

Certificate II in Building and Construction
Pre-apprenticeship VDSS
COURSE CODE: 22614VIC
(Partial Qualification)

Description:

Interested in building things and working with your hands? This course is a great introduction to the carpentry trade within the building and construction industry. This VDSS program gives hands-on learners the opportunity to gain foundational skills in the building and construction industry while completing their secondary school studies. Students develop safe work practices, tool use, measurements, and introductory carpentry—all in a practical environment that supports career readiness.

You will learn things like:

- Learn how to be safe on a worksite
- Safe and effective use of hand and power tools
- Reading and interpreting building plans and specifications
- Basic building structures and complete tasks like fitting hinges, locks and components
- Learn how to measure and calculate for work tasks
- Measure, mark out and cut timber and materials
- Improve your communication and work readiness

Does this sound like you:

- Enjoy physical outdoor work and have a practical mindset
- Are comfortable with manual labour and working in all weather conditions
- Have good hand-eye coordination and spatial awareness
- Are confident working at heights and with tools
- Can follow written plans and instructions
- Enjoy solving technical problems and working to precise measurements
- Have a sound understanding of mathematics (for measuring, calculating angles, quantities, and quotes)
- Are not affected by dust or other common environmental factors on construction sites
- Have strong communication and organisational skills

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Venue & RTO:

RTO	Location	Delivery
GOTAFE (RTO : 3094).	Shepparton, Seymour and Wangaratta	One full day per week
Kangan Institute (RTO : 3077).	Broadmeadows	1st year - Wednesday, Thursday or Friday 8:30am-3:30pm; 2nd year Wednesday 8:30am-3:30pm
Melbourne Polytechnic (RTO : 3075).	Epping Campus	Group 1: Wednesday 8:30am-12pm; Group 2: Wednesday 12:30pm-4pm; Group 3: Friday 8:30am-12pm
Skillinvest (RTO : 4192).	**Broadford Secondary College	Wednesday 9am - 3pm

Fees:

**Please contact the host school for further information

Your school VET Coordinator can advise on fees.

Course length:

1 to 2 years depending on provider and unit selection

How to apply:

Speak to your school's VET Coordinator and complete the VDSS application form. Placement is subject to availability and school approval.

Qualification and Recognition:

- Certificate II in Building & Construction (Carpentry) – Pre-apprenticeship - Nationally recognised - May contribute to VCE or VCE-VM - May contribute to ATAR
- Pathways opportunities into Certificate III/IV and Diploma in Building & Construction
- Entry into registered apprenticeships or TAFE programs

Career Opportunities:

- Apprentice Carpenter
- Construction Labourer
- A workplace apprentice in the building and construction industry for bricklaying, concreting, building and glazing
- Site Assistant

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