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“In order to migrate to Australia, you need to be skilled and educated in an occupation that is in demand. It is also significantly easier to migrate if you are living and working in the occupation in Australia.

The occupations that we have recommended are all listed on the Medium to Long Term Strategic Skills List. This means that Immigration have identified these occupations as in demand in Australia.

By studying these courses, applicants may also be able to apply for a graduate work visa upon completion. This will allow them to work in their nominated occupation upon graduation.

By studying in these fields, applicants are becoming skilled in an occupation that is in demand in Australia and also able to work in the industry. This should give graduates the best possible chance of migrating permanently to Australia.”

Nicholas Yock
Migration Agent (Pathway to Aus)
TRADE COURSES
If you are looking for a flexible job and want to gain skills that allow you to work all over the world, perhaps you may want to study carpentry. Over the next five years, the number of job openings for carpenters and joiners is expected to grow.

Australia is recognised for providing highly skilled and technologically sound carpenters. The Cert III in Carpentry course will provide students with the required skills to work in the building and construction industry in Australia and all over the globe. The course prepares students to perform a wide range of tasks in the building and construction industry. You will be trained in numerous fields in the carpentry industry such as studying drawings and specifications to determine materials required, ordering and selecting timbers and materials, preparing layouts and much more.

**GRADUATE OUTCOME:**

Students will graduate as a qualified tradesperson in the building and construction industry. Graduates will be skilled in many aspects of carpentry including:

- Plan and organise work.
- Construct wall frames.
- Use carpentry hand and power tools.
- Read and interpret plans.
- Shape materials and assemble components.
- Roof framing.
- Use a variety of leveling instruments.

**JOB FORECAST & CAREER INFORMATION:**

- The average hours worked by a carpenter in Australia are 44 per week.
- Employment for this occupation rose moderately in the past five years and is expected to grow further in the next five years.
- 87% of carpenters and joiners are employed in a full-time role
- Carpenters on average are paid $1,358 a week.

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**THE COURSE**

**CERTIFICATE III IN CARPENTRY**

**Course Duration:** 24 months

**Intake Dates:** Jan and July

(*Apr and Oct in Melbourne only)

**Locations:** Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Perth (regional), Gold Coast (regional), Sunshine Coast (regional)

**Costs:** $10,000 - $16,000 per year

**Common Course Requirements:**

- Must have graduated year 11 in home country.
- Must have a minimum of IELTS 5.5 overall.

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Rafa studied Carpentry before applying for the graduate work visa (Subclass 485). He then worked for 1 year and completed the job ready program. He then applied for the permanent 190 State Nominated visa and in 2020 was granted his Australian Permanent Residency.

What were you doing before you studied carpentry?
Before I began studying Carpentry I was in Aus on a working holiday visa. Before that I was working in finance in Argentina.

Where did you study?
I studied the Cert III in Carpentry and the Cert IV of Building and Construction in Sydney.

How many days per week did you attend class?
I attended class 2 full days and then 1 night when I did the cert III. The cert IV course is a lot less practical, so we do a lot more at home work, but had to attend at least a full day and 2 nights.

What was the course like?
The cert III was very practical, but the Cert IV was all about building codes and what it takes to be a builder. We learnt so much, so quickly. The teachers were all very knowledgeable and the facilities were quality.

Did you get paid when you studied?
Yes, I was working pretty much the whole time I was studying. I was lucky, I got in early with a good employer and stuck with him throughout my studies. Sydney always has a lot of work.

What happened after you finished the course?
After I finished the course I picked up some really well paying jobs outside of Sydney. I completed my required hours to complete the job ready program. I then used PTA to lodge my permanent visa application. Initially I wanted to go for the 189, but was not sure if I would receive an invite so I went for the 190 State Nominated. It is not a big deal, because I like working in NSW.

How much are you getting paid now?
I get paid well now. It is consistent work to. I make about $45 per hour and have 8 months of work already contracted. We do big weeks, about 50 hours every week at least. Back in Sydney when I was studying I was earning around $30 - $35 per hour.

What are your plans for the future?
Not too sure at the moment. I like what I am doing and I am earning good money. So I will stick with this for a while. I already have PR, but want to apply for citizenship next year.
If you like working with your hands, have a strong attention to detail and love the ocean, boat building could be the best choice for you. Australia is recognised for providing highly skilled and technologically sound boat builders. The Cert III in Marine Craft Construction course will provide students with the required skills to work in the boat building and repair industry in Australia and around the world.

The Certificate III in Marine Craft Construction prepares students to perform a wide range of tasks in the boat building industry. You will be trained in numerous fields such as; studying plans and specifications, preparing templates and scale plans for fabrication and cutting of hull sections, assembling shells of boats and erecting hull sections of ship, installing masts, frames, decking, fittings, machines, shafts and safety equipment.

**GRADUATE OUTCOME:**
Graduates will be a qualified tradesperson in the marine craft industry. Graduates will be skilled in many aspects of boat building industry including:

- Fitting out internal and external components of a marine craft.
- Repairing wooden, fiberglass and composite vessels.
- Installing engine drive systems.
- Health and Safety.
- Using power and hand tools.

**JOB FORECAST & CAREER INFORMATION:**

- The average hours worked by a Boat Builder in Australia are 44 per week.
- Most boat builders work for large companies.
- 87% of boat builders are employed in a full-time role.
- Employment for this occupation grew strongly in the past five years and is expected to be stable over the next five years.
- On average, boat builders & repairers are paid around $1,602 a week.
What were you doing before you studied Boat Building?
I was a logistics manager for a catering company back in Germany. I actually came out with my family to Aus to study this course. I wanted a career change.

Where do you study?
I studied the Cert III in Marine Craft Construction at TAFE on The Gold Coast.

How many days do you go to class per week?
I went to school for 3 days per week (8am – 4pm). We generally had 2 days of class per week and then had another day of vocational placement.

Do you have homework?
Not really, I manage to do most of my work at school.

Did you have to buy a toolkit or equipment?
No, everything was provided by the school.

Do you do vocational placement? If so, where?
Yes we did about 400 hours at a vocational placement. I did mine at Riviera, which is a large boat building company located really close to our school. I actually applied to work there before the course started and they knew the teacher of my course so it was really cool. My teacher then organized the interview for me.

Was it paid?
Yes, it was paid about $23 per hour.

How are you dealing with money?
I had some savings. I worked 40 hours per fortnight and in my holidays I worked full time as much as I could. Then I saved this to cover me throughout the study periods.

Tell us about your classmates?
There were only about 5 in our class when I started, but the classes are a little larger now. My classmates were from Italy, Brazil, Israel and USA.

What is the average age of classmates?
Late twenties.

How are the facilities?
The facilities are good. Everything was modern, so it was good to work with this type of equipment.

What are your plans when you graduate?
I have actually already graduated. I got my post graduate work visa and still work at Riviera. I work full time in the detailing department.

What is your favourite part to work on boats?
I like to work on the deck as it is outside. Definitely not in the engine room.
Rotem came to Aus with his wife from Israel to study boat building (Marine Craft Construction) at TAFE QLD on the Gold Coast in Jan 2015. This is a 2 year program.

He had never previously studied boat building and began to take an interest in it right away. Whilst undertaking the course, Rotem was required to undertake 400 hours of vocational placement to gain industry experience. He was also fortunate enough to find paid work experience at a local boat building company throughout his studies. This allowed him to earn to support himself whilst he worked. His wife was also allowed to undertake 40 hours per fortnight of paid work.

Upon graduating, PTA assisted Rotem to apply for the graduate work visa (Subclass 485). This is an open work visa that allowed himself and his partner to remain in Aus and live and work for 18 months. Both Rotem and his wife could work full time whilst on this visa.

When on the graduate work visa, Rotem continued to work for a local boat builder and PTA assisted him to sign up to the Trades Recognition Australia (TRA) Job Ready Program. Each month Rotem completed his online work journal and he kept his payslips. After 6 months working (or approximately 870 hours), an assessor from TRA came to visit Rotem at his work place and assessed Rotem as competent to work in the industry.

After approximately 1 year or 1725 hours working as a boat builder, Rotem was provided with his final assessment for migration purposes by TRA. Please note this year of work experience also allowed Rotem to gain an additional 5 work experience points in Australia.

The next step was to submit an expression of interest through Skill Select and apply for a general skilled migration visa. Rotem was about 38 years old and just couldn’t score enough points on the IELTS English test to reach the required points to apply for the skilled independent visa (Subclass 189 visa). He could only total 60 points.

However, as boat builder was on the QLD State Occupation list, it was sufficient points to apply for QLD State Nomination. Consequently a PTA Migration agent lodged an expression of interest requesting QLD State Nomination. After several weeks wait we were fortunate enough to receive the invite and apply for the Permanent Skilled Nominated (State Sponsored) Subclass 190 visa.

After applying for the visa, Rotem and his partner were granted a bridging visa. This bridging visa allowed Rotem and his wife to remain in Australia whilst waiting for the processing of his permanent visa. On this bridging visa, they both had full work rights and access to Medicare. On the bridging visa, the couple also gave birth to their first child, which PTA assisted to move onto their parents visa.

Close to 4 years after first beginning his studies in Aus, Rotem and his family were then granted their Permanent Visa (Skilled Nominated (State Sponsored) Subclass 190 visa to Australia. After one year on the PR visa, Rotem and family can look at becoming Australian citizens.

