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# APPRENTICESHIPS & Employment

## Australia's top five sectors where a job boom is in the making

IBISWorld (an Australian organisation that provides independent market research on over 500 industries) has identified five sectors in the Australian economy which will offer opportunities for growth and employment in the future. These sectors are:

- Cloth retailing
- Physiotherapy services
- Meat processing
- Oil and gas extraction
- Private schools and government schools

Read about the premises on which they make these predictions at

<http://www.ibtimes.com.au/ibisworld-maps-out-australias-top-5-sectors-where-job-boom-making-1486932>.

## Explore your vocational interests

The Career Interest Explorer can help you identify your career interests in vocational fields. The resource requires you to indicate your interest in activities relating to the following broad work types:

- Persuading and Service
- Nature and Recreation
- Helping and Advising
- Creative and Artistic
- Analytic and Scientific
- Practical and Manual
- Organising and Clerical.

The outcome is a list of the work types prioritised according to your interest in them. From here you can explore specific jobs based on your interests. Check out the Career Interest Explorer at <http://www.aapathways.com.au/Search/Career-Interest-Explorer>.

## Finding an apprenticeship or traineeship – case studies

The Australian Apprenticeships My Gain website has videos in which actual apprentices and trainees talk about their work and how they went about finding it. See <https://www.youtube.com/user/AAPathways/featured> to access the videos.

## Graduate Stats and Salaries

Knowing the destination of graduates in the university courses you are considering can be helpful for your decision making. Graduate Careers Australia (GCA) surveys university graduates throughout Australia as part of the Australian Graduate Survey.

The participants are asked about themselves, including whether they are in full-time or part-time employment, in further full-time study, or are unavailable for either. The survey findings on 40 fields of education, from Accounting to Visual and Performing Arts, can be obtained from the GCA website at

<http://www.graduateopportunities.com/graduate-salaries/>. Salary levels are included.

## Jobs of the future will be different

An article on the Foundation of Young Australians (FYA) website suggests that work in the future is going to look different.

“Everything’s going to be way more automated and a lot more flexible (or unstable, depending on how you look at it). There’ll be fewer traditional industry jobs that we’ve grown used to relying on in Aus, and people will have to be more innovative (job creators rather than job seekers) to find their place in the world”.

The article goes on to list the following skills as essential for the future.

- Communication
- Digital literacy
- Financial literacy
- Creativity and innovation
- Enthusiasm for ongoing learning
- Global citizenship

Read more about these skills and how you can obtain them at

<http://www.fya.org.au/2015/11/10/jobs-of-the-future-will-be-different-the-enterprise-skills-youll-need-to-survive-out-there/>.

## New app for apprenticeships and traineeships

AusAppPathways is a new free app that helps students explore their apprenticeship and traineeship pathway options. Users can access:

- general industry options as well as specific apprenticeships and traineeships
- links to job hunting and career research sites
- contacts for local Apprenticeship Network providers and Group Training Originations.

AusAppPathways is available for both Apple and Android devices. A ‘Guide to Using AusAppPathways’ can be found on the Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website at

<http://www.aapathways.com.au/Careers-Advisers/Website-Worksheets/Resources.aspx> to help you use the app effectively.

## **What is a Tax File Number (TFN) and why do I need one?**

A TFN is a unique number issued by the Australian Tax Office. It is used for purposes such as:

- Starting work (including part-time jobs)
- Lodging a tax return
- Applying for Commonwealth Government financial assistance such as pensions and other benefits
- Applying for the Higher Education Loan Program - HELP (e.g. HECS, VET FEE-HELP, FEE-HELP) when you start your university, TAFE or college study.

The process to obtain a TFN consists of three steps:

1. Complete an online form
2. Print a summary of your application
3. Attend an interview to present your proof of identity documents within 30 days at a participating Australia Post office.

Visit the Australian Tax Office website at <https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/Apply-for-a-TFN/> for more information. Year 12 students intending to apply for tertiary study in 2017 should apply for their TFN this year to avoid a panic early next year.

