



The following document provides important information about Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses delivered by Wagga Wagga Registered Training Organisation (RTO) 90333.

General

VET courses offer dual accreditation: students who successfully complete these courses will gain unit credit toward their Higher School Certificate (HSC) and will also receive a nationally recognised industry based qualification.

Framework and Non Framework Courses

VET courses are generally broken into two groups, Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF) courses and Board Endorsed Courses (BEC). Both groups will provide units of credit towards the students HSC. Similarly both groups will give students access to a nationally recognised qualification.

Industry Curriculum Framework courses are category B subjects for the purpose of calculating an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). The ATAR is the main method of determining university admission for students seeking university admission at the end of year 12.

Note: Students must complete a 240 hour Industry Curriculum Framework Course to sit the optional HSC examination.

Only ONE Category B course may be used towards the student's ATAR.

Board Endorsed Courses cannot be used towards the ATAR.

Refer to the NSW Education Standards Authority website (NESA) for VET, any exclusions, rules and procedures.

Assessment Procedures

Assessment of students in VET courses is competency based. This means that evidence of achievement of competency is produced by the student, collected by an assessor and judged against agreed industry standards. Assessments are generally practical in nature and reflect the type of tasks that would be required to be performed in the workplace, however written tasks may be used to assess knowledge and understanding of concepts related to the course.

Evidence of competence can be collected by the assessor in a variety of ways. Like all other HSC courses, some of the evidence collected will be through formal assessment tasks or events such as project work, presentation of portfolios, practical demonstrations, as well as pen and paper tasks. Students are deemed either competent or not yet competent following an assessment task.

No grades or marks are awarded through competency based assessments. The school will provide an assessment schedule for each VET course.

Optional External HSC Examination

Industry Curriculum Framework courses have an optional external HSC exam for students wishing to include their mark in the calculation of the ATAR. Students who sit for the optional HSC exam will have an estimate mark submitted to the NSW Education Standards (NESA) by the school. This estimate mark will only be used in the event of a claim of misadventure.

Student Selection, enrolment and induction procedures

Stage 6 VET courses are available to all students in years 11 and 12 upon the completion of a RTO VET Enrolment Form with a validated Unique Student Identifier (USI). Year 9 do NOT undertake “early commencement/acceleration” of Stage 6 VET courses. Your school will seek RTO advice in regards to individual student learning plans.

A course induction will be delivered by course trainers at the beginning of the each course. This induction will include information regarding the specific course they are studying, recognition of prior learning procedures, assessment procedures, information regarding student rights and responsibilities, and a student declaration to be signed by the student to confirm that they have completed the induction as part of their enrolment procedures.

Fees and charges

Some VET courses attract a course cost. Where a course cost exists it will be indicated on the course information page. More detailed information regarding fee charges and refund policies will be provided in the course induction.

Students having difficulty in making payments may be able access the Student Assistance Scheme. See your student adviser for details as to how this fund can be accessed.

Freedom of Information and Privacy

Students' rights to privacy and access to information are outlined in the Freedom of Information and Privacy policy. All staff members are required to abide by the Department's Privacy Code of Practice.

Credit Transfer and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Credit transfer is available to students who produce evidence of achievement of competency from another RTO. RPL may also be available to students who can provide sufficient evidence of skills attained previously. Students seeking RPL should follow the RPL procedures outlined in the RTO Student Guide.

Work Placement

Seventy (70) hours of work placement per 240 hours of study is a mandatory HSC component of many VET courses. Failure to complete mandatory work placement will mean that a student will receive an “N” determination for the subject and as a result may be ineligible for the award of the HSC. Students will be provided with additional work placement information in the course induction.

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs)

The SBAT Program provides students with the opportunity to include a recognised VET qualification within their HSC and to combine this with paid work.

SBATs must complete formal training that is delivered by a RTO. The formal training must meet the requirements of the relevant Vocational Training Order (VTO) for that apprenticeship or traineeship vocation, and lead to a nationally recognised qualification. The formal training component of a SBAT will contribute unit credit towards the HSC.

Becoming a School Based Apprentice or Trainee

Students must first find an employer prepared to take them on as a school based apprentice or trainee. Once an offer of employment has been made, students must contact the SBAT Contact Person in their school. This is usually the Careers Adviser. The SBAT Contact Person will then commence the process to seek approval to establish a SBAT.

Students wanting to find out more information regarding SBATs should contact the school's Careers Adviser. The following website is also a key source of information regarding SBATs:

www.sbatinnsw.info

Unique Student Identifier

All students undertaking Nationally Recognised Training delivered by a Registered Training Organisation must have a Unique Student Identifier (USI).

The USI provides easy access to all VET training records and results throughout your life. You can access your USI account online. You must keep your USI safe and ready to use for further enrolments in VET training.

Smart and Skilled

Smart and Skilled was implemented with an entitlement to government subsidised training commencing January 1, 2015. Qualifications achieved at school do not impact on this entitlement post school.