**Rotem’s Points:**
- Age – 25 points
- English – 10 points
- Education – 15 points
- Work Experience – 5 points
- Study in Aus – 5 points
- QLD State Nomination – 5 points

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Solid plasterers apply plaster & protective coatings to cement, block & brick walls during the construction phase. This course would suit someone who doesn’t mind working on their feet and who also has an eye for decorative details. Solid plasterers can also apply decorative finishes to internal and external walls using render or plaster depending on the application. You will also perform a range of “finishing work” in the final phase of the construction process: preparing and cleaning walls for paint, smoothing of ceilings & walls, creating straight and smooth angles on walls & custom build outs and cavities.

GRADUATE OUTCOME:

Graduates will be a qualified tradesperson in the plastering industry. Throughout the course, graduates will learn skills such as:

• Cut and fix paper faced cornice.
• Install pre-cast decorative moldings.
• Apply float and render to straight and curved surfaces.
• Carry out concreting to simple forms.
• Apply set coats.
• Erect and dismantle restricted height scaffolding.
• Read and interpret building plans and specifications.
• Apply OHS requirements and policies in the construction industry.

THE COURSE

CERTIFICATE III IN SOLID PLASTERING

Course Duration: 24 months
Intake Dates: Jan, April, July & Sept
Locations: Perth (regional) & Gold Coast (regional)
Costs: $8,500 - $15,000

Common Course Requirements:
• Must have graduated year 11 in home country.
• Must have a minimum of IELTS 5.5 overall.

JOB FORECAST & CAREER INFORMATION:

• The average hours worked by a solid plasterer in Australia are 43 hours per week.
• 72% of plasterers are employed in a full-time role.
• Employment for the occupation has grown strongly over the past 5 years.
• On average, plasterers are paid around $1,600 per week.

PLEASE FOLLOW THIS LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION
Brick & block layers are essential to any construction project and hold an in demand job within Australia. By studying bricklaying you will be setting yourself up for a promising career in a growing industry. Many people think it is a simple job, however there is so much more to this occupation. This occupation would suit someone who likes working outdoors, is physically fit and likes working with their hands. You will learn how to work on job sites for domestic, commercial and public buildings and work with clay bricks, concrete blocks and mortar.

Throughout the course students will learn how to interpret building plans, perform measurements, masonry blockwork, veneer and solid brick construction, leveling and scaffolding and how to use specialty tools.

**GRADUATE OUTCOME:**

The Certificate III in Bricklaying prepares students to perform a wide range of tasks in the building industry. You will be trained in numerous fields in brick laying such as:

- Studying plans and specifications to determine materials required, dimensions and installation procedures.
- How to construct decorative panels, feature walls, arches and columns.
- Laying bricks in rows, designs and shapes, and spreading mortar between joints.
- Embedding blocks in mortar and removing excess mortar.
- Checking vertical and horizontal alignment.
- Cutting, shaping and polishing stones and bricks
- Using machines and hand tools, and shaping bricks to fit irregular spaces.

**JOB FORECAST & CAREER INFORMATION:**

- The average hours worked by a bricklayer in Australia are 42 per week.
- Employment for this occupation grew strongly in the past five years and is predicted to remain stable (ten years).
- 77% of bricklayers and stonemasons are employed in a full-time role.
- On average bricklayers are paid around $2,020 a week.

**THE COURSE**

**CERTIFICATE III IN BRICKLAYING**

**Course Duration:** 24 months  
**Intake Dates:** Jan and July  
**Locations:** Perth (regional)  
**Costs:** $14,500 per year

**Common Course Requirements:**
- Must have graduated year 11 in home country.
- Must have a minimum English score of IELTS 5.5 overall.
- This course may include 400 hours of vocational placement.

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Chris is an international student from South Africa. Before moving to Australia, he was a gymnastics teacher back home. After he travelled to Australia on a vacation, he fell in love with the country and decided he felt very much at home here. Because of the political unrest in his native country, he decided to pursue his dream to become a bricklayer in Australia. He’s only 21 years old but has big plans for his future.

Where do you study?
I have been studying bricklaying at TAFE QLD in Ashmore on the Gold Coast for almost 1 year. I have another year to go before I graduate. I plan on staying on the Gold Coast after my studies finish as the lifestyle here is awesome.

How many days do you go to class per week?
I only go to class two to three times per week. As myself and all of my classmates are very fast workers, we usually finish our assignments before the end of the school day. This means I don’t have any homework and can spend the rest of the week working or doing whatever I want.

Did you do vocational placement/work experience? If so, where
I found a placement quite easily by myself, even though the school would always help me to find a placement if I needed help with this. I am currently working for a family-run business on the Gold Coast that is sub-contracted by Metricon (a large building company in Aus).

Did you have to buy any extra materials?
For his course itself everything else was provided and I didn’t have to buy any materials, but for this job, I needed to buy some tools.

How are your teachers?
My teacher is superb and always comes up with some very interesting projects. We go around campus to build new structures, such as a vertical garden and a pizza oven. I have learned so much from him.

Tell us about your classmates?
The class is tiny, there are only a few of us, which is great because you get a lot of specialized attention. We get along very well and became friends throughout the course. My best classmate is from England and is 25 years old. He has been living in Australia for 3 years and was previously working in his home country as a laborer.

What is the most difficult thing about the course?
I cannot think of anything in particular that I have found the most difficult but I think my teacher has potentially found teaching international students challenging. This is the first time that TAFE Ashmore has offered the bricklaying course to international students and I think that the teacher is still getting used to teaching to different nationalities and cultures. I guess we learn a little differently from the Aussies.

What are your plans after you have graduated?
I love the Gold Coast and I will try to pursue a pathway to stay in Australia. Because of the nature of studies I chose, I will look to apply for a post-graduate visa after I finish my studies. It would be a dream to stay here permanently too.

Do you think it will be difficult to get a job in the industry?
I am very confident I will get a great job very quickly after graduating. I already work in the industry. There are very few international students who study bricklaying compared to most other trades. Bricklaying is also high in demand, so combined with the low competition I know I will find a job easily.
The automotive repair industry in Australia is strong. Cars are becoming more technologically advanced and there is considerable room for growth within the industry. Currently there is a demand in Australia for qualified automotive electricians.

By undertaking the Certificate III in Automotive Electrical Technology, students will gain the experience and knowledge that is required to work in the automotive electrical service and repair industry. Throughout this course students will learn how to service, repair and diagnose all electrical problems. You will be trained to install, maintain, diagnose faults and repair electrical and computer based equipment in cars. Graduates of this course may find work in automotive repair garages, dealerships and even in the mining industry.

**GRADUATE OUTCOME:**

Graduates will be qualified tradesperson in the automotive electrical industry and will be skilled in many aspects of automotive electrical including:

- Repairing and replacing faulty electrical wiring.
- Industry standard maintenance and service procedures.
- Workplace Health and Safety standards.
- Using the tools and equipment used in the industry.
- Using electrical equipment to locate electronic problems.
- Install electrical equipment.
- Replace defective parts.

**THE COURSE**

**CERTIFICATE III IN AUTO ELECTRICAL**

Course Duration: 24 months  
Intake Dates: Jan and July  
Locations: Melbourne  
Costs: from $11,000 per year

**Common Course Requirements:**

- Must have graduated year 11 in home country.
- Must have a minimum overall IELTS score of 5.5

**JOB FORECAST & CAREER INFORMATION:**

- The average hours worked by a auto electrician in Australia are 48 per week.
- Automotive electricians can work independently or be part of a larger company.
- 90% of automotive electricians are employed in a full-time role.
- On average, auto electricians are paid around $1,400 per week.
Where do you study?
I am currently in my second semester studying the Cert III of Automotive Electrical at TAFE QLD – Gold Coast

How many days do you go to class per week?
In the first term I did 3 days per week from 8am – 4pm with an hour break for lunch. However in the second term and later you do 2 days per week and 1 day per week in vocational placement.

Tell me about your vocational placement?
So we need to do about 400 hours of vocational placement during the course. We go to an automotive electrical garage one day per week and the placement is 7 – 8 hours per day.

Did you have to organise this yourself?
You can organise it yourself, however if you don’t have one, then the school organizes a position with a company. TAFE has a lot of contacts in the industry

How are your teachers?
My teachers are really nice. They have great knowledge and industry experience and understand that you are new to the trade and are very patient. The teachers try to give us everything that we don’t know because we don’t have that experience.

Tell us about your classmates?
They are really nice and from all over the world. It is only a small class, so the teacher can focus on us. There is only one other girl in the class, but we love it. It isn’t a big problem at all. We fit in fine and get treated exactly the same as everyone else.

What are you most surprised about the course?
It is really interesting and never boring. The teacher is easy to follow and it is really fun.

What is the most difficult thing about the course?
We have to start at 8am!

Tell me about the facilities?
The facilities are really first class. Both Australian students and international students study there. I am really happy there.

Do you think it will be difficult to get a job in the industry?
From my experience it should be easy to get into the market. From what I have experienced there are a lot of jobs and this profession is in demand. The company I do vocational placement with even offered me a full time job now, but I can’t take it just yet because I need to finish my course.

What is your plan for the future?
I want to gain as much knowledge as I can and one day open my own business. I really want to be my own boss and this is possible as an auto electrician.
Studying Automotive Mechanic is for those who have a passion for working in the Automotive Industry and don’t mind getting their hands dirty under the bonnet of a car. The Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology prepares students to perform a wide range of tasks in the light automotive industry. The Cert IV in Mechanical Diagnosis furthers these skills and provides students with in depth knowledge of the mechanics.

