

Leaving School: What's next? Gap Year? Study? Employment?

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Career guidance

<https://federation.edu.au/institutes-and-schools/federation-tafe/skills-and-jobs-centre>: Skills and Jobs Centre for training, career and job advice

<https://myfuture.edu.au/>: Resources to explore career pathways and tools to develop career knowledge

<https://goodeducationbookshop.com/products/the-good-careers-guide-ebook>: The Good Careers Guide (2025) is a free downloadable e-book

<https://www.alife.net.au/index.php>: Real life examples of careers

<https://www.skillsone.com.au/>: Videos about trades and skills

<https://labourmarketinsights.gov.au>: Explore jobs in demand, salaries, and required skills

Pathway specific sites

Plumbing: <https://plumber.com.au/apprenticeships/>

Engineering: <https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/about-engineering>

Defence Force: <https://www.adfcareers.gov.au/>

Electrotechnology: <https://e-oz.com.au/>

Police Force: <https://www.police.vic.gov.au/careers>

Building and Construction: <https://www.mbav.com.au/careers-and-jobs/>

Agriculture: <https://www.agriculturecareersaustralia.com.au/>

Health: <https://www.vic.gov.au/getting-job-health-care>

Finding employment

<https://www.opencolleges.edu.au/blogs/articles/how-to-write-a-resume>: How to write a resume.

<https://www.careers.vic.gov.au/how-to-apply/how-to-apply-for-a-job>: How to apply for a job (resumes, cover letter, key selection criteria, using STAR. Government job focus.

<https://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/jobs>: How to write a resume, prepare for an interview, navigate your work rights. Include information about apprenticeships, starting a business, working overseas.

<https://www.seek.com.au/career-advice>: Information, tools and templates for applying for jobs

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.au>: Everything you need to know about becoming an apprentice

<https://www.vic.gov.au/apprenticeships-and-traineeships>: Find out how apprenticeships and traineeships work in Victoria.

<https://www.workforceaustralia.gov.au/individuals/coaching/job-search/jobseekers>: Government job website. Search for jobs and access resources and training to find a job.

Further study

<https://www.skills.vic.gov.au/>: Explore TAFE training options

<https://year13.com.au/>: explore a range of career options and short courses in a variety of skills

<https://www.yourcareer.gov.au/learn-and-train>: Explore TAFE training and study options

<https://vtac.edu.au/>: advice, information and resources about tertiary education opportunities, processes and requirements.

<https://www.raisingexpectations.com.au/>: TAFE and uni information for students in out-of-home care

<https://www.vic.gov.au/free-tafe>: Explore courses that can be studied tuition-free under the Free TAFE initiative.

Scholarships

<https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/scholarships>: Search for scholarships for uni or TAFE by type, provider, or study area.

<https://doxa.org.au/cadetship/>: Program to support students going to university

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Gap year

<https://www.goodschools.com.au/insights/education-updates/the-benefits-of-a-gap-year-for-your-child>: Reasons for taking a gap year and some things to consider before deciding.
<https://year13.com.au/explore/travel>: Explore study, volunteer and paid options for gap year travel
<https://www.projects-abroad.com.au/>
<https://www.auroraproject.com.au/>

Centrelink

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/leaving-secondary-school>: Information about options after finishing secondary school.
<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/youth-allowance>: Eligibility for Youth Allowance as a job seeker or apprentice
https://youtu.be/uAw0cMyeelA?si=JQnPuS_qYzSmhkvT: Video explaining Youth Allowance eligibility
<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/how-to-claim-low-income-health-care-card>: How to apply for a low-income health care card
<https://findus.servicesaustralia.gov.au>: Find your nearest Services Australia office for Centrelink support

Legal information

<https://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/>: Enrol to vote
<https://www.fairwork.gov.au>: Learn about your pay, hours, and rights at work.
<https://yla.org.au>: Free and confidential legal info for young people.
<https://moneysmart.gov.au/life-events-and-you/under-25s>: Understand budgeting, super, credit cards and more
<https://www.ato.gov.au/individuals-and-families>: Learn how to apply for a tax file number, submit a tax return, and about ATO requirements.
<https://www.youth.gov.au/life-stuff/tax-and-superannuation>: Introduction to tax and superannuation

Medical information

<https://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/membership>: Ambulance Victoria membership information
<https://membership.ambulance.vic.gov.au/faqdetails?id=KA-01023> Are you covered by your parent's ambulance cover?
<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/have-your-own-medicare-card-and-number-if-youre-15-or-older-and-enrolled-medicare>: Applying for your own Medicare card

Support services

Leaving school can be a difficult transition. If you need support, please reach out:
Kids Helpline: <https://kidshelpline.com.au/> or 1800 55 1800
Headspace: <https://headspace.org.au/> or 1800 650 890
Beyond Blue: <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/> or 1300 22 4636
Reach Out: <https://au.reachout.com/>
YSAS (Youth Support + Advocacy Service): <https://ysas.org.au/>
YoDAA (Youth Drug and Alcohol Advice): <https://yodaa.org.au/> or 1800 458 685
Ask Izzy: <https://askizzy.org.au/>

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