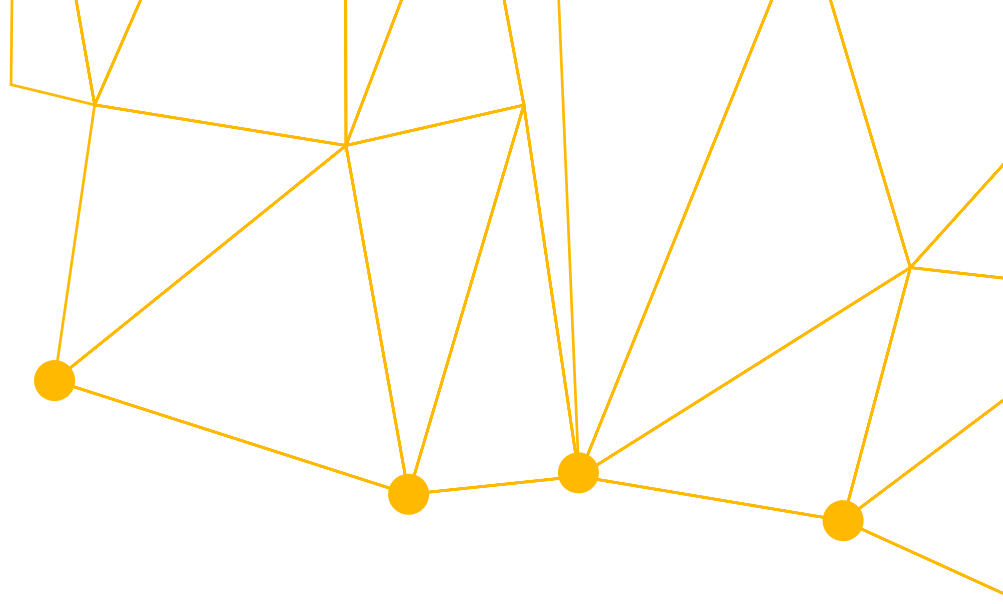


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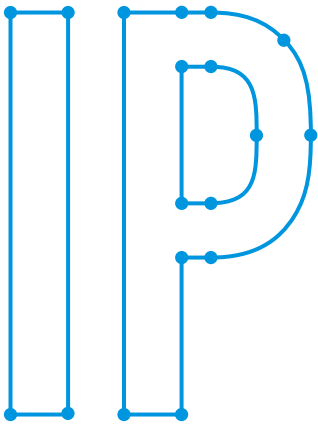
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Where do the Industry Pathways take me?

The industries covered by the Industry Pathways each have tens if not hundreds of different occupations. By completing your chosen Industry Pathway as part of the VCE or VCAL you can keep your options open while learning more about the industry and gaining skills and knowledge to help you get ahead in the workforce. Pathways after school include apprenticeships and traineeships, further VET studies at certificate level, entry to a diploma level qualification or even a degree in some instances. You may also be able to work in the industry and continue further studies or move back into study after a period in the workforce.

How do I get an Industry Pathway?

To gain an Industry Pathway you must complete a VCE or Senior VCAL that includes the Industry Pathway program of studies and 80 hours of workplace learning. The details for each Industry Pathway program are available on the VCAA website.

The content of the programs vary by industry and by choice of certificate (either VCAL or the VCE), but an Industry Pathway always includes relevant VET studies, English, maths (Literacy and Numeracy in VCAL) and further studies related to the industry theme.

Why choose an Industry Pathway?

By achieving an Industry Pathway, you demonstrate that you have a strong mix of vocational, maths and English skills. This mix reflects feedback from employers and analysis of data that shows industry is looking for people with these skills. Developing a good foundation of English and maths at school, along with vocational skills, is also critical for developing higher level skills in the future: for example, when you need to progress from a certificate to a diploma or from a diploma to a degree.

When are they available?

Industry Pathways are two-year programs that will be available from 2015, with the first Industry Pathway to be awarded in 2016. If you are interested in an Industry Pathway, you should consider your study options in Years 9 and 10 before you commence VET or other senior secondary studies.

How do I apply?

You do not need to make a special application, but it is important that you discuss your plans with your school careers advisor or VET, VCE or VCAL coordinator.

Who is eligible?

Any VCE or VCAL student who meets all the requirements (this applies from 2016 but the program normally takes two years to complete).

What qualification do I obtain?

If you complete an Industry Pathway, your VCE or Senior VCAL certificate will also include the title of the Industry Pathway you have completed. Depending on your VET options, you may also be eligible for a VET Certificate.

What happens if I don't meet all the requirements of the Industry Pathway?

You can still get your VCE or VCAL certificate, even if you begin an Industry Pathway and don't complete all the Industry Pathway requirements.

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