

# Vocational education and training (VET)

How VET works in Year 11 and 12

Easy Read version



**Your world.**  
**Your VCE.**



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## How to use this guide



We are the Victorian Department of Education.

We wrote this guide.



We wrote some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page **28**.



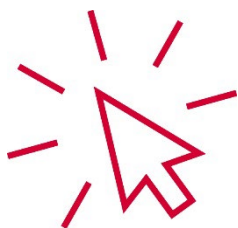
You can ask for help to read this guide.

A friend, family member or support person might be able to help you.



This is an Easy Read summary of another guide.

This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other guide on our website.

**[www.vic.gov.au/how-vocational-education-training-fits-into-year-11-12](http://www.vic.gov.au/how-vocational-education-training-fits-into-year-11-12)**

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# About vocational education and training (VET)



**Vocational education and training (VET)** is skills training that students can do for certain types of jobs.

Students can do VET as part of Year 11 and 12.

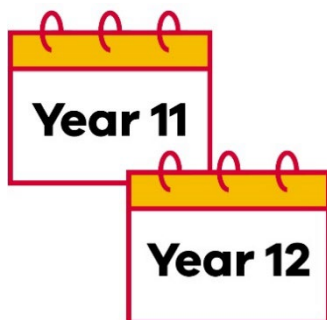


A VET course can make it easier for some people to find work as soon as they finish Year 12.



Students can study a VET course at:

- their school
- or
- a training organisation – like a TAFE.



Students can add a VET course to their studies in Year 11 and 12.



Some schools might let students start a VET course in Year 10.



You can find out more about VET on the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) website.

**[www.vcaa.info/ShapeYourVCE](http://www.vcaa.info/ShapeYourVCE)**



VCAA is an organisation that makes sure students in Victoria:

- learn the right things
- take tests that show what they know.

## What students can do with a VET course



Students can do a VET course as part of their **Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)**.



The VCE is a certificate students can get if they:

- go to high school in Victoria
- and
- finish Year 11 and 12.



A VET course is also an important part of the **VCE Vocational Major**.

Students can learn in the VCE Vocational Major program for 2 years.



It gives students the skills and experience they might need after they finish Year 12 to:

- get a job
- keep studying.



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A VET course can also be a part of doing the **Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC)**.

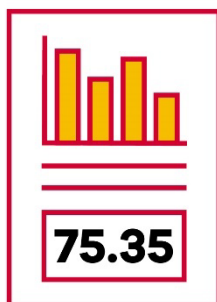
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# How students can make money while they study



Some VET courses can include a **traineeship or apprenticeship**.

A traineeship or apprenticeship is when students learn how to do a job while they are at work.

This can let students:

- learn while they work
- work with professionals
- make money while they learn.



We call these 'school-based apprenticeships and traineeships' (SBAT).



Many students who do an SBAT stay on in their job as a full-time worker after they finish school.



You can find out more about SBATs on our website.

**[www.vic.gov.au/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships](http://www.vic.gov.au/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships)**



# What VET courses students can study



There are many VET courses students can study.



Students can check with their school's **careers counsellor** to find out what VET courses they can do.



A careers counsellor is someone who gives students advice about:

- their future jobs
- the skills they will need.



On the following pages, we describe the types of VET courses students can do.



You do not have to read about all the VET courses.

You can just look at the courses your child is interested in.

## Building



VET courses can help students get ready to work as a builder.

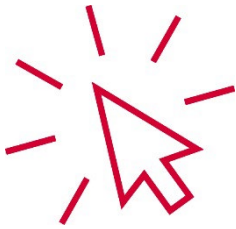
This includes courses about:



- building homes

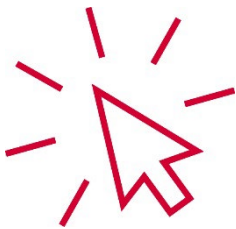


- plumbing – installing and fixing pipes.