## **Why do I need a White Card to do work experience on a construction site?**

Construction sites are dangerous places. All workers on a construction site, even work experience students, must have knowledge of the hazards they may encounter and how to manage them. Consequently, before starting on a construction site, workers must complete a short course in general construction induction training (CPCCOHS1001A Work safely in the construction industry). The certificate received at the end of this course is called a 'White Card'.

Most of the courses are delivered online. Some training organisations have a discount price for students. The following are some of the organisations that offer the course.

- Blue Dog Training (online course) <http://bluedogtraining.com.au/>
- Narbil Training (online course) <http://www.narbiltraining.edu.au/white-card/>
- PCD Training (online course) <http://pcdtraining.edu.au/white-card>

You can do an Internet search to find other registered training organisations that offer a White Card course. Queensland White Cards are accepted throughout Australia.

# AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

## **Australian Defence Force (ADF) Careers Information Sessions**

The following Defence Careers information sessions will provide general information about jobs in the ADF and entry pathways. They will be held, starting at 6 pm, on:

- Wednesday 24 February at the Hervey Bay RSL, 11 Torquay Road, Hervey Bay
- Thursday 25 February at the Bundaberg RSL, 17 Quay Street, Bundaberg
- Thursday 25 February at the Leichhardt Hotel, corner of Bolsover and Denham Streets, Rockhampton

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia/events> for details about these sessions.

## **Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) information sessions**

These sessions are for students interested in finding out about life and study at the ADFA in Canberra. They will commence at 6 pm on:

- Wednesday 24 February at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane. RSVP to phone 13 19 01 or email [cptqld@dfr.com.au](mailto:cptqld@dfr.com.au).
- Wednesday 24 February at Defence Force Recruiting Cairns, Level 1, 55 Lake Street, Cairns.
- Wednesday 24 February at Defence Force Recruiting Maroochydore, 39 Primary School Ct, Maroochydore.
- Monday 29 February at Defence Force Recruiting Gold Coast, 14 Edgewater Court, Robina.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia/events> for details about these sessions. Before you attend one of these sessions, go on a virtual tour of the ADFA at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWI74RY9IIA&feature=em-subst\\_digest-g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWI74RY9IIA&feature=em-subst_digest-g).

## **Australian Defence Force Health Careers Information Session**

This session will be held at 6 pm on Thursday 25 February 2016 at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane. RSVP by phoning 13 19 01 or emailing [cptqld@dfr.com.au](mailto:cptqld@dfr.com.au).

## **Defence Gap Year experiences**

Watch the 2015 Air Force Gap Year members doing their jobs and looking back on their year in the Air Force at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4uKTVTnpRwo&feature=em-subscriptions\\_digest](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4uKTVTnpRwo&feature=em-subscriptions_digest). The ADF Gap Year program applications for 2017 will open in March 2016. You can register your interest in the program on the website at <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/GapYear/>.

### **Find your ideal job in the Australian Defence Force (ADF)**

If you have an interest in joining the ADF but don't have a clue where to start, you can use the Job Finder at <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/Job-Finder-Tool/#/>. The Job Finder will suggest ADF jobs you might be interested in based on your responses to a series of questions.



## **A resource to replace the Job Guide**

For decades the Job Guide (book and, in recent years, the website) has been a useful resource for young people exploring their career options. The book will not be published in 2016 and the website has been removed. However, all is not lost! Most of the data from the Job Guide website is now located on the Good Universities Guide website at <http://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/career/search>.

You can access job information on this site by using the alphabet listing or by doing a search. If you don't have a 'Job Name' to start with, ignore this part of the search and choose a 'Field of Work', a 'Type of Work' and a 'Skill Level' and see what jobs you come up with. Click on the jobs that interest you to read about them. You can also find course information and a list of related or similar jobs to broaden your exploration.

## **Career Checker a quiz for career explorers**

Career Checker is a five-minute quiz to find out how well you are doing in the three career planning areas of 'knowing yourself', 'getting career ideas', and 'deciding and adapting'. You can find this quiz at <http://www.careers.govt.nz/tools/career-checker/>.

