

# Training in Schools

## *Helping students get career-ready*

Great training is available for Queensland secondary school students, so they can leave school more career-ready, informed and confident in their future

### About training options in schools

Training – otherwise known as vocational education and training (or VET) – is learning which is directly related to work. Nationally recognised qualifications are developed by industry to give people the knowledge and skills they need to work in a particular job.

The benefits of training at school range from staying engaged in education through to securing a job. Training can be undertaken in Year 10, 11 and 12, and can count towards the Queensland Certificate of Education.

In Queensland, you can train at school a few ways, including:

- **as part of your school studies** – delivered and resourced by a school that is also a registered training organisation (RTO)
- **by enrolling with an external RTO** – funded either by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training's (DTET) VET in Schools (VETiS) program or through fee-for-service arrangements, where fees are paid by an individual such as a student or parent or another entity such as a community or industry group
- **as a school-based apprentice or trainee** – funded through another Queensland Government program called User Choice or fee-for-service arrangements.

Students and parents should talk to a school guidance officer, career counsellor, vocational education coordinator or head of senior schooling about training options that are right for them and the programs available at their school.

### The current VETiS program

DTET's current VETiS program provides fee-free training in qualifications aligned to jobs and skills in demand – putting secondary school students on a path to employment.

DTET funded training is delivered by quality-assured registered training organisations including TAFE, known as Skills Assure Suppliers (SAS), which are approved to deliver funded qualifications.

### A new Career Ready program

The new Career Ready VET in schools program is an action of the Queensland Government's Training Priorities Plan 2024-25 to help school students make good career and training choices, so they can leave school career-ready, informed and confident in their future.

Career Ready will replace the current DTET funded VETiS program in 2026.



Students, parents and schools told us that training at school provided opportunities to start a career pathway, but that help to understand career and training options was needed.

The new Career Ready program aims to help students better understand their career and training options and provide stronger pathways to work – with fee-free VET courses that have strong industry and employment connections, including more school-based apprenticeships and traineeships.

The program complements work to improve school-to-work transitions initiated through the Queensland Workforce Strategy, including providing access to high-quality career information and facilitating school-industry partnerships through Regional School Industry Partnership Managers located in state school regions across the state.

Delivery of courses under the new program will continue to be through selected Skills Assure Suppliers (SAS), with Career Ready expanded to be a discrete and targeted funding program that supports young people to access skills for employment.

TAFE and Central Queensland University will also lead delivery of Career Tasters to give more Year 10 students a taste of what it's like to work in industries such as agriculture, construction, hospitality, health, community services and hairdressing, equipping students to choose a school-based apprenticeship, traineeship or VET course for Year 11 and 12 that is right for them.

Career Ready is separate to training that is delivered as part of school studies or through fee-for-service arrangements.

## When will programs change?

The current DTET funded VETiS program will remain in place for new student commencements until the end of the 2025 school year.

No students will be disadvantaged, with continuing students able to complete their funded course and gain their qualification with the same provider.

Career Ready will be implemented in a staged approach from January 2026, with more information and program guidelines available in Semester 2 2025.

## More information

Talk to your school about great training available to you and visit [desbt.qld.gov.au/vetis](https://desbt.qld.gov.au/vetis).