You can find out more about VET courses about building on the VCAA website.

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You can find out more about VET courses about plumbing on the VCAA website.

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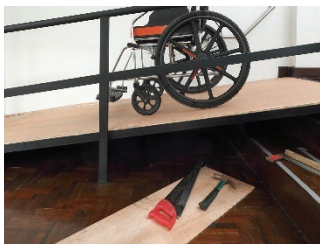


VET courses can also help students get ready to work in a job building things to support the community.

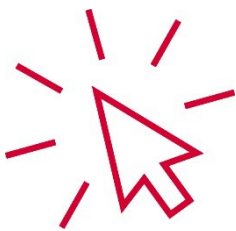
For example, how to build:



- roads and pathways



- buildings everyone can use.



You can find out more about VET courses about building things that support the community on the VCAA website.

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## Community services and early childhood learning



VET courses can help students get ready to work in community services.

This includes:



- working in early childhood learning

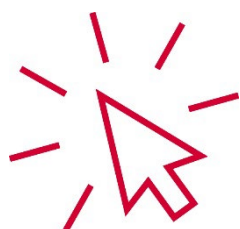


- **volunteer** work.



When someone volunteers, they:

- work but they don't get paid
- do work that helps other people.



You can find out more about VET courses about community services on the VCAA website.

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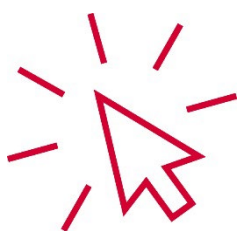


VET courses can help students get ready to work with food and drinks.



This includes:

- making food and drinks
- working for a business that provides food and drinks.

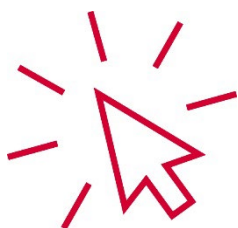


You can find out more about VET courses about food and drink on the VCAA website.

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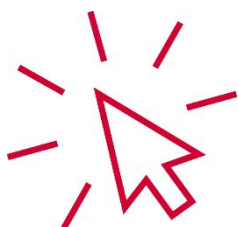
You can find out more about VET courses about events and tourism on the VCAA website.

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## Computers and technology



VET courses can help students get ready to work with technology that supports people to share and use information.

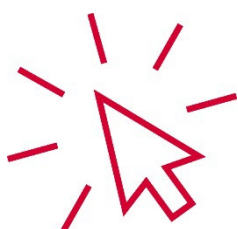


You can find out more about VET courses about this technology on the VCAA website.

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VET courses can also help students get ready to work with groups of technology.



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**[www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vet/vce-vet-programs/Pages/integratedtech.aspx](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vet/vce-vet-programs/Pages/integratedtech.aspx)**



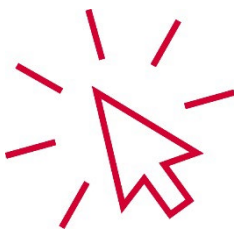


VET courses can also help students get ready to work as a **technician**.



Technicians:

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- make sure systems and equipment work well.



You can find out more about VET courses about computer networks on the VCAA website.

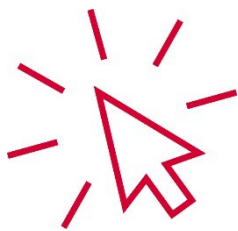
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## Engineering and energy



VET courses can help students get ready to work in a job planning and making new things, like buildings or machines.

This type of work is called engineering.

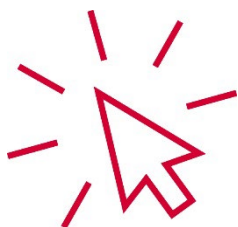


You can find out more about VET courses about engineering on the VCAA website.

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VET courses can also help students get ready to work with energy that is good for the environment.



