

# Trades Automotive Animals, Plants & Sciences

Course Guide 2027



# STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2025



Before starting this course, I spent 30 years as a detective with Victoria Police. I then enrolled in the Certificate III in Commercial Cookery at Bendigo TAFE, and the experience has been incredibly impressive.

I also completed placements at an incredible French restaurant with two chef's hats, which was an unforgettable experience. This course has genuinely changed my life. I never thought I would leave the police force, but now I have a qualification that I can take anywhere in Australia, or even overseas.

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CERTIFICATE III IN COMMERCIAL COOKERY  
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**Open night**

Discover our facilities, learn about course options and meet our dedicated teachers and support staff.

**Find out more and register here**



The information in this publication is correct at the time of release (March 2026) and some courses are subject to change.

Bendigo TAFE acknowledges their campuses are located on the ancestral lands of the Djaara people of the Dja Dja Wurrung and the Yorta Yorta People. The institute respects traditional custodians, Elders and their cultural heritage.



# UNLEASH YOU AT BENDIGO TAFE

Bendigo TAFE is one of the largest and most trusted education and training providers in Victoria. With more than 155 years of educational excellence backed by industry connections, our graduates learn real skills and gain the confidence to succeed in life.

With an established network of industry partners and a strong reputation with employers across Victoria, our courses are developed to respond to their employment needs. We ensure our training is relevant and will provide you with the skills and knowledge you need to match the demands.

We focus on providing you with work-ready training including practical, hands-on experience, industry projects and work placements.

## LEARN FROM INDUSTRY EXPERTS

Our outstanding training educators come with extensive industry experience and connections. Our personalised approach means you get one-on-one attention in classes.

## GAIN HANDS-ON PRACTICAL SKILLS

Our focus is all about getting you work-ready. With an emphasis on practical training, industry projects and work placements, you will gain real experience and the latest industry knowledge. So, when you graduate, you will have the skills that employers are looking for.

## ACCESS OUR INDUSTRY PARTNER NETWORK

Bendigo TAFE has established a vast network of industry partners and a strong reputation with employers across regional Victoria. By developing our courses in consultation with industry partners, we make sure that you gain the most current and up-to-date skills.

Our focus is to ensure industries have access to well trained, highly skilled tradespeople and professionals. This may be through an apprenticeship or people refreshing their skills to ensure they have the most current knowledge and work practices to bring to their workplace.

**CHOOSE A COURSE THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU  
WITH THIS FREE PERSONALISED QUIZ**

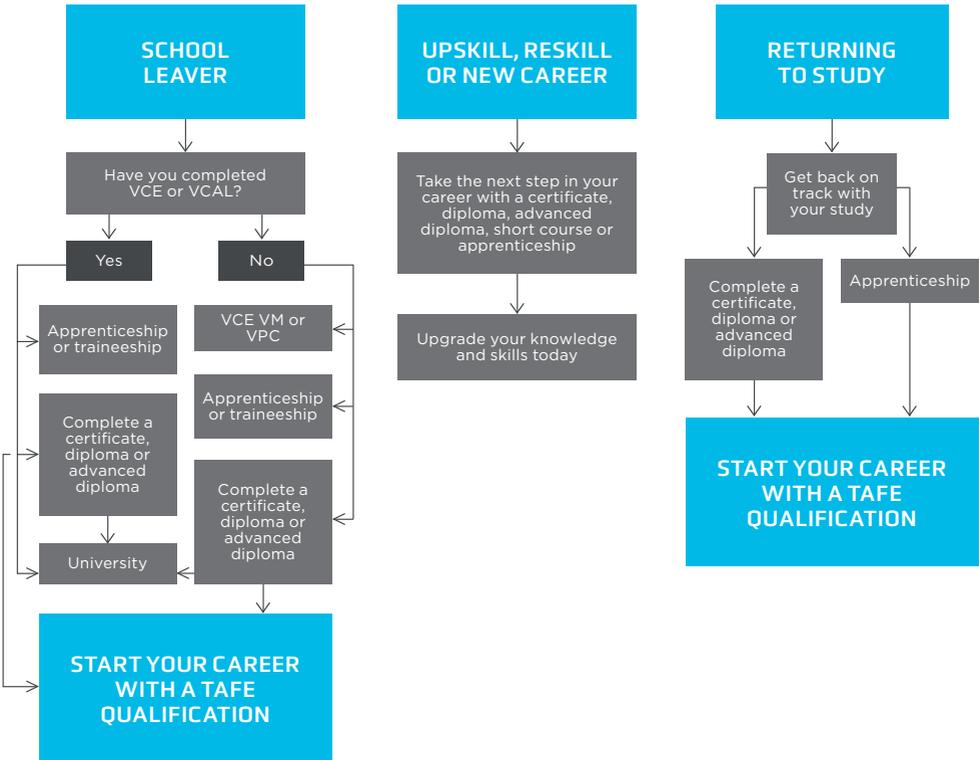
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# WHY CHOOSE TAFE

With hands-on practical learning, high levels of student support and opportunities to work with our key industry partners, TAFE gives you the skills you need to achieve your future career goals.

Whether you have recently finished school or university, have decided to change careers or further develop your skills, TAFE can support you to achieve the skills that you require to gain employment.



# FREE TAFE COURSES

Whether you're looking to commence your career, reskill or upskill, we offer a wide range of Free TAFE courses\*, providing you study opportunities to fill identified in-demand industry jobs.

Free TAFE can help cover the cost of tuition for selected courses. See if you meet the eligibility criteria below.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

**Residential status:** Any Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or New Zealand citizen living in Victoria is eligible for a Free TAFE course.

**Previous qualification:** You can do your first Free TAFE course no matter what qualifications you already hold. This applies to all qualifications - whether they be through TAFE or university.

You will be charged for any additional non-tuition fees relating to your studies, which may include material and consumable fees.

