the spot what a young person needs to stay safe. That combination of empathy and real-time decision-making isn't something a program can replicate.

Getting into youth work usually means completing a vocational qualification in community services or youth work, though some roles may ask for a university degree in social work or welfare. A working with children check is also generally required.

Florist

Florists combine physical skill with an understanding of colour, season, and occasion. Every arrangement is shaped by a conversation, what the flowers are for, who they're going to, what feeling they need to capture, and that requires listening as much as it does technical ability. The hands-on work of sourcing, cutting, and arranging stems also means a Florist is working with a product that changes daily, which takes experience and constant small adjustments.

Many Florists build their skills through on-the-job training, though a vocational qualification in floristry could help fast-track that learning and build credibility with employers.

Disability Support Worker

Disability Support Workers help people with daily tasks, from personal care to getting around the community, while building long-term relationships based on trust and respect. No two people need the same kind of support, and needs can shift from one day to the next. This role pairs physical care with the ability to read a situation and respond appropriately, something that depends entirely on being present with another person. A vocational qualification in individual support or disability is usually the starting point for this field, alongside background checks that are typically required before you can start work.

Risk Assessor

Risk Assessors evaluate workplaces, sites, or projects to identify hazards and figure out how likely they are to cause harm. The job is built on judgement: weighing up context, consequences, and the practical realities of a specific environment, then standing behind the recommendations that are made. If a Risk Assessor gets it wrong, people could get hurt, which is exactly why a qualified person needs to sign off on the call.

This role usually calls for a qualification or degree in work health and safety, engineering, or a related field. Employers may also expect some hands-on industry experience before taking on assessment responsibilities.

Electrician

Electricians work with wiring and electrical systems in homes, businesses, and industrial sites, environments that are rarely identical and often unpredictable. Older buildings, custom setups, and on-the-spot problem solving mean an Electrician has to adapt constantly, not just follow a fixed process. It's a licensed trade, and getting it wrong can have real safety consequences, so a qualified person needs to make the call on-site every time.

Becoming an Electrician means completing a formal apprenticeship that combines paid work with structured training, leading to a trade qualification. A licence is then required before you can work unsupervised.

Veterinary Nurse

Veterinary Nurses support animals through check-ups, surgery, treatment, and recovery, often working alongside a Veterinarian but also handling a lot of hands-on care independently. No two animals react the same way to being examined or treated, so a Veterinary Nurse has to read body language, stay calm around frightened or injured animals, and adjust their approach on the spot. It's also a role that involves supporting worried owners, which takes people skills as much as animal-handling skills.

Becoming a Veterinary Nurse usually means completing a vocational qualification in veterinary nursing, and some roles may prefer or require a university degree in veterinary technology or a related science field.

Aged Care Worker

Aged Care Workers support older people with daily living, health needs, and companionship. Much of the job is physical, but a large part of it is emotional too: building relationships, noticing subtle changes in someone's wellbeing, and adjusting care to suit an individual rather than a general routine. People in aged care often value consistency and connection with the same familiar person, which is central to why this work stays human. A vocational qualification in aged care or individual support is the usual entry point, and background checks are typically required before starting.

Plumber

Plumbers install and repair water, gas, and drainage systems, work that almost always involves diagnosing a problem inside an existing, imperfect structure. No two houses or job sites are wired or plumbed exactly the same way, so a Plumber has to think through each situation individually rather than apply a standard fix. Because the work is licensed, someone has to take direct responsibility if something's been done wrong. Like electrical work, plumbing is usually learned through a formal apprenticeship that leads to a trade qualification, followed by a licence to practise independently.

Paramedic

Paramedics respond to medical emergencies, often with limited information and very little time to act. The role demands quick critical thinking, physical capability, and the ability to stay calm under pressure. Every case is different, and a Paramedic has to weigh up symptoms, environment, and risk in real time, then make a call that directly affects what happens to the person in front of them.

This career usually requires a university degree in paramedicine, which includes clinical placements to build the practical experience needed to work in the field.

Why these jobs hold up

What connects all nine roles is that they depend on people, not processes. They involve reading situations that change constantly, adapting on the spot, and being the one who's responsible when it counts. Building skills like communication, adaptability, and sound judgement is one of the strongest moves you can make for your future, since those skills hold their value across almost any career path.

A quick note on "AI-proof"

No job is ever completely immune to change, technology has always reshaped the way we work, and AI will keep influencing how many roles get done. The jobs above are reliable because of how human-centred they are, but "AI-proof" is really shorthand for "built on the things AI struggles to replace" rather than a guarantee. If you want to find out how different careers could suit you, check out our [jobs and careers](#) section.

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