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Study options for Years 11 and 12

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Senior secondary education in Victoria now gives you greater pathways and choices to explore your world of passions and talents.

It's all about having the flexibility to choose the right pathway for you, opening up post-school opportunities and careers in Australia's most in-demand industries.

There are 3 main ways to study Year 11 and 12 in Victoria - VCE, VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.

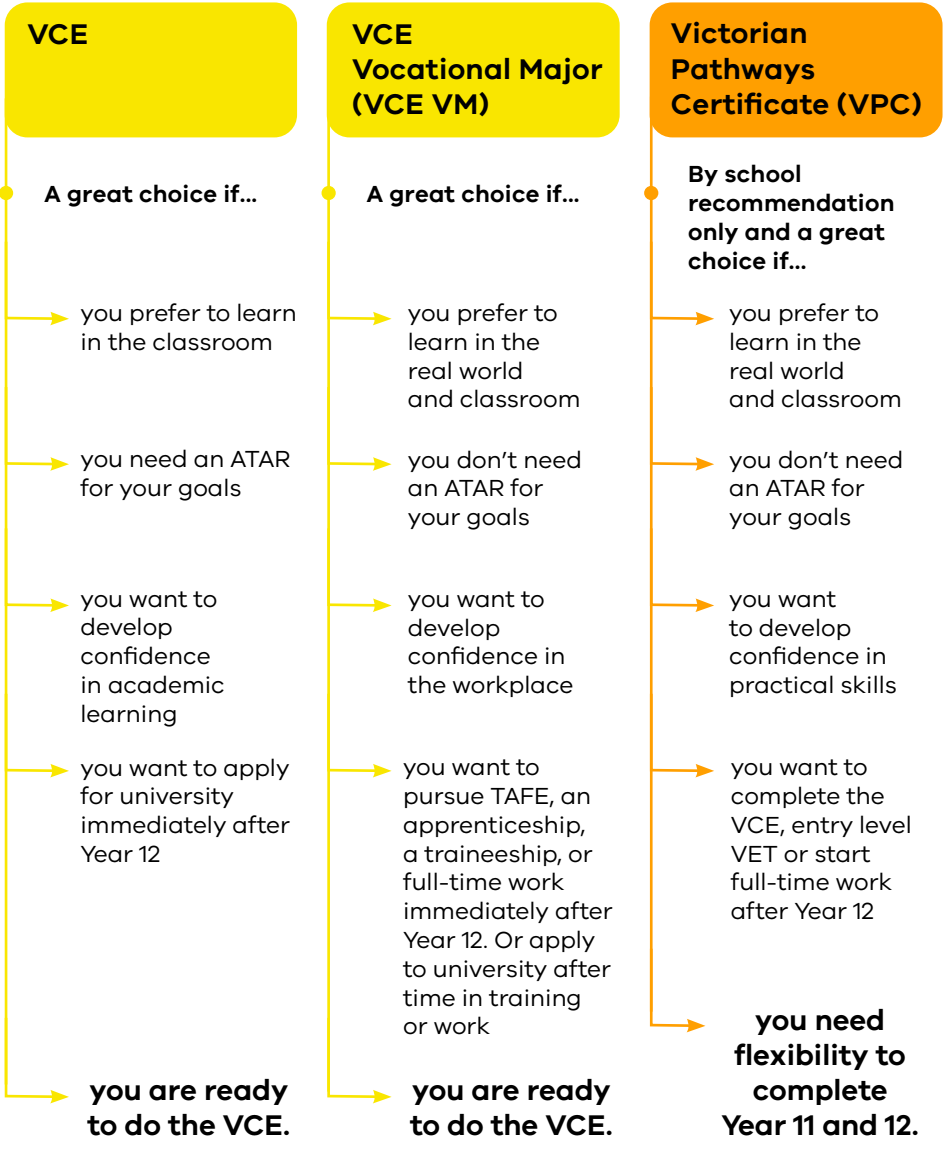
To get your Victorian Certificate of Education, you can enrol in the VCE or the VCE Vocational Major, a new 2-year vocational, applied learning program within the VCE.

The Victorian Pathways Certificate is a new option for students who may not be ready or able to complete a certificate at a VCE level.

You can add vocational education training (VET) subjects to any of these pathways, giving you practical skills and knowledge for work and further study.

Whether you want to take on university, TAFE, an apprenticeship, traineeship, or head straight into the workforce when you finish school, there is a secondary pathway that will help you get there.