## FREE TAFE PRIORITY PATHWAYS

Free TAFE Priority Pathways are courses that progress within a study area, for example you can progress from a Certificate to a Diploma in the same study area. (e.g. from a Certificate IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping, to a Diploma of Accounting).

Free TAFE priority pathways are courses in priority areas that need skilled workers.

Free TAFE will cover your tuition fees for both courses. You'll need to finish one course before starting the next course.

Free TAFE priority pathways do not include apprenticeship pathway courses.

Some Priority Pathway courses are not offered at Bendigo TAFE. See the full list of priority pathways at [vic.gov.au/free-tafe](http://vic.gov.au/free-tafe).

You can continue to study your Priority Pathway at Bendigo TAFE even if you have started the Pathway at another TAFE.

## JOBTRAINER

If you have completed a Free TAFE course under the JobTrainer program, you can also do another Free TAFE course. The second course can be in a pathway or non-pathway program.

\*Free TAFE on selected courses only. Eligibility criteria apply. Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply.

Visit [freetafe.vic.gov.au](http://freetafe.vic.gov.au)

# WHERE DO I START?

## PREREQUISITES

You may need to meet some entry requirements in order to enrol in one of our programs. These requirements vary for each course, but may include:

- A minimum age (some courses require that you are over 18 so that you can legally work in the industry).
- Satisfactory language, literacy and numeracy skills.
- A Police Check or a Working with Children Check (if you are working in an industry that has contact with children or the public).
- Evidence of immunisations. Some courses such as health care may require additional immunisations.

These prerequisites are not designed to be a blocker to entry in the course, but to ensure that you are compliant and ready to be employed in the industry once you complete your training with us.

To find out more about our prerequisites, please contact us on 13 TAFE (13 8233).

## RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) AND SKILLS RECOGNITION

If you have acquired relevant skills and knowledge in your workplace through previous training, or even via volunteer work, you may not need to complete further study to obtain a qualification.

With our skills recognition program you can save time and get an accredited qualification to improve your career prospects.

Find out more at [bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/prospective-students/Skills-Recognition-and-Change-of-Preference](https://www.bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/prospective-students/Skills-Recognition-and-Change-of-Preference) or contact us on 13 TAFE (13 8233).

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Bendigo TAFE provides all international students with a supportive learning environment and staff committed to meeting your needs.

Your training will be practical and relevant to industry and takes place in our high quality facilities, helping you gain rewarding employment wherever you choose to work and live.

For more information about our courses available to international students please visit [bendigotafe.edu.au/international](https://www.bendigotafe.edu.au/international) or call 1300 175 176 to discuss your options.



# INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT CENTRE

The Indigenous Engagement Centre (IEC) at Bendigo TAFE is an innovative environment that fosters and promotes Indigenous learning, while supporting Indigenous students undertaking study and training in a wide array of courses across the institute.

Honouring the traditional landowners of the area, across Bendigo and Echuca which include the Dja Dja Wurrung and the Taungurung Peoples of the Kulin Nation and Yorta Yorta Nation. The centre merges the cultural heritage and values of these landowners with contemporary Aboriginal culture and strong networks with key Aboriginal organisations to ensure that our students are supported through their time with us.

As one of the state's largest providers of training and education, Bendigo TAFE delivers a wide range of courses and programs. Our courses are designed in consultation with communities and employers which means that Aboriginal students gain skills and knowledge while improving their networks and employment options.

## OUR STUDENTS

The IEC welcomes all Indigenous Australians. Our students come from many different backgrounds ranging from early school leavers to people over 50.

We support students engaged in a variety of courses across the institute and conduct a number of events through the year, celebrating Aboriginal culture and key milestones to which all the students are invited to along with their friends and family.

Most importantly, we have a dedicated Koorie Student Support Officer, Koorie Liaison Officer as well as a Koorie Counsellor Officer based at the IEC to assist students in accessing the full range of support services and assistance in dealing with government agencies and other relevant organisations.

To speak with one of our Koorie Liaison Officers please contact us on 1300 328 329.

## OUR PARTNERSHIPS

The IEC has forged strong relationships with key Aboriginal organisations across Victoria. We work closely with these organisations to ensure that our students have access to all the resources they require throughout their time with us.

## INDIGENOUS CULTURAL AWARENESS TRAINING (ICAT)

We are committed to supporting organisations in gaining a greater understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander History and Culture. This program enables workforces to build successful working relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The ICAT program is designed to provide participants with a practical understanding required for successfully working with the Victorian Indigenous Community. It also builds awareness of Indigenous issues in every day situations and aims to eradicate apprehension or misconception about Indigenous people.

We focus on developing improvement of strategies targeted at Indigenous recruitment and employment with follow-up support and ongoing consultation.

Contact the Indigenous Engagement Centre for more information on 13 TAFE (13 8233) or visit [bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/indigenous-education](http://bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/indigenous-education)



# WE SUPPORT YOU THROUGH YOUR JOURNEY

## LIBRARY

Our Library services are available to all Bendigo TAFE students. Located at our City campus, the Library has an extensive range of books, online databases, video streaming and e-books.

Open access computers are available for you to use the internet, email, Microsoft Office and more. The Library catalogue is available at [libguides.mylibrary.bendigokangan.edu.au/home/bendigo](http://libguides.mylibrary.bendigokangan.edu.au/home/bendigo)

For further information students can contact 5434 1516.

## RECONNECT

Reconnect is a free service that can provide wrap-around support and course related financial assistance to disengaged, high needs learners. This service works with your strengths, individual learning style and non-learning goals to support you back into study or employment pathways.