The Cert IV in Automotive Performance Enhancement is another option to pair with the Cert III course.

Throughout your studies you will learn most aspects of motor mechanics including how to diagnose complex faults in light vehicle petrol engines, electronic spark ignition engine management systems and braking systems.

**GRADUATE OUTCOME:**

Graduates will be a qualified tradesperson in the automotive industry and will become skilled in many aspects of mechanics including:

- Repair air braking systems.
- Repair steering systems.
- Workplace safety.
- Diagnose and repair heavy vehicle systems.
- Service brakes, cooling system, fuel system.
- Service hydraulic systems.
- Test and repair basic electrical systems.
- Use and maintain workplace tools and equipment.

**JOB FORECAST & CAREER INFORMATION:**

- Employment for this occupation rose strongly over the past five years and is expected to remain constant in the future.
- 91.9% of motor mechanics are employed in a full-time role.
- The average hours worked by a motor mechanic in Australia are 44 hours per week.
- Most mechanics work for themselves or for larger mechanical workshops or dealerships.
- On average, light vehicle mechanics are paid around $1,435 per week.
What were you doing before you studied automotive?
I was working doing customer service back home in Bangalore, India.

Where do you study?
I am studying the Cert III in Light Vehicle Mechanic, Cert IV in Automotive Technology at Imagine Education on The Gold Coast.

Where do you live?
I actually live about 4 hours away from the school on NSW north coast. So I come up for the 3 days of class and stay with friends, then go back down.

How many days do you go to class per week?
I go to class 2 days per week Monday and Tuesday and I do vocational placement on Wednesday.

Do you have homework?
Not really, I manage to do most of my work at school. But if you don’t finish a lot of the assessment you have to take it home.

Do you have a mechanics toolkit?
Yes we got it from Imagine. The tool kit is a bit expensive, but the quality is really high. It has everything that a mechanic will need when they are starting off.

Do you do vocational placement? If so, where?
I have actually already completed about 300 hours of vocational placement. The school is also an actual workshop, where customers bring in their cars and we work on. Every Wednesday I actually do a full day of vocational placement, so I will probably have done almost 500 hours or more by the time I finish.

How are you dealing with money?
I actually don’t have a full time job, but I am planning to get one. I live with my sisters family so I look after her kids.

How are your teachers?
They are very experienced and help you with whatever you need.

Tell us about your classmates?
We have classes in batches of students at the same level, there are about 20 – 25 students there, and they are from all over. Brazil, Spain, Korea, India, everywhere really.

What is the average age of classmates?
Probably around 25. But we also have several older students.

What are you most surprised about the course?
Just how practical the course was and that we get to work on modern cars. We have a lot of customers who actually come into the workshop with new cars and we get to service these. I didn’t think we would be working on such new cars. I have heard that other schools work on outdated cars.
Would you like to work with big machinery? Diesel mechanics inspect, keep up and repair diesel engines for car dealerships, private garages, repair shops and mining companies. Diesel engines are hard working, and because of that are found in hard working vehicles like buses, large trucks, boats, bulldozers, dump trucks, cranes, and even some light duty trucks and cars. Diesel engines are different from gasoline powered engines, and have different needs and requirements when being serviced. Diesel mechanics deal with everything from routine oil changes to full engine rebuilds.

Diesel mechanics have to understand the vehicles electrical system, engine, and all of its working parts. They are familiar with mechanical and technical aspects and using diagnostic computer software on some advanced vehicles to identify the issues.

**GRADUATE OUTCOME:**

Graduates will be a qualified tradesperson in the automotive industry and will be skilled in many aspects of mechanics including:

- Engines.
- Maintenance and services procedures.
- Workplace safety.
- Tools and equipment.
- Service brakes, cooling system, fuel system.
- Service batteries.
- Electrical fundamentals.

**JOB FORECAST & CAREER INFORMATION:**

- Employment for this occupation rose strongly over the past five years and is expected to remain constant in the future.
- 93% of motor mechanics are employed in a full-time role.
- The average hours worked by a motor mechanic in Australia are 49 hours per week.
- Most mechanics work for themselves or for larger mechanical workshops or dealerships.
- On average heavy diesel mechanics are paid around $2,062 per week.

**THE COURSE**

**CERTIFICATE III IN AUTOMOTIVE HEAVY MECHANICAL TECHNOLOGY**

**Course Duration:** 24 months  
**Intake Dates:** Jan and July  
**Locations:** Gold Coast (regional), Sydney & Melbourne  
**Costs:** from $9,300 - $14,000 per year

**Common Course Requirements:**
- Must have graduated year 11 in home country.
- Must have a minimum of IELTS 5.5 overall.
- This course may include 400 hours of vocational placement.

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The automotive industry in Australia has many different aspects and job roles. One of the most in demand jobs at the moment is for qualified panel beaters.

Panel beaters undertake a very wide range of tasks and have a very diverse skill set. They can repair minor dents and scratches, right through to a full rebuild of exterior panels. Another really interesting aspect of a panel beaters job is classical car restoration and customisation. This aspect of the job can allow you to explore a more creative side of the trade industry and come up with your own plans and concepts using a wide range of materials.

**GRADUATE OUTCOME:**

Students who undertake training in this field will obtain numerous skills to utilise within the automotive repair industry including:

- Carry out fabrication of components.
- Carry out gas metal arc welding procedures.
- Remove and replace mechanical units and assemblies.
- Carry out paint-less dent repairs.
- Carry out panel repairs.
- Conduct major sectional repairs.
- Determine vehicle damage and recommended repair procedures.
- Fabricate composite material components.
- Fabricate vehicle body panels and components.
- Install vehicle components.

**JOB FORECAST & CAREER INFORMATION:**

- The average hours worked in Australia are 43 hours per week.
- Employment for this occupation remained constant over the past five years and is expected to remain the same in the future.
- 89% of panel beaters are employed in a full-time role.
- Panel beaters can work independently as a sub contractor or as part of a larger automotive company.
- On average panel beaters are paid around $1,280 per week.

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**THE COURSE**

**CERTIFICATE III AND IV IN AUTOMOTIVE BODY REPAIR**

Course Duration: 24 months
Intake Dates: Jan, Apr, Jul & Sept
Locations: Brisbane, Sydney
Costs: $12,000 per year

Common Course Requirements:
- Must have graduated year 11 in home country.
- Must have a minimum of IELTS 5.5 overall.

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What were you doing before you studied Panel Beating?
I was working in the Philippines as a full time Nurse. I came to Australia to study English before applying to study Automotive Body Repair. It really was a massive change of pathways, but I am happy to be following this path.

Where do you study?
I am studying the Cert III and Cert IV in Automotive Body Repair Technology in Brisbane at Oceania College. The 2 courses go for about 2 years.

Where do you live?
I actually live on The Sunshine Coast, which is about an hour away from the college.

How many days do you go to class per week?
I go to class on Wednesday for a full day where we learn the practical skills and we learn theoretical study at home. The rooms are open and tutors are there on other days in case you want to come in and get the extra help.

Do you have homework?
Yes, if we haven’t finished the assessment, then we need to study these at home to complete.

Do you have a panel beating toolkit?
No we don’t need to buy a toolkit. Everything is provided by the school.

What do you do for work outside of study?
I am working as a kitchen hand and cook.

How are your teachers?
They are really good, they are really approachable. So I feel comfortable asking them any questions. They all have experience and pass this knowledge on in a friendly manner

Tell us about your classmates?
There are only about 4 of us in our class, but there is another schedule with students at other levels. My classmates are from Hungary, South Africa and Thailand. It is good having a small class because you can learn so much.

What is the average age of classmates?
They youngest guy is about 21, and everyone else is around 30.

What are you most surprised about the course?
It is very hands on and practical. We work on so many different cars. Before starting the course, I didn’t think so much went into it.

What is the most difficult thing about the course?
Nothing is too difficult. The teacher is so approachable, so I ask them any questions I have.

What are your plans when you graduate?
I hope to find the opportunity to build the experience as a panel beating and open my own company.

Do you feel like you are learning a lot?
Yes 100%.

What is your favourite part to work on cars?
Dismantling the car and then repairing everything that is broken and putting it all back together. You get a kind of rewarding feeling.

Do you think it will be difficult to get a job in the industry?
I don’t think so. There are so many jobs for panel beaters in Australia. I’m not worried about this.

How do you feel about the school?
I like the school, I would recommend it.
Wall and floor tilers lay ceramic, clay, slate, marble and glass tiles on external and internal walls and floors to provide protective and decorative finishes. There is currently a large demand for qualified wall and floor tilers in Australia and if working in the construction industry is something that appeals to you this might be the perfect option for you. Students learn to lay ceramic, clay, slate, marble, glass and other types of tiles on external and internal walls and floors to provide protective and decorative finishes.

Major areas of study include interpretation of plans, measurements and calculations, use of power tools and equipment, surface preparation & repairs.

GRADUATE OUTCOME:
Careers for graduates include working as a tiling or renovation company employee or self-employed contractor. Graduates will have the skills to undertake the following tasks:

- Examining plans, measuring and marking surfaces and laying out work.
- Preparing wall and floor surfaces by removing old tiles, grout and adhesive, filling holes and cracks, and cleaning surfaces.
- Spreading adhesive onto prepared surfaces and tiles, and setting tiles in position.
- Using tile-cutting tools to cut and shape tiles needed for edges and corners, and around objects such as fittings and pipes.

