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## UAC New

### Schools Recommendation Scheme

Students have less than a week to submit their SRS application to be considered for an early offer.

SRS applications close: **19 September 2022**.

If your students are applying to the University of Sydney E12 scheme, UNSW Gateway scheme, or UTS Equity stream, all additional documents, including EAS documents where applicable, must also be submitted by this date. Check the [SRS institution-specific criteria](#) for all key dates.

Please remind students that they must apply for uni through UAC before they can start an SRS application.

[SRS school ratings](#) close: **4 October 2022** (late ratings not accepted)

### Preferences

Students who submit an SRS application and a direct application to an individual uni early offer scheme should not put the same preferences in both applications. Only when a student doesn't receive an offer through the direct application would they then list that preference in their UAC application so that it can be considered in the traditional offer rounds after ATARs are released. Students should check [change of preference closing dates](#) for each offer round. A reminder that preferences can't be changed between the change of preference closing date and the offer date.

SRS preferences must be in order by midnight 3 November to be considered for an offer on 11 November.

### Early bird application fee ends 30 September

Students who apply for uni through UAC must finish and pay for their application before 30 September. After this date, the application fee will increase from \$73 to \$200. Once they have applied, they will still have plenty of time to review and change course preferences (for free) before offers are made in late December.

To start their UAC application, students from NSW and the ACT need their Year 12 student number and UAC PIN. If they have lost their UAC PIN, they can call our Customer Service team on (02) 9752 0200.

Students from interstate or completing the IB will need their Year 12 student number. Their UAC PIN is their date of birth.



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## TAFE News

TAFE NSW have released their career guide for 2023. A brief scan of the guide has revealed a really informative publication for students wishing to complete TAFE courses for next year. The guide can be found here:

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/documents/60140/197799/TAFE-NSW-CAREER-GUIDE-2020-WEB.pdf>

There are lots of new courses such as Networking & Cloud Architecture, Aviation and Maritime.

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## Wollongong City Council Apprenticeships 2023

Applications are now open for our 2023 intake of cadets, apprentices and trainees. As a cadet, apprentice or trainee, you'll be given practical on-the-job training whilst studying a relevant industry recognised qualification, all whilst earning a wage. Successful candidates will start work on 31 January 2023. Opportunities include:

- Building and Facilities Planning Cadet (targeted at current Bachelor of Engineering – Architecture students who have completed one year of their degree)
- Greenkeeping Apprentice
- Human Resources Trainee (identified for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person)
- Civil Design Trainee (identified for a person with disability)
- Business Administration Trainee
- Procurement Trainee
- Information Technology Trainee You don't need experience or qualifications to apply – we're looking for POTENTIAL and ATTITUDE and readiness to START SOMETHING GREAT!

The [wollongong.nsw.gov.au/start](http://wollongong.nsw.gov.au/start) web page provides detailed information packs for each role including descriptions of what the job's about, what we're looking for and how to apply. **Applications are open now and will close 11:59pm Monday 19 September 2022.** We anticipate interviews will take place early October.

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## Are you seeking an Apprenticeship?

Looking for an apprenticeship? Agencies such as Seek, Adzuna, Jora, Illawarra job board, HVTC, MEGT advertise apprenticeships. If you register with those then you will receive alerts when apprenticeships in our local area are advertised.

Having a comprehensive application needs your urgent attention. Usually an application contains the following components:

### Job Application Portfolio

- A Letter of introduction and Resume.
- Resume  
[Resume template](#)

[https://www.myperfectresume.com/lp/mprwzlp03.aspx?ref=10489&utm\\_medium=sem&utm\\_source=google&utm\\_campaign=Alpha%20-%20CV%20-%20AUS/NZ%20-%20Search&opti\\_ca=163624342&opti\\_ag=21892947622&opti\\_ad=167684273487&opti\\_key=kwd-38417738156&gclid=Cj0KCQjw0JiXBhCFARIsAOSAKqAvleSB7R0RISS4pY3OPMLguq80ri73MZEvpaOX216TI9tkAL2AkWsaAsiLEALw\\_wcB](https://www.myperfectresume.com/lp/mprwzlp03.aspx?ref=10489&utm_medium=sem&utm_source=google&utm_campaign=Alpha%20-%20CV%20-%20AUS/NZ%20-%20Search&opti_ca=163624342&opti_ag=21892947622&opti_ad=167684273487&opti_key=kwd-38417738156&gclid=Cj0KCQjw0JiXBhCFARIsAOSAKqAvleSB7R0RISS4pY3OPMLguq80ri73MZEvpaOX216TI9tkAL2AkWsaAsiLEALw_wcB)

- Then view templates and select. Then follow the prompts. After you have completed your resume, save it as a word document to your desktop or a safe place. Then you can adjust/edit it at any time.
- School reports which is evidence of diligent effort.
- Certificates (merit, leadership, extra-curricular, qualifications, courses completed, CSL) i.e. evidence.
- References

The X factor! What makes your application different and better?