To be eligible for the Reconnect program you must meet the eligibility requirements listed at [bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/reconnect](http://bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/reconnect)

With locations in Echuca, Bendigo, Castlemaine, Maryborough, Wedderburn and Macedon Ranges contact us on 1300 327 328 to find out how we can help you or go to [info.bendigotafe.edu.au/reconnectprogram](http://info.bendigotafe.edu.au/reconnectprogram)

## VICTORIAN EARLY LEAVER CONNECTION INITIATIVE (VELCI)

VELCI Career Advice Service provides free, one-on-one career advice to school-aged young people who have left school before completing Year 12 and have obtained a formal exemption from the Department of Education.

This service aims to ensure every young person has the support they need to make informed decisions and successfully transition into further education, training or employment.

Call 1300 100 606 to get in touch or visit: [bendigotafe.edu.au/velci](http://bendigotafe.edu.au/velci)

## EMPLOYMENT CENTRE

Our Employment Centre is specifically dedicated to helping you develop your employability skills. Our experts can help you with your job search, one-on-one coaching and access to the weekly vacancy listing and other useful resources.

You can contact the centre to register for this free online service on 1300 484 335 or email [employmentcentre@bendigotafe.edu.au](mailto:employmentcentre@bendigotafe.edu.au)

## SKILLS AND JOBS CENTRE

Supporting informed career pathways at Bendigo TAFE City Campus and Echuca Campus.

The Skills and Jobs Centre provide FREE impartial career advisory services to Bendigo TAFE students and members of the broader community. Our professional staff offer guidance in navigating education and training pathways, employment opportunities, volunteer work, and personal career development.

The Skills and Jobs Centre team is here to help you find your way. This is your first port-of-call when you are looking to enter the workforce, start training, re-skill or for employers to meet their workforce needs.

To make an appointment or to find out more, visit [bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/skills-and-job-centre](http://bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/skills-and-job-centre)

Call 1300 100 606 or email [skills&jobscentre@bendigotafe.edu.au](mailto:skills&jobscentre@bendigotafe.edu.au)

# WE SUPPORT YOU THROUGH YOUR JOURNEY

## COUNSELLING

Bendigo TAFE Counselling Services provides free, confidential, short-term counselling to currently enrolled students. In-person, telephone and video consultations are available at all campuses.

Our counsellors are available to talk about any issues you may have – whether they are personal issues, mental health and wellbeing issues or study-related issues. You don't need to be in crisis or dealing with a serious problem to go to counselling.

To make an appointment, call 13 TAFE (13 8233) or email [studentsupportservices@bendigotafe.edu.au](mailto:studentsupportservices@bendigotafe.edu.au)

## WELFARE

Student Welfare Support can assist you with budgeting skills, Centrelink advice and assistance, housing advice and referrals and accessing emergency relief for students experiencing financial stress. The team can also assist with applying for scholarships available to Bendigo TAFE students.

To make an appointment, call 13 TAFE (13 8233) or email [welfare@bendigotafe.edu.au](mailto:welfare@bendigotafe.edu.au)

## STUDY SUPPORT

If you're studying a Skills First program, you can get FREE support with reading, writing, mathematics and digital skills.

You'll be supported by specialist teachers during your regular classes – no extra time needed. Learning Support is free and doesn't count towards your enrolment cap. Our teachers work with your course content and help you build skills using real examples. You'll learn alongside your classmates in a supportive environment.

Contact us for more information:

Email: [learningsupport@bendigotafe.edu.au](mailto:learningsupport@bendigotafe.edu.au)

## YOUTH WORK

Our Youth Workers assist young people in a variety of ways including supporting health and wellbeing, and acknowledges the social and cultural environments in which young people live. The key difference between Youth Workers and other support services is that young people are their primary focus. Their primary role is to ensure young people feel supported in developing the skills they need to succeed while at Bendigo TAFE.

To make an appointment, call 13 TAFE (13 8233) or email [studentsupportservices@bendigotafe.edu.au](mailto:studentsupportservices@bendigotafe.edu.au)

## DISABILITY SUPPORT

The Disability Liaison Officer (DLO) provides essential support and accommodations to students with disabilities or conditions that affect their ability to study or participate fully in student life. We recommend you schedule a meeting with the DLO at Bendigo TAFE at your earliest convenience. The DLO will assist in implementing suitable strategies for your participation and learning needs. They can also propose and discuss reasonable adjustments to provide the necessary support for successfully completing your studies.

To make an appointment, call 13 TAFE (13 8233) or email [disabilityofficer@bendigotafe.edu.au](mailto:disabilityofficer@bendigotafe.edu.au)

# ELIGIBILITY & FEES

How much you pay is determined by the course you enrol in, the scheduled hours you commit to undertake, your eligibility for a government subsidised place and any concession entitlements you might be eligible for.

## GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES

You may be eligible for government subsidised training if you meet the eligibility requirements.

## ADDITIONAL FEES

In addition to the tuition fee you may be required to pay materials and consumables fees relating to your course.

To find out more about government subsidies, concessions fees and charges refer to [bendigotafe.edu.au/courses/fees](http://bendigotafe.edu.au/courses/fees) or call 13 TAFE (13 8233).

## FULL FEE

If you are not eligible for government subsidised training you will pay the full fee listed on the respective course page.

# PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY

Getting started on your journey after finishing school can be tough. With so many choices, expenses and paths to follow it can be a challenge to work out what's right for you.

TAFE is the perfect transition between school and university.

Your ATAR score is no barrier to further study because you can gain a Bendigo TAFE qualification and still go to university too.

Bendigo TAFE has formalised pathways with reputable universities.

To find out more about our pathways, visit [bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/pathways-to-university](http://bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/pathways-to-university)

## CONCESSION

You may be entitled to a concession on your tuition fees if you are in a government subsidised place and you meet the eligibility criteria.

If your tuition fee concession application is successful, your concession fee will be charged at 20% of the government subsidised tuition rate for your course.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in a government subsidised place will receive a fee waiver for tuition fees under the current Skills First Program at all program levels (including diploma, advanced diploma, vocational graduate certificate and vocational graduate diploma programs).