JOB FORECAST & CAREER INFORMATION:

- Employment for this occupation rose very strongly in the past five years.
- 76% of wall and floor tilers are employed in full-time roles.
- The average hours worked by wall and floor tilers in Australia are 43 per week.
- Wall and floor tilers can work independently as a subcontractor or be part of a larger construction company.
- On average tilers are paid around $1,330 per week.
Peter is a student from Poland that Pathway to Aus assisted to study Wall and Floor Tiling in Australia. This is his experience of the course so far:

Where do you study & what do you study?
I study the Cert III Wall and Floor tiling at Entrepreneur Education on the Gold Coast.

Can you explain the structure/schedule of the course?
We have one full day on Saturday and then two evening classes throughout the week.

The course puts an emphasis on practical study. On Saturday we do a full day from 8 – 4pm. This whole day is practical where we work in a workshop. Throughout this day we spend a lot of time cutting tiles, tiling a cube, things which are very simple because I am only on stage 1 of the course. The first Stage of the course is simple cuts and getting used to the tools.

After studying about half of the course I will move onto stage 2. In this part we work 3 different model bathrooms that are in the workshop. We go through all of these and learn the methods of tiling to use in each section. On Wednesday night from 5 – 9pm there is a theory class. This is where you learn the methods and techniques from a book, which although I don’t find as interesting, is still very important to learn and will be useful in the future.

On Thursday nights it is collaboration where you can ask the teacher anything you need to learn. We are given assignments every two weeks and must finish these and hand them in to the teacher.

Do you enjoy the course?
I enjoy the practical better, but I understand that I should learn both. I find that a lot of theory you can do by yourself at your own pace. And then any questions you can ask the teacher in collaboration. The teacher is great he gives you the time and attention needed.

Who are your classmates?
My classmates are from all over the world. Colombia, Korea, UK, Mexico, Brazil, Spain and all over the world.

Do you work in the industry?
Not yet, because I only started doing the course a few months ago. But I have a friend who I plan to work with when I become a little bit more skilled. I have set up my own ABN as this is very common in the industry. I hope to begin to work in the industry probably in my second year.

Are you working at the moment?
I set up my ABN, where I work in an online store.

Do you like your teacher? What is his teaching style?
Yes, Brad is a great teacher. He has so much experience in the industry, maybe 20 years. He knows everything and explains it very easily. He is very approachable.

Do you believe you will be ready to work in the industry when you finish the course?
Yes, I believe it will be an easy transition. I am looking forward to working in the industry.
By studying the advanced Diploma of Engineering Technology-Electrical, you will learn how to conduct tests of electrical systems, prepare charts and tabulations, and assist in estimating costs in support of Electrical Engineers and Engineering Technologists, prepare drawings, plans and diagrams of electrical installations and circuitry.

Throughout your studies you will learn about interpreting client briefs, planning, analysis and design, project management, diagnosis and modification of systems and equipment, installation, testing and commissioning of systems and equipment, effective management techniques, and workplace safety.

After completion of this course students will be ready to work in the electronics industry as an electronics engineering technician.

GRADUATE OUTCOME:
Graduates will be skilled in many aspects of electrical engineering technician including:

- Develop strategies to address environmental and sustainability issues in the energy sector.
- Fabricate, assemble and dismantle utilities industry components.
- Solve problems in d.c. circuits.
- Repair basic electronic apparatus faults by replacement of components.
- Troubleshoot resonance circuits in an electronic apparatus.
- Set up and configure data communication systems.
- Fault find and repair complex power supplies.
- Design and develop advanced digital systems.
- Troubleshoot communication systems.
- Solve fundamental electronic communications system problems.

JOB FORECAST & CAREER INFORMATION:

- The average hours worked in Australia are 44 per week.
- 91% of electronic engineering technicians are employed in a full-time role.
- They can work independently or be part of a larger energy company, mining company or government.
- On average, electrical engineering technicians are paid around $2,160 per week.
If you study Engineering Fabrication and Trade you are setting yourself up to work in numerous trade roles in Australia and around the world. In Australia, engineering fabricators may be even more in demand than engineers themselves. Structural steel and welding trades workers cut, shape, join and repair metal components of iron and steel structures, boilers, pressure vessels and pipes, ships and other vessels. If you study Engineering Fabrication and Trade you will be educated to work in roles such as:

- **Fitter and Turner** - works in the machining industry manufacturing metal components and then assembling those components into products such as tools and machinery.
- **Metal Fabricator** - builds metal structure by cutting, bending, and assembling metal.
- **Welder** - specializes in fusing materials together.

**GRADUATE OUTCOME:**
The Certificate III and IV in Engineering Fabrication and Trade prepares student to perform a wide range of tasks in the construction and manufacturing industry. Graduates will be skilled in many aspects of engineering fabrication and trade including:

- Studying blueprints, drawings and specifications to determine job requirements.
- Selecting, cleaning and preparing metal stock.
- Cutting marked-out metal sections and shapes using hand tools, flame cutting torches and metal cutting machines.
- Shaping and bending metal sections and pipes using hand and machine tools, and by heating and hammering.
- Aligning parts to be joined using hand tools and measuring instruments.
- Joining metal sections using various welding techniques, bolting and riveting.
- Examining welds for width of bead, penetration and precision.
- Finishing products by cleaning, polishing, filing and bathing in acidic solutions.
- Cleaning and smoothing welds by filing, chiseling and grinding.

**JOB FORECAST & CAREER INFORMATION:**

- The average hours worked in Australia are 44 per week.
- 92% of structural steel and welding trades are employed in a full-time role.
- They can work independently or be part of a larger building or manufacturing company.
- On average, fabricators are paid around $1,600 per week.
David has now finished studying engineering fabrication and is currently on the Temporary Graduate Work Visa (Subclass 485). He is living and working in QLD and working in the industry. David is from Israel. Before coming to Australia for the first time, he lived in Thailand for three years as a scuba diving instructor. He met his partner there and together they decided to come to Australia for their next adventure.

What were you doing back home in Israel before you started travelling?
I worked in a plastic producing factory before I moved to Thailand. My nieces lived in Australia and it was always my dream to study here one day. I made this dream come true in July 2017 and my course finished in July 2019. I am now working in Australia in metal fabrication.

Where did you study?
I studied Certificate III and IV in Engineering Fabrication at TAFE Queensland in Brisbane.

Where have you lived when you were studying and now?
Since I came to Brisbane in 2017, I have lived in several different places. When you have to cross the river during the morning traffic, it can be quite the commute. We love it here though and wouldn't want to be in any other city. We are currently living right in the centre of the city.

How many days did you go to class per week?
I had class three days per week: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. When I just started school, I used public transport to get around but I wouldn’t recommend it. After a while I bought a small car and from then on it took me less than 30 minutes get to campus.

Did you have homework?
We didn't get specific homework assignments, but it was definitely a smart move to do some extra studying in your spare time – especially when there was an exam around the corner. With my course, we would start one subject at a time and it would go for just a couple of days or several weeks. Then once it was done we would have an exam. Some subjects were quite difficult and required extra studying. Keep in mind my course was very practical, so it is only really theory where you need to do any homework.

Did you have to buy extra materials for your course?
Every major thing was provided by TAFE. The facilities there are great. But there were just small, cheap stuff. We needed gloves and other PPE, measuring tapes etc.

Did you do vocational placement?
Yes I did. We had to do 400 hours of vocational placement as part of the course. I worked for a lightning company call FOS in Salisbury. I actually did paid work there when I was studying and I continue to work there now.

How did you deal with money?
I didn’t come over with too much so at times it was tough. But I was smart with my money and I just accepted any job I could get my hands on. I worked several side jobs, like window tinting, paintball, welding, timber flooring, kayak tours to name a few.

How were your teachers?
My teachers were very good. We had one main teacher and the occasional fill-in. I feel like our main teacher prepared us very well for the job and I am still in contact with him because we became quite close. He had a lot of industry experience he could share with us.

Tell us about your classmates.
We had a fairly small class of only twelve people. We all got along and it was a good atmosphere. My classmates were from all over the world: Colombia, Korea, South Africa, Brazil, China,… Most of them were between 22 – 30ish.

Was it difficult to get a job in the industry?
It was actually very easy for me to find a job. I have continued to work for the company on my temporary grad visa and want to keep working there into the future.
Painting and Decorating is a great course for someone who is creative but still enjoys working with their hands and working on their feet. The course allows you to really develop your creative and practical skills whilst working towards a career in a diverse and fast paced industry. Over the next five years, the number of job openings for painting trades workers is expected to grow.

Painting trade workers apply paint, varnish, wallpaper and other finishes to protect, maintain and decorate surfaces of buildings and structures. You will be able to paint and decorate residential and commercial construction.

**GRADUATE OUTCOME:**
This course works on the basic skills you will need to succeed in this industry. Throughout the course students will:

- Develop skills in colour matching
- Learn wallpaper applications
- Learn how to apply special coating & finishes
- Learn preparation techniques
- Understand different timber coatings and finishes.
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Reading and interpreting plans/estimating as well as many other internal and external applications.

**JOB FORECAST & CAREER INFORMATION:**

- The average hours worked by a painter in Australia are 43 hours per week.
- Employment for this occupation is expected to remain consistent in the future.
- 76% of painting tradesworkers are employed in full-time roles.
- Painting trades workers can work independently as a sub contractor or as part of a larger construction company.
- On average, painters are paid around $1,371 per week.