## **CareerMe App**

CareerMe (previously known as Career Hunter) provides users with key information about jobs and career topics of interest including average wage, number of employees, where they can study to get into the industry and contact information for most of the relevant employment and training organisations. In the past this app was available for iPhones only. BUSY at Work (an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network) and TAFE Queensland are pleased to announce that a free CareerMe Android version smartphone app is now available. The app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store and the Android Marketplace. See <http://www.careerme.com.au/> for information about the app.



# Competitions

## **I LOVE LIVE MUSIC 60 second film competition**

Entries are now open for this competition which is part of the events associated with the St Kilda Film Festival to be held 19 – 28 May 2016. The competition calls for filmmakers to collaborate with local musicians to make a 60 second short film in any genre and any style to address at least one of the following themes:

- Imagine life without live Australian music
- What I love about live Australian music
- What live Australian music means to me.

Visit <https://stkildafilmfestival.com.au/content/i-love-live-music-60-second-film-competition> for details. Entries close on 1 April 2016.

## **Ipswich Film Festival for Youth (IFFY)**

IFFY is a film competition for people aged 7 to 25 years. Entries open on 2 March 2016. Competition details will be on the website soon at <http://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/community/youth/iffy>. Meanwhile you could look at last year's winning entries.



## **Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) short course in Brisbane**

AFTRS will offer 'Introduction to Directing' at the The Edge, Queensland State Library in Brisbane on 16 and 17 April 2016. This introductory, two-day course will focus on the responsibilities and workflow of the film and television director, from pre through post production. See <http://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-courses/introduction-to-directing/R572> for details.

## **Commercial Pilot Careers Seminar**

This seminar will be held from 6 - 10 pm on Thursday 3 March 2016 at Royal on the Park Hotel, Cnr. Alice and Albert Streets, Brisbane. It will be presented by Professional Pilot Training Pty Ltd, based in Coffs Harbour, NSW (web: <http://www.professionalpilottraining.com.au>). The seminar will cover the following topics:

- commercial pilot training and the integration of a B Business Management/Aviation government medical and licensing requirements
- pilot training options
- pilot aptitude assessments
- potential career paths and future opportunities
- training options and costs.

Enquiries about the seminar can be made on telephone 02 6651 5199 or email [enquiries@ppt.net.au](mailto:enquiries@ppt.net.au).

## **Evolve College**

Evolve College offers accredited Certificate IV and Diploma courses in massage. Short introductory courses are also offered. In Queensland, the college has training centres in Brisbane, Cairns, Gold Coast, Hervey Bay, Mackay, Rockhampton, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba and Townsville. Courses can be taken part-time, full-time or by correspondence. Find out more at <http://www.studymassage.com.au/>.

## **International College of Hotel Management (ICHM)**

ICHM, located in South Australia, is the only Swiss Hotel Association institution outside of Europe. It offers a dual B Business (Hospitality Management) and B International

Hotel Management (Swiss Hotel Association) course. During the course, students have an opportunity to learn a language and to experience an industry placement in Australia or overseas. Eligible students can apply for FEE-HELP loans. Visit <http://www.ichm.edu.au/> for more information.

### **Introduction to Video Production workshop at QSFT**

The Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT) will hold this workshop from 9.30am – 4.30 pm on Saturday 27 February 2016 at its Brisbane Campus - 22 Warwick Street, Annerley, Brisbane. The workshop will cover how to shoot video and how to edit. Download the application form from [http://www.qsft.qld.edu.au/assets/files/2016/FRM\\_QSFT%20Workshop\\_Application%20Jnr%20Video\\_Photo\\_Video\\_20151124.pdf](http://www.qsft.qld.edu.au/assets/files/2016/FRM_QSFT%20Workshop_Application%20Jnr%20Video_Photo_Video_20151124.pdf). Email your completed application to [applications@qsft.qld.edu.au](mailto:applications@qsft.qld.edu.au). Visit [www.qsft.qld.edu.au/](http://www.qsft.qld.edu.au/) for information about QSFT's courses.