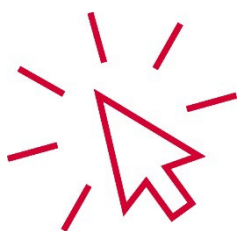
You can find out more about VET courses about energy on the VCAA website.

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## Health



VET courses about health can help students get ready to work in some healthcare jobs.



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**[www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vet/vce-vet-programs/Pages/health.aspx](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vet/vce-vet-programs/Pages/health.aspx)**

## Farming and the natural environment



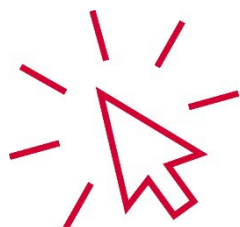
VET courses can help students get ready to work with:

- farming
- the **natural environment**.

Our natural environment includes things in our community such as:



- trees
- parks
- hills
- beaches.



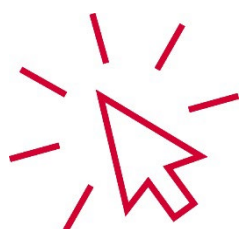
You can find out more about VET courses about farming and the natural environment on the VCAA website.

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## Caring for animals



Students can study VET courses to help them get ready to work in roles that care for animals.

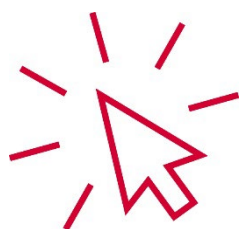


You can find out more about VET courses about caring for animals on the VCAA website.

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VET courses can also help students get ready to work with horses.



You can find out more about VET courses about working with horses on the VCAA website.

**[www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vet/vce-vet-programs/Pages/equinestudies.aspx](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vet/vce-vet-programs/Pages/equinestudies.aspx)**

## Vehicles



VET courses can help students get ready to work with and fix motor vehicles.

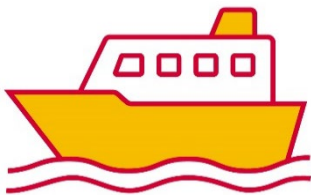
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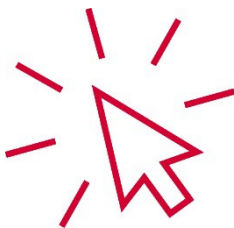
- cars



- motorbikes



- boats.



You can find out more about VET courses about working on and fixing vehicles on the VCAA website.

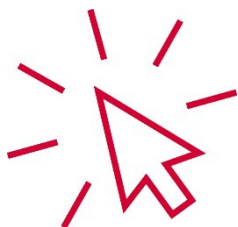
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## Business



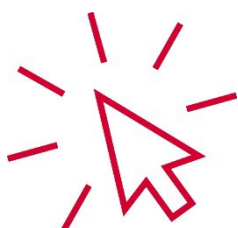
VET courses can help students get ready to:

- work in business
- start their own business.



You can find out more about VET courses about business on the VCAA website.

**[www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vet/vce-vet-programs/Pages/business.aspx](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vet/vce-vet-programs/Pages/business.aspx)**



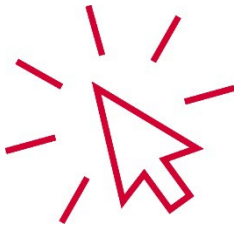
You can also find out more about VET courses about small businesses on the VCAA website.

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VET courses can also help students:

- learn a language other than English
- get ready to use a language other than English in their job.



You can find out more about VET courses about languages on the VCAA website.

**[www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vet/vce-vet-programs/Pages/appliedlanguage.aspx](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vet/vce-vet-programs/Pages/appliedlanguage.aspx)**



## Creative work



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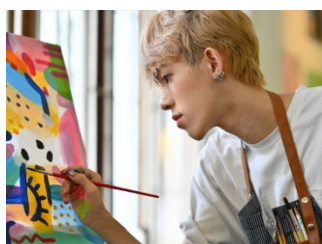
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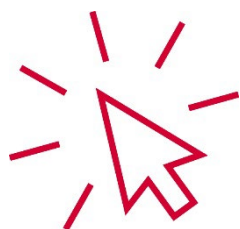
- TV and film



- video games

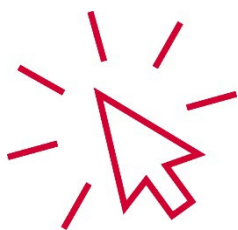


- art.