**THE COURSE**

**CERTIFICATE III IN PAINTING & DECORATING**

**Course Duration:** 24 months  
**Intake Dates:** Jan, Apr, Jul & Sep  
**Locations:** Gold Coast and Melbourne  
**Costs:** $7,500 - $14,000 per year  

**Common Course Requirements:**
- Must have graduated year 11 in home country.
- Must have a minimum of IELTS 5.5

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What were you doing before you studied Painting and Decorating?
I was working in media and graphic design back in Brazil. I then came to Australia and I studied English and then studied Media.
However I wanted to study something that will help me in the future, so I chose this course.

Where do you study?
ANIB which is a school in Brisbane.

Can you please tell me about your schedule?
Every Saturday we do a full day. The class starts at 9:30, the teacher explains what we are going to do. There are a few assessments, but mostly it is practical. We do a lot of painting, wall paper, whatever the subject is for the day. You can come in on Friday and then are expected to do some at home study and completion of assessments.

Do you have a equipment?
They have everything at school. They give us what we need for the lesson.

How are you dealing with money?
I work 20 hours per week at a restaurant and I have a little savings.

How are your teachers?
He has been painting for about 40 years. He explains everything in detail - how to use the brush and everything else. He really has so much knowledge about painting and we can ask him any questions.

Tell us about your classmates?
There are about 15 people in our class. There are from all over - English, Italian, Brazilian, Asian it is a real mix.

What is the average age of classmates?
Mostly male, but there are also several female students. The average is about 28 – 30.

What are you most surprised about the course?
I didn’t expect it to be as practical as it is. It is quite fun, we actually enjoy doing the class. My previous studies before this course were a little boring.

What is the most difficult thing about the course?
Learning something completely new that I have never done.

How are the facilities?
They are good. We have a building specifically for the painting course, next to the main school. Where there are all the materials they need. There are different rooms set up for whatever part we are specifically learning for the class. We do sanding, painting, filling, wall paper etc…..

What are your plans when you graduate?
I want to get a job in the area, gain experience and make some good money.

Do you feel like you are learning a lot from course?
Yes for sure, I am learning some things I never thought I could do.

What is your favourite component so far?
Probably wall paper, it is very difficult, you really need to concentrate. There is a lot more that goes into the course than I thought at the beginning. Learning all the colour matching is tough.

How do you feel about the school?
It is very flexible and the school helps you out when needed.
Electrical instrumentation is becoming an important new trade, not just in Australia but all over the world. Electrical instrumentation technicians troubleshoot, repair and maintain the various parts needed to keep electronic machinery running smoothly and effectively.

Many industrial firms now use automation practices that require highly programmed electronic equipment to do work that used to be performed by people. Due to high intensity of how much these automated machines are used, they run into quite a number of problems and need experts to be able to upgrade, alter and fix issues that may arise. Looking forward, employment for instrumentation technicians is expected to grow strongly.

GRADUATE OUTCOME:

Graduates will meet the educational qualifications to work as an electrical instrumentation technician in Australia and will be skilled in many aspects of the trade including but not limited to:

- Participate in instrumentation and control work and competency development activities.
- Apply occupational Health and Safety regulations, codes and practices in the workplace.
- Fabricate, assemble and dismantle utilities industry components.
- Solve problems in d.c. circuits.
- Fix and secure electro technology equipment.
- Use drawings, diagrams, schedules, standards, codes and specifications.

JOB FORECAST & CAREER INFORMATION:

- The average hours worked by an electrical instrumentation technician are 43 hours per week.
- Most electrical instrumentation technicians work for larger construction, manufacturing or mining companies.
- 81% of electrical instrumentation technicians are employed in full-time roles.
- On average, electronic trades workers are paid around $1,348 per week.
Chefs plan and organise menus & kitchen staff at restaurants and for catering organisations. Being a chef can be a very rewarding career with chefs being able to use their qualification all over the world in many different scenarios. Australia has a very vibrant food culture that is full of different multicultural influences. It is a great country to become a chef because of the high industry standards and the quality products that Australian chefs use.

GRADUATE OUTCOME:

Students will learn how to motivate and lead kitchen teams, identify and assess operational and service issues, plan food production, schedule work flow and understand legal compliance issues, plan, prepare and cost your own menu. After completing your study, your possible job titles include but are not limited to: Chef de Cuisine (Head Chef or First Chef), Sous Chef (also known as Second Chef, they are second in charge), Chef de Partie (also known as a Demi Chef are in charge of a certain section of the kitchen). Samples of content covered in the course include:

- Produce meat, poultry and seafood dishes.
- Produce stocks, soups and sauces.
- Maintain the quality of perishable items.
- Food safe handling practices.
- Prepare food to meet special dietary requirements.
- Manage finances within a budget.
- Implement and monitor environmentally sustainable work practices.
- Menu planning.

THE COURSE

CERTIFICATE III & IV IN COMMERCIAL COOKERY & DIPLOMA OF HOSPITALITY

Course Duration: 24 months
Intake Dates: Jan, Feb, March, Apr, May, Jun, July, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov
Locations: Gold Coast (regional), Brisbane, Sydney, Perth (regional), Melbourne, Adelaide (regional), Cairns (regional), Sunshine Coast (regional), Byron Bay (regional), Tasmania (regional)
Costs: $8,500 - $13000 per year

Common Course Requirements:
- Must have graduated year 11 in home country.
- Must have a minimum English score of IELTS 5.5

JOB FORECAST & CAREER INFORMATION:

- The average hours worked by a chef in Australia is 46 hours per week.
- Employment for this occupation rose strongly over the past five years and is expected to grow strongly in the future.
- 72% of Chefs are employed on full time basis.
- Chefs in Australia can work in numerous different roles and areas.
- On average, chefs are paid around $1,250 per week.

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Ooi is a student from Malaysia who moved to Australia when he was 18 to study Commercial Cookery on The Gold Coast. He moved to Surfers Paradise on The Gold Coast and studied for 2 years. He studied the Certificate III and IV in Commercial Cookery and Diploma of Hospitality. Throughout his studies Ooi undertook over 360 hours of work experience as a cook in a local restaurant. This combined with his qualifications allowed him to apply for the graduate work visa. This is an 18 month work visa in Aus. On the graduate visa, Ooi completed 1725 hours of work as a chef and gained a full skill assessment through the Job Ready Program. This allowed Pathway to Aus to apply for a 491 Regional Nominated Visa on behalf of Ooi.

When did you initially come to Australia?
I moved to Australia back in 2016.

What was your pathway to the visa?
I studied a Cert III, IV in Commercial Cookery and Diploma of Hospitality.

What were you doing before you came to Australia?
I had just graduated high school then I decided to come to Australia to study.

What are your plans for the future?
I plan to establish a successful career as a chef and would one day love to open my own restaurant.

Why did you choose Australia?
I chose to study in Australia as it is close to my home country and it has western cuisine. It has amazing restaurants and world class chefs.

How did Pathway to Aus help you?
Nick and Brad helped me a lot through the visa process and choosing a school. They then lodged the visa and assisted me with accommodation when I got here. They also applied for my grad visa and assisted me with the provisional skills assessment, then the 491 Queensland nominated visa.

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Cabinet Makers are among the most constantly employed trades workers in Australia. There is a huge demand by employers in Australia for qualified cabinet makers.

The majority of cabinet makers work is carried out in new domestic kitchen and bathrooms as well as commercial and retail construction fit outs. Most cabinet makers are employed full-time working out of factories. They fabricate flat-pack installations and travel at a later date to construct these onsite.

THE COURSE
CERT III IN CABINET MAKING

Course Duration: 24 months
Intake Dates: Jan & July
Locations: Gold Coast (*regional)
Costs: $12,400 per year

Common Course Requirements:
- Must have graduated year 11 in home country.
- Must have a minimum English score of IELTS 5.5

GRADUATE OUTCOME:
The Certificate III in Cabinet Making prepares students to perform a wide range of tasks in the building industry. You will be trained in numerous fields such as:
- Use furniture making sector hand and power tools
- Assemble furnishing components
- Hand make timber joints
- Produce manual and computer-aided production drawings
- Produce angled and curved furniture using manufactured board

JOB FORECAST & CAREER INFORMATION:
- The average hours worked by a cabinet maker in Australia are 44 hours per week
- Employment in this occupation has remained constant over the past 5 years and is expected to remain stable in the future
- 89% of cabinet makers are employed in a full-time role.
- Employees may work independently as a sole contractor, however will often work for a larger manufacturing or construction company
- On average, cabinet makers are paid around $1,050 per week.
With temperatures rising, there has been a large increase in the number of homes and offices that use air-conditioners. Consequently, there has been a large increase in air-conditioning refrigeration mechanics in Australia and around the world.

Training for this course comprises of theoretical and practical component as well as workplace learning amounting to about 400 hours. Licences for Electricians and Air-conditioning mechanics are issued by Fair Trading: www.fairtrading.gov.au

**GRADUATE OUTCOME:**

Graduates will be a qualified tradesperson in the air-conditioning & refrigeration industry. Graduates will be skilled in many aspects of air-conditioning & refrigeration mechanics including:

- Establishing job requirements from drawings and specifications, and laying out installation reference points.
- Drilling holes, installing mounting brackets and cutting, bending and threading piping.
- Installing and repairing components such as compressors, motors, condensers, evaporators, switches and gauges, and copper lines for steam, gas, refrigerant, compressed air, oil and chilled water.
- Bolting, soldering, riveting, welding and brazing pipes to connect equipment, and checking alignment and accuracy of fit.
- Filling systems with gas or fluid to check for leaks.
- Test-operating refrigeration systems, checking mechanisms and making adjustments.
- Removing test gas and fluid using vacuum pumps, and filling with refrigerant.