### **Like a good argument? Enter the High School Mooting Competition**

This competition is conducted annually by Bond University. It involves teams of students from different schools competing against each other in a legal argument. Registrations for the 2016 High School Mooting Competition are now open. Read more at <http://www.bond.edu.au/faculties/law/events-and-competitions/high-school-mooting-competition/index.htm> and talk to your Legal Studies teacher or guidance officer/counsellor about forming a school mooting team.

### **Manual Therapies Workshop at the Australian Institute of Applied Science (AIAS)**

Discover what a day in the life of a massage therapist is like at this free workshop. The workshop will be held from 10 am – 12 noon on Saturday 16 April 2016 at the Brisbane AIAS Campus, 337 Logan Road, Stones Corner. RSVP at <http://www.aias.edu.au/about/upcoming-events/manual-therapies-workshops>.

### **News from Griffith University**

**Science and Engineering Challenge** – This challenge is designed to help students, through fun and practical hands-on activities, to understand the opportunities available in science, technology and engineering. It is open to class-sized teams of Year 9 and 10 students. Applications open on 16 March 2016. Talk to your science teacher about entering a team. See <http://scienceonthego.griffith.edu.au/events/science-and-engineering-challenge/> for more information.

**Griffith Honours College** – Admission to the Griffith Honours College is available to school leavers who are undertaking their first undergraduate degree. International students who meet the eligibility criteria are also invited to apply for entry. The College provides a range of experiences in addition to academic study. These include mentoring, leadership development, international study, work and research,

networking and social events. Find out the selection criteria and how to apply at <http://www.griffith.edu.au/griffith-honours-college?src=hp&p=gfoot>.

## **Queensland University of Technology (QUT) updates**

**Business competition for Year 11 and 12 students** – The BlueShift Business Case Competition is hosted by QUT Business School. It requires teams of four senior high school students to compete with teams from other schools to solve a business problem. Registrations are now open and will close on 15 April 2016. Find out more at <https://www.qut.edu.au/business/courses-and-study/secondary-schools-guide/blueshift>.

**QUT Caboolture Student Business Competition** – Teams of students in Years 11 and 12 from North Brisbane and Sunshine Coast schools are invited to enter this competition. Participating students will visit the Caboolture campus on 9 or 10 May 2016 to work on a real-world business problem. Visit <https://www.qut.edu.au/campuses-and-facilities/caboolture/for-schools/student-business-competition> for details.

**Short courses for parents and students** – QUT offers many short courses including:

- Fashion illustration for beginners – This is the course for you if you want to develop a fashion portfolio.
- Public speaking: making meaningful messages – Build your confidence and presentation delivery through this course.
- Pulse on anatomy – Students interested in a medical and health science careers will find this course of interest.

These are just a few of the courses on offer. Visit <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/> and click on 'Short courses and professional development' to see the full list.

**Stay Connected with QUT** – Students can receive up-to-date information from QUT about courses, events, scholarships and other activities through Stay Connected at <https://www.qut.edu.au/additional/stay-connected>.

**The QUTube** – This is QUT's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheQUTube>. Here you can view videos on getting into QUT, studying at QUT and much more.

**Parent website** at <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/are-you-the-parent-of-a-school-student> - Here you can keep up-to-date on the latest information at QUT; download a brochure for parents; find out about courses, entry requirements and processes and university life.

**Parent information seminars** – Starting in May, QUT will deliver seminars at Caboolture, Gardens Point and North Lakes to provide parents and their senior secondary children an opportunity to learn more about QUT. Visit <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events> for details.

## Resources for students with disabilities

The following websites may be of assistance to students with disabilities.

- Strategies for students with ASD from La Trobe University <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/otarc/families-individuals/support>
- Graduate Careers Australia webpage for graduates with a disability. You can download the booklet *Careers for graduates with disabilities* from this site <http://www.graduatecareers.com.au/CareerPlanningandResources/GraduateswithDisability/index.htm>
- Job Access provides free information and advice about the employment of people with a disability <http://www.jobaccess.gov.au/>
- The Australian Human Rights Commission website provides information on the rights of people with a disability <http://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/disability-rights>
- Australian Network on Disability website focuses on providing information for employers. However, it does contain resources that may be of interest to students <http://www.and.org.au/>

## Resources on the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) website

**My Brilliant Career Profiler** – This is a fun questionnaire that identifies your personality and matches it with USC courses you might enjoy. You can find it on the USC website at <http://www.usc.edu.au/profiler>.

