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## What career will suit me?

Not sure what road you want to take?

People who do what they love are generally happier and healthier

If you like the idea of hands-on practical work and learning on the job, an apprenticeship or traineeship is a career path that could suit you

It was once thought that University was the best option for starting a career, this is definitely no longer the case. An apprenticeship or traineeship is an alternative way of pursuing your goals and it's a great opportunity to set yourself up for the career you want.

Apprenticeships and traineeships are now available in more than 500 occupations nationally. You will gain a qualification that is recognised in Australia and internationally. This gives you a big advantage in the job market, with both practical experience and the skills that employers are looking for.

There are skills shortages right around Australia. This means that when you're qualified you'll be in demand – and paid well too.

The best thing about doing an apprenticeship or traineeship instead of going to University is that you start earning straight away.

Find out what apprenticeship and traineeship qualifications are available. Just some of the industries you can choose from include:

Accounting, Finance & HR	Health & Beauty
Admin & Support Services	Hospitality, Food & Tourism
Automotive Services	Media, Arts, Marketing & Printing
Building & Manufacturing	Transport & Distribution
Computing & IT	Retail & Sales
Electrical & Electronics	Social Welfare & Security
Engineering & Environment	Education Support
Farming, Gardening & Fishing	Child Care

Visit [Skillsroad.com.au](http://Skillsroad.com.au) to review the complete list and think about:

- the type of environment you would like to work in (eg. office or outdoors)
- the skills you would like to learn
- the subjects you could study at school to prepare you for an apprenticeship or traineeship
- who you can talk to in your area of interest to find out the positives and negatives.

Take 15 mins to do the [Skillsroad.com.au](http://Skillsroad.com.au) Career Quiz and get a list of occupations that are suitable to your personal style and natural talent.

[Skillsroad.com.au](http://Skillsroad.com.au) Career Quiz was developed using the same psychometric tools employers often use to find the right person for the job. You can then use this information to prepare a great resume that will help you get your 'dream job'.

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### Skillsroad Career Quiz

Whether you want to be an electrician, manager or plumber, a Skillsroad career assessment will provide valuable information to set you on the right path.

Review the long list of career options and think about:

- what you like and dislike?
- what you value and don't value?
- what you believe and don't believe?
- what interests you and what doesn't?
- what you're good at and not good at?
- what you enjoy and don't enjoy?

Write down your ideas. Knowing yourself helps you identify what you want from a job.

The next step is to find an employer who is willing to offer you an apprenticeship or traineeship in your chosen field.

### Once you have a job you will need an Apprenticeships Centre to sign you up as an apprentice or trainee

Australian Business Limited Apprenticeships Centre (ABLAC) will help you throughout your apprenticeship or traineeship with information about financial incentives and other benefits.

As an apprentice or trainee, you may be entitled to Australian Government financial support.

ABLAC can provide you with:

- advice on the best apprenticeships and traineeships to suit you
- assistance with recruitment options, Group Training Organisations (GTOs) and Job Services Australia
- access to government incentives and benefits
- assistance in completing paperwork
- ongoing support and advice at no cost to you.

An apprenticeship or traineeship is a fantastic platform on which to build your career, for more information please call ABLAC on **1300 652 236**.

Visit [Skillsroad.com.au](http://Skillsroad.com.au) our dedicated online career resource designed especially for apprentices and trainees.

If you like the idea of hands-on practical work and learning on the job, this site is for you.

#### Skills or Uni?

Help with making the right choice

#### Apprenticeships and traineeships

Find out the facts

#### What career will suit me?

What's it really like on the job and what are you good at?

#### Get involved at high school

What to do to prepare for your career

#### Job hunting skills

The essentials for getting the job you want

#### Get the job you want

Search and register for apprenticeship and traineeship jobs

#### On the job

Support through your apprenticeship or traineeship

Call > 1300 652 236

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