You will still have to pay the materials and consumables fee (if studying a government subsidised course) and other non-tuition fees (if applicable) at the time of enrolment.

There are benefits to completing your studies at TAFE before you start university:

- Develop your knowledge with hands-on, industry specific learning.
- Work in your chosen field while studying.
- Start off in a supportive environment with small class sizes and one-on-one interaction with teachers.
- Gain credits towards the completion of your degree course which could reduce the duration.

# PAYMENT OPTIONS

## FLEXIBLE PAYMENT PLAN

Bendigo TAFE offers eligible students the option of paying their course fees over time by setting up either weekly or fortnightly instalment payments to cover their tuition, materials and consumables.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

At Bendigo TAFE, we believe in rewarding hard work and achievement. We offer a number of scholarships and grants to help pay for your course.

Find out more on what you can apply for at [bendigotafe.edu.au/scholarships](http://bendigotafe.edu.au/scholarships)

## VET STUDENT LOANS

A student loan scheme is available for eligible students and only applicable to Diploma and Advanced Diploma level courses to assist in the payment of tuition fees whilst studying at TAFE. These are called VET Student Loans and are capped according to the course you are studying. These loans are income contingent and interest free and are repaid via the Australian Taxation Office when your income reaches a certain threshold. For 2025-2026 income year, the threshold is \$67,000. The loan will continue to be a debt to the government until it is repaid.

For further information visit [studyassist.gov.au](http://studyassist.gov.au)

You will still have to pay the materials and consumables fee (if studying a government subsidised course) and other non-tuition fees (if applicable) at the time of enrolment.

You must meet the eligibility criteria to access a VET Student Loan. For details and more information visit [bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/prospective-students/vet-student-loan](http://bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/prospective-students/vet-student-loan)

## APPRENTICESHIPS INCENTIVES PROGRAM

The Australian government has established the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program to encourage genuine opportunities for people to enter into skills based training through Australian Apprenticeships.

Apprentices may be eligible for a range of payments to assist them with the initial set up costs and completion of their apprenticeship.

For more information about the different incentives available to you, please refer to: [apprenticeships.gov.au](http://apprenticeships.gov.au) or your local Apprentice Connect Australia Provider.



# SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Our schools team provide schools with a single point of contact when dealing with us, to help you get the best value from our services.

Our resources and support for schools ensure that you and your students are well equipped with information about career paths and further study options.

The schools team can assist your school to create career pathways for your students through:

## SCHOOL VISITS

We can visit your school and talk to your students about our training programs via a tailored presentation or at a careers expo.

## CAMPUS TOURS

Our campus tours provide school groups with the opportunity to get a glimpse of campus life and an overview of what vocational and higher education is all about.

## CAREER ADVISORS NEWSLETTER

Our regular newsletter for career advisors and practitioners will help you stay abreast of upcoming events, new and updated courses and other relevant information about our organisation.

## FUTURE OPTIONS

Our Future Options events provide secondary school students with the opportunity to visit our facilities and gain an insight into vocational education through a series of interactive workshops.

## COURSE GUIDE

We've designed our course guides as helpful reference tools for you and your students. They provide an overview of the wide range of courses we offer, study pathways and possible career outcomes.

## CAREER ADVISORS SEMINAR

Our annual career advisors seminar offers a professional development opportunity for career advisors to learn more about courses offered at Bendigo TAFE. This event has a strong education and employment pathway focus with our Industry partners, current students and teaching staff actively participating to reinforce the value of undertaking a VET qualification at Bendigo TAFE. Find out more at [bendigotafe.edu.au/for-schools](http://bendigotafe.edu.au/for-schools)



# APPRENTICESHIPS & TRAINEESHIPS

Apprenticeships and traineeships are customised training programs that are developed to meet evolving industry needs.

They are a great way to kick-start your career in a variety of industries and roles by combining your training and paid employment.

## WHAT ARE APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS?

If you are interested in working in a skilled trade such as building, hairdressing, automotive or electrical then an apprenticeship is for you. If you are interested in working in a vocational role such as office administration or information technology then a traineeship will get you started. All our apprenticeship and traineeship programs incorporate learning that takes place in the workplace to help you graduate with confidence, experience and be ready for the workforce with real skills.

## APPRENTICESHIP SUPPORT PROGRAM

Apprenticeship Support Officers (ASOs) are located across Victoria and offer a free and confidential support and advice service to registered apprentices and employers. They're part of a Victorian Government initiative to keep more apprentices in jobs and help more people complete their training.

This means you can get help with the kind of workplace, training or personal issues that sometimes affect apprentices.

For further information, please check the following: [bendigotafe.edu.au/courses/apprenticeships-and-traineeships/Apprenticeship-Support-Officer-Program](https://www.bendigotafe.edu.au/courses/apprenticeships-and-traineeships/Apprenticeship-Support-Officer-Program)

To contact a Bendigo TAFE ASO, email: [bendigoapprenticeshipsupportprogram@bendigotafe.edu.au](mailto:bendigoapprenticeshipsupportprogram@bendigotafe.edu.au)

For further information, please contact, 1300 311 820 or email: [apprenticeship.support@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:apprenticeship.support@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## WHY DO AN APPRENTICESHIP OR TRAINEESHIP?

**There are many reasons to consider an apprenticeship or traineeship including:**

- Start earning money while you study.
- Train on-the-job, on-campus or both.
- Develop knowledge and skills from expert teachers with extensive industry experience.
- Learn with the latest technology and tools in our well-equipped facilities.
- Graduate with a nationally recognised qualification.
- Access our Employment Centre after you graduate.

# STEPS TO BECOME AN APPRENTICE

## STEP 1

### PREPARATION AND RESEARCH

Figure out what trade you are interested in, do research on job opportunities and write or update your resume.

