



Vocational Education and Training Information for parents and carers

Vocational Education and Training (VET) provides skills and knowledge that are required to perform effectively in the workplace. VET qualifications:

- are specific to occupations
- are nationally recognised throughout Australia
- along with workplace learning, provide essential skills which are transferable across employment and education pathways.

VET and the Western Australian Certificate of Education

VET can contribute significantly towards achievement of the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). For example, a Certificate II qualification generally contributes 4 course units, or C grade equivalents, to the WACE.

Completed qualifications recorded as part of secondary schooling are listed on the Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement (WASSA) along with individual units of competency achieved.

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships

- School-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SBATs) are VET qualifications that provide students with a paid opportunity to start training while completing their schooling.
- SBATs are good options for students who are interested in pursuing a career pathway in a specific trade or vocation while also completing their senior schooling.
- An SBAT agreement must be endorsed by the school; contact your school's VET coordinator or pathways team for more information.

Find out more

- <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.au/apprentices>
- <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/aboriginal-school-based-training-program>
- <https://www.jobsandskills.wa.gov.au/training/schools-and-school-students>
- <https://myfuture.edu.au/assist-others/school-to-work-pathways-infographics>
- <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/school-based-apprenticeship-and-traineeship-guide>

Register for a Unique Student Identifier

The Unique Student Identifier (USI) is a personal education number required for all nationally recognised study, including university and vocational education and training (VET).

Access the USI website to find out how to create a USI and why it's important:

<https://www.usi.gov.au/students>

Examples of VET pathways

