

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. Courses can also 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 Queensland Government's VET in Schools 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.

VETiS program

The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training's VET in Schools (VETiS) program

covers training fees for courses aligned to jobs and skills in demand – putting secondary school students on a path to employment.

Training is delivered by TAFE and quality-assured training providers known as Skills Assure Suppliers (SAS), which are providers approved to deliver funded qualifications.

New Career Ready VETiS program

The VETiS program is being redeveloped as part of the *Good Jobs, Great Training: Queensland Skills Strategy 2024 – 2028*.

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 VETiS program will be designed with industry and schools to support students to decide what's right for them – while funding courses that have strong industry and job connections, including more school-based apprenticeships and traineeships.

TAFE will be the flagship provider, supported by a network of SAS to support student access.

TAFE will also expand its Trade Taster courses to give more Year 10 students a taste of what it's like to work in industries such as agriculture, construction, cookery and health – helping them make good career and future training choices.

When will programs change?

While more Trade Tasters will be available from 2024, the new program will not come into effect until the start of the 2026 school year.

Eligible students can continue to enrol in courses under current arrangements until then.

No students will be disadvantaged, with continuing students able to complete their funded course with the same provider into 2026.

More information

Talk to your school about great training available to you and visit desbt.qld.gov.au/vetis.