- Photo page, showing any projects completed. Showing that you have pre-existing skills.
- Business Card. There are online options that allow you to construct a business card. The one below is not the best looking, however, what I am suggesting here is what to include. A business card can be a great way of leaving your information with a prospective employer. They can keep it in their wallet and also give it to someone else if there are looking for an apprentice.



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## Opportunities for Year 12 Students

**The Infrastructure Traineeships** program has been officially announced for 2023 and applications are now OPEN!!

The 2-year program is for 2022 year 12 finishers (with the program starting Feb next year), trainees get paid while studying toward a Cert IV in Business, Project Management Practice or Procurement and Contracting, and gaining office based work experience in the infrastructure industry. It is a great opportunity, with limited places available in NSW in 2023.

See a video from our current trainees - [Apply for a NSW Government Infrastructure Traineeship - YouTube](#)

I have included content below and a social media tile attached, for you to share with your year 12 students or through your school newsletter.

Do you know a Year 12 student who is interested in infrastructure? Applications for the 2023 program are now OPEN!!!

### **Boosting job opportunities for Year 12 school leavers**

Applications are now open for next year's Infrastructure Traineeship for the NSW Government's Infrastructure Traineeship. It's available to Year 12 students interested in developing their professional skills in the infrastructure industry, as well as having the potential to make a difference to Australia's environmental footprint.

### **6 great reasons to apply for this traineeship:**

- Infrastructure is a booming industry offering a wide range of job opportunities to boost your career experience.
- Earn a salary for 2 years while you learn.
- As well as earning a wage, your qualification is fee free.
- You could get course credits if you choose to continue studying after the program.
- 9 out of 10 trainees continue in the industry after they finish their traineeship, which means you could land a job at the end of your traineeship.
- Your work helps build your region's infrastructure for growing communities across NSW.

### **3 traineeships to choose from:**

- Cert IV in Business
- Cert IV in Project Management Practice
- Cert IV in Procurement and Contracting



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## How it works

Trainees will study a national accredited Cert IV course through TAFE NSW 1 day a week to learn about planning, design and development and apply that learning 4 days a week with an employer.

Each trainee will gain valuable experience with three employers: a government agency, a contractor and a consultant and spend approximately 8 months with each host. Their experience and recruitment will be supported by Apprenticeship Careers Australia (ACA), a reputable group training organisation.

Learn more about the [traineeship](#) or [apply](#) though [Apprenticeship Careers Australia](#).

Places are limited.

For more information or to have a chat about this opportunity, email [nswtraineeships@apprenticeshipcareers.com.au](mailto:nswtraineeships@apprenticeshipcareers.com.au).

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## **Job applications through SEEK**

I had a meeting with a rep from seek last week and she indicated that they prefer all applications to include a resume in their format. Even though it is not the best format that I have seen, it highlights the need to read all job descriptions, the essential and desirable criteria, first before you submit an application. Their resume format is available by request if you send an email to me.

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## ADF Careers

### Upcoming Information Sessions

The Australian Defence Force is a modern, people-focused organisation and one of Australia's major employers. With over 200 roles on offer, there's a wide range of specialist military positions, support roles, trades and professions to choose from.

Learn more about roles ranging from engineering to communications, IT & Intelligence available in the Navy, Army and Air Force. To register for an information session please visit [defencejobs.gov.au/events](https://defencejobs.gov.au/events) or email [cptwollongong@dfrc.com.au](mailto:cptwollongong@dfrc.com.au) with your full name and phone number.

Date	Time	Session	Venue
Tuesday 6th September	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Campbelltown Defence Careers Information Session	Campbelltown Catholic Club, 2022 Camden Road Campbelltown
Tuesday 13th September	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Navy/Submariner Information Session	Defence Force Recruiting, 2/96 Crown Street, Wollongong
Wednesday 14th September	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Trades Information Session	Defence Force Recruiting, 2/96 Crown Street, Wollongong
Tuesday 20th September	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Army Reserve Information Session	Wollongong Army Reserve Depot, 91 Gipps Street
Wednesday 21st September	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Defence Careers Information Session	Defence Force Recruiting, 2/96 Crown Street, Wollongong
Thursday 22nd September	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Indigenous Pathways Information Session	Virtual - Register for Link
Monday 26th September	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Women In Defence Information Session	Campbelltown Catholic Club, 2022 Camden Road Campbelltown
Tuesday 27th September	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Women In Defence Information Session	Defence Force Recruiting, 2/96 Crown Street, Wollongong
Wednesday 28th September	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Women In Defence Information Session	Cronulla RSL, 38R Gerrale St, Cronulla
Thursday 29th September	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Gap Year Information Session	Defence Force Recruiting, 2/96 Crown Street, Wollongong

## Young Endeavour Youth Scheme

<https://youngendeavour.gov.au/>

<https://youngendeavour.gov.au/before-you-apply/faq> Ready to step out of your comfort zone?

