

Alternative options for after year 10

In Queensland, once a young person has completed year 10 or turned 16, they enter the *compulsory participation phase of schooling*. During this phase, they must participate in an eligible option.

An eligible option is participation on a full-time basis in one of the following:

- approved education or training (QCE/QCIA, Certificate III or higher VET courses, traineeships, apprenticeships etc.)
- paid employment (at least 25 hours per week)
- a combination of approved education, training and paid employment

See these links for information on the compulsory participation phase of schooling:

<https://education.qld.gov.au/schools-educators/school-types/senior-schooling-years>
<https://www.sparktheirfuture.qld.edu.au/school-attendance-age/>

Alternative schooling options:

There are a number of alternative schooling options available for students:

- **Alexandra Hills Senior College:** Alternative senior program for students to do year 11 and 12 and achieve a QCE, ATAR or other qualifications, including VET. <https://tafeqld.edu.au/seniorcollege>
- **Queensland Pathways State College:** Senior transition program for 15 to 17 year olds who face significant barriers in accessing mainstream education. They have campuses in Brisbane at the following locations: Bracken Ridge, Bundamba, Goodna, Mt Gravatt and Coorparoo, as well as a campus in Townsville. <https://qpsec.edu.au/>
- **Edmund Rice Youth+ Flexible Learning Centres:** These flexi schools provide a place and an opportunity for young people to engage with learning and community. They have schools in various locations in Queensland and other states. Information: <https://www.ereafsn.edu.au/> Locations : <https://www.ereafsn.edu.au/our-schools-2020-2/>
- **YMCA Vocational Schools:** Operating across seven campuses located in Acacia Ridge, Ipswich, Kingston, North Lakes, Mango Hill and Victoria Point, specialist staff provide adjusted education programs and vocational training to students aged 12-18 years old: <https://www.ymcabrisbane.org/services/vocational-schools>
- **Kingston Centre for Continuing Secondary Education:** Provides opportunities for students, aged 15 and over, to continue or re-engage in formal learning programs within a flexible and informal setting. Offers fast-tracked re-entry courses for young people with different needs and starting points who wish to undertake part-time or full-time studies in pre-year 10 English and Maths, year 10, 11 and 12 Essential English and Essential Maths and some ATAR subjects. <https://kingstonccse.eq.edu.au/>
- **Busy Schools:** Offers Year 11 and 12 students an alternative learning solution and the opportunity to re-engage with education and complete school (their QCE) while getting a head-start into employment. Students complete a personalised educational program, learn skills for life and have the opportunity to start paid employment and training while still at school. Two campuses in Brisbane and one in Cairns. <https://www.busyschools.qld.edu.au/>
- **South East Region Learning College:** Offers the opportunity for young people in the Eagleby/Beenleigh, Varsity Lakes, Helensvale and surrounding areas to undertake a range of flexible education and training programs including tertiary, applied, and VET pathways. <https://eaglebylc.eq.edu.au>
- **Australian Industry College:** Year 10, 11 and 12 students complete their senior secondary education whilst beginning a school based apprenticeship in an industry. Campuses at the Gold Coast, Ipswich, Redlands, Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba. <https://www.aitc.qld.edu.au/>
- **Arethusa College:** For students in years 7 to 12 – alternative educational and vocational pathways to assist young people to experience positive educational outcomes. Campuses in Deception bay, Spring Hill, and Windsor. <https://www.arethusa.qld.edu.au/>

- **Hubbard’s School:** independent academic-focussed school offering an alternative learning environment for students in year 10, 11 and 12 interested pursuing in an ATAR pathway. <https://hubbards.qld.edu.au/>
- **TAFE Queensland Unilearn Ready Program** (online): program where student can get a QTAC Selection Rank, ATAR, or complete their QCE. <https://tafeqld.edu.au/courses/18811/unilearn-ready-program>

Vocational Education and training (VET):

In the compulsory participation phase of schooling, young people can study VET qualifications at TAFE or other registered training organisations. If they leave school to study VET, they must do a course at Certificate III level or higher.