You can also speak to one of our friendly Skills and Jobs representatives on: 1300 100 606 who can advise on job opportunities or vocational training. [bendigotafe.edu.au/skills-and-jobs](http://bendigotafe.edu.au/skills-and-jobs)

## STEP 2

### JOB HUNTING

Start applying for jobs through networking with people you know, online or via Jobactive providers.

You can register with our Employment Centre to receive our weekly vacancy list and access other useful resources.

1300 484 335  
[bendigotafe.edu.au/employment-centre](http://bendigotafe.edu.au/employment-centre)

## STEP 3

### SIGN UP

Once you've found an employer, you both must contact an Apprentice Connect Australia Provider (ACAP). Select Bendigo TAFE as your preferred training provider to get started. If you are eligible for a Health Care Card, make sure you apply for one prior to enrolling so you are eligible for concession fees.

## FOR APPRENTICES

### Group Training Organisations (GTOs)

GTOs partner with a range of businesses and offer you expert advice and assistance to find you the right apprenticeship. GTOs can place you with the right employer and also monitor your progress and support you as you need it. Find out more at [naen.com.au](http://naen.com.au)

### Apprentice Connect Australia Provider (ACAP)

ACAPs are contracted by the Government to support and facilitate the apprenticeship process for employers and individuals. ACAPs can also help you with the recruitment process and provide mentoring and career advice. Visit [australianapprenticeships.gov.au](http://australianapprenticeships.gov.au) for more information or call them on 13 38 73.

### Pre-apprenticeships

A pre-apprenticeship with Bendigo TAFE can get you in the fast lane and give you the skills and confidence to start your apprenticeship. Whether you are currently doing your VCE VM, VPC or you've left school early, a pre-apprenticeship also combines literacy and numeracy skills units to give you extra support to get employed and into an apprenticeship.

## FOR EMPLOYERS

### Workplace delivery

To help your business grow, we work closely with you and your apprentices to develop training plans and deliver high quality training to improve staff satisfaction and productivity in your business.

Your apprentices learn the latest and most relevant skills from industry experts with extensive experience.

### Why send your apprentice to us?

We know that a successful business is built on delivering exceptional levels of service to create lasting relationships with your clients.



# OUR CAMPUSES

## BENDIGO CITY

### 154 Hargreaves Street

Study areas: Business, Hospitality, IT, Hair and Beauty, Health, Community, Foundations, Art and Design, English, Indigenous Education, VCE VM and VPC.

Bendigo TAFE's City campus has undergone a major revitalisation as a result of a \$60 million investment by the Victorian Government. With a mix of new and refurbished heritage buildings, our modern campus provides the latest equipment and audio visual, with formal and informal teaching and collaborative learning spaces throughout. Joining our state-of-the art Health and Community Centre of Excellence, is our new hairdressing and beauty salon, which is open to the public, equipped with the latest equipment to train on clients in real-world situations; as well as our new hospitality training building that includes industrial sized commercial kitchens, retail baking equipment and barista training areas.

We are located close to public transport, including regular train access to Melbourne.



## BENDIGO, CHARLESTON ROAD

### 62-104 Charleston Road

Study areas: Trades, Automotive, Animals, Plants and Sciences.

Bendigo TAFE's Charleston Road campus is home to our trades facilities, including carpentry, plumbing, automotive and electrical. The Food and Fibre Centre of Excellence is home to purpose built agriculture, animal studies, horticulture and farming training centres.

Nestled amongst a natural bushland setting, the campus boasts its own student amenities area and cafe. Vast parking makes this campus accessible to anyone driving, as well as being only a 20 minute walk from the Bendigo Railway station for people travelling to and from metropolitan and regional areas.





## ECHUCA

### Corner of Hare and Darling streets

Study areas: English Language, Indigenous and General Education, Community Services, Health, Trades and VCE VM or VPC.

Bendigo TAFE's Echuca campus is a modern facility in Hare Street and is the hub of community based industry partnerships and activities, aimed at providing a skilled workforce for the local community.

## CASTLEMAINE

### Castlemaine Community Health and Learning Hub: 142 Cornish Street

### The Mill: 1/9 Walker Street

Bendigo TAFE is offering training courses in Castlemaine to help locals gain valuable qualifications and build meaningful careers close to home. These courses make it easier for people to live, work and study in their own community, supporting the growth of a skilled local workforce and strengthening services across the region.

# CLEAN ECONOMY

Bendigo TAFE is committed to supporting Australia's transition to a clean economy by embedding sustainability principles and emerging green skills across our training programs. As industries evolve to adopt low-emissions technologies, renewable energy solutions and more sustainable practices - our courses are designed to ensure students graduate with knowledge that reflects these changes.

## INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

We work with some of the best industry brands to give our students access to practical work placements, the latest industry tools and real skills.

### AUTOMOTIVE CONNECTIONS



### HEALTH & COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Courses featuring this logo include learning outcomes aligned with environmentally responsible technologies, resource efficiency and low-emissions industry practices.



## HAIR, BARBERING, BEAUTY & CREATIVE CONNECTIONS



## ANIMALS, PLANTS & SCIENCES CONNECTIONS



## TRADES CONNECTIONS



# TRADES



ENGINEERING  
ELECTRICAL  
PLUMBING  
BUILDING &  
CONSTRUCTION  
BUILDING DESIGN  
(ARCHITECTURAL)  
PAINTING &  
DECORATING  
WORK HEALTH  
& SAFETY

If you are considering a job in trades and are the sort of person that enjoys hands-on training, then studying a trades course at Bendigo TAFE is the best place to start.

As a trades student, you will learn in-demand skills across the industry, vastly improving your career prospects. With some experience, you can even start your own business. We offer a range of qualifications that can be delivered in your workplace. Most of our trades courses are offered with rolling enrolments, so you can start at any time.