**USC Career Directory** – This directory can be of help when you know the career you want but don't know what USC course you can do to get there. It is located at <http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/student-support/careers-and-employment/career-directory>.

**Parent Lounge** – This webpage has heaps of resources that parents can use to support their children as they transition to university study. Visit <http://www.usc.edu.au/connect/schools-and-parents/usc-parent-lounge>.

## Support for students with disabilities at Queensland universities

All universities offer services to support students with a disability. The following are links to disability support services at Queensland universities.

- Australian Catholic University [http://www.acu.edu.au/study\\_at\\_acu/future\\_students/undergraduate/equity\\_and\\_disability\\_unit\\_edu](http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/future_students/undergraduate/equity_and_disability_unit_edu)
- Bond University <https://bond.edu.au/current-students/services-support/services/disability>
- CQUniversity <https://www.cqu.edu.au/student-life/new-students/student-support/accessibility>

- Griffith University <https://intranet.secure.griffith.edu.au/community-welfare-recreation/disability-services>
- James Cook University <https://www.jcu.edu.au/accessability-services>
- Queensland University of Technology <https://www.student.qut.edu.au/services-and-facilities/all-services/disability-support>
- University of Queensland <http://www.uq.edu.au/student-services/disability>
- University of Southern Queensland <http://www.usq.edu.au/current-students/services/disability>
- University of the Sunshine Coast <http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/student-support/disability-and-equity>

Year 12 students with a disability are encouraged to make contact with these services during their final year at school.

## University of Southern Queensland (USQ) snippets

**Mathematics Enrichment Program** – The program is designed to improve the mathematical problem solving skills in gifted high school students who display an aptitude for mathematics. This year the program is offered at the Toowoomba and Springfield campuses. It is held from 4 – 6 pm on five Thursdays. Visit <http://www.usq.edu.au/hes/outreach-and-engagement/mathematics-enrichment-program> for details.

**Career Explorer** – This online survey tool is for prospective students to help them discover the study areas where their talents and interests can thrive. It can be accessed at [www.usq.edu.au/study/degrees/careers/explorer](http://www.usq.edu.au/study/degrees/careers/explorer) (click ‘Start Over’).

## Updates from the University of Queensland (UQ)

**Tips for new students** – If you are planning to study at UQ next year, you will find the YouTube videos at [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLbnFs5ypk\\_Kn4zORg\\_biMcltQvK3Jq-74](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLbnFs5ypk_Kn4zORg_biMcltQvK3Jq-74) helpful. Topics covered include:

- Tips on getting to UQ
- Choosing what to study
- Transitioning to university.

**Careers that started in science** - The Faculty of Science at UQ has gathered the profiles of scientists who have used their qualifications to gain entry into a diverse range of interesting and rewarding jobs and now work worldwide. The profiles can be accessed from ‘Careers that started in science’ at <http://www.science.uq.edu.au/career-profiles>.

**UQ’s undergraduate health website** - This website at <http://health.uq.edu.au/undergraduate> has the following useful resources for students interested in a health science career. They include:

- Information on health science study areas
- 2016 Health Study Guide
- UQ's Ultimate Guide to Health Jobs in Australia
- Six steps to getting subject selection right (if you want a health science career in the future)
- School Vs Uni
- Stay connected – sign up to receive news about health science careers and courses.

### **Webinars at the Endeavour College of National Health**

Interested in alternative medicine but don't know much about it and the courses you need to do? Endeavour is offering a series of webinars in March and April to help you understand complementary medicine and the courses offered at the college. Visit <http://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/> for details.

# Financial Assistance & Scholarships



## Local Sporting Champions Program

The Local Sporting Champions program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12 to 18 towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state, national or international sporting championships or a School Sport Australia state or national championships. Visit

[http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/local\\_sporting\\_champions](http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/local_sporting_champions) for details.

## Money management online

The MoneySmart website at <https://www.moneysmart.gov.au/> has a number of resources of relevance to senior students planning their next step after Year 12. Useful topics include:

- Managing your money
- Life events and you
- Living on a student budget
- Budget planner.





## Gap Year Program News

### Antipodeans Abroad

This organisation has a GapBreak program. GapBreak includes paid work programs and overseas volunteering for school leavers to destinations around the world, including Africa, Argentina, China, Peru, Canada, India and the UK. Find out more at <http://www.antipodeans.com.au/Programs/GapBreak>.

### Camp America

Camp America organises summer camp jobs in the US for Australian students. The jobs are usually nine-week adventures in which participants experience living and working in the USA with others from around the world. Visit <http://campamerica.com.au/> for more information.

### Gap Year Program information events

- World Education Program (WEP) information evenings will be held on 24 February and 16 March 2016 from 7 – 8.30 pm at Fulton Trotter Lounge, 129 Leichhardt Street, Spring Hill, Brisbane. Register to attend at <https://wep.org.au/lets-talk/sessions/>.
- Projects Abroad will hold an information evening from 6.30 – 7.30 pm on Wednesday 16 March 2016 at the Hotel George Williams, 325 George Street, Brisbane. Register to attend at <http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/more-info/information-events/>.
- Southern Cross Cultural Exchange information sessions will be held from 7 – 9 pm on:

1 March 2016 at Southport Community Centre, 6 Lawson Street, Southport, Gold Coast

2 March 2016 at Kawana Community Hall, Nanyima Street, Buddina, Sunshine Coast

7 March 2016 at Metro Hotel Ipswich International, 43 South Street, Ipswich

8 March 2016 at Ruth Fairfax House, 89-95 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane

See <http://www.scce.com.au/programs/information-sessions/#QLD> for details.

### Letz Live

This organisation coordinates a number of programs including gap year experiences working in boarding schools in the UK, Canada, New Zealand and Thailand. Note that applications for these countries close on 8 April 2016. See <http://letzlive.org/> for more details of this and other programs offered by Letz Live.

## **Projects Abroad**

Projects Abroad is a volunteer abroad organisation. Its projects provide an experience in which you can contribute to, as well as become a part of, a community in one of 28 countries. Projects include teaching, conservation, sports and health care. Visit <http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/> for more information.

# Occupational Information



## 10 jobs for people who love to travel

The following jobs are a selection of possibilities for people who are passionate about combining work with travel. The information is adapted from the World of Wonderlust website at <http://www.worldofwanderlust.com/20-best-jobs-people-love-travel/>. Visit this site if you would like information about other travelling jobs.

**Teach English** - English-speakers hold one of the most sought after skills in the world. Jobs are in abundance in many foreign countries. You may require a qualification. This can usually be gained through a short course.

**Work in a Government related position** - Consider studying a degree in International Relations and seeking work in a government related position in foreign affairs and trade. Generally speaking, these positions can lead to travel opportunities. However, you don't usually have a say in where you are posted.

**Flight Attendant** - Imagine jet setting around the world, staying a night or two in foreign cities, only to wake up and do it all again. You'll have to love people but as far as qualifications go, most airlines usually only expect prior training and experience in customer service (some may want a foreign language). However, the job is not as easy as it sounds and entry can be competitive.

**Work on a cruise ship** - Jobs on cruises, while in abundance, can be highly competitive. However, if you get one, you'll make a living travelling the world with free meals and accommodation!

**Work as an Au Pair** - If you love children, this is the perfect gig for you. As an Au pair you'll live with a host family in a foreign country, look after the children, and receive a small salary for your efforts. Some families may require training in child care.

**Become a Surf or Ski instructor** - Take a seasonal job as a surf or ski instructor (you might need to take a course). Popular destinations include Canada or the French Alps for those who love winter, but if you're up for a warmer climate why not consider teaching surf lessons. There are plenty of jobs available. Start with a visit to <https://www.seasonworkers.com/>.

**Work for an International Hotel Chain** - Working abroad can start with working at home. If you can land a job in an international hotel chain, there are opportunities to transfer to other hotels within the company and work while you travel.

**Website Design** - One of the areas with potential and scope for employment is website design. You will need to learn to code, be creative, and be able to market yourself. The good thing is, you can work anywhere you want.

**Become a Travel Agent** - If you love travel so much that you can see yourself booking holidays for others, this job is the right one for you. You may also have an opportunity to travel yourself to check out locations. Also, you may receive discounts for your own holidays.

**Bartending** - Let's get back to basics – one of the most popular jobs for travellers is pretty easy to come by. So long as you have the working visas required, you are almost guaranteed to find a job in a bar somewhere. Leaving home with previous experience and/or a qualification will help.

## Industry Profiles

The Graduate Opportunities website at <http://www.graduateopportunities.com/dates-info/industry-profiles/> has the profiles of key industries in Australia. Each profile includes the key jobs in the industry, trends, opportunities for graduates, qualification requirements and salary statistics. A scan of this information will help you find out more about industries you are likely to work in one day. It will also make you aware of industries you didn't know about.

## What does an Orthoptist do?

According to Orthoptics Australia, 'Orthoptists are eye healthcare professionals who are trained in the assessment and treatment of patients with eye disorders' (see <https://www.orthoptics.org.au/>). So, how is an Orthoptist different from other eye care practitioners?

- An **Orthoptist** is an allied health professional who has expertise in the assessment, education, therapy and rehabilitation of individuals with eye and vision conditions.
- An **Optometrist** is a primary care practitioner who examines eyes, gives advice on visual problems, and prescribes and fits glasses or contact lenses. If eye disease is detected, an optometrist will generally refer patients to a specialist for further management.
- An **Ophthalmologist** is a medical doctor with specialist training in the diagnosis and management of disorders of the eye and visual system. They can prescribe medication and perform surgical procedures in the management of eye disease.
- An **Ophthalmic Nurse** is a specialised eye health nurse who conducts basic eye testing and contributes to the post-operative care of patients.
- An **Optical Dispenser** is a practitioner who ensures the correct dispensing and fitting of optical corrections (e.g. glasses).

The various eye care practitioners often work together. For example, an Orthoptist may be responsible for the pre- and post-operative care of patients with cataracts while the Ophthalmologist is responsible for the surgical procedure involved.

To become an Orthoptist, you must obtain a recognised university undergraduate or post graduate Orthoptics degree or its equivalent. Currently in Australia, Orthoptics can be studied at:

- University of Technology (UTS), NSW (<http://www.uts.edu.au/about/graduate-school-health/orthoptics>)
- La Trobe University, Victoria (<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/courses/orthoptics>).

Other helpful information about this occupation can be found at:

- Orthoptics Australia <https://www.orthoptics.org.au/>
- My Health Career website article <https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/health-industry/what-is-an-orthoptist>.
- UTS Orthoptics video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qn6cvltVimM&feature=youtu.be>.

## *Open Days, Expos & Career Markets*



### **JMC Academy Information Session**

JMC Academy is a private college that offers diplomas, associate degrees and degrees in:

- Animation
- Audio engineering and sound production
- Contemporary music and performance
- Digital design
- Entertainment business management.
- Film and television production
- Game Development
- Song writing.

JMC Academy will hold an Information Session at its Brisbane campus from 6 – 7 pm on Tuesday 24 March 2016. For details and to book a place, visit <http://www.imcademy.edu.au/events/information-sessions/jmc-academy-information-sessions>.

### **Reinvent Your Career Expo**

This is a career expo specifically for adults. At the expo, adult career seekers can meet potential employers, educators, and trainers to upgrade, re-skill, and re-enter the workforce, or totally reinvent their careers. The expo will be held on 19 and 20 March 2016 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. For more information, see <http://www.reinventyourcareer.com.au/brisbane-expo/about-the-expo/>.