**THE COURSE**

CERTIFICATE III OF AIR-CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION

Course Duration: 24 months
Intake Dates: Feb, July & Oct
Locations: Sydney
Costs: $13,000 per year

Common Course Requirements:
- Must have graduated year 11 in home country.
- Must have a minimum English score of IELTS 5.5

**JOB FORECAST & CAREER INFORMATION:**

- Job prospects for refrigeration and air-conditioning mechanics are strong, with the number of new job creations increasing very strongly over the past 5 years and expected to remain stable in the future
- The average hours worked an air-conditioning & refrigeration mechanic in Australia are 44 per week.
- 89% of air-conditioning & refriger mechanics are employed in a full-time role.
- Air-conditioning & refrigeration mechanics can work independently as a subcontractor or for a larger company.
- On Average, refrigeration mechanics are paid $1,400 per week.
Civil Draftspersons assist in civil engineering research, design, construction, operations and maintenance. You can be employed in many different industries such as construction, mining, town planning and within the government.

After completion of this course, students will be ready to work as a Civil Engineering Draftsperson in the industry. Students will learn progressive technologies such as 3D design and modelling using current software. By studying this course you will learn advanced technical knowledge and research and will be able to specialise in production planning and resourcing for engineering operations.

Many institutions Pathway to Aus are partnered with provide a course that is already accredited with Engineers Australia and include practical placement as part of the course.

GRADUATE OUTCOME:

Graduates will be qualified in the following:

Potential Career Pathways:
• Technical Officer
• CAD Draftsperson
• Mechanical Engineering Draftsperson

Higher Education Opportunities:
• Bachelor of Civil Engineering
• Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering
• Bachelor of Electrical and Aerospace Engineering

THE COURSE

ASSOCIATES DEGREE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

Course Duration: 24 months
Intake Dates: January and July
Locations: Adelaide & Brisbane
Costs: from $8,000 per semester

Common Course Requirements:
• Must have graduated secondary school with a sound achievement in maths
• Must have a minimum IELTS score of 6 overall (with no score less than 5.5)

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JOB FORECAST & CAREER INFORMATION:

• Full-time workers on an adult wage earn around $1,574 per week. Earnings tend to be lower when starting out and higher as experience grows.

• Civil Engineering Draftspersons and Technicians work in many parts of Australia. Queensland has a large share of workers

• Full-time workers spend around 42 hours per week at work
German-born Denise spent most of her childhood in Germany where she studied a bachelor of business. She came to Australia several times when she was younger and fell in love with the country. She decided to apply for a student visa and a few weeks before her WHV expired. She started her course at the Southbank campus of TAFE Queensland.

Where have you lived during your studies?
I don’t like commuting for a long time, so it was a logical decision for me to live close to campus. I have been living in West End, Brisbane ever since I started studying and I can walk to campus in under 5 minutes. It is a really hip area and I can walk to the class which is epic.

How many days do you go to class per week?
At the start of my studies we had four days of class per week. Now that the end is approaching, we only have three days. Besides these, we also get homework and reading assignments. For an example: for structural engineering, we do a couple of calculating the beam weight questions in class and we get the rest as homework. That way the teachers are sure we understand what we have learnt. We also need to do a lot of drawings for projects at home.

Did you have a side job while studying?
This course is quite intensive and I don’t want to sacrifice my weekend, so I have decided not to do a side job for now. However, all most all of my class mates work at least part time. Many work in the industry where they did their vocational placement.

Did you do a vocational placement? If so, where?
Our course requires 240 hours of vocational work which I have just started completing. I am working for an engineering company in the city, which is only about a 15 minute walk from my apartment. Engineering companies often come to TAFE and leave their contact details.

How were your teachers?
Our teachers are not just teachers, but people with lots of experience in the field. They all have worked in the industry for many years. This is very interesting because they write their own material and they tell us everything they know from a real-life experience point-of-view. Some of them are experienced in more than one field, so they teach us several subjects. I have noticed that on some occasions it is difficult for them to go back to basics and explain things on the level of a student because they are already so knowledgeable.

Tell us about your classmates?
I became close friends with several of my classmates. We often have group assignments and we also study together so you really get to know each other well. For the lectures, we have a class of about 30 people, for the tutorials we are a smaller group of about 10 – 20. Everyone comes from different parts of the world: England, South America, China, India, France,… I am the only German.

What is the most difficult part about the course?
My course is not easy as many other courses, it requires a lot of hard work. The hardest subject is structural design and drafting. I have been studying hard though and learning a lot. I think when you enjoy what you are doing, you have a good time, even if it is difficult.

What is your favourite subject?
I absolutely love civil design and drafting. Figuring out where the water and sewage lines will go and connecting them to the houses,… It is very interesting.

How are the facilities?
We have some high-tech facilities with access to computers that have specific programs necessary for the job, such as drafting programs. We also get our subjects on ebooks. The campus is also great. Right in the middle of the city, with good transport and lots of restaurants.

What is your plan when you graduate?
I would love to get a job in a drafting and design company. I don’t really mind where in Australia it will be, I will go where the work is. I love the warm weather in Brisbane though.

How do you feel about the school?
I love the relationship we have with the teachers at TAFE. We can always ask them any questions, even if they are not the teacher of our course.
Vocational Institutions and Universities in Australia produce some of the most highly-trained nurses in the world. With a focus on high-quality education and use of the latest techniques & technology, Australian trained nurses are in demand all over the world and the employment opportunities are endless.

The Bachelor of Nursing is the qualification that you need to work as a Registered Nurse in Australia. The course aims to develop professional health workers that have the necessary skills and knowledge to make safe and ethical decisions, and communicate flawlessly with patients and medical professionals.

Students can begin their nursing studies with a Diploma of Nursing and gain credit towards the bachelor program.

**Graduate Outcome:**
- On successful completion of the Bachelor of Nursing at accredited providers, students may apply for registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).
- Additionally, if you complete a Bachelor of Nursing in Australia you may qualify for the Temporary Graduate Visa. The benefit of this visa is, it gives you 2 years of unlimited work rights in Australia. Which can give you invaluable experience in the Nursing Industry. Plus graduates with a diploma of nursing may be able to work as an Enrolled Nurse during their Bachelor of Nursing studies.

**Job Forecast & Career Information:**
- The number of people working as Registered Nurses (in their main job) grew very strongly over the past 5 years and is expected to grow very strongly over the next 5 years.
- Full-time workers on an adult wage earn around $1,909 per week.
- Full-time workers spend around 41 hours per week at work.

**The Course**

**Bachelor of Nursing**

**Course Duration:** 3 years
**Intake Dates:** February and July
**Locations:** Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Gold Coast (regional), Brisbane, Sunshine Coast (regional)
**Costs:** From $20,000 per year
**Common Course Requirements:**
- Must have graduated year 12 in home country
- Must have a minimum of IELTS 7 in all 4 components

Please follow this link for more information
Gabi is a client of ours who we assisted with the transition from her graduate work visa (subclass 485) to Permanent Resident (QLD State Nominated – Subclass 190). Her situation is something that is very common, with Pathway to Aus assisting many nursing graduates to obtain permanent residency in Australia. The State Sponsorship (Subclass 190) Visa or Skilled Regional (Subclass 491) Visa are the two most common visa options for our nursing clients.

When did you initially come out to Australia?
I came out to Australia in 2014 to undertake a bachelor of nursing in Brisbane. I had previously been working in a similar field in the Philippines. I graduated in 2017 and then obtained the graduate work visa.

What was your pathway to the visa?
After obtaining the graduate work visa in 2017, I worked in an aged care facility as a registered nurse. I built up my experience and PTA assisted me to obtain a skills assessment as a registered nurse (Aged Care). I worked there for 1 year before we ended up applying for QLD State Nomination.

What did you do before coming to Australia?
I was working at a hospital in the Philippines. However, my previous education in the Philippines wasn’t recognised in Australia so I couldn’t get registered using my Philippines experience alone.

Why did you come to Australia?
The health care industry in Australia is one of the best in the world. I had family there and I know that nursing graduates from Australia can earn a lot of money. Not just in Australia, but around the world.

What do you do in your job?
I am working at an aged care facility in Brisbane doing all the standard things including – supervising assistant nurses, wound care, health assessments and plan formulation.

How did you find your job in nursing?
During my studies at university, I worked as an assistant nurse for 20 hours per week and unlimited in school holidays. This led to full-time employment as a registered nurse when I finished the course.

Do you have any advice for someone thinking about moving to Australia?
I would advise anyone to look into doing something that they are passionate about, but also that is in demand in Australia. I have a lot of friends who did a bachelor of business or something like this and that doesn’t go anywhere.

What are your plans for the future?
Now that my husband and I have PR, we plan to go for citizenship soon. We also want to start a family.

How did PTA help you?
Pathway to Aus was great. I knew that it may have been a possibility, but when I couldn’t improve my English to get the points, I didn’t know I had other options. Nick sat down with me and explained State Sponsorship and walked me through the process. He first obtained QLD State Sponsorship because nursing was on the QLD list. He then applied for the permanent visa and included my partner on the visa with me. He always took my call and was patient.