- A [Certificate III level course](#) provides young people with theoretical and practical knowledge and skills for work and/or further learning (<https://www.aqf.edu.au/aqf-levels>).
- You can explore VET courses via these links:
 - **TAFE Queensland online courses: TAFE Queensland face to face/combined delivery courses:** <https://tafeqld.edu.au/home.html>
 - **Open Colleges online courses:** <https://www.opencolleges.edu.au/>
 - **CQU certificate and diploma courses:** <https://www.cqu.edu.au/courses/study-levels/certificates-diplomas>
 - **Other courses and registered training organisations:** find providers for VET courses nationwide – search the skills gateway: <http://skillsgateway.training.qld.gov.au/>

Funding for VET courses: many VET courses have some government funding available.

- **Certificate III Guarantee:** The Certificate 3 Guarantee supports eligible individuals to complete their first post-school certificate III qualification.
 - Information: <https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/providers/funded/certificate3>
 - Courses (Priority Skills List) : <https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/providers/funded/certificate3>
 - Eligibility: To be eligible for Certificate 3 Guarantee funding you must:
 - be a Queensland resident
 - be aged 15 years or over, and no longer at school (with the exception of VET in Schools students)
 - be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident (including humanitarian entrants), or a temporary resident with the necessary visa and work permits on the pathway to permanent residency
 - not hold, or be enrolled in, a certificate III level or higher qualification (not including qualifications completed at school and foundation skills training).
- **Job Trainer:** The JobTrainer Fund supports job seekers, school leavers and young people to access the skills and training they need to find work, re-enter the labour market or explore new work opportunities. Free or low cost courses.
 - Information: <https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/training-careers/incentives/jobtrainer/job-seekers>
 - Courses: <https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/training-careers/incentives/jobtrainer/courses>
 - Eligibility: To be eligible to enrol in a short course or qualification funded under JobTrainer you must:
 - permanently reside in Queensland, and
 - be an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident (includes humanitarian entrant), temporary resident with the necessary visa and work permits on the pathway to permanent residency, or a New Zealand citizen, and
 - have finished school or no longer be at school (including home schooled), and
 - not already be enrolled in training (includes VET and higher education courses), and

- not have previously completed a qualification funded under the JobTrainer Fund, and
- either be a job seeker or a school leaver or young person (job seeker is an individual aged 15 years and over who is no longer at school, out of work and or receiving income support payments)

Employment, traineeships and apprenticeships

- **Australian Apprenticeships & Traineeships Information Service:** information for people considering career options, employers looking at recruitment and those providing support and advice. <https://www.aapathways.com.au/>
- **MEGT apprenticeship and traineeship resources:** Find an apprenticeship or traineeship, search the career hub for career and job seeker resources: <https://www.megt.com.au/apprentices-and-trainees>
- **MIGAS apprenticeship and traineeship resources:** Find an apprenticeship or traineeship. <https://www.migas.com.au/>
- **OSMAC apprenticeships:** <https://www.ogt.com.au/apprentices>
- **DGT Employment & Training:** Not-for-profit organisation that develops employment and training projects for job seekers of all ages, with the objective to gain vital skills and work experience. <https://www.dgt.org.au/>
- **Yourtown transition, training, and employment services for young people:** <https://www.yourtown.com.au/our-services>
- **Challenge employment and training:** helping disadvantaged people gain employment and training through a variety of pathways. www.challengeemployment.org.au

Government funded programs: Skilling Queenslanders for Work

Funded projects for young people aged 15 years or older who are no longer at school. There are a variety of projects that help job seekers gain the skills, qualifications and experience they need to enter and stay in the workforce.

General information: <https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/training-careers/incentives/sqw>

List of funded projects: <https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/community-orgs/funded/sqw/funded-projects>

Locate a project: <https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/training-careers/incentives/sqw/jobseekers>