

REAL TRAINING FOR THE REAL WORLD. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN AUSTRALIA



TRAINING THAT REALLY TAKES YOU PLACES.

Whether you're looking to move straight into the workforce, or to take an initial step in your tertiary education, an Australian VET qualification can take you exactly where you want to go.

Australia is known the world over for setting international standards in VET qualifications. So whether you're working towards a Certificate, Advanced Diploma or Bachelor's Degree, you can be sure that your success here will not only be highly relevant in Australia, but respected around the world. So wherever you decide to begin your future, you're already on the right path.

Study with the experts...

Nothing's more exciting than learning from someone who shares the same passions as you do – and who's already been there and done it at the highest level. In Australia, teaching staff are not just industry aware, but have actual experience in their fields of expertise – maintaining the currency of their knowledge, and modifying their courses to reflect changing industry focus and needs. And that means you learn more than just the theory, but the commercial reality of the subjects you're studying.

... And learn on the job.

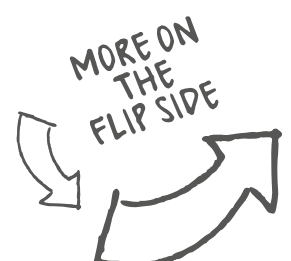
Many of our VET courses incorporate a period of on-site learning, which means you don't just learn in a classroom, but get priceless industry experience in a genuine industry work environment.

The OECD Review of Australia's Vocational Education System in 2009 found engagement with employers was particularly strong – and that when compared to the United Kingdom and Canada, Australia's VET system did a better job of integrating industry as partners.

It's real-world industry experience such as this that ensures your qualifications fully prepare you for employment in your chosen industry. A fact backed up by a 2010 survey of 8,600 international students in Australia conducted between February and May 2009 found that 71 per cent of VET graduates were employed.

A greater breadth of knowledge.

Australia's VET courses cover a wide range of industries, and in many of them, we're the world leaders. From creative industries to biomedical sciences, from Tourism and Hospitality to Mining, Australia's VET system has it covered. So no matter what your future aspirations are, you can set them in motion here.





Institutions offer the opportunity to hone your skills in real and simulated work environments.

The model the world follows.

Australia's industry-led vocational education and training (VET) system is held as a benchmark around the world – a model of good practice. Here we focus on meeting the needs of industry, providing quality training, and connecting skills with job outcomes – and it's these three things that have been recognised by OECD, UNESCO and ILO as the strengths of the Australian VET system.

Our quality assurance.

In Australia, the quality of your education is guaranteed. In fact, the wellbeing of all international students, the quality of their educational experience and the provision of up-to-date and accurate information is protected by law – in the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000.

On top of this, a new National VET Regulator was created in 2011 to further strengthen the quality of our education to more than 1.2 million students – including some 230,000 international students involved in vocational education and training.

A safe learning environment.

Australia is a safe, welcoming, multicultural and inclusive society. Australian cities rank among the safest and most liveable in the world. And as Australians come from a wide variety of backgrounds, we speak over 260 languages, and observe and respect a range of cultural and religious traditions.

Some information on admissions.

The academic year for most VET colleges is based on two semesters. The first usually commences in February and ends in June, while the second runs from July to November. Entry for most courses is available in both February and July.

Qualifications.

TAFE and VET colleges specialise in courses that provide you with skills for a particular industry or trade, or prepare you for further education. These range from Certificate courses across four levels (Certificate I, II, III and IV that take from six months to one year), Diploma courses (one to two years) and Advanced Diploma courses (two to three years).

Investing in your future.

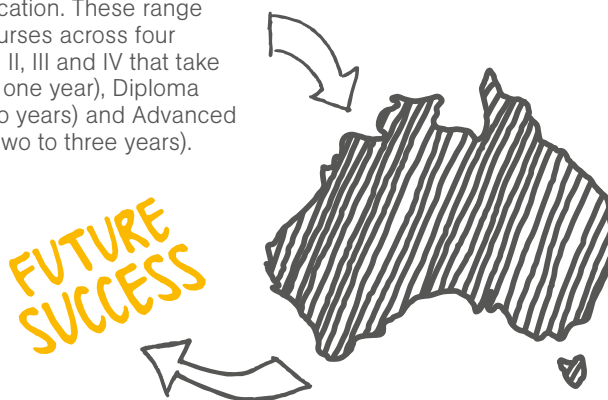
Tuition fees for VET certificates and diplomas can vary, but they range from approximately A\$5,000–\$20,000 per year. **Highly specialised courses can attract fees above this range.**

As far as living costs go, when you combine accommodation, meals and local transport, you can live and learn in Australia from between A\$1,500 to \$2,000 a month.

And if you hold a student visa, you can offset those costs by working part-time (up to 20 hours a week) during study terms, and full-time during vacations.

Unlimited possibilities start here...

So what are you waiting for? To begin your journey and kickstart your career with a VET qualification from Australia, visit www.studyinaustralia.gov.au



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