You've come to the right place.

Join a crew of young Australians and embark on a life-changing journey – learning not only how to sail a square-rigged tall ship, but how to lead, support others and work together as a team. It's a personal development opportunity unlike any other! If you're aged 16-23 and ready to sail into the unknown, *Young Endeavour* is the adventure for you.

Be prepared to face your fears, push yourself out of your comfort zone and discover how you rise to the challenges you face. By the end of the voyage you and your fellow youth crew will take command of tall ship *Young Endeavour* and put your new skills to the test.

### **BEFORE YOU APPLY**

More than 30 years after the ship arrived in Australia, voyages in *Young Endeavour* remain popular with youth from all over the country. To ensure voyages remain accessible to a diverse range of young Australians, we offer places on each voyage through the Young Endeavour Ballot.



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Before you start your application we recommend reading the information on [the How to Apply](#) page to make sure you understand the ballot process, meet the eligibility criteria and have all the information you need ready to go.

We look forward to welcoming you aboard STS *Young Endeavour*!

## ABOUT THE VOYAGE

Join a crew of young Australians and embark on a life-changing 11-day journey – learning not only how to sail a square-rigged tall ship, but how to lead, support others and work together as a team.

A voyage in *Young Endeavour* is fun, but it's not a relaxing holiday. You're stepping into a new world at sea and you will be required to be an active member of the crew and contribute to the voyage.

Be prepared to face your fears, push yourself out of your comfort zone and discover how you rise to challenges. By the end of the voyage, you and your fellow crew will take command of the ship and put your new skills to the test. It's an adventure like no other.

### What is youth development?

Youth development programs challenge participants in order to foster positive growth and help them achieve their full potential.

The *Young Endeavour* program is designed to take young participants out of their comfort zone and place them in an unfamiliar environment where they must work together to succeed.

Participants are given opportunities to reflect and learn about themselves, to discover hidden strengths and talents, and to understand the value of working as a team. As they learn and put into practice the skills to sail the ship, they build confidence, self-awareness and a readiness to take calculated risks to further their goals and ambitions.

### The Young Endeavour difference

The Young Endeavour Youth Development Program is internationally recognised in the field of sail training. The experiential program conducted on board STS *Young Endeavour* is delivered by professional Royal Australian Navy personnel who are specially selected and trained for their roles.

During each eleven-day voyage, youth crew aged between 16 to 23 years work in small teams, and sail the ship twenty-four hours a day in all types of conditions. They live 'between decks' in a close community with youth from a diverse range of backgrounds, and are encouraged to identify and pursue personal and team goals and challenges. Each voyage includes an opportunity for the youth crew to take responsibility for the ship for a twenty-four-hour period.

Research shows that the Young Endeavour Youth Development Program has a long-lasting, positive impact on participants, building social capital in the community by increasing trust, cooperation and tolerance. The experience translates over time into more enduring social skills such as self-control, goal achievement, and a positive outlook, bringing broader benefits to the Australian community as well as to the individual.

### The Youth Development Program

The Young Endeavour Youth Development Program is formed around the principles of Experiential Learning, Challenge by Choice and Transitional Instruction, culminating in Command Day, which brings together everything youth crew learn on board the ship.



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## Navy News

An aviation career in the Navy is one of the most unique opportunities in Australia.

Your students and job seekers will be able to experience some of the world's most technologically-advanced helicopters, choosing from a variety of **Navy aviation roles** in the cockpit, in trades, or as support. They will receive a competitive salary package, benefits, opportunities for continuous progression, job security and an adventurous lifestyle.

There is no experience is needed, they'll be paid to gain all the skills needed for the role and if they have relevant experience or qualifications, they may be eligible for recognition of prior learning.

Browse the roles below to find out more about an aviation career in the Navy:

### **Explore Navy Aviation Roles:**

**Aviation Technician / Aviation Systems Technician**: Maintain the most technically-advanced helicopters in Australia. You will be responsible for the maintenance, repair and overhaul of aircraft systems, equipment and components for the Seahawk Romeo helicopters.

**Helicopter Mission Commander**: Take the jump seat in a state-of-the-art Navy helicopter working alongside the pilot to manage navigation, tactical communications, weapons, and sensor systems.

**Drone Mission Commander**: Operate advanced tactical drones participating in surface warfare, search and rescue missions and amphibious operations onboard ships or at Navy Air Stations.