Compare the options



Most institutions offer applicants alternative entry schemes such as folio or interview applications for select university courses, or non-degree courses such as foundation studies, a preparatory course, or a certificate, diploma, or associate degree course.

VCE

The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) offers a broad range of study possibilities.

You can choose a variety of options from more than 90 studies and 28 VCE VET programs, letting you explore your interests and pursue your goals.

Completing the VCE can give you an ATAR score, offering a direct pathway to university.

The VCE can take you in many different directions after school and is a great choice if you prefer learning in a classroom environment and know you might want to go to university right after school.



Adam's VCE pathway

Adam loves understanding how, where and why things grow. He needed an ATAR to study environmental science at university immediately after Year 12.

He talked with his family, teachers and school's careers counsellor about his options and to make sure he met the prerequisites. He also completed work experience with park rangers to find out if he enjoyed it.

Adam chose subjects that were relevant to his future career, as well as those he had a genuine interest in. Adam also chose to do a VCE subject in Year 10.



In Year 10, he studied:

- VCE Biology Units 1 and 2.

In Year 11, he studied:

- VCE English Units 1 and 2
- VCE Mathematical Methods Units 1 and 2
- VCE Geography Units 1 and 2
- VCE Chemistry Units 1 and 2
- VCE Biology Units 3 and 4
- VCE VET Units 1 and 2 Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Ecosystem Management (working towards a Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management).

In Year 12, he studied:

- VCE English Units 3 and 4
- VCE Mathematical Methods Units 3 and 4
- VCE Geography Units 3 and 4
- VCE Chemistry Units 3 and 4
- VCE VET Units 3 and 4 Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Ecosystem Management (working towards a Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management).

VCE Vocational Major

The VCE Vocational Major (VCE VM) builds knowledge and skills for work and life. You get hands-on experience in one or more industries, so you finish school with an employability edge.

It's a 2-year applied learning program that's part of the VCE. Your teachers will assess your progress through a range of activities. Your only exam is the General Achievement Test (Part A only).

You'll study core units - VCE VM Literacy, VCE VM Numeracy, VCE VM Work Related Skills and VCE VM Personal Development Skills - and complete 180 hours of vocational education training (VET) at Certificate II level or above.

The 4 VCE VM study areas use a different form of assessment to other VCE studies. The assessment is completed by your teacher in class, who'll support you in achieving the requirements.

VCE VM subjects don't receive a study score, so they won't count towards an ATAR.

The VCE VM is a great choice if you prefer to learn in a real-world environment and don't need an ATAR.



Charlie's VCE VM pathway

Charlie enjoys designing, planning and working with interesting materials to create new things. They loved doing work experience at a timber recycler in Year 10.

That made Charlie confident that a carpentry apprenticeship would be a great start to their career after school.

Charlie talked with their family, teachers and school's careers counsellor about their options and to make sure Charlie met the prerequisites.



In Year 11, they studied:

- VCE VM Literacy Units 1 and 2
- VCE General Maths Units 1 and 2
- VCE VM Work Related Skills Units 1 and 2
- VCE Product Design and Technologies Units 1 and 2
- VCE VET Building and Construction Units 1 and 2 (working towards a Certificate II in Construction Pathways)
- Structured Workplace Learning Recognition for VET - Unit 1: Learning in the workplace.

In Year 12, they studied:

- VCE VM Literacy Units 3 and 4
- VCE General Maths Units 3 and 4
- VCE VM Personal Development Skills Units 3 and 4
- VCE VET Building and Construction Units 3 and 4 (working towards a Certificate II in Construction Pathways)
- Structured Workplace Learning Recognition for VET - Unit 2: Developing in the workplace.

Victorian Pathways Certificate

The Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) is an inclusive, flexible option to complete your studies. It's designed for students who aren't able or ready to complete the VCE or VCE VM.

VPC is normally completed in Year 11 and 12, but it can be started earlier or be finished over a period longer than 2 years. You can work out the best time for you to start and finish the VPC with your school.

The coursework is delivered at a more accessible level than the VCE and VCE VM. Your teachers assess your progress through classroom activities.

The VPC is not an option for all students and will be recommended by schools to meet the needs of a specific student, decided in partnership with the student, parent and the school.

Find out more

If you have any questions, talk to your school's careers counsellor. Visit vic.gov.au/VCE to read more about the options for Year 11 and 12.

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