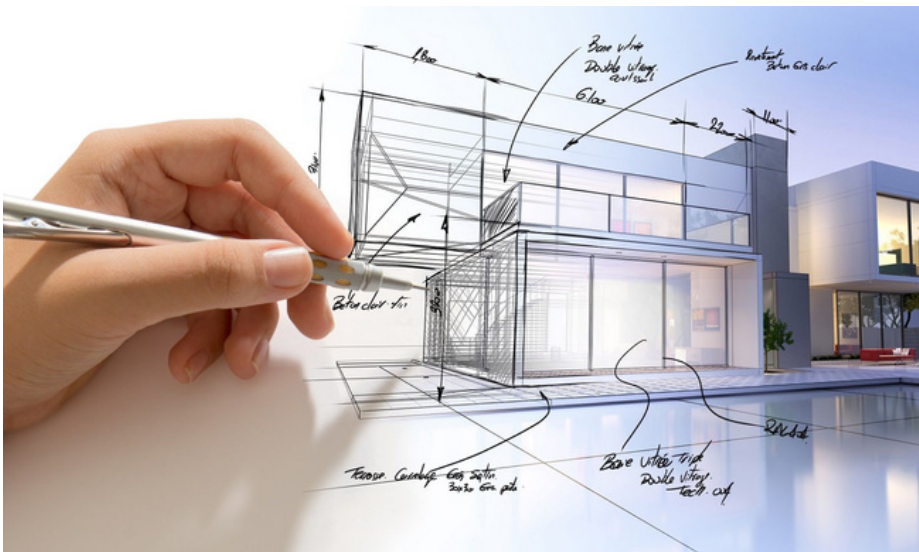


Careers Newsletter

Careers in Architecture



Careers in architecture combine the arts, sciences, and technology to shape and transform our built environment. People in these jobs plan, design, and construct commercial, industrial, institutional, residential and recreational buildings and spaces. Both Architectural Technicians and Draftspersons, and Architects have strong future employment prospects. They also earn a much higher income than the Australian median.

Study Pathways

VET: [Architectural Technician or Draftsperson](#)

- Complete a 2-year Advanced Diploma of Building Design.

University: [Architect](#)

- Study English, Maths, and design-related subjects through to Year 12.
- Complete a 3-year Bachelor of Architecture or a related degree at university.
- Complete a 2-year accredited Master of Architecture degree.
- Work at an Architecture firm for 2 years.
- Register with the Architects' Board in your state - you're officially an Architect!

See this [handy brochure](#) from the [Australian Institute of Architects](#) for more detail.

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"I never dreamed about success. I worked for it."

— Estee Lauder



If you're in Year 12 and want to apply for a medical, dental, or clinical science degree, you may need to sit the UCAT.



[List of universities and courses that require the UCAT.](#)



The UCAT is a 2-hour computer test that helps universities to select applicants with the most appropriate abilities and professional behaviours required for new doctors and dentists to be successful in their clinical careers. It is used in collaboration with other admissions processes such as interviews and academic qualifications.

We encourage you to begin preparing as soon as possible. There are a range of [preparation resources](#) available to help you.

[Key Dates](#) - all deadlines are 11:59 pm AEST

1st March: bookings open

17th May: bookings close

3rd July: first tests date

12th August: last test date



Sleek Geeks Science Prize

Entries to the 2023 Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize are now open to all high school students across Australia. If you and your friends have an interest in science and are budding filmmakers, it's time to pull out your cameras!



Sponsored by the University of Sydney, the Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize encourages you to communicate a scientific concept in a way that is accessible and entertaining to the public while painlessly increasing their science knowledge or, as prize patrons Dr Karl and Adam Spencer like to say, 'Learn something without even noticing'. This year's theme is 'green' and there are no rights or wrongs to selecting a topic. You are encouraged to be creative!

Secondary School Prizes:

- First place: \$3,000, runner up: \$1,500 divided equally between the winning student/s and school.
- A trip to Sydney for the Award Ceremony.
- Vouchers from Abbey's Bookshop.

Entries close 7pm AEST Friday 14 April. Find out everything you need to know [here!](#)

Finding Work Experience

Speak to your Careers Advisor about Work Experience, as it's the perfect opportunity to:

- Gain real workplace experience.
- Learn about peoples' careers and pathways.
- Understand workplace and employer expectations.
- See how what you learn at school is useful at work.
- Find out if your dream job is what you think it will be.
- Experience the kind of work you want/don't want to do.
- Develop confidence, self-understanding, maturity and independence!



Start looking now!

Some organisations that offer formal programs require you to apply months or up to a year in advance.

Or, if there's a very specific type of work you'd like to try, it can take time to find a suitable host employer.

