









# Victorian Skills Plan

## for 2025 into 2026

Shared prosperity through skills

## Building the future – careers in construction

Victoria’s construction sector continues to grow rapidly. The work is hands-on, rewarding and practical. With many transport and building projects underway – such as the Suburban Rail Loop, new hospitals and residential homes – Victoria needs more skilled construction workers.

New workers expected 2025-28	Jobs in demand	Median annual earnings for full-time workers <sup>1</sup>	VET pathways
<b>Construction</b> <b>64,500</b> 	 Carpenters and joiners	\$87,000	Certificate III in Carpentry Certificate III in Joinery
	 Construction managers	\$192,000	Diploma of Building and Construction (Management) Diploma of Building and Construction (Building)
	 Plumbers	\$98,000	Certificate III in Plumbing
	 Painting trades workers	\$74,000	Certificate III in Painting and Decorating
	 Electricians	\$97,000	Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician

<sup>1</sup> Earnings are for employees paid at the adult rate before tax and superannuation.





### Amber takes on the world following VET journey

Amber started an engineering and fabrication apprenticeship whilst studying a **Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade – Boilermaking** to build a meaningful career that would carry her through life. Her drive to master advanced welding skills led her to win the WorldSkills Regional Competition, and she was named the 2025 Victorian Apprentice of the Year. She now aims to work on renewable energy projects like wind turbines to make a real impact.

### Technological change and innovation in construction

New technologies such as **robotics, artificial intelligence, 3D printing and prefabrication** are creating new, modern methods of construction like 3D printed houses and modular building.

Emerging jobs in modern methods of construction	VET pathways
 Steel detailers	Diploma of Engineering Technology
 Manufacturing engineers and technicians	Diploma of Engineering – Technical

### Did you know?

The Key Apprenticeship Program provides up to \$10,000 on top of your pay if you work in the housing construction or clean energy sectors, subject to student eligibility.

## To find out more:



**Victorian Skills Plan**  
[vic.gov.au/victorian-skills-plan](http://vic.gov.au/victorian-skills-plan)

**Course and careers information**  
[skills.vic.gov.au](http://skills.vic.gov.au)

**Employment Projections Dashboard**  
[vic.gov.au/employment-projections-dashboard](http://vic.gov.au/employment-projections-dashboard)

**School-based apprenticeships/traineeships**  
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