Building and Construction has a major influence on every Victorian: it provides the homes in which we live, the places in which most of us work and play, our schools and hospitals, and the infrastructure essential for our day-to-day living.
Industry Pathway in Building and Construction

The Industry Pathway in Building and Construction has been developed in consultation with schools, industry and tertiary providers.

Employment in the Building and Construction industry

Building and Construction is one of the largest employing industries in Victoria. It is also one of the bigger employers of young people in the state. Some of the most common occupations in the industry are trades occupations such as bricklayer, carpenter, painter and decorator, and plasterer. Occupations such as building and construction technician, building surveyor and quantity surveyor require higher level qualifications such as diplomas, advanced diplomas and degrees and are also important in the industry.

By completing the Industry Pathway in Building and Construction as part of your VCE or Senior VCAL you have started a pathway to a trade through either the pre-apprenticeships in Building and Construction or a school-based apprenticeship and have improved your skills in English and maths. By completing your senior secondary certificate you also have options such as studying for a diploma or in some instances a degree.

How do I get the Industry Pathway in Building and Construction?

To gain the Industry Pathway in Building and Construction you must complete a VCE or Senior VCAL that includes the Industry Pathway program of studies and 80 hours of workplace learning. The content of the program varies by choice of certificate (either VCE or the VCE). The Industry Pathway must include either the VCE VET in Building and Construction (pre-apprenticeship) or a school-based apprenticeship in Building and Construction (both VCE and VCAL), English, maths (Literacy and Numeracy in VCAL) and further studies related to the industry theme. Details about the Industry Pathway in Building and Construction are available on the VCAA website.

Why choose the Industry Pathway?

By achieving the Industry Pathway in Building and Construction you have demonstrated that you have a strong mix of industry, maths and English skills. Employers stressed the importance of maths, English and business skills for both trades and occupations that require higher level qualifications.

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 the Industry Pathway in Building and Construction, this title will also be included on your VCE or Senior VCAL certificate. 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 the Industry Pathway and don’t complete all the Industry Pathway requirements.

To find out more about Industry Pathways at your school, contact: