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# Career Exploration Workbook

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# Getting started

This workbook helps to prepare you for senior school course selections.

It has 3 sections:

## Part 1: Know yourself

Define your personal profile including, your values, personal characteristics, abilities, and interests, and identify possible occupations that will fit your profile.

## Part 2: Know the labour market

Find out how to research possible occupations.

## Part 3: Pull it all together

Establish a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) achievement plan.

Each section includes activities that will support your career exploration.

The myfuture website will support you to explore career pathways.

## Online and offline activities

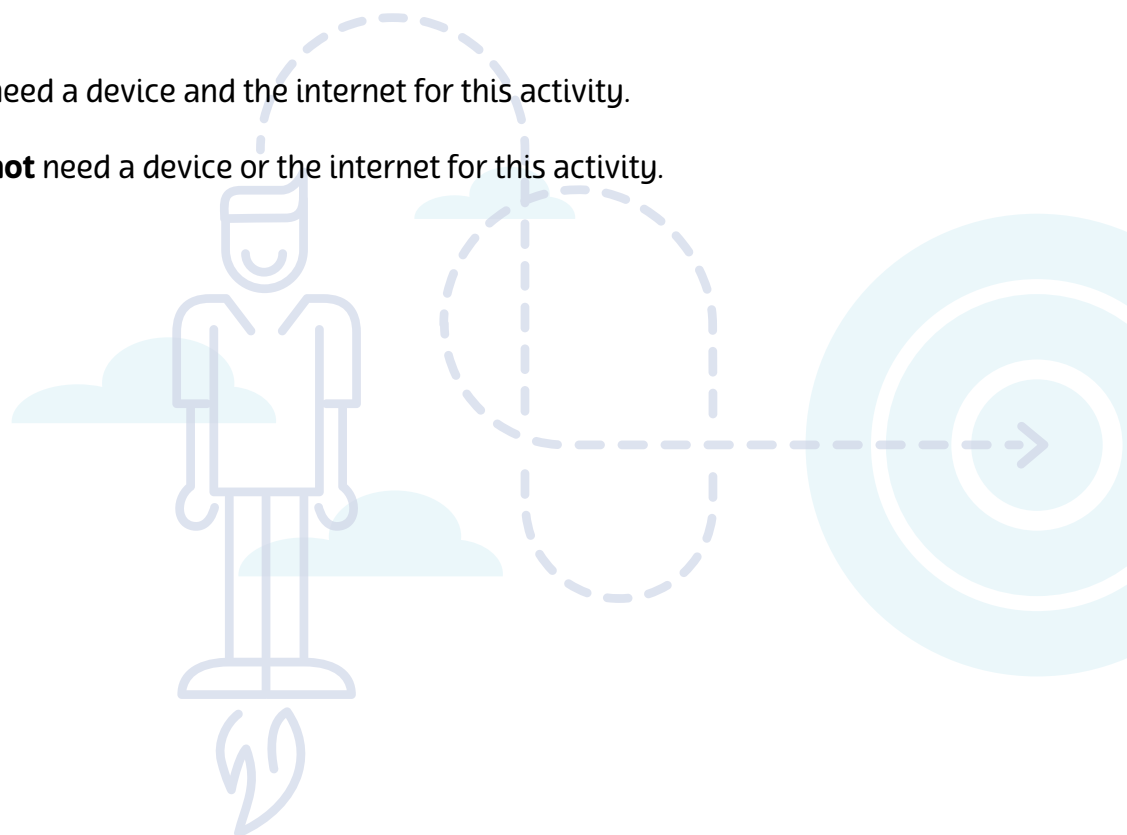
There are online and offline activities in this workbook. You can use the offline activities if a device and/or the internet are not available.



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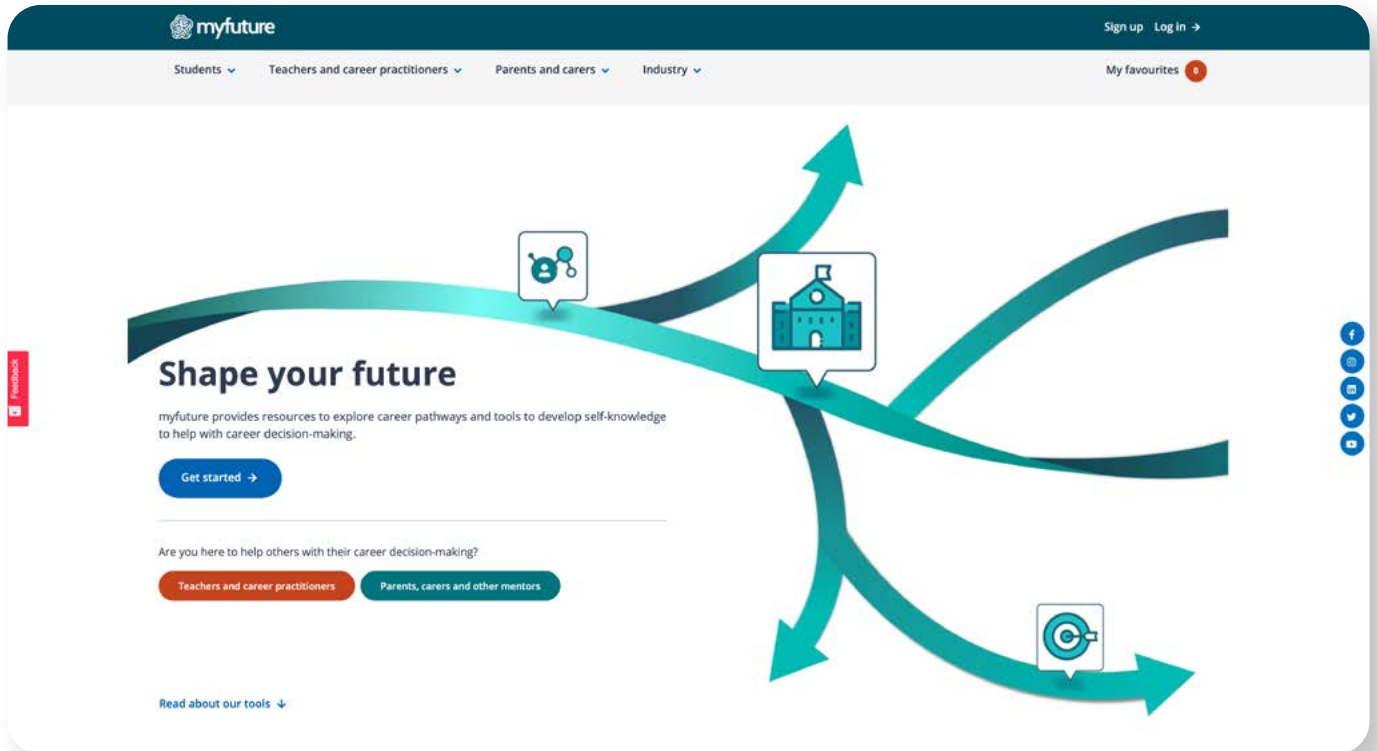


**Offline:** You will **not** need a device or the internet for this activity.





# Career Exploration



1. Go to [myfuture.edu.au](https://myfuture.edu.au) to take the first steps to explore your career pathways.
2. Sign up to create your own **My career profile**, where you can save results from your explorations.
3. You can find **user guide videos** in the 'Students' tab at the top of the website. [myfuture.edu.au/help-and-support/user-guides](https://myfuture.edu.au/help-and-support/user-guides)
4. Once you have signed up, you will be prompted to log into your account.

## Write down your username and password

Username	
Password	

# Part 1: Know yourself

## Developing your own career profile

You will start to gather information about yourself, explore career pathways and develop knowledge for career decision making.

There are **9 activities** to complete. This booklet will guide you through the first 3 and you can explore the other tools independently.

Start your journey exploring your interests.

Click on **My career profile**.

### Welcome, **YOUR NAME**

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## Exploration quizzes

Record your progress in the table below. You can go back and repeat activities anytime.

Exploration tools	Date completed
Interests	
Skills	
Education and training	
Study	
Work conditions	
Values	
Career knowledge	
Entrepreneurship	
Dream job	



## Personal characteristics

Characteristics make you unique and can show your suitability for certain jobs.

**Some examples of personal characteristics are listed below. Tick any that describe you. Use the blank boxes if you would like to add other characteristics.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Precise	<input type="checkbox"/>	Curious	<input type="checkbox"/>	Intuitive
<input type="checkbox"/>	Down to earth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Determined	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheerful
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ambitious	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disciplined	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loyal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Likable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discrete	<input type="checkbox"/>	Methodical
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attentive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dynamic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Careful
<input type="checkbox"/>	Independent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emotional	<input type="checkbox"/>	Optimistic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Innovative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Energetic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Organised
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adventurous	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reliable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Original
<input type="checkbox"/>	Persistent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Demanding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open
<input type="checkbox"/>	Calm	<input type="checkbox"/>	Expressive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Passionate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Holistic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Entrepreneurial	<input type="checkbox"/>	Persevering
<input type="checkbox"/>	Competitive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flexible	<input type="checkbox"/>	Perceptive
<input type="checkbox"/>	Confident	<input type="checkbox"/>	Generous	<input type="checkbox"/>	A perfectionist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Convincing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Honest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Patient
<input type="checkbox"/>	Courageous	<input type="checkbox"/>	Innovative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Positive
<input type="checkbox"/>	Creative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Honourable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Practical
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enthusiastic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thoughtful	<input type="checkbox"/>	Realistic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reflective/thoughtful	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reserved	<input type="checkbox"/>	Respectful
<input type="checkbox"/>	Responsible	<input type="checkbox"/>	Imaginative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sensible
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serious	<input type="checkbox"/>	Helpful	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sociable
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Record your top 3 personal characteristics in your **About me** worksheet on [page 39](#).

## Interests

The things you like to do can give you an idea of jobs that you may be good at.

Use this quiz to note your interests and see how they may help you find the right career pathway using the description on the next page. Answer yes or no to the statements.

Interests		Yes	No
1	I'd rather make something than read a book.		
2	I enjoy problem-solving games and working at puzzles.		
3	I like helping others when they need it.		
4	I enjoy reading and learning about new topics.		
5	I like working with my hands.		
6	I like being the leader in a group of people.		
7	I prefer to know all the facts before I tackle a problem.		
8	I like to take care of other people.		
9	I enjoy designing, inventing or creating things.		
10	I enjoy expressing myself through art, music, or writing.		
11	I would like a job where I can deal with people all day.		
12	I like working with materials and equipment.		
13	I enjoy learning new facts and ideas.		
14	I find co-operating with other people comes naturally to me.		
15	I like finding out how things work by taking them apart.		
16	I would rather work with machines and things than with people.		
17	I can usually persuade people to do things my way.		
18	I enjoy building and repairing things.		
19	I enjoy the research part of my projects.		
20	I like being with people.		
21	I enjoy thinking up different ideas and ways to do things.		
22	I like hearing other people's opinions.		
23	I enjoy learning how to use different tools.		
24	I find it easy to follow written instructions.		

**To find out areas of work that may interest you, compare your answers to the numbers in the following groups.**

If you responded yes to numbers from a particular group, you may have a preference for a specific type of job. If you responded yes to a broad range of groups you may be suited to a job that combines multiple interests.

**Numbers 1, 5, 9, 12, 15, 16, 18, 23.**

If you have responded “Yes” to most of these numbers, you are probably a hands-on person.

You like to work with tools and machines, make things with your hands, fix and maintain equipment, or find out how things work.

Jobs you might like are found in engineering, product manufacturing, construction, repair and servicing, transportation, trades and technology.

**Numbers 2, 4, 7, 10, 13, 19, 21, 24.**

If you have responded “Yes” to most of these numbers, you are probably an information person.

You like to express yourself through writing, music or art, perform experiments or research, solve puzzles and problems, or study and read.

Jobs dealing with information are found in arts and entertainment, business and finance, scientific research, sales and services, tourism, law and government.

**Numbers 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 22.**

If you have responded “Yes” to most of these numbers, you are probably a people person.

You like to care for and help others, encourage people, work as part of a team, and lead and supervise others.

Jobs dealing with people are found in health care, education and training, social work and counselling, and religion.



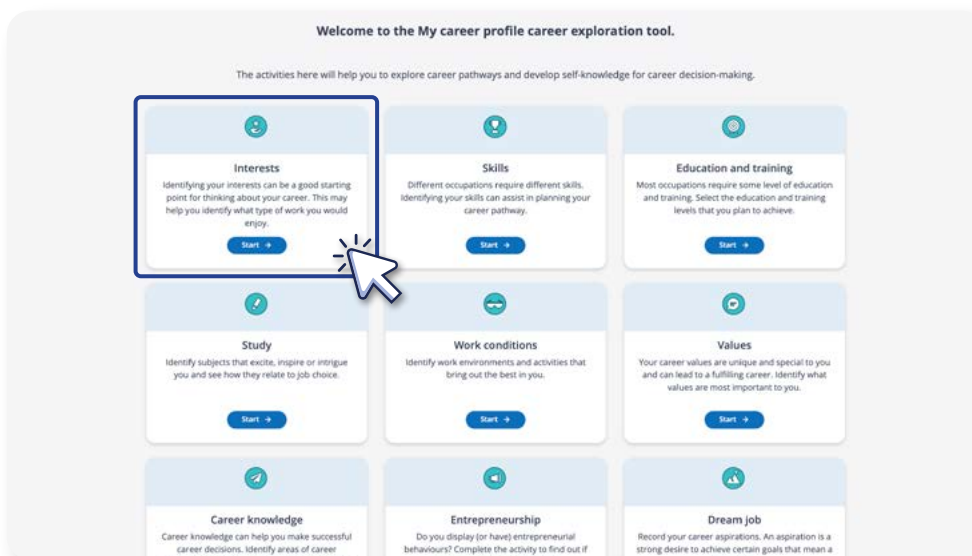
Record your top 3 interests in your **About me** worksheet on [page 39](#).



## My career profile – interests

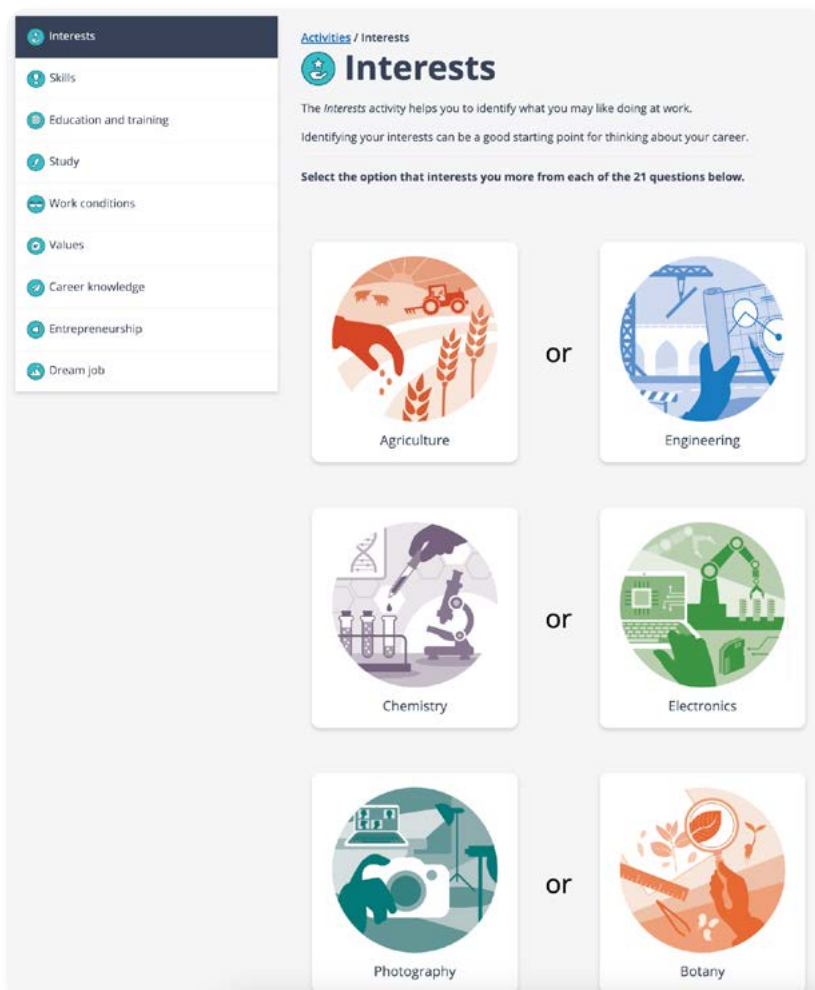
# 1

Go to [myfuture.edu.au](https://myfuture.edu.au) and click on **My career profile** and then click on **Interests**. This activity will help you to identify what you may like doing at work.



# 2

Finish the quiz and click submit.



## 3

You will get a results screen with a list like the one below:

Activities / **Interests**

The *Interests* activity helps you to identify what you may like doing at work.  
Identifying your interests can be a good starting point for thinking about your career.

The results below show your level of interest in different areas.

**Your results**

Interest Category	Level of Interest
People Contact	High (5/5 bars)
Creative	Medium (3/5 bars)
Business	Low (1/5 bars)
Scientific	Low (1/5 bars)
Office	Low (1/5 bars)
Outdoor	Low (1/5 bars)

**People Contact**  
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An interest in people contact means that you like to work mainly with people or that you are concerned about their social welfare. The work of teachers, nurses, police officers, and welfare workers involves a great deal of personal contact. An interest in working with people can also include jobs such as sales, cashiers, waiters, and secretaries.

[View all results →](#)



Record your top 3 interests in your **About me** worksheet on [page 39](#).

It is important to think about this list and understand how your interests may be able to work together. For example, you may be interested in being creative but prefer to work independently, or you may prefer to work outdoors doing scientific endeavours.



## Abilities

You will develop abilities at home, school, work, and in your leisure and volunteer activities. You will do some things better than others, and it is important to recognise what strengths you bring to a job.

**Below are some examples of abilities. Tick any that you have and write any additional abilities you may have in the blank boxes.**

	Helping others (listening, understanding)		Giving instructions, information		Operating heavy equipment
	Learning new things		Negotiating		Public speaking
	Working with others		Developing strategies		Making decisions
	Assembling things		Writing (grammar, spelling)		Preparing text, documents
	Singing		Explaining or teaching		Predicting consequences
	Classifying objects, documents		Researching		Selling
	Understanding/Speaking other languages		Planning		Repairing (computers, things)
	Composing (text, music)		Improvising		Summarizing
	Driving		Manual labour		Problem-solving
	Editing/Correcting text		Managing stress		Working with numbers
	Creating/Inventing		Establishing systems/processes		Using camera equipment
	Working independently		Interviewing people		Using different software
	Consulting with people		Playing a musical instrument		Using laboratory apparatus
	Drawing/Reproduction		Reading comprehension		Using tools (saw, hammer)
	Leading a group discussion		Navigating online		Training animals
	Giving good advice		Analysing (text, data)		Making lists (of things, priorities)
	Comparing (things, data)				



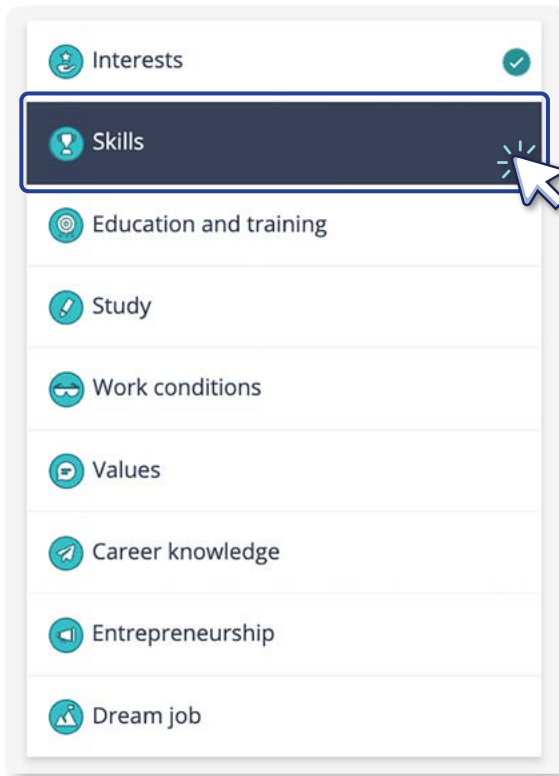
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## My career profile – skills

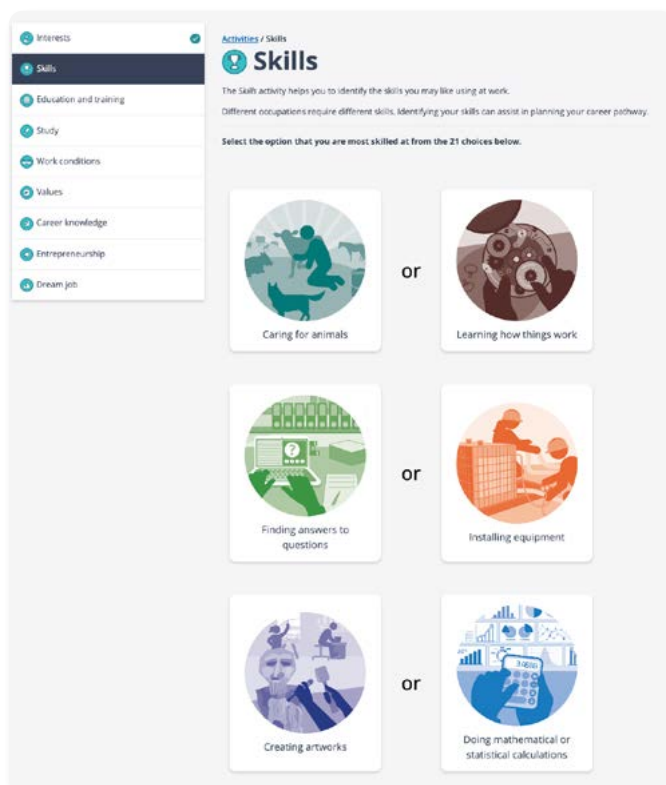
# 1

Go back to [myfuture.edu.au](http://myfuture.edu.au) and complete the **Skills activity** to help you identify your skills to assist you when planning your career pathway.



# 2

To help identify some of your current skills, complete ALL the questions and click submit.



## 3

You will get a results screen with a list like the one below:

Activities / **Skills**

The *Skills* activity helps you to identify the skills you may like using at work.

Different occupations require different skills. Identifying your skills can assist in planning your career pathway.

The results below show your strength level for different skills.

**Your results**

Skill Category	Strength Level (Progress Bar)
Office skills	██████████
People contact skills	██████████
Creative skills	██████████
Outdoor skills	██████████
Scientific skills	██████████
Business skills	██████████

**Office skills**  
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Office skills are used to do tasks which involve organising and being accurate. They can be applied to planning, controlling and working with numbers.

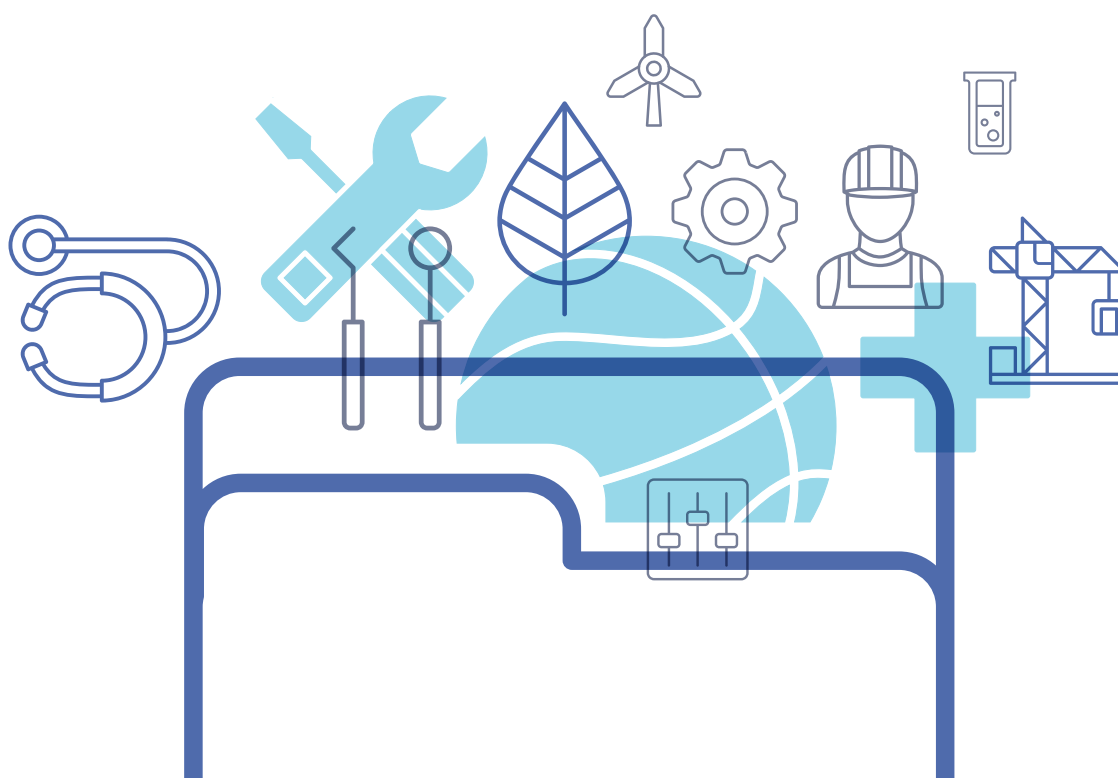
[View all results →](#)

[Reset activity](#)

Look at your results and choose your highest scoring skill from this activity.



Record your top 3 skills in your **About me** worksheet on [page 39](#).





## Values

Most people are happiest doing work that allows them to live according to their values.

**Tick the values in the list below that apply to you. You can use the empty boxes to add others that you can think of.**

	Friendship		Harmony		Prestige/Recognition
	Money		Honesty/Sincerity		Progress/Innovation
	Autonomy/ Independence		Humour		Promoting Peace
	Beauty		Integrity		Human Relations
	Competition		Justice		Respect of self and others
	Physical comfort		Freedom (to act and express views)		Personal achievement
	Contributing to society		Leisure/Having fun		Health
	Creativity		Loyalty		Personal satisfaction
	Culture/Language		Modesty		Career security
	Reaching my full potential		Optimism		Belonging
	Education/Knowledge		Order		Social status
	Cooperation		Openness		Work
	The Environment		Perseverance		Variety/Change
	Excellence		Punctuality		Love
	Family		Power		



Record your top 3 values in your **About me** worksheet on [page 39](#).

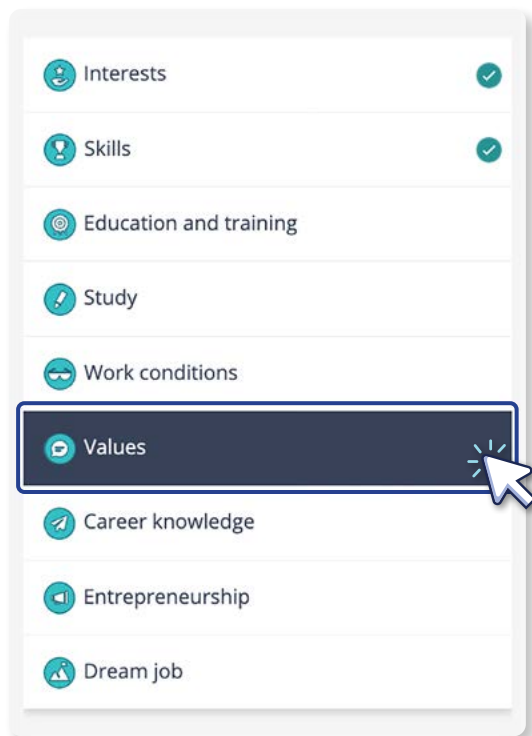
## My career profile – values

Values are what we place importance on. Everyone has personal values, or things that they regard as important and useful to them. What we value may help determine our working style, our work preferences and the satisfaction gained from work.

The values activity identifies what you find important and how you may gain satisfaction at work. This can be the core of your decision making.

# 1

Click **Values** on the activities menu on the left.



# 2

Complete the rating scale, selecting a response from the range **Not important** to **Very important** and then click **Submit**.

Activities / Values

### Values

The Values activity identifies what values are important to you.

Your career values are what you personally find important and gain satisfaction from at work. When you identify and understand your values you can better explore suitable career options.

Use the rating scales to indicate how important each value item is to you.

Categories	Not important	Neutral	Very important
<b>Achievement</b>			
Using your skills, knowledge and experience.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A sense of satisfaction at undertaking and completing tasks and projects.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Conditions</b>			
Work where you are busy all the time.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opportunity to work in an individual capacity.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A range of activities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fair terms and conditions of pay, leave, superannuation and other benefits.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stable long-term employment.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Working conditions that suit your personality and preference.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Recognition</b>			
Having opportunities for personal/career growth.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being acknowledged and valued for the work you do.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Giving directions and instructions to others.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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**Your results**

<b>Achievement</b>	Achievement Last updated on 8 April 2024	Reset activity
Support	Work that is results oriented and allows you to use your strongest abilities, giving you a feeling of accomplishment.	
Conditions		
Independence		
Lifestyle		
Recognition		
Relationships		

View all results →

### List your top 5 values below

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.



Record your top 3 values in your **About me** worksheet on [page 39](#).



**Well done!** You have completed 3 of the 9 exploration quizzes.

Continue with the remainder 6 quizzes listed on [page 5](#) to add information to your profile.

As you update and complete the activities, your results will refine your list of suggested occupations.

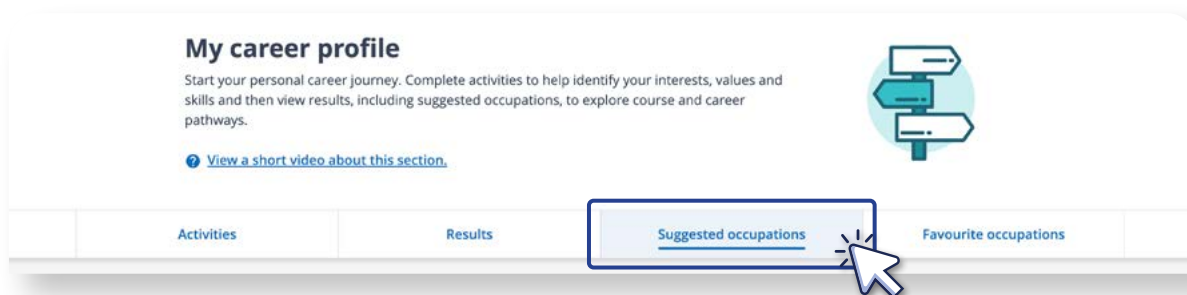
Now that you have a clearer idea of your personal characteristics, interests, skills, and values, you can look at occupations that might suit your profile.

## My career profile – suggested occupations

As a result of your choices, you have generated a list of suggested occupations based on your interests, skills and values.

1

Click **Suggested occupations**.

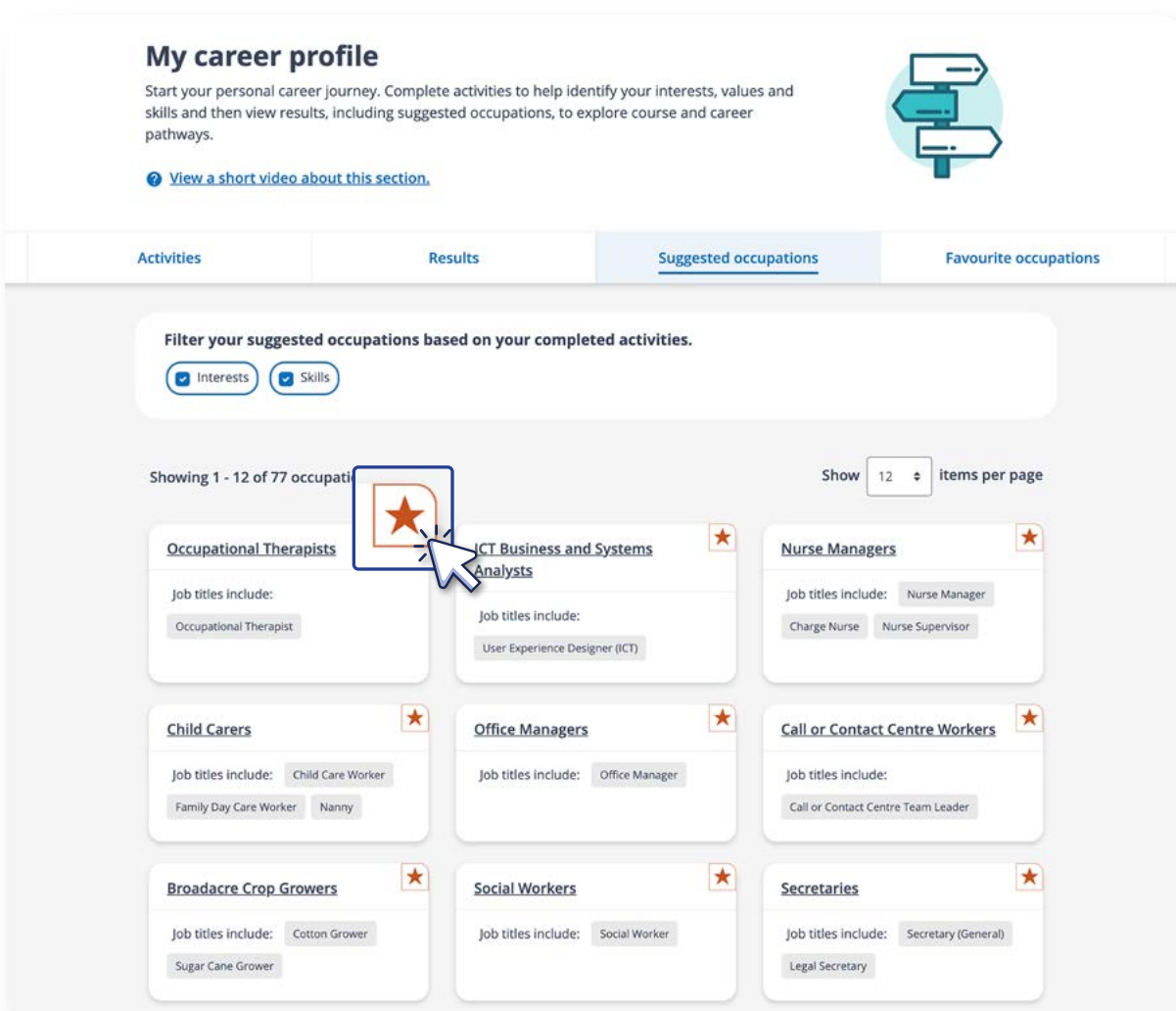


2

Adjust the suggested occupations by turning the activities filter on or off.

Find out more about your suggested occupations by clicking on the job name.

Add the listed occupations to your favourites by clicking on the star.



The screenshot shows the 'My career profile' page with the 'Suggested occupations' tab selected. Below the navigation bar, there is a filter section titled 'Filter your suggested occupations based on your completed activities.' with two buttons: 'Interests' (checked) and 'Skills'. Below the filter, it says 'Showing 1 - 12 of 77 occupations'. There is a 'Show 12 items per page' dropdown menu. The main content area displays a grid of occupation cards, each with a star icon in the top right corner. A mouse cursor is pointing to the star icon of the 'ICT Business and Systems Analysts' card. The cards include:

- Occupational Therapists**: Job titles include: Occupational Therapist
- ICT Business and Systems Analysts**: Job titles include: User Experience Designer (ICT)
- Nurse Managers**: Job titles include: Nurse Manager, Charge Nurse, Nurse Supervisor
- Child Carers**: Job titles include: Child Care Worker, Family Day Care Worker, Nanny
- Office Managers**: Job titles include: Office Manager
- Call or Contact Centre Workers**: Job titles include: Call or Contact Centre Team Leader
- Broadacre Crop Growers**: Job titles include: Cotton Grower, Sugar Cane Grower
- Social Workers**: Job titles include: Social Worker
- Secretaries**: Job titles include: Secretary (General), Legal Secretary

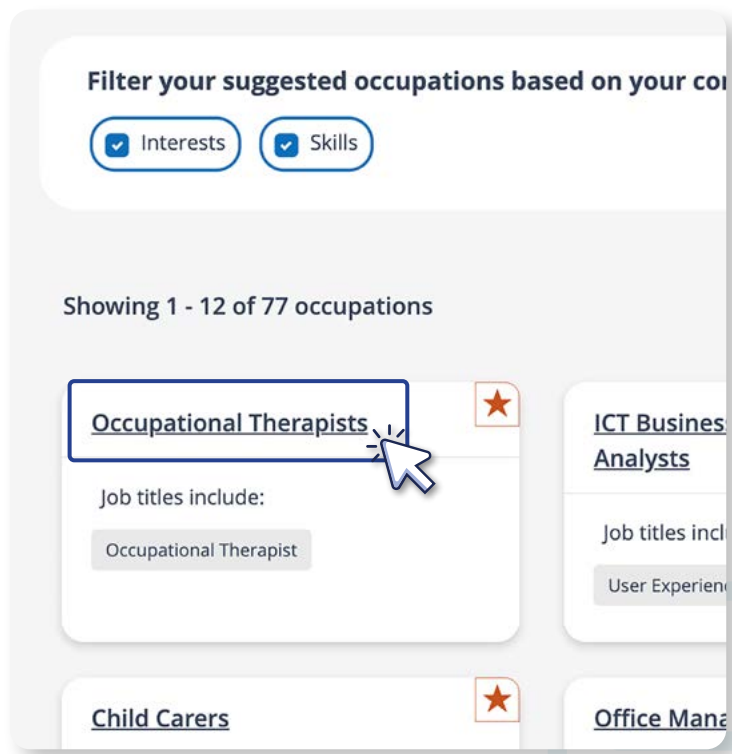
**Write your top 3 favourite suggested occupations:**

1.
2.
3.

# 3

Scan through the information on each job to understand more and use the tables on the next page to create a summary of your top 3.

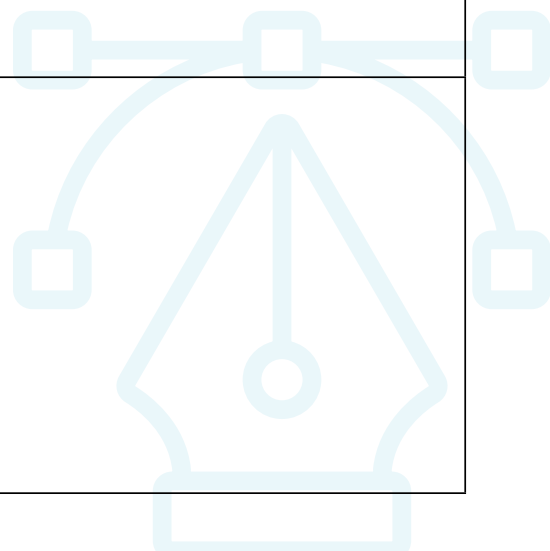
Click on the **occupation name**.



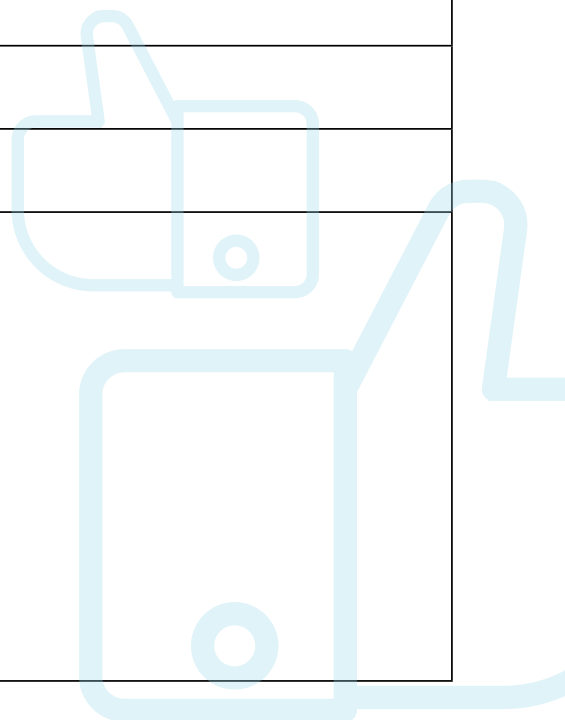


## Career prospects

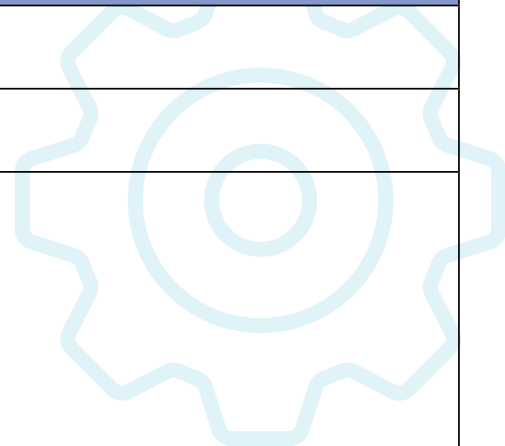
<b>Occupation 1</b>	
Weekly pay	
Skill level	
Future growth	
<b>Overview</b>	
Overview of the job	
Job titles include	
Summary of the main tasks	
<b>Education, training and skills</b>	
Pathways	
Study fields related to this occupation	
Learning areas/ subjects	
Skills	
Similar occupations	
What interests you about this job and its related tasks?	



<b>Occupation 2</b>	
Weekly pay	
Skill level	
Future growth	
<b>Overview</b>	
Overview of the job	
Job titles include	
Summary of the main tasks	
<b>Education, training and skills</b>	
Pathways	
Study fields related to this occupation	
Learning areas/ subjects	
Skills	
Similar occupations	
What interests you about this job and its related tasks?	



<b>Occupation 3</b>	
Weekly pay	
Skill level	
Future growth	
<b>Overview</b>	
Overview of the job	
Job titles include	
Summary of the main tasks	
<b>Education, training and skills</b>	
Pathways	
Study fields related to this occupation	
Learning areas/ subjects	
Skills	
Similar occupations	
What interests you about this job and its related tasks?	





## Career by learning area

# 1

Return to the [Myfuture](#) website.

Think about the career exploration activities you have completed.

Go back to your welcome screen and click the **Career bullseyes**.

### Welcome, YOUR NAME

Choose your pathway

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# 2

Have a look at the learning area and select the area of your choice.

## Career bullseyes

Start exploring career pathways by selecting a learning area you enjoy.

[View a short video about this section.](#)

<p><b>Art</b> Find out what occupations are related to the learning area of <i>Art</i>.</p>	<p><b>Automotive</b> Find out what occupations are related to the learning area of <i>Automotive</i>.</p>	<p><b>Biology</b> Find out what occupations are related to the learning area of <i>Biology</i>.</p>
<p><b>Business Studies</b> Find out what occupations are related to the learning area of <i>Business Studies</i>.</p>	<p><b>Chemistry</b> Find out what occupations are related to the learning area of <i>Chemistry</i>.</p>	<p><b>Community Services</b> Find out what occupations are related to the learning area of <i>Community Services</i>.</p>

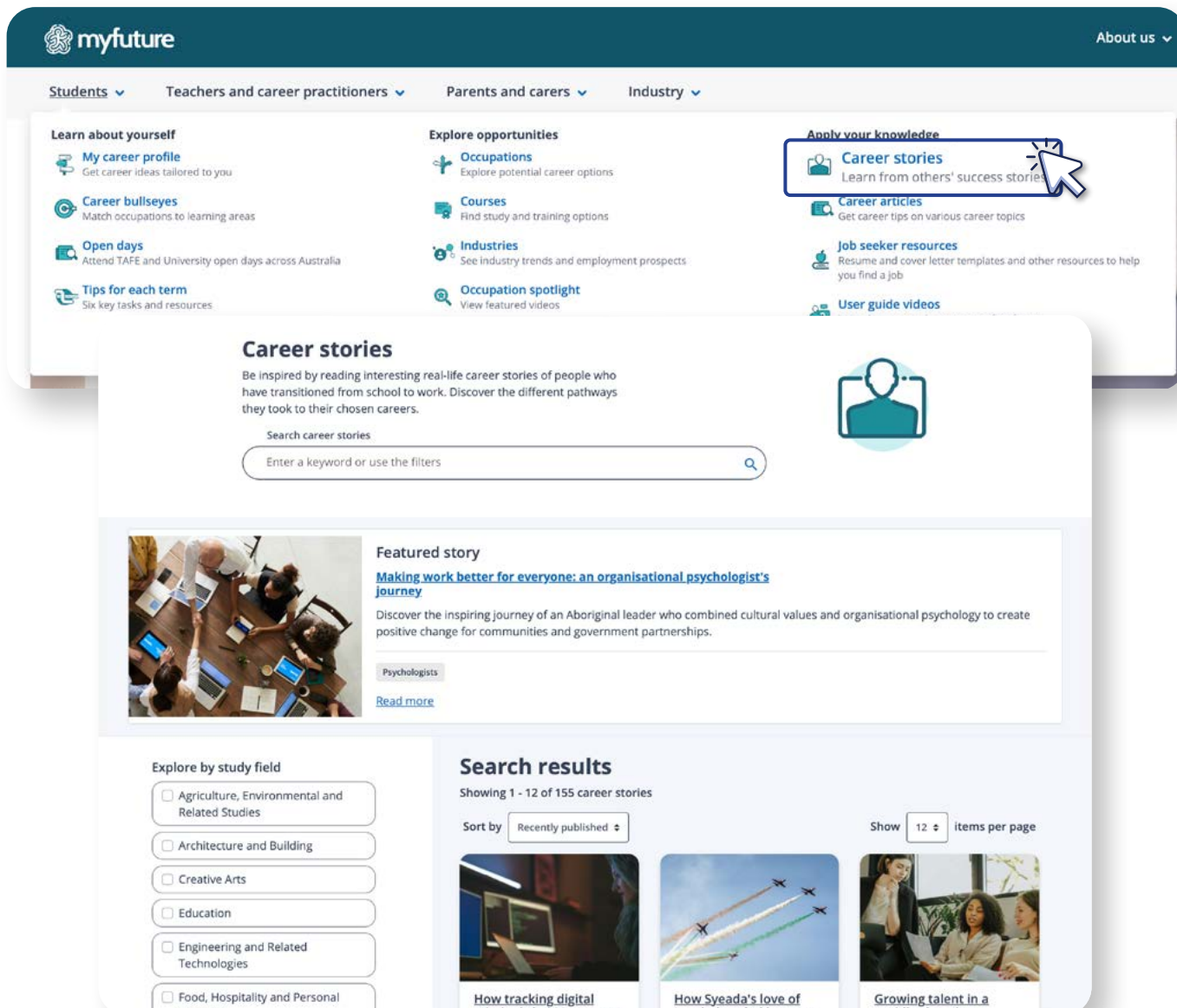


Choose 2 occupations that you find interesting and explore them further by clicking on them in the bullseye. In the chart below list some tasks you may perform in this occupation, the training levels and requirements and the prospects for each occupation.

<b>Occupation 1</b>		
Overview	Pathways	Prospects
What interests you about this occupation?		
<b>Occupation 2</b>		
Overview	Pathways	Prospects
What interests you about this occupation?		

## Career stories

Go to **Students** in the banner of [Myfuture](#) and click on **Career stories**, where you can find inspiring stories in the learning areas that you are interested in. Explore by topic or study field.



**myfuture** About us ▾

Students ▾ Teachers and career practitioners ▾ Parents and carers ▾ Industry ▾

**Learn about yourself**

- My career profile**  
Get career ideas tailored to you
- Career bullseyes**  
Match occupations to learning areas
- Open days**  
Attend TAFE and University open days across Australia
- Tips for each term**  
Six key tasks and resources

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Search career stories

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Discover the inspiring journey of an Aboriginal leader who combined cultural values and organisational psychology to create positive change for communities and government partnerships.

Psychologists

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- Creative Arts
- Education
- Engineering and Related Technologies
- Food, Hospitality and Personal Services

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[How Syeada's love of psychology led her to a...](#)

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You have completed Part 1. You now have clarity about your values, characteristics, skills and interests, and have a list of occupations that interest you.

**Without thorough research, you may invest in training or a job search only to find out:**

- the wages are not sustainable for your lifestyle
- the training is only offered out of state
- there are duties that you were not aware of and really don't like.

**Part 2 will help you make an informed choice.**

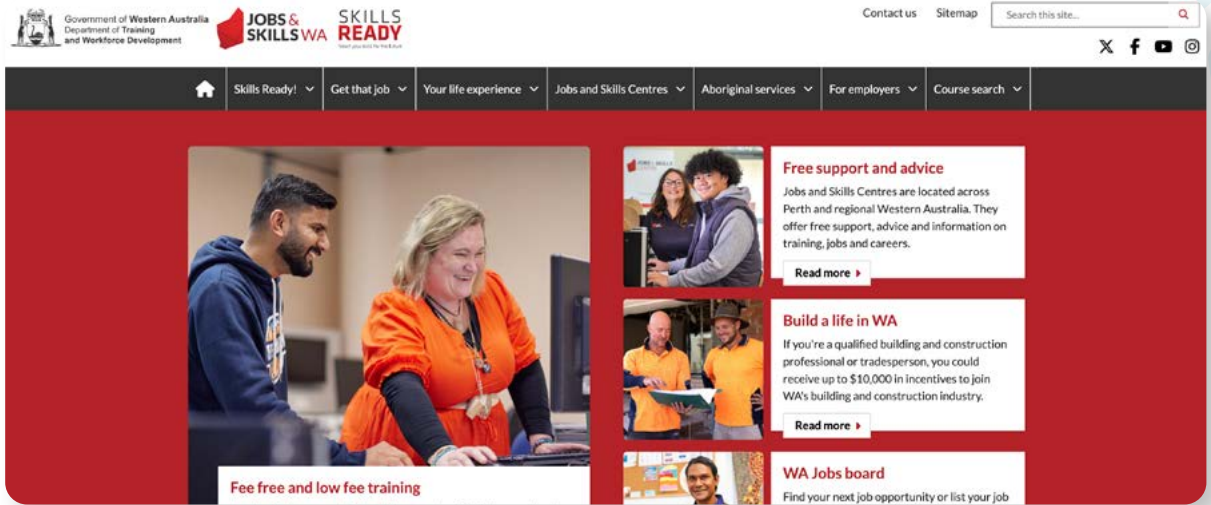
# Part 2: Know the labour market



## Jobs: Training and education requirements

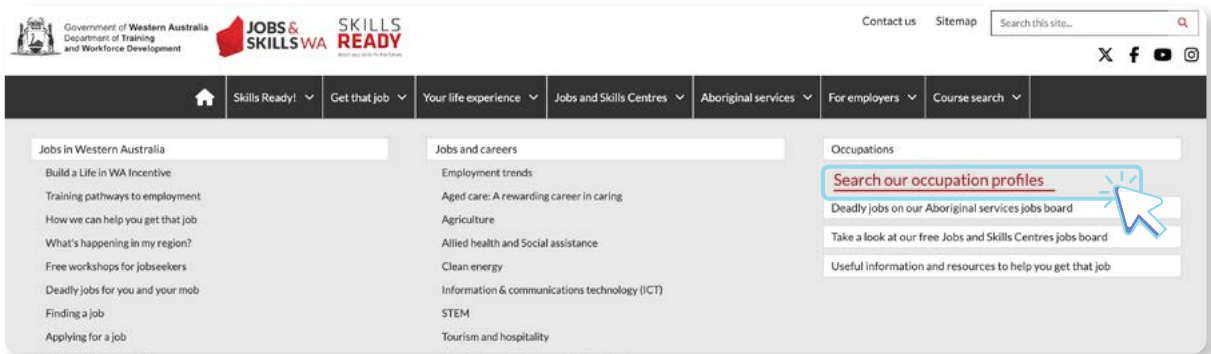
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Go to the **Jobs and Skills WA** website: [jobsandskills.wa.gov.au](http://jobsandskills.wa.gov.au)



2

Click on the **Get that job tab** and then **Occupations** to search various occupations that may be of interest to you.



Using the occupation profiles search, choose 2 occupations to research further. Use the table below to note the training listed and whether you can do an apprenticeship or traineeship.

Occupations to research further	Training available	Apprenticeships or traineeships available? (Yes or no)
1.		
2.		

## Vocational education and training at your school

Vocational education and training (VET) focuses on providing skills for work. It covers many careers and industries like trades and office work, retail, hospitality and technology.

Qualifications range from Certificate I to Certificate IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma. For many students, your school is the beginning of your training journey.

### Certificate courses

Find out about certificates that are offered at your school. The VET Coordinator or Career Practitioner at your school is the person who will be able to help you.

**If your school offers many certificates, list 3 certificates which interest you.**

Certificate I or Certificate II	Certificate III or higher
1.	
2.	
3.	

**Which certificate is your first preference? What skills might you develop in this course?**

First preference	Skills you might develop in this course

**Consider the following questions:**

Why did you choose this course?
What makes it interesting to you?

## Training through public and private Registered Training Organisations (RTOs)

Consider courses available outside of school. Some of these may be accessible to you whilst you are still enrolled in school. Other courses can be kept in mind for the future .

There are 5 TAFE colleges in Western Australia, with campus locations across the state. Information can be found on each TAFE college website below:

- **North Metropolitan TAFE**  
[northmetrotafe.wa.edu.au](http://northmetrotafe.wa.edu.au)
- **South Metropolitan TAFE**  
[southmetrotafe.wa.edu.au](http://southmetrotafe.wa.edu.au)
- **Central Regional TAFE**  
[centralregionaltafe.wa.edu.au](http://centralregionaltafe.wa.edu.au)
- **South Regional TAFE**  
[southregionaltafe.wa.edu.au](http://southregionaltafe.wa.edu.au)
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On their websites, you can search for a course and use industry words to filter the search results, such as hairdressing, technology, construction.

In the industry area, click on a specific course you think might be right for you, for example, Certificate III in Hairdressing. This will bring up a screen with information about entrance requirements, location and employment opportunities.

A very important piece of information is the entrance requirements. Entry to TAFE is quite different from university admission. There may be a need to demonstrate or prove your skills, experience or academic achievement for competitive courses.

If you meet the entrance requirements for a course that interests you, it is worth seeking further information. If you do not meet the entry requirements, consider how you might acquire them (for example, if you would like to do a Certificate III, but it requires a Certificate II to enter, then look at the Certificate II course first).

### Course information by industry area

Another way to explore TAFE course options is by industry. Go to the Courses tab and click on an industry.

### Identify an industry that interests you

When you find courses that interest you, and you meet the entry requirements, or are building towards meeting these requirements, focus on these courses and find out more detailed information. You can download and print the course flyer.

Find and note details about 2 specific courses:

<b>Course preference 1</b>	
At which campus/campuses is the course available?	
Information about the course (for example, length and topics covered):	
Entrance requirements:	
Job opportunities:	

<b>Course preference 2</b>	
At which campus/campuses is the course available?	
Information about the course (for example, length and topics covered):	
Entrance requirements:	
Job opportunities:	

## Admission to TAFE

Complete a qualification through TAFE, online or face-to-face on campus.

As part of the application process, you may be required to collect and present documents in a portfolio, such as:

1. a reference from work
2. your school reports
3. workplace learning feedback or report
4. practical or artistic samples (usually photographed)
5. evidence from other experiences, such as qualifications, volunteering.

If you want to apply for a course, it is a good idea to seek the assistance of a school representative, such as a VET Coordinator, Career Practitioner or course counsellor.

You can contact the TAFE directly using the online contact us form.

## Apprenticeships/traineeships

Visit the **Australian Apprenticeships** website at [apprenticeships.gov.au](http://apprenticeships.gov.au) to access up-to-date information about apprenticeships and traineeships to investigate the following:

- apprenticeships and traineeships
- how to get an apprenticeship or traineeship
- how to be prepared
- how to find an employer
- starting an apprenticeship or traineeship.

The screenshot shows the Australian Apprenticeships website. At the top, there is a dark blue header containing the Australian Government logo, the text 'AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIPS Your Life. Your Career. Your Future.', a search bar, and a 'Sign In to ADMS' button. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for Home, About apprenticeships, Apprentices, Employers, Support and resources, Who to contact, and Tools. The main content area features a large heading 'Apprenticeships advice and support' and a sub-heading 'Everything you need to become or employ an apprentice in one place.' There are two buttons: 'Try the Incentives Explorer' and 'Find an Apprentice Connect Australia Provider'. To the right is a photo of a man and a woman looking at a potted plant. Below this are two sections: 'Support for Apprentices and Employers' with a photo of people in hard hats, and 'Key Apprenticeship Program' with a photo of a smiling man in a hard hat.

## Questions

What is an apprenticeship?

What is an Australian School-based Apprenticeship?

What is a pre-apprenticeship?

**List 3 interesting facts about school-based traineeships or apprenticeships.**

1.

2.

3.

**List 2 ways to find an employer.**

1.

2.

**List 3 apprenticeships that interest you.**

1.

2.

3.

**List up to 3 pre-apprenticeship courses that interest you.**

1.

2.

3.

## Universities

Western Australian universities have brochures and information online. Sign up to their newsletters and follow them on social media to find out about upcoming events and information about courses. Each university has a dedicated centre for guiding and advising students.

### Websites

1. **Curtin University \***  
[curtin.edu.au](http://curtin.edu.au)
2. **Edith Cowan University \***  
[ecu.edu.au](http://ecu.edu.au)
3. **Murdoch University \***  
[murdoch.edu.au](http://murdoch.edu.au)
4. **The University of Western Australia \***  
[uwa.edu.au](http://uwa.edu.au)
5. **University of Notre Dame**  
[nd.edu.au](http://nd.edu.au)

### TISC: University and the ATAR

Admission to the 4 public\* universities of Western Australia and the University of Notre Dame (optionally) is processed through the Tertiary Institution Service Centre (TISC).

To find out more, go to their website: [tisc.edu.au](http://tisc.edu.au)

University entry requirements are also available on the TISC website.

For the next activity, go to [tisc.edu.au/static/home.tisc](http://tisc.edu.au/static/home.tisc)

### Click on:

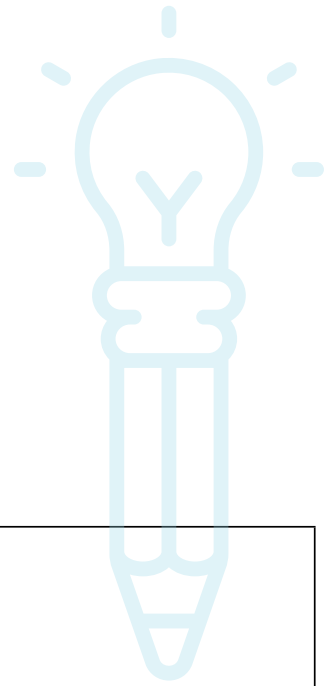
- Undergraduate
- Entry requirements
- Applying as a recent school leaver
- Admission years – on right of screen
- University admissions 2028

**What are the general entry requirements for public university admissions for school leavers?**




### What is the ATAR?

Answer this question using information available at:  
[tisc.edu.au/static/guide/atar-about.tisc](http://tisc.edu.au/static/guide/atar-about.tisc)



**Consider the following questions when formulating your response:**

- What does ATAR stand for?
- What does an ATAR do?
- Who needs an ATAR?
- How many scaled scores do you need for an ATAR to be calculated?
- Will an ATAR allow you to apply for university admission?



**Make a note of things that you need to investigate further.  
 Who do you need to talk to?**

Topics I need to research further	Who can I talk to?



## Research on university admission

In the boxes provided, list the courses and universities that you are most interested in.

Record the **minimum ATAR** or other requirements needed for admission to those courses.

Check on the [TISC website](#) and the university websites/handbooks for any prerequisites.

Option 1	Option 2
University	University
Course	Course
Requirements	Requirements

Option 3	Option 4
University	University
Course	Course
Requirements	Requirements

## Future jobs and prospects

For further current information about the future jobs outlook and labour relations data in Australia, go to the **Federal Government careers** website at:

[yourcareer.gov.au/resources/australian-jobs-report](http://yourcareer.gov.au/resources/australian-jobs-report)



You can also discover more about individual occupations using the **Jobs and Skills Atlas**:

[jobsandskills.gov.au/data/jobs-and-skills-atlas](http://jobsandskills.gov.au/data/jobs-and-skills-atlas)

## Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE)

The Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) is awarded to secondary school students who satisfy the requirements.



You will need to refer to this when completing your **WACE achievement plan** [page 41](#).

### 1

#### General requirements

You must:

- demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy (reading and writing) and a minimum standard of numeracy
- complete a minimum of 20 units, or equivalents
- complete
  - at least four Year 12 ATAR courses **OR**
  - at least five Year 12 General courses and/or ATAR courses **OR**
  - a Certificate II (or higher) VET qualification in combination with ATAR, General or Foundation courses.

### 2

#### Literacy and numeracy standard

For WACE literacy and numeracy standard you may:

- pre-qualify through achieving Band 8 or higher in the reading, writing and numeracy tests of the Year 9 National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), or;
- demonstrate the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy by successfully completing the relevant components of the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) in Year 10, 11 or 12.

### 3

#### Breadth and depth

You must complete a minimum of 20 units, which may include unit equivalents attained through VET and/or endorsed programs. This requirement must include at least:

- a minimum of ten Year 12 units, or the equivalent
- four units from an English course, post Year 10, including at least one pair of Year 12 units from an English learning area course
- one pair of Year 12 units from each of List A (arts/languages/social sciences) and List B (mathematics/science/technology) subjects.

## 4

**Achievement standard**

You must achieve at least 14 C grades or higher (or equivalents) in Year 11 and Year 12 units, including at least six C grades (or equivalents) in Year 12 units.

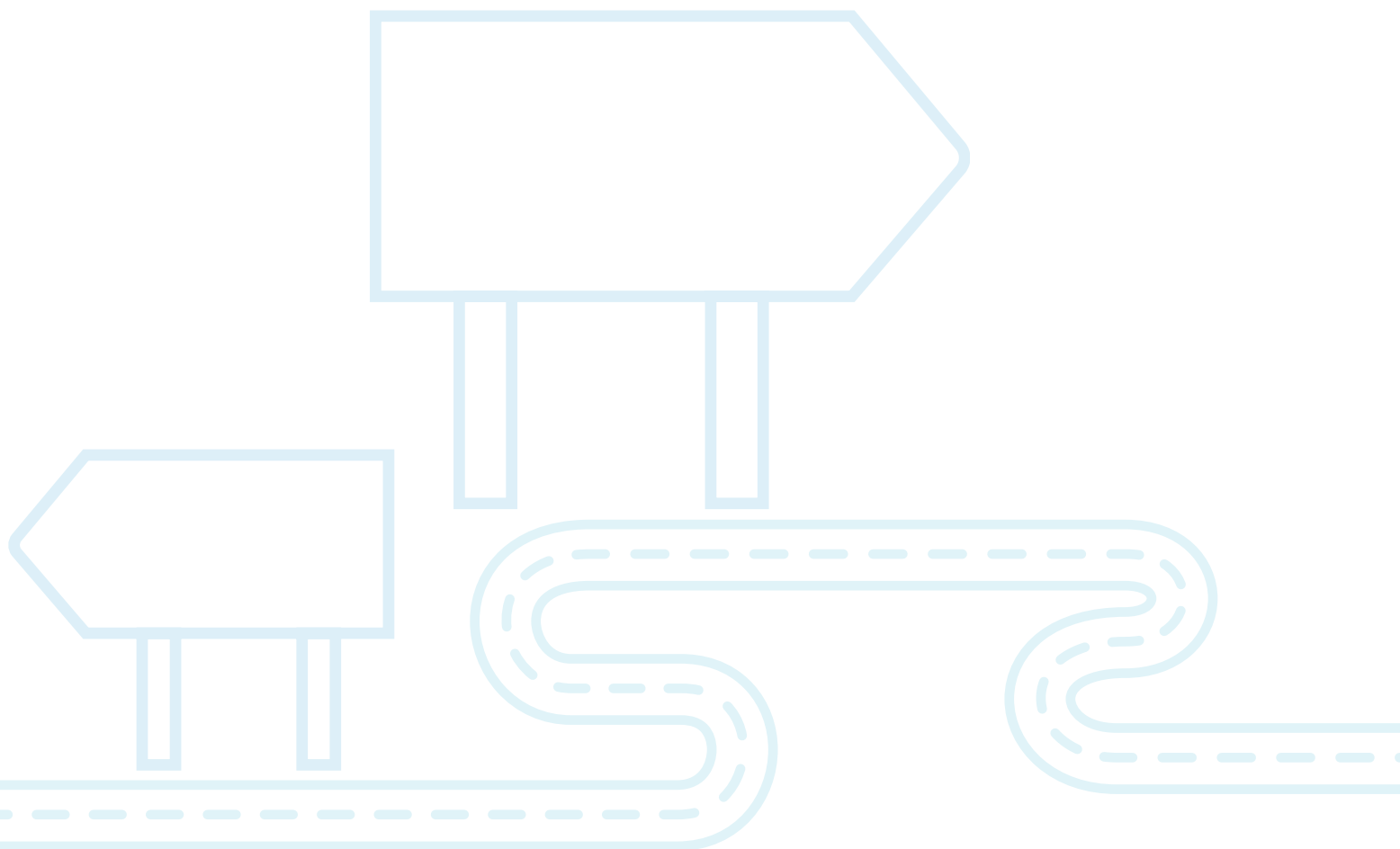
## 5

**Unit equivalents**

Unit equivalents can be obtained through VET qualifications and/or endorsed programs. The maximum number of unit equivalents available through VET and endorsed programs is four Year 11 units and four Year 12 units with a maximum of four units with endorsed programs – two in Year 11 and two in Year 12.

**Note:**

1. Information about courses for Year 11 and Year 12 students can be found at: [scsa.wa.edu.au/publications/wace-manual](https://scsa.wa.edu.au/publications/wace-manual)
2. More information about Year 11 and 12 curriculum can be found on the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) Student information page: [student.scsa.wa.edu.au](https://student.scsa.wa.edu.au)




# Part 3: Put it all together

## My pathway planning tool

Use your pathway plan to design your future.

Hello, my name is:

 Below is some information about me and my future aspirations.

### About me

Using the information from Part 1, fill in your top 3 responses for each of the sections below.

Personal characteristics	Interests
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

Abilities	Skills
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

Values
1.
2.
3.

## My current career options

Complete the below chart for your 2 shortlisted careers. Remember, this information may change.

<b>Career option 1</b>	
This career involves:	
The course/training I need to complete is:	
Prerequisites required and/or subjects recommended are:	

<b>Career option 2</b>	
This career involves:	
The course/training I need to complete is:	
Prerequisites required and/or subjects recommended are:	

## My WACE achievement plan

**Create a selection of courses that you might consider for Year 11.**


**Step 1:** Read through the information on [page 37](#).

**Step 2:** Read through your school's directory of what courses are being offered this year.

**Step 3:** Highlight courses that interest you based on your shortlisted career options.

**Step 4:** Talk to your teachers, parents/guardians, mentors to gain their thoughts on your possible choices.

**Step 5:** Write your choices down in the table on the next page.

My WACE achievement plan	
Selection from list A	Selection from list B
Two reserves from list A	Two reserves from list B
ATAR, General or VET pathway? Combination?	
If VET is one of your options, what qualification/s are you interested in?	
Endorsed programs, e.g. workplace learning	
	



You have now completed this workbook.

Remember that building a career is an ongoing, lifelong process that will lead to work satisfaction if based on a good understanding of yourself and the labour market.



# Notes





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