Tell me about how found out about PTA?
Pathway to Aus was referred by a colleague who they also helped obtain PR.
MIGRATION PATHWAYS
PATHWAYS WHEN YOU FINISH STUDY

STEP ONE

Firstly, you must enroll in the right course/courses (the course must train you for a position that is on the Medium and Long Term Strategic Skills List (MLTSSL). Students must undertake 360 hours of vocational placement or paid work experience throughout their course.

STEP TWO

After graduation you may be eligible to apply for the 485 Graduate Visa. This is a temporary work visa.

STEP THREE

On the graduate visa, you must undertake the Job Ready Program through TRA. This require 12 months of paid work experience and can lead to an approved skills assessment for migration purposes. *Not required for civil, nursing or telecommunications courses

STEP FOUR

Finally after you receive a positive skills assessment you may be eligible to apply for State Sponsored (subclass 190), Independent Skilled Permanent Work Visa (subclass 189) or Regional Nominated (subclass 491).

PLEASE FOLLOW THIS LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION
If you undertake study in Australia for a minimum of 2 years, in an occupation that is on the Medium and Long Term Strategic Skills List, you may qualify for the Temporary Skilled Graduate Visa – Graduate Stream. This visa allows the holder 1.5 years unlimited work rights in Australia. The Graduate Visa IS NOT points tested and you DO NOT need an employer to sponsor your visa. Many temporary graduate visa holders use the time on this visa to build up the skills and requirements necessary to meet the criteria to apply for a permanent general skilled work visas in Australia. Anytime throughout the duration of the temporary graduate visa, visa holders can lodge an application for another work visa.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GRADUATE VISA – GRADUATE STREAM
• You must be under 50 years of age
• You must complete at least 2 academic years of study within Australia in a trade course or University course and that course must be on MLTSSL.
• You must make your application within 6 months of your graduation.
• You need to have competent English level (IELTS 6) overall (with no score lower than 5)
• You cannot have previously held the temporary graduate or skilled graduate visa.
• You must have the skills and qualifications assessed by a skills assessor.
• You must have a positive provisional skills assessing authority or skills assessment authority.

THE VISA APPLICATION CHARGE ------ $1,650.00 AUD

EXCLUDED COSTS:
• Health Insurance (if required)  • Medical Exam (if required)
• Police check (if required)

If you have applied for the Temporary Graduate Visa you may also be eligible to apply for the Job Ready Program. The Job Ready Program is run through Trades Recognition Australia (TRA) and allows graduates to have their skills assessed for skilled migration purposes.

Once the student receives a positive skills assessment they may be eligible to apply for permanent work visas such as State Sponsored, Skilled Independent and Regional Nominated.
The Job Ready Program (JRP) is a four-step employment-based skills assessment program for international student graduates seeking a skills assessment for migration purposes. A full skills assessment is the first step that is required for the general skilled migration visas. Before you can apply for permanent work visas – (subclass 189, 190 or 491), you are required to have a full skills assessment.

Generally to pass a skills assessment for a trade occupation *(without doing the JRP)*, you are required to have the:
- Cert III in the trade occupation
- 3 years post qualification experience

However, the Job Ready Program allows participants to receive a positive skills assessment after only 1 year of post qualification work experience. Once you have a positive skills assessment you may be able to apply for work visas without employer sponsorship. In other words, the job ready program may allow you to obtain work visas to Australia without requiring you to have an employer to sponsor your visa.

**TO BE ELIGIBLE YOU MUST:**
- Have studied a trade qualification in Australia (for at least 2 years).
- Have studied for an occupation that is listed on the MLTSSL.
- Ensure that TRA is the skills assessment authority for that profession.
- Have completed at least 360 hours of paid work experience or vocational placement in Australia relevant to your occupation.
- Be eligible to apply for the 485 Temporary Graduate Visa.
- Obtain an IELTS score of at least 6 (no score lower than 5).

**PLEASE FOLLOW THIS LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION**
THE PROCESS:

1. Provisional Skills Assessment
   The very first step that an applicant will need to do is to pass a provisional skills assessment. This skills assessment confirms that you studied in Australia and graduated with a trade qualification and have undertaken at least 360 hours of paid work experience or vocational placement in Australia. If you undertake a trade qualification in Australia, many education providers ensure that you undertake vocational placement as part of the course.

   Successful applicants may also need to show that they have experience to complete the tasks that is required in their specified job.

   Once an applicant receives a successful skills assessment they can use this to apply for a Temporary Graduate Visa and to begin step 2 of the Job Ready Program.

2. Employment
   The next part of the Job Ready Program (Job Ready Employment) is useful for those who would like to apply for a full skills assessment to Australia. A full skills assessment is required to apply for permanent general skilled migration visas. During the Job Ready Program applicants are required to find paid employment in their specific job and provide evidence of employment to TRA. The employer is not required to sponsor your visa, they are simply your employer. Many participants find work for the employer with whom they did their vocational placement during their studies.

   Once TRA has verified the employment as suitable, the applicant can then begin the 12 months (1725 hours) of required employment.

3. Workplace Assessment
   Once an applicant has completed half of the required 1725 hours of required employment over a minimum of 6 months, they are then eligible to take the third step in the job ready program – the workplace assessment. This assessment is delivered at the location of employment for the applicant. So if the applicant is a mechanic, the workplace assessment takes place at the garage that he works. During this assessment, the Assessor evaluates if the applicant works at the required skill level for their job in Australia. If an applicant does not evidence that they can work at the required skill level to the assessor, they can continue to work for the employer and complete another workplace assessment at a later date.
4. Final Assessment

The final assessment can only happen once the applicant has completed at least 1725 hours of paid employment over a minimum of 12 months. To be eligible for this, applicants must submit proof of employment in the form of payslips, group certificates, statements of employment, bank statements showing wages entering the account etc. Once the 1725 hours of paid employment are verified, the applicant is then determined to have satisfied the skills assessment required by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. A full skills assessment is the first step required to apply for many permanent work visas.

FEES PAYABLE FOR THE JOB READY PROGRAM

***Please note these fees are a guide only and are subject to change***

- Provisional Skills Assessment – $300
- Employment Verification – $500
- Workplace Assessment – $2000
- Final Assessment – $150
- Other fees not included:
  - DIBP Visa Application Charge for 485 Temporary Graduate Visa – $1650

Keep reading to see how Adam achieved permanent residency through the job ready program.
CASE STUDY – ADAM

Adam came from the USA to Aus to study in sunny Queensland. He had previously undertook a bachelor degree back home but didn’t see a career in the States. He loved the Aussie lifestyle and people. After completing the Cert IV in Engineering (with an in-built component for Cert III in Engineering Fabrication), Pathway to Aus assisted Adam apply for his graduate work visa (Subclass 485 visa). This is an open 18 month work visa to Australia.

Adam then moved down to Byron Bay where he found a job as a metal fabricator. Adam is a bit of a free spirit and enjoys the laid back, coastal lifestyle that Byron has to offer.

When on the graduate work visa Adam continued to work for a local metal fabricator, as well as at a local bar. Pathway to Aus assisted Adam to sign up to the Trades Recognition Australia (TRA) Job Ready Program. Each month Adam completed his online work journal and he kept his payslips. After 6 months working (or approximately 870 hours), an assessor from TRA came to visit Adam at his work place and assessed Adam as competent to work in the industry.

After approximately 1 year or 1725 hours working as a metal fabricator, Adam was provided with a his final assessment for migration purposes by TRA. Please note this years of work experience also allowed Adam to gain an additional 5 points work experience points in Australia.

The next step was to submit an expression of interest through Skill Select and apply for a general skilled migration visa. Unfortunately, Adam just couldn’t score enough points to apply for the skilled independent visa (Subclass 189 visa). However, he could apply for the State Nominated visa (subclass 190).

Metal fabricator was on the NSW State Occupation list, it was sufficient points to apply for NSW State Nomination. Consequently a PTA Migration agent lodged an expression of interest requesting NSW State Nomination. After several weeks wait we were fortunate enough to receive the invite and apply for the Permanent Skilled Nominated (State Sponsored) Subclass 190 visa.

It only took approximately 4 months for Adam’s permanent Skilled Nominated (State Nominated) visa to come back approved. He is now a permanent resident of Aus and looking to apply for citizenship in one years time.

(Adam, 2019)

TOTALING ADAM’S POINTS

Adam totaled 65 points and was invited to apply and was successfully granted the skilled independent (Subclass 190) visa. He received an invitation to apply for the visa only 2 days after submitting his expression of interest. Below is an explanation of the points he gained:
### ADAM’S STORY (USA)

- **Age (25 – 32)**: 25 points
- **English Ability (Superior)**: 10 points
- **Australian Educational Qualification (2 years studying Boat Building in Australia)**: 5 points
- **Study in a regional Area**: 0 points
- **Specialist Education Qualification**: 0 points
- **Professional Year**: 0 points
- **Qualifications (Bachelor Qualification)**: 15 points
- **Overseas Work Experience**: 0 points
- **Australian Work Experience (1 year of work experience on Graduate Visa)**: 5 points
- **Partner Skill Qualification**: 0 points
- **Designated Language Qualification**: 0 points
- **State or Territory Nomination (NSW Nomination)**: 5 points
- **Designated Area or Relative Sponsorship**: 0 points

**Total**: 65 points

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Other potential options Adam had to gain additional points include Skilled independent (if you can get enough points), Territory Nomination (subclass 189) or skilled regional visa (subclass 491).
WHAT IS THE MEDIUM AND LONG TERM STRATEGIC SKILLS LIST?