You will learn from our world-class teachers with extensive industry experience and connections. We are focused on getting you the skills to make you work-ready. With practical training, industry projects and work placements you gain real experience and skills employers are looking for.

Bendigo TAFE has established a vast network of industry partners and enjoys a strong reputation with employers.

Our TAFE courses are developed in line with industry requirements. You will acquire the most relevant and up-to-date skills and we will connect you to real jobs.

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## ENGINEERING

### Career opportunities:

- Engineering Tradesperson (Mechanical)
- Fitter and Turner
- Mechanical Fitter
- Metal Machinist

### Course to get you there:

- Certificate III in Engineering (Mechanical Trade) (MEM30219)

### Career opportunities:

- Engineering Tradesperson (Fabrication)
- Boilermaker/Welder
- Metal Finishing Technician
- Sheetmetal Worker

### Course to get you there:

- Certificate III in Engineering (Fabrication) (MEM31922)

### Career opportunities:

- Detail or Design Draftsperson

### Course to get you there:

- Certificate IV in Engineering Drafting (MEM40422)

## ELECTRICAL

### Career opportunities:

- Electrician
- Electrical Contracting Business Owner
- Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Tradesperson
- Electrical Machine Repair Tradesperson

### Courses to get you there:

- Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Pre-vocational) (22682VIC)
- Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician (UEE30820)
- Certificate III in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (UEE32220)
- Certificate III in Electrical Machine Repair (UEE30620)

## PLUMBING

### Career opportunities:

- Plumbing Apprenticeship
- Plumber

### Courses to get you there:

- Certificate II in Plumbing (Pre-apprenticeship) (22569VIC)
- Certificate III in Plumbing (CPC32420)
- Certificate IV in Plumbing and Services (Operations) (CPC40920)

## BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION

### Career opportunities:

- Carpenter
- Leading Hand
- Sub-foreman
- Foreman
- Project Manager

### Courses to get you there:

- Certificate II in Construction Pathways (CPC20220)
- Certificate III in Carpentry (CPC30220)

### Career opportunities:

- Bricklayer
- Concreter
- Painter and Decorator

### Courses to get you there:

- Certificate III in Bricklaying and Blocklaying (CPC33020)
- Certificate III in Concreting (CPC30320)
- Certificate III in Painting and Decorating (CPC30620)

### Career opportunities:

- Waterproofer
- Plasterer
- Wall and ceiling liner
- Tiler

### Courses to get you there:

- Certificate III in Construction Waterproofing (CPC31420)
- Certificate III in Wall and Ceiling Lining (CPC31220)
- Certificate III in Wall and Floor Tiling (CPC31320)

### Career opportunities:

- Building Designer
- Business Owner
- Employment in the building industry
- Draftsperson
- Successfully completing this course will enhance current professional skills

### Course to get you there:

- Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural) (22627VIC)

## WORK HEALTH & SAFETY

### Career opportunities:

- Site Supervisor
- Health and Safety Practitioner
- Health and Safety Supervisor
- Health and Safety Field Officer
- Work Health and Safety Coordinator

### Course to get you there:

- Certificate IV in Work Health and Safety (BSB41419)

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# ENGINEERING ELECTRICAL



## CERTIFICATE II IN ENGINEERING STUDIES 22470VIC

Charleston Road | Echuca | Full-time: 15 weeks  
Part-time: 6 months

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is designed for those wishing to enter the engineering industry. It can be considered a pre-apprenticeship/prevocational course for employment in the engineering industry. This engineering course offers skills including machining, welding, assembly, measurement, maths, safety, and reading engineering/CAD drawings.

### PREREQUISITES

You need to have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills and be at least 15 years old when you apply. Parental/guardian consent must be given for enrolment in a course. A parental/guardian signature is required on the enrolment form.

If you are a student who is under 17 and has completed year 10, you must provide a Transition from School form for your principal to support your application for your chosen course.

If you are a student who is under 17 and has not completed year 10, you must provide correspondence from a Department Regional Director to support your application for your chosen course.

## CERTIFICATE III IN ENGINEERING - MECHANICAL TRADE MEM30219

Charleston Road | Apprenticeship: 4 years  
(Combined full-time work and study)

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This is an Australian Apprenticeship course, combining paid work with training. This course provides training in mechanical engineering, to learn the knowledge, skills and applications for a career as a fitter and machinist. Mature age people can also apply for apprenticeships.

### PREREQUISITES

You need to have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills and be at least 16 years old when you apply. You must be employed as an apprentice, under a training agreement. To start an apprenticeship, you need to find a job as an apprentice and sign a training agreement with your employer.



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## CERTIFICATE III IN ENGINEERING - FABRICATION TRADE MEM31922

Charleston Road | Apprenticeship: 4 years  
(Combined full-time work and study)

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This is an Australian Apprenticeship course, combining paid work with training. This course includes the theory components in structural fabrication, sheet metal working or boiler making to begin your career as a fabrication tradesperson. Mature age people can also apply for apprenticeships.

### PREREQUISITES

You need to have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills and be at least 16 years old when you apply. You must be employed as an apprentice, under a training agreement. To start an apprenticeship, you need to find a job as an apprentice and sign a training agreement with your employer.



## CERTIFICATE IV IN ENGINEERING DRAFTING MEM40422

Charleston Road | Full-time: 1 year

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This qualification covers the skills and knowledge required for a detail draftsman producing specialist engineering drawings within an engineering or manufacturing work environment. This course is designed for new entrants to the engineering industry as well as for those holding existing qualifications. It provides a comprehensive technical base for working in the mechanical, manufacturing and maintenance fields at the para professional entry level.

### PREREQUISITES

You need to have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills and be at least 16 years old when you apply.