## QTAC & Tertiary Entry

### 2016/17 Queensland tertiary application/offer process timeline

Year 12 goes very quickly. If you are intending to apply through QTAC for tertiary courses later in the year, it is a good idea to know what happens between now and then. **The following information is based on what normally happens each year.** Not all dates are available at this time. The remainder will be published in this newsletter, as they become known.

#### 2016

##### April

- Regional career expos are held from April to August  
<https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au/12631.html>

##### May

- 27 – 28 May - National Career and Employment Expo at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre <http://ncee.com.au/brisbane/>

##### June

- 3 June – UMAT registrations close <http://umat.acer.edu.au>
- 17 June - late registrations for UMAT close at 5:00pm AEST
- *QTAC Guide* distributed to schools

##### July

- 16 - 17 July - TSXPO (Tertiary Studies Expo) at the RICC, Brisbane Showgrounds  
<http://www.tsxpo.org/>
- 27 July - UMAT exam <http://umat.acer.edu.au>
- 31 July - Bond University scholarship for Year 12 Australian students application due date <http://bond.edu.au/degrees-and-courses/scholarships/index.htm>
- Institution open days

##### August

- QTAC online application activated <http://www.gtac.edu.au/>
- Some applications for music auditions due
- Institution open days

- 30 & 31 Queensland Core Skills Test  
<https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au/6339.html>

## September

- End of September - QTAC 'on-time' application due date  
<http://www.qtac.edu.au/>
- UMAT results released <http://umat.acer.edu.au>

## October

- Registration for auditions/interviews for some creative industry courses
- Scholarship application due dates for some universities

## November

- 18 November – final day for Year 12s  
<https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au/6339.html>
- Registration for auditions/interviews for some creative industries courses
- Scholarship application due dates for some universities

## December

- QTAC early offer rounds <http://www.qtac.edu.au/>
- QTAC major offer round for some creative and performing arts courses
- 16 December - Year 12 results mailed by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority <https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au/6339.html>
- 17 December - Year 12 results available from Learning Accounts on the Student Connect website at <https://studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au/>
- Scholarship application due dates for some universities

## 2017

### January

- Last date to change preferences for the QTAC January major offer round  
<http://www.qtac.edu.au/>
- QTAC major offer round <http://www.qtac.edu.au/>

### February

- QTAC 'top-up' offer rounds <http://www.qtac.edu.au/>

Orientation week for many institutions





## **Looking after yourself**

A lot is required of you during Years 11 and 12. At times it can become quite stressful. It is important to build your resilience to meet the challenges of this time in your life. The Generation Success website at <https://employment.gov.au/generation-success-looking-after-yourself> contains strategies and resources for looking after yourself. Have a read and start the year off with healthy habits.

## **Support for senior students**

The Desk at <https://www.thedesk.org.au/> has been developed by the University of Queensland to help students cope with the ups and downs of study and life. While it has been developed for tertiary students, senior students may find it helpful.

The Desk covers topics such as study skills, stress management and communication skills. It also has a number of self-development tools. Do one of the quizzes on the website to get started.

The website includes a 'Freaking Out! Get Help' button with links to helpful websites. Senior students using this website should follow up any personal concerns they have with their guidance officer/counsellor.

# Youth Enrichment Activities

## 2016 Indigenous Youth Leadership Camp

Applications are now open for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 10 - 12 to attend the 2016 Indigenous Youth Leadership Camp (IYLC). IYLC will be held at International House (a residential college) at the University of Queensland, Brisbane from Monday 27 June to Thursday 30 June 2016 and is free for students. The camp will give students a chance to develop their leadership skills, experience residential and university life, improve their team work skills and public speaking abilities, and establish strong friendships with current university students and fellow high school students from across Queensland.

Applications are to be filled out by the student's parents/guardians by Friday 10 June 2016. They can be downloaded from <http://www.internationalhouse.uq.edu.au/current-residents/indigenous-youth-leadership-camp-iylc/>. For more information, visit the IYLC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/IndigenousYouthLeadershipCamp>. You can also email questions or concerns to Taylah, the IYLC Officer, at [ihfoundation@inhouse.uq.edu.au](mailto:ihfoundation@inhouse.uq.edu.au).

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