What is the Medium and Long Term Strategic Skills List (MLTSSL) and why is it important to study a course on this list?

The Medium and Long Term Strategic Skills List is a list of occupations provided by the Department of Home Affairs. Immigration acknowledge these occupations as those that would benefit from skilled migration for the purpose of meeting the medium to long-term skill needs of the Australian economy.

To be able to migrate to Australia, you must be skilled and educated in an occupation that is in demand. It is also easier to migrate if you are living and working in Australia.

To be eligible to apply for some permanent work visas in Australia, you will need to be skilled in an occupation on the skilled occupation list. Some of these visas include:

- Skilled Independent (subclass 189)
- State Sponsored (subclass 190)
- Family or Regional Sponsored (subclass 491)
- Temporary Graduate Visa (subclass 485) graduate work stream (not permanent)

To be able to apply for these visas, you must have the required education and experience in an occupation that is on the skilled occupation list. Someone who studies a Bachelor of Business, for example, does not qualify to apply for one of these visas as their occupation is not on the Medium and Long Term Strategic Skills List.

However, someone who has studied carpentry and has experience, may be able to apply for one of these visas because Carpentry is on the MLTSSL.

Why is obtaining a skills assessment so important?

A skills assessment is when an applicant has their education and work experience assessed as suitable to work in a nominated occupation in Australia by a relevant assessing authority. You must have a full skills assessment before you can apply for general skilled migration visas. Permanent work visas that require you to have a skills assessment include:

- Skilled Independent (subclass 189)
- State Sponsored (subclass 190)
- Family or Regional Sponsored (subclass 491).

The relevant assessing authority for most trade occupations in Australia is Trades Recognition Australia (TRA). Without obtaining a full skills assessment from TRA, applicants cannot apply for any general skilled migration visas from within Australia.
GENERAL SKILLED MIGRATION VISAS

General Skilled Migration Visas are permanent visas that allow you to live and work in Australia and do not require employer sponsorship. These visas are widely considered the most appealing visas as you do not require an employer to sponsor your visa.

COMMON REQUIREMENTS

• Be qualified or experienced in an occupation on the relevant skilled occupation list.
• Must have a positive skills assessment for your specific occupation.
• Be aged between 18 – 45 years of age.
• Possess competent English (IELTS 6 in every component or equivalent PTE, Cambridge or TOEFL score, or hold a NZ/UK/Irish/Canadian or US passport)
• Be of good character and health.
• Must obtain a minimum score of 65 points on the points test

***The above list does not constitute all of the visa criteria. If you feel like you qualify for the visa, feel free to complete our free online visa assessment or contact us directly.

SKILLS SELECT

To apply for the General Skilled Migration visa, applicants are required to first register their Expression Of Interest (EOI) through Skill Select. Once you have submitted an EOI you may then be invited by the Australian government, Australian employers or State governments to apply for the skilled visa.

After receiving an invitation to apply for the visa from the DIBP, applicants will then have 60 days to lodge a visa application. If you do not receive an invitation to lodge a visa application, you will not be eligible to apply for the visa.
SKILLED INDEPENDENT – SUBCLASS 189

This is by far the most desired General Skilled Migration Visa. It allows foreign nationals who are successfully granted a Skilled Independent Visa permanent residency in Australia. Some of the main benefits of permanent residency include:

- The holder may remain in Australia indefinitely.
- The holder is eligible to live, work and study in Australia.
- They are eligible to receive public healthcare.
- The visa holder’s children are allowed to attend public schools.

VISA CRITERIA

You may qualify for the 189 visa if you meet the following criteria:

- Lodge an EOI and be invited by immigration to apply.
- Meet the pass mark in the points test.
- Be aged between 18 and 45 years.
- Pass Skills Assessment in an occupation on the relevant Medium to Long-term Strategic Skills List.
- Have Competent English or higher (6 minimum in IELTS or holder of approved passports).
- Meet health and character requirements.

VISA APPLICATION FEE: $4,045.00 AUD

Excluded costs (these may or may not be required):

- Skills Assessment
- Police checks
- English testing
- Postage
- Medical exams
- Translation of required documents

PLEASE NOTE: Immigration is currently requiring very high points to receive an invitation for the 189. Most applications should consider 190 or 491.
STATE SPONSORED – SUBCLASS 190

Skilled nominated 190
The Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa is a permanent visa which requires the applicant to receive nomination by a State or Territory Government. The visa holder will be nominated work in a profession that is listed on the State Occupation List. If there is a shortage of individuals skilled to work in that particular profession, the State or Territory governments may choose to nominate a visa holder to fill these roles. It could be useful to review the individual state or territory websites listed below to see which professions are required.

- New South Wales
- Queensland
- Victoria
- Western Australia
- South Australia
- Tasmania
- Northern Territory

VISA APPLICATION FEE: $4,045.00 AUD

Excluded costs (these may or may not be required):
- Skills Assessment
- English testing
- Medical exams
- Police checks
- Translation of required documents
- State Nominated Fee

Duration:
Both the Skilled Independent (subclass 189) and Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visas are permanent visas. Therefore, they both allow the holder to remain in Australia indefinitely.

Please note: Upon Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) Visa grant, applicants must commit to living in the state for 2 years.
SKILLED REGIONAL NOMINATED – SUBCLASS 491

The Skilled Regional Nominated – Subclass 491 visa enables skilled workers and their families to live, work and study in designated regional areas of Australia. Designated regional areas are any cities in Australia (except Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane).

Australian immigration wants to encourage migrants to move outside Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane and generally make it a lot easier for migrants to move to these areas. The visa holder must be nominated to work in a profession that is on the State Occupation List. If there is a shortage of individuals working in those professions, the state or territory governments may choose to nominate a visa holder to fill these roles.

It could be useful to review the individual state or territory websites listed below to see which professions are required and the requirements for regional nomination.

- New South Wales
- Queensland
- Victoria
- Western Australia
- South Australia
- Tasmania
- Northern Territory

VISA APPLICATION FEE: $4,045.00 AUD

Excluded costs (these may or may not be required):
- Skills Assessment
- Police checks
- English testing
- Postage
- Medical exams
- Translation of required documents

DURATION

The visa is originally a 5 year open work visa that converts to permanent residency after a minimum of 3 years living and working in a regional area.
**POINTS TEST**

Passing a points test is a requirement for most general skilled migration (subclass 189, 190 or 491 visas). These are widely regarded as the most appealing visas available to Australia, as you do not need an employer to sponsor your visa. Applicants require a score of at least 65 points to receive an invitation from immigration to be able to apply for general skilled migration visas.

**CALCULATING YOUR POINTS**

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**Australian Study**
- 5 points if you studied a degree or diploma in Australia for at least 2 years

**Completed Professional Year**
- 5 points

**Study in Regional Australia**
- 5 points

**Partners Skill Assessment**
- 5 points

**Designated Language**
- 5 points (Para - Professional Translator or Interpreter)

**Nominated by State or Territory Government**
- Visa Subclass 190 = 5 points
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CAN I WORK ON MY STUDENT VISA?
Yes, you can work up to 40 hours per fortnight during class and unlimited hours during holidays.

HOW MANY HOLIDAYS WILL I HAVE?
The holidays vary depending on the education provider. Generally speaking students can expect to have roughly 10 – 15 weeks of holiday per year.

WHAT IS VOCATIONAL PLACEMENT? CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION
Vocational Placement is a requirement for most trade courses, and students generally undertake 360 hours throughout the duration of their course. A student is placed in a real life work site and receives practical training and experience on site.

CAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS UNDERTAKE AN APPRENTICESHIP IN AUSTRALIA?
International students cannot work as an apprentice in Australia. However, many involve vocational placement, which places students in a real life work environment. Graduates of the 2 year course usually obtain the same qualification as an Australian who undertakes a 4 year apprenticeship.

CAN I INCLUDE MY PARTNER AND CHILDREN ON MY VISA?
CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION
Yes, most student and work visas allow for de facto partners/spouses and children to be included on the visa.

WILL MY PARTNER BE ALLOWED TO WORK ON THE VISA?
Yes, if you are studying a vocational course, your partner will usually be allowed to work up to 40 hours per fortnight. On the graduate and other work visas, your partner will have unlimited work rights.

CAN I PAY THE COURSE ON A PAYMENT PLAN?
Yes, payment plans are offered for all courses. Payment plans vary depending on the education providers. Generally speaking you will be required to pay a deposit at the start of the course, and pay the remainder of the course fees off during your studies. For example for a $22,000 Carpentry course over 2 years, the average payment plan for trade courses is:
Deposit (Jan 2021) - $6,000
Payment 2 (July 2021) - $6000
Payment 3 (Jan 2022) - $6000
Final Payment (July 2022) - $6000

HOW MUCH IS THE COURSE DEPOSIT?
The deposit payment varies from education providers. Generally speaking students can expect to pay anywhere between $1000 - $7000 AUD for their deposit.
HOW TO STUDY IN AUSTRALIA

1. CONTACT
   Contact Pathway to Aus

2. COURSE
   Our experienced education agents will get to understand what you want and find the best course for you

3. REQUIREMENTS
   One of our team will then ensure you are qualified to fit the visa and course requirements

4. APPLICATION
   One of our team will then ensure you are qualified to fit the visa and course requirements for application

5. CONFIRMATION
   You will then receive your letter of offer and Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) from the school

6. VISA PROCESSING
   One of our registered migration agents will then assist in the processing the visa on your behalf

7. STUDIES
   You will receive the visa and begin your study
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