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# ENGINEERING ELECTRICAL



## CERTIFICATE II IN ELECTROTECHNOLOGY STUDIES (PRE-VOCATIONAL) 22682VIC

Charleston Road | Full-time: 14 weeks

### FREE TAFE COURSE

*Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies.*

*Find out more on page 6.*

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course provides an introduction to working in the electrical or sustainable energy industry. You will learn the practical skills and the basics of electrical theory and maths to help you gain an apprenticeship as an electrician.

### PREREQUISITES

You will need to undertake a Language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) assessment.

### FURTHER STUDY

Apprenticeship, Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician (UEE30820).

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## CERTIFICATE III IN ELECTRICAL MACHINE REPAIR UEE30620

Charleston Road | Full-time: 4 years  
(Combined full-time work and study)

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is designed to meet the educational requirements of students currently employed as an apprentice motor rewinder. It combines on the job training with classroom theory, ensuring that the knowledge and practical skills you acquire are relevant to your apprenticeship.

### PREREQUISITES

You need to have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills and be at least 16 years old when you apply. You must be employed as an apprentice, under a training agreement. To start an apprenticeship, you need to find a job as an apprentice and sign a training agreement with your employer.



## D-LICENCE (RESTRICTED ELECTRICAL LICENCE) B340EL09

Charleston Road | 4 weeks

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is designed for people who are required to carry out limited electrical maintenance in their workplace.

### PREREQUISITES

Must have employment where there is a need to disconnect and reconnect electrical equipment that is incidental.

## TESTING AND TAGGING B340EL05

Charleston Road | 1 day

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This program enables owners of approved testing and tagging devices or equipment to become competent to test and tag their own and other people's electrical equipment.

### PREREQUISITES

There are no set prerequisites for this course however it is recommended that you have satisfactory language, literacy and numeracy skills to undertake this course.

## ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING BUSINESS B340EL06

Online | Self Paced

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is designed to equip individuals with the necessary knowledge and skills to manage and operate an electrical contracting business in Victoria, Australia.

### PREREQUISITES:

You must be a qualified A grade or E class electrician.

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## ELECTRICAL PLUMBING

### CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) FOR LICENSED ELECTRICAL WORKERS SCNCPD01

Charleston Road

#### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course allows Licensed Electrical Workers in Victoria to maintain, enhance, and broaden their knowledge and skills, upholding safety and industry standards. This training needs to be completed within two years of your electrical licence renewal date.

#### PREREQUISITES

You must be a qualified A or E grade class electrician

### CERTIFICATE III IN AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION UEE32220

Charleston Road | Full-time: 4 years  
(Combined full-time work and study)

#### ABOUT THE COURSE

This qualification provides competencies to select components, install, set up, test, fault find, repair and maintain refrigeration systems and equipment that apply to food storage and preservation, air conditioning and air distribution equipment in buildings and premises. It includes regulatory requirements for purchasing and handling refrigerants.

#### PREREQUISITES

You need to have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills and be at least 16 years old when you apply. You must be employed as an apprentice, under a training agreement. To start an apprenticeship, you need to find a job as an apprentice and sign a training agreement with your employer.



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## CERTIFICATE III IN ELECTROTECHNOLOGY ELECTRICIAN UEE30820

Charleston Road | Part-time: 4 years  
(Combined full-time work and study)

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This apprenticeship course provides competencies to select, install, set up, test, fault find, repair and maintain electrical systems and equipment in buildings and premises. On completion, further assessment by EnergySafe Victoria is required to obtain an electrician's licence.

### PREREQUISITES

You need to have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills and be at least 16 years old when you apply. You must be employed as an apprentice, under a training agreement. To start an apprenticeship, you need to find a job as an apprentice and sign a training agreement with your employer.



## CERTIFICATE II IN PLUMBING (PRE-APPRENTICESHIP) 22569VIC

Charleston Road | Full-time: 14 weeks

### FREE TAFE COURSE

*Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.*

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course will prepare you for an apprenticeship in plumbing. It introduces students to all areas of the plumbing industry: water, gas, sanitary, drainage, mechanical services (heating/cooling) and roofing. You may also have the opportunity to undertake some work experience, which will give you the opportunity to observe how tasks are undertaken in the workplace.

### PREREQUISITES

You will need to undertake a language, literacy and numeracy (LLN).

### FURTHER STUDY

Certificate III in Plumbing (CPC32420).

## CERTIFICATE III IN PLUMBING

CPC32420

Charleston Road | Part-time: 4 years  
(Combined full-time work and study)

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This trade-level qualification for apprentices will teach you plumbing skills focused on installation practices for both commercial and domestic buildings. You will learn about sanitary (waste disposal), drainage (below ground), mechanical services, gas fitting, roof plumbing and water supply.

### PREREQUISITES

You need to have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills and be at least 16 years old when you apply. You must be employed as an apprentice, under a training agreement. To start an apprenticeship, you need to find a job as an apprentice and sign a training agreement with your employer.



## CERTIFICATE IV IN PLUMBING AND SERVICES (OPERATIONS)

CPC40920

Charleston Road | Flexible: 4 years

### FREE TAFE COURSE

*Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.*

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is for appropriate specialist plumbing services tradespeople seeking to increase their technical competency. Gain the skills to plan and size the layout of plumbing in buildings up to six storeys high. This course also addresses the Victorian licence requirements for water, drainage, sanitary, roofing and gas fitting.

### PREREQUISITES

Currently hold employment in the industry and must hold Certificate III in Plumbing qualification.



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## BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION

### CERTIFICATE II IN CONSTRUCTION PATHWAYS

CPC20220

Charleston Road | Castlemaine | 9 months

#### ABOUT THIS COURSE

This is a versatile program designed to provide foundational skills and knowledge for individuals seeking to enter the construction industry. This course offers two delivery options tailored to meet the diverse needs of our community.

