



FACT SHEET FOR STUDENTS

Aboriginal school-based training program

The Aboriginal* school-based training (ASBT) program is for full time Aboriginal students in Years 10, 11 and 12. The program aims to help Aboriginal students to gain the skills they need to keep studying after school or get a job.

There are two options:

- 1 a training program to get you ready for work or further study; or
- 2 an Aboriginal school-based apprenticeship or traineeship.

Both options are available in metropolitan or regional Western Australia. However, not all schools offer the ASBT program. You will need to check if it is available at your school.

Training to get you ready for work or further study

This program is a good option if you need to develop your skills a bit more before doing an Aboriginal school-based apprenticeship or traineeship.

You will do your training at school or at a TAFE or private training provider. You will not pay any course or resource fees for your training. You may need to buy tools, protective clothing and/or text books for your course.

Finishing your course may help you get your Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE).

How can I find out more about this option?

The best place to start is with your school's VET coordinator or career advisor. They will let you know if this program is available at your school and how you can apply to do it.

Aboriginal school-based apprenticeships and traineeships

This option is available for full time Aboriginal students who are at least 15 years old and ready to do a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship.

As an Aboriginal school-based apprentice or trainee, you will go to school, and with your school's approval, you and your guardian (if you are under 18) will sign a training contract with a group training organisation (GTO). This will give you the same employment and training conditions and responsibilities as other apprentices/trainees. The GTO will pay you for the time you spend at work.

You will do some of your training at a TAFE or private training provider and some at work. Your GTO will help support you while you are doing your Aboriginal school-based apprenticeship or traineeship. You may finish your traineeship while at school, but most apprenticeships will be finished after you leave school.

*The term Aboriginal is intended to include reference to Torres Strait Islanders and Indigenous Australians

What Aboriginal school-based apprenticeships and traineeships can I do?

Many industries have approved apprenticeships and traineeships for school students. They include the manufacturing, electrical, construction, health, engineering, automotive, sport, hospitality, business, primary and food industries.

What will I get from an Aboriginal school-based apprenticeship or traineeship program?

When you do an Aboriginal school-based apprenticeship or traineeship, you will:

- work and do your training for one or two days a week while still completing your WACE at school on the other days;
- receive VET credit transfer towards your WACE for a completed traineeship or a partially completed Certificate III apprenticeship or traineeship; and
- have an industry approved pathway to further study or a job.

Who can do an Aboriginal school-based apprenticeship or traineeship?

You need to:

- be a full time Aboriginal school student who is at least 15 years old;
- be work ready;
- have support and agreement from your school to do the program;
- meet any special requirements for employment and training in your chosen industry; and
- be employed by a GTO.

You cannot do an Aboriginal school-based apprenticeship or traineeship at the same time as another training program to get you ready for work or further study, that's funded by the Department of Training and Workforce Development.

Will I have to pay for my Aboriginal school-based apprenticeship or traineeship?

You will not pay any course or resource fees for your Aboriginal school-based apprenticeship or traineeship training. You may however have to buy uniforms, protective equipment, text books or trade equipment/tools required by your chosen industry. You may also have to pay for transport to get to work and home again on those days.

How can I find out more about Aboriginal school-based apprenticeships and traineeships?

The best place to start is with your school's VET Coordinator or career advisor. They will have the information you need and will help you choose the training option that is best for you.

You can also find out more information on the [Jobs and Skills WA website](#).

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