

HOW AND WHEN DO I APPLY FOR UNIVERSITY/TAFE COURSES and APPRENTICESHIPS?



University Courses - For all University courses in Victoria, Year 12 students must apply through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC), and not directly to the Universities. You are able to list up to 8 different courses (they can be from different Universities) in your preference list. The no. 1 course being your preferred course right down to no. 8 - which is a course you are still happy to study but not as much as the first 7 listed (you don't have to list 8 preferences, but it's a good idea to have a few back up options). Even if you plan to have a gap year in 2021 you will still need to apply for courses this year. Applications for 2021 courses open in August 2020. www.vtac.edu.au

TAFE Courses - For most TAFE courses you will need to apply directly via individual TAFE website, however some TAFE courses require you to apply through the VTAC system: (Listed as one of your 8 course preferences). Visit individual TAFE websites for further information.

Private Institutes - Similar to TAFE institutes you are required to apply for some Private institutes via the VTAC system, whereas some others you are required to apply directly – see institute websites for further information. Please keep in mind that Private institute fees are usually a lot higher than TAFE and University Fees.

Apprenticeships/Traineeships - Apprenticeships can be found in a number of different ways. The main ways are through:- someone you know; via an advertisement on-line (Seek, Jora, Australian Job Search etc); via the local papers; or via an employment agency. Utilise the following websites to view their current advertised vacancies: MEGT, Skill invest, and CVGT.

www.megt.com.au/job-board

www.skillinvest.com.au/jobs/

www.cvgt.com.au/

Also consider undertaking a Pre-apprenticeship in 2021. Most TAFE institutes offer Pre-apprenticeships in a variety of trades. e.g. Federation Uni TAFE, Bendigo TAFE, Suntafe etc.

Studying Interstate - Each state has their own version of a VTAC system e.g. NSW/Canberra – UAC, South Australia – SATAC, Queensland – QTAC, and West Australia – TISC. If you are considering studying Interstate you will need to apply through the appropriate Admissions Centre.

Studying Overseas - Most Universities offer a chance to study a part of your course at one of their partnering overseas Universities – see individual University websites for overseas exchange opportunities. You can usually apply for these exchanges once you have commenced your studies. There are also direct overseas study options (which is usually a more expensive way of studying). Visit: www.studyoverseas.gov.au/ for further information.

HOW CAN I FINANCE MY UNIVERSITY OR TAFE STUDIES?



Study Assist

Study Assist is an Australian Government website which provides information for students about Government assistance for funding Tertiary (TAFE and University) study. www.studyassist.gov.au

Centrelink Services

Information regarding Youth Allowance, Rent Assistance etc.

www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/subjects/leaving-school

VTAC Scholarships

Most of the Victorian Universities (excluding ACU and Federation University) use the VTAC system for their Merit and Equity Scholarship applications. You only have to fill out one application and it will be sent out to all of the Universities on your course preference list. Scholarship applications via VTAC are open from August 4th. ACU use the UAC (NSW) system for their Scholarship applications – it is a similar process to the VTAC Scholarship process. www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/scholarships-and-schemes/equity-scholarships. Federation University Scholarship applications are all submitted directly via their website

<https://federation.edu.au/current-students/starting-at-federation/scholarships>

External Scholarships

To investigate some other External Scholarship opportunities, visit:

www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/scholarships#.VpldxlLLns4

www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships/other/list.html

It is also a good idea to research scholarship opportunities listed on individual institutes/organisations websites. I will also forward through any scholarship opportunities that I come across.



If you are considering taking a GAP year in 2021 visit the following websites for some GAP year ideas:

www.defencejobs.gov.au/gapyear

www.year13.com.au/gapyear

www.careershubs.vtac.edu.au/?page=gap-year-volunteering

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“Deakin isn't just about courses – we focus on careers and experience too”.

Visit: <https://explore.deakin.edu.au/> to kickstart course and career exploration at Deakin. With more than 600 paired courses and careers, it's the best way to explore future careers.



On-line information Sessions

The Gordon (TAFE) Geelong are holding a series of Online information sessions in a variety of course areas on May 18th 2020.

For further information or to register visit:

www.thegordon.edu.au/courses/open-information-sessions

Latrobe University Online event: Scholarships and grants at Latrobe



La Trobe awards scholarships each year for different circumstances including academic performance, sporting achievement, location, financial circumstances, area of study and more. Learn about the types of scholarships available and how to apply. Attend the webinar for your chance to win a \$1000 techpack.

When: Tuesday 5th May – 6:00pm – 7:00pm online

www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/scholarships-and-grants-at-la-trobe

VICTORIAN POLICE RECRUITMENT



Attend a free online information session to find out more about the police role, the recruitment process and what a day in the life of a Police Officer looks like.

For further information and to register visit:

www.police.vic.gov.au/police-information-sessions

VICTORIAN POLICE Protective Services Officer (PSO) Online Event



If you are seeking a stimulating, challenging and rewarding career and have values aligned to those of Victoria Police, we encourage you to consider a career as a Protective Services Officer.

Please join us on Monday 4 May in an online information session to learn about the PSO role, the recruitment process and training at the Academy.

To register Visit:

www.police.vic.gov.au/pso-information-sessions

To find out more about the role of a PSO, visit www.police.vic.gov.au/pso

BENDIGO TAFE ON-LINE INFORMATION SESSIONS



Bendigo TAFE have a number of upcoming on-line information sessions in the following areas: Agriculture, Horticulture, Disability, Education Support and Child Care. Many of these current information sessions are designed for people considering studying in June/July this year, however it is a great chance for you to find out information about a course you may be considering studying in 2021.

Keep an eye on their website for further information sessions

www.eventbrite.com.au/o/bendigo-tafe-information-sessions-3346265028



SPECIALIST EDUCATORS IN
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ONLINE OPEN DAY – Saturday May 16th

https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/open-day/

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION – Saturday May 23rd

https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/online-experience-day/



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOURS

Due to current social distancing protocols enacted by the Federal Government, campus tours at all our campuses have been temporarily suspended. In the meantime check out our [campus videos](#) or take a virtual tour below.

www.acu.edu.au/student-life/experience-uni-before-you-start/explore-your-local-campus/campus-tours

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths)?



The team at Careers in STEM has made a number of their STEM Magazines free to read online. These Magazines cover a wide range of STEM related Careers, student profiles and study pathway ideas.

<https://careerswithstem.com.au/read-it-here/>

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