Contact businesses you're interested in and ask the owner or manager.

Use your networks!

Who do you know that can help?

Ask all the adults in your life like your family members, friends' family members, those you know through community organisations and clubs, etc., if they know of employers who may be willing to host you.

This is the best way to find placements.

Apply for programs!

Many government departments, universities, and local councils have programs, as do some commercial companies.

Try looking online for formal work experience programs or ask your Careers Advisor if they know of any.

Be persistent and resilient!

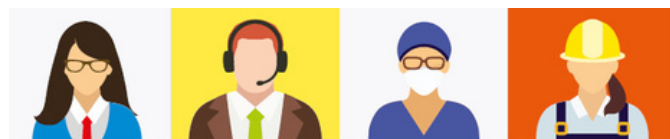
You may need to ask a lot of employers before one says yes.
Most places would like to help students but may not have the time or resources.

Remember it's not personal, so don't let it discourage you from persisting.

Talk to your teachers and Careers Advisor as they may be able to connect you with local opportunities.

Do I Need Further Education or Training?

The recently released 2022 Australian Jobs Report provides detailed information about the Australian labour market. Over the next few newsletters, we'll be explaining what it means for you, as you head towards further education/training and the workforce.

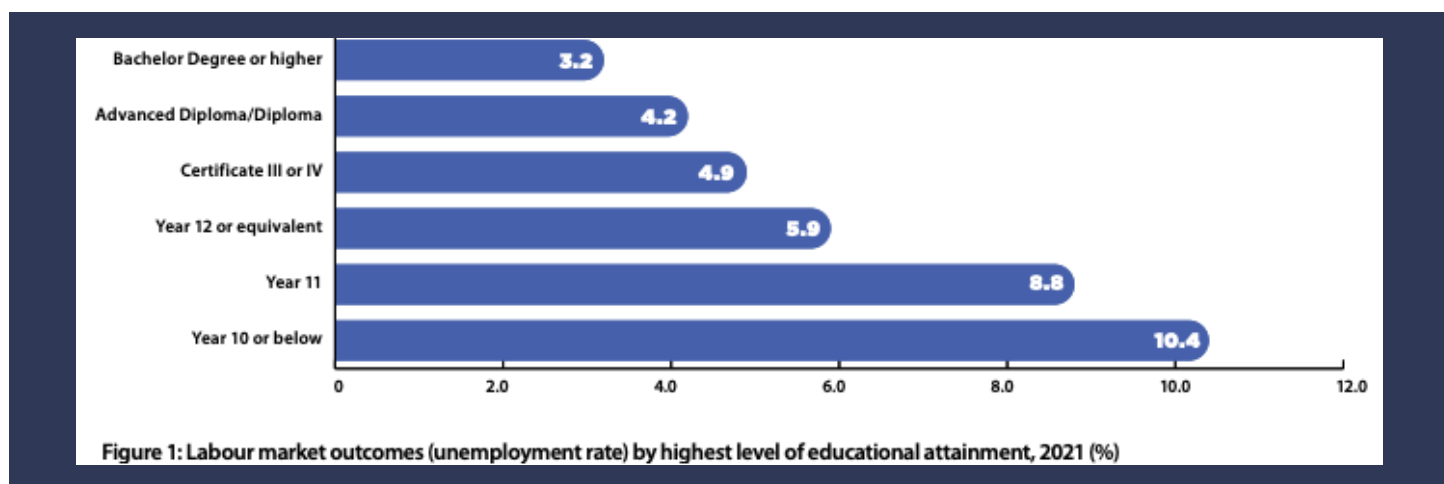


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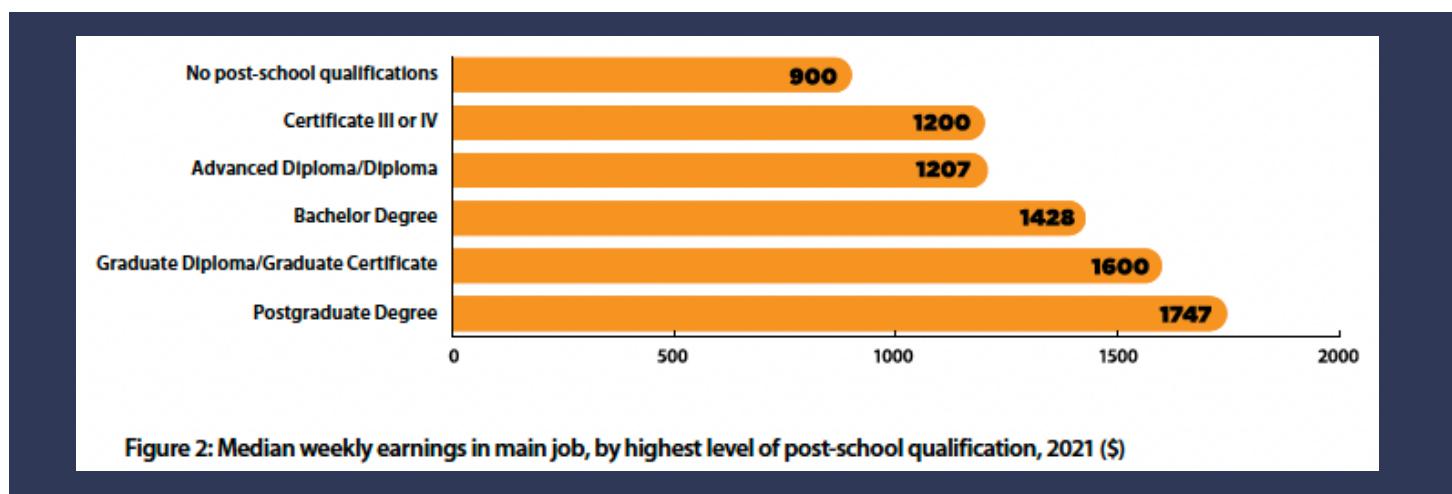


Do I really need to study more when I finish school?

This is a question many students ask their Careers Advisors, and the report provides information that answers it clearly. While the idea of more study when you've just finished 13 years of school may seem daunting, data from the Report reinforces its value to a successful future.



People with a Certificate III, IV, or a Diploma, who have completed a Traineeship or Apprenticeship, or have a university qualification have higher employment rates and higher incomes than those with no post-school qualifications.

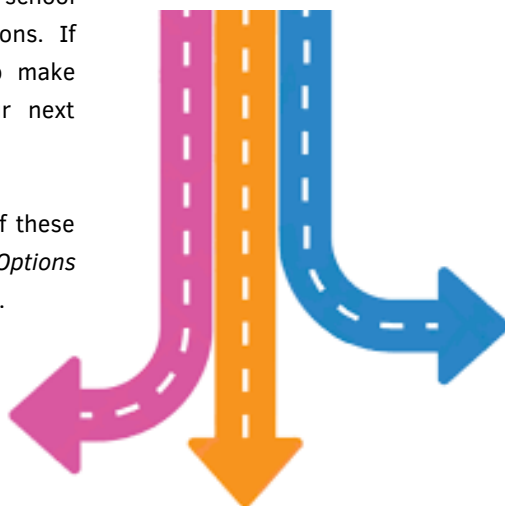


By the time you finish school, most jobs will require a VET or university qualification as the workforce is becoming more highly-skilled. This doesn't mean you have to go to university or TAFE straight away - taking a gap year or getting a job for which you don't need a qualification are good options if you're still figuring out what you want to do. The most important thing is to choose a course you enjoy and that is related to the kind of job you'd like.

