

VCAL AND STRUCTURED WORKPLACE LEARNING (SWL)

VCAL students may undertake Structured Workplace learning (SWL) to satisfy some or all the learning outcome requirements in the VCAL Work Related Skills Strand units and the VCAL Personal Development Skills Strand units of their VCAL certificate. VCAL students may also undertake SWL as part of their Vocational Education and Training (VET) certificate in the Industry Specific Skills Strand of their VCAL certificate.

The following table has been prepared to assist VCAL providers in preparing VCAL students for a SWL placement.

For VCAL Foundation, Intermediate and Senior certificate levels:

Industry Specific Skills Strand (ISS)	Work Related Skills Strand (WRS)	Personal Development Skills Strand (PDS)
VET certificate The student must undertake the training in the nationally recognised VET certificate OH&S modules/units of competence before undertaking SWL as part of their VET certificate.	If the SWL undertaken to credit toward the learning outcomes of a VCAL WRS unit is in the same industry area as the student's VET certificate, undertaking the VET OH&S will provide the preparation necessary to undertake SWL.	If the SWL undertaken to credit toward the learning outcomes of a VCAL PDS unit is in the same industry area as the student's VET certificate, undertaking the VET OH&S will provide the preparation necessary to undertake SWL.
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VET certificate The student must undertake the training in the nationally recognised VET certificate OH&S modules/units of competence before undertaking SWL as part of their VET certificate.	If the SWL undertaken to credit toward the learning outcomes of a VCAL WRS unit is not in the same industry area as the student's VET certificate , students must complete VCAL WRS Unit 1 (including the DOE safe@work training) before commencing a SWL placement.	If the SWL undertaken to credit toward the learning outcomes of a VCAL PDS unit is not in the same industry area as the student's VET certificate , students must complete VCAL WRS Unit 1 (including the DOE safe@work training) before commencing a SWL placement.
Industry Specific Skills Strand (ISS)	Work Related Skills Strand (WRS)	Personal Development Skills Strand (PDS)
No VET certificate or a VET certificate with no OH&S modules/units of competence, for example CISCO Networking Academy program. Please refer to WRS advice in the next column.	If students are undertaking SWL to credit toward the learning outcomes of a VCAL WRS unit they must complete VCAL WRS Unit 1 (including the DOE safe@work training) before commencing a SWL placement.	If students are undertaking SWL to credit toward the learning outcomes of a VCAL PDS unit they must complete VCAL WRS Unit 1 (including the DOE safe@work training) before commencing a SWL placement.