

Get a career Head Start at school

Kickstart your career with a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship through Head Start.

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SBATs) are an employment-based learning pathway that you can take during your secondary schooling. You will combine your senior school years with paid part-time employment and skills training in a dedicated field.

About Head Start

Head Start will support you to do an SBAT during school. Head Start teams are based in government schools across Victoria and provide wrap-around support for the duration of the SBAT.

Eligibility

You can undertake an SBAT if you are:

- ✓ Over 15 years old
- ✓ Enrolled in years 10, 11 or 12
- ✓ An Australian citizen or permanent resident

*Non-citizens may be eligible under certain circumstances.
Speak with your Head Start coordinator for more information.

Benefits

By joining Head Start you will:



Increase your future employability and earning potential, by gaining the skills, confidence and knowledge you need to succeed in the future workplace.



Undertake a secondary certificate such as the VCE, including the VCE Vocational Major, or the Victorian Pathways Certificate.



Undertake paid employment to build the career you want.



Access quality VET courses, in a wide range of industries with an approved training provider. Courses include building and construction, trades, community services, early childhood education, health, digital media and technologies, hospitality, engineering and more.



Combine regular school attendance with a minimum of seven hours per week of employment, and a minimum of six hours per week of structured training, (averaged over 3 periods of 4 months in each year of the SBAT). At least one day per week is timetabled by your school to be spent on the job or in training during the normal school week.

Getting started with Head Start

Get started in five easy steps

- / Career planning** Your career adviser will work with you to find the right career pathway and connect you with a Head Start coordinator.
- / Find an employer** Your Head Start coordinator will work with you to find an employer.
- / Do a trial** You'll complete work experience or structured workplace learning to make sure it's the right fit.
- / Plan your pathway** Your Head Start coordinator works with you to develop your pathway plan.
- / Get started** Your Head Start coordinator works with school staff to create a flexible timetable to help you combine school, work and training successfully. You will receive one-on-one support throughout your SBAT, and will be supported to transition into a full or part time apprenticeship or traineeship once you have finished school.

Find out more

Contact your school Head Start coordinator or visit www.vic.gov.au/headstart.