3 Post-School Options

Most young people have a reasonable understanding of university and the workforce as pathways from high school but less awareness of other options. If you're in Year 12, you'll need to make decisions and choices about your next steps in a few short months!

For more information about each of these choices, explore the *Post-School Options* tab of your school's careers website.



Vocational Education and Training

VET courses are designed to give you the practical skills you need for work. They are offered by government-run TAFEs or private Registered Training Organisations. Their entry-level qualifications include Certificates I-IV, Diploma, Advanced Diploma, and Bachelor Degree courses which can take between 6 months to 4 years to complete. Some courses will have no entry requirements, while others may require you to have completed Year 12.

Take a Gap Year

This is the most flexible option as it allows you to work, volunteer, or travel through a formal gap-year program or one you organise yourself. If you're unsure about what you want to commit to, it gives you time to get some life experience, gain perspective, and make better informed decisions about your long-term future.

Apprenticeships or Traineeships

Apprenticeships and traineeships are education pathways that combine on-the-job training at a real business with formal training at an RTO/TAFE to gain a VET qualification. Apprenticeships are for learning a trade, like carpentry or hairdressing, while traineeships are generally for a specific vocational area, such as office administration or information technology. Apprenticeships usually take 3-4 years to complete while a traineeship is around 1-2 years. While you need to find a business to employ you, the best things about this pathway is that you're earning while you're learning.

Apply for a USI

Your USI is your individual education number for life as it is an online record of your Australian training achievements.

You need a USI while you're at school if you:

- Do a VET subject.
- Are going to do nationally recognised training such as a First Aid certificate.
- Are in Year 12 (or another year level) and plan to enrol at TAFE, university, or a private college.



It's really easy to apply for a USI but you will need a form of identification such as your birth certificate or learner's permit. You can also check to see if you already have one and update your details [here](#).