**Flight Deck Marshall**: Plan, execute, secure and oversee all helicopter ground handling on Navy squadron flight lines and onboard the ship's flight deck and hangars.

**Helicopter Pilot**: Operate some of the world's most sophisticated helicopters, taking to the sky to accomplish diverse missions at sea and ashore. You'll be performing duties such as landing safely on moving ships at sea, search and rescue, medical evacuation or hovering above submarines.

**Aircrew**: Operate and manage the sensors, weaponry and radar onboard a Navy helicopter. You'll be a key part of the action contributing to the success of a range of missions including search and rescue, aerial weapon support, casualty evacuation and combat operations.





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## **Choosing a career that won't go out of style**

### **Interesting article produced by a careers journalist published in conversation.com**

Sensationalists claim that 40% of jobs in Australia won't exist in the future are unhelpful for young Australians thinking about entering the workforce. The reality is some jobs will no longer exist, new jobs will be created and most jobs will undergo some form of transformation. The skills we need for work are changing, but young Australians can plan for these changes.

Fears of automation and artificial intelligence (AI) wiping out future work are well founded – new technology *is* changing the way we work. But as the current workforce grows up alongside an ageing population. Young Australians will have many job opportunities, if they acquire the right skills.

### **Jobs of the future**

The prospect of having a single occupation for life is becoming increasingly unlikely. It is reported that today's 15 year-olds are likely to have 17 changes in employers across five different careers.

When considering which career path to follow, young Australians should be mindful that the jobs at risk are those which have high levels of routine, and repeatable and predictable processes requiring precision. These include administrative and clerical jobs, such as working as a receptionist or data entry clerk. Automation or AI will replace these jobs, if it hasn't already.

Non-routine jobs which need human problem-solving, creativity, adaptability, flexibility, physical dexterity, and communication skills will be the jobs of the future. So will jobs requiring physical proximity and interpersonal skills. Examples include engineering, design, construction, education, health services and care work.

The economy is undergoing an industry restructuring in response to the Fourth Industrial Revolution. This is the name given to a combination of technological mega-trends happening all at the same time (for example, the internet of things, artificial intelligence, automation and robotics, digital disruption and so on). Significant economic, demographic and social shifts are happening at the same time.

As this change happens, the prospect of polarisation of the workforce is a looming concern for young people. "Polarisation" is the hollowing out of the labour market: a decline in the share of mid-level skilled jobs considered "entry level" for young Australians. This will mean reduced opportunities for young people to enter the workforce, and limited opportunities for upward career progression from lower-skilled jobs.

### **Which industries show growth?**

The Australian economy has shifted from one which produces goods to one which services people. Almost 80% of the workforce is employed in the services industries.

The Department of Jobs and Small Business projects that over the five years to May 2023, employment will increase in 17 of the 19 broad industry sectors in Australia. And it will decline in two: agriculture, forestry and fishing; and wholesale trade.



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Almost two-thirds of employment growth is projected to be in four sectors: health care and social assistance; construction; education and training; and professional, scientific and technical services. Jobs will exist for people with the skills to fill those jobs.

New jobs are projected to be created across a range of occupations. Aged and disabled care, registered nursing, child care, software and applications programming, and waiting are the top five areas of growth.

But employment in five broad occupation groups is also projected to decline: personal assistants and secretaries, office managers and program administrators, machine and stationary plant operators, farmers and farm managers, and clerical and office support workers are likely to be replaced by automation or AI.

## Skills young people can learn now

Achieving a university degree, no longer automatically means a graduate will get immediate and meaningful employment. The youth unemployment rate for graduates is increasing at a greater rate than for those without a tertiary qualification. According to the Foundation for Young Australians, it now takes on average 4.7 years for a person to transition from full time education to full time employment.

Research from the Foundation for Young Australians found there are four key factors which can accelerate the transition from education to full time work:

- an education that builds transferable skills such as problem-solving, communication and team work
- being able to undertake relevant *paid* work experience
- finding employment in a sector which is growing
- an optimistic mindset.

Employers of technical and trade workers still place the most emphasis on job-specific skills, but across all jobs employability skills are the most important. Employers look for communication skills above all other skills, followed by organisational skills, writing, planning and detail orientation, team work and problem-solving. Young people will need to make sure they also have transferable skills such as digital literacy, critical thinking and creativity.

The NSW government challenged a group of researchers to identify what today's kindergarteners will need to survive and thrive in the 21st century. The report says developing deep knowledge and specialist expertise over time is critical.

Employability skills such as problem-solving and critical thinking are considered generic, and are likely to also be job-specific and not necessarily transferable. For example, problem-solving skills will be very different for a mining engineer to those required by a kindergarten teacher. These "generic skills" need to be learned in context.

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