You can find out more about VET courses about TV and film on the VCAA website.

**[www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vet/vce-vet-programs/Pages/creativemedialmedia.aspx](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vet/vce-vet-programs/Pages/creativemedialmedia.aspx)**



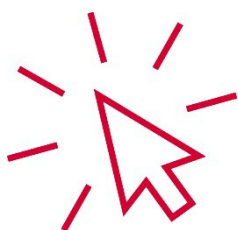
You can find out more about VET courses about art on the VCAA website.

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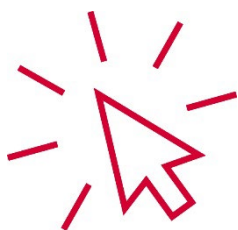
VET courses can also help students get ready to work in:

- dance
- music.



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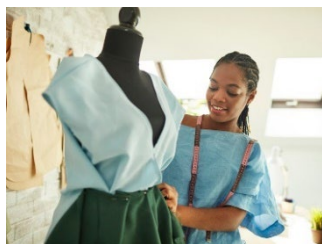
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You can find out more about VET courses about music on the VCAA website.

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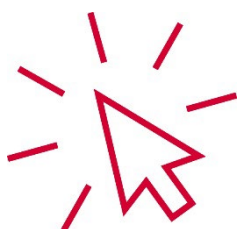
## Design and making things



Students can study VET courses to help them get ready to work in fashion.

This includes:

- designing clothes
- making clothes.

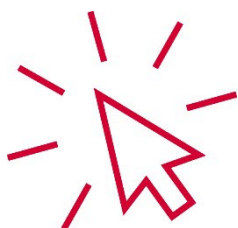


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VET courses can also help students get ready to work making furniture.

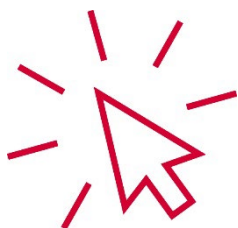


You can find out more about VET courses about making furniture on the VCAA website.

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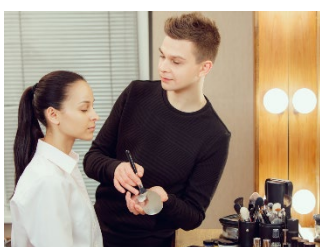
You can find out more about VET courses about working in a lab on the VCAA website.

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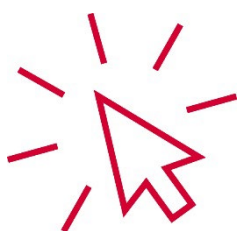


VET courses can help students get ready to work with hair and beauty.



This includes:

- styling people's hair
- doing people's make-up.



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## Sport and recreational activities



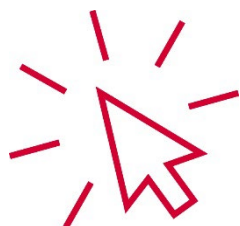
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It could be:

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- camping
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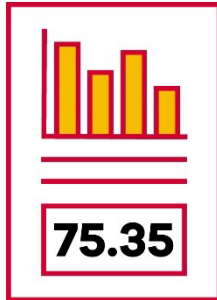


You can find out more about VET courses about sport and recreational activities on the VCAA website.

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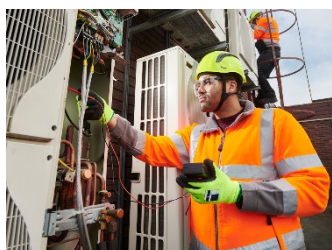


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