#### PREREQUISITES

There are no set prerequisites for this course however it is recommended that you have satisfactory language, literacy and numeracy skills to undertake this course.



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## CERTIFICATE III IN BRICKLAYING/BLOCKLAYING

CPC33020

Workplace | Flexible: 3 years

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is designed for those working in the construction trades as a bricklayer. Delivered on-site in a flexible way that suits your work, we will come to your worksite and assess you while you are working. The delivery is designed to fit in with a modern working environment including online content and workplace simulations.

### PREREQUISITES

You need to be currently working in the industry as a bricklayer, with a minimum 5 years' experience and have access to a live worksite. You must also satisfy the prerequisite numeracy and literacy skills.



## CERTIFICATE III IN CONCRETING

CPC30320

Workplace | Flexible: 1 year

### FREE TAFE COURSE

*Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.*

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is designed for those working in the construction trades as a concreter. Delivered on-site in a flexible way that suits your work, we will come to your worksite and assess you while you are working. The delivery is designed to fit in with a modern working environment including online content and workplace simulations.

### PREREQUISITES

To be eligible for this course you must be currently working in the industry as a concreter, with a minimum 5 years' experience and have access to a live worksite. You must also satisfy the prerequisite numeracy and literacy skills.



## CERTIFICATE III IN CARPENTRY

CPC30220

Charleston Road | Apprenticeship: 3 years  
(Combined full-time work and study)

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This carpentry course aims to provide extensive training for carpentry apprentices employed in the housing and industrial construction area. Assessment training will be conducted on the worksite with some practical gap training to be provided on campus using full-size or simulated projects.

### PREREQUISITES

You need to have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills and be at least 16 years old when you apply. You must be employed as an apprentice, under a training agreement. To start an apprenticeship, you need to find a job as an apprentice and sign a training agreement with your employer.



## CERTIFICATE III IN CONSTRUCTION WATERPROOFING

CPC31420

Workplace | Flexible: 1 year

### FREE TAFE COURSE

*Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.*

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is designed for those working in the industry as a waterproofer, plasterer or wall and ceiling liner. Delivered on-site in a flexible way that suits your work, we will come to your worksite and assess you while you are working. The delivery is designed to fit in with a modern working environment including online content and workplace simulations.

### PREREQUISITES

To be eligible for this course you must be currently working in the industry as a waterproofer, with a minimum 5 years' experience and have access to a live worksite. You must also satisfy the prerequisite numeracy and literacy skills.



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**BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION  
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**ADVANCED DIPLOMA  
OF BUILDING DESIGN  
(ARCHITECTURAL) 22627VIC**

Charleston Road | Full-time: 23 months

**ABOUT THE COURSE**

This course is designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge to design and document residential and commercial buildings. Using industry specific software you will learn to present, document and deliver innovative design solutions on a diverse range of projects. The course covers manual and CAD drafting, subjects such as sustainable building design principles, conduct and apply bushfire attack level (BAL) assessments, comply with building regulations and legislative requirements, architectural project administration and small business planning.

**PREREQUISITES**

You need to have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills, attend an interview and be at least 16 years old when you apply.



**CERTIFICATE III IN WALL AND  
CEILING LINING CPC31220**

Workplace | Flexible: 1-3 years

**ABOUT THE COURSE**

This course is designed for those working in the construction trades as a plasterer or wall and ceiling liner. Delivered on-site in a flexible way that suits your work, we will come to your worksite and assess you while you are working. The delivery is designed to fit in with a modern working environment including online content and workplace simulations.

**PREREQUISITES**

To be eligible for this course you need to be currently working in the industry as a plasterer or wall and ceiling liner, with a minimum 5 years' experience and have access to a live worksite. You must also satisfy the prerequisite numeracy and literacy skills.



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## CERTIFICATE III IN WALL AND FLOOR TILING CPC31320

Workplace | Flexible: 1-3 years

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is designed for those working in the construction trades as a tiler. Delivered on-site in a flexible way that suits your work, we will come to your worksite and assess you while you are working. The delivery is designed to fit in with a modern working environment including online content and workplace simulations.

### PREREQUISITES

To be eligible for this course you need to be currently working in the industry as a tiler, with a minimum 5 years' experience and have access to a live worksite. You must also satisfy the prerequisite numeracy and literacy skills.



## CERTIFICATE III IN PAINTING AND DECORATING CPC30620

Workplace | Part-time: Apprenticeship 3-4 years  
(School-based apprenticeship available)  
Flexible: 3-4 years

### ABOUT THE COURSE

As the training component of an apprenticeship, you will learn the knowledge, skills and applications required as you begin your career as a Painter and Decorator. Learn about painting and decorative work in new and existing homes as well as commercial construction work. You may also have the opportunity to have some of your units assessed on-site.

### PREREQUISITES

Employed as an apprentice, under a training agreement or are mature age and have sufficient work experience to successfully undertake the course.



## CERTIFICATE IV IN WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY BSB41419

Online | Part-time: 1 year

### FREE TAFE COURSE

*Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.*

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This program is the new entry level qualification for Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Coordinators or Supervisors with a major workload in OHS and people working in a Work Health and Safety (WHS) role.

### PREREQUISITES

There are no set prerequisites for this course however it is recommended that you have satisfactory language, literacy and numeracy skills to undertake this course.

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# AUTOMOTIVE



PREPARATION  
AIR CONDITIONING  
LIGHT VEHICLE  
HEAVY VEHICLE  
OUTDOOR POWER  
EQUIPMENT

Bendigo TAFE has a rich history of providing education for local people and preparing them for work in local jobs.

Our state-of-the-art facilities and exciting programs create a dynamic and welcoming environment for productive learning. The automotive industry is an exciting and varied industry to work in, with a huge diversity of career positions available city and country wide.

Training at Bendigo TAFE's automotive department utilises high-tech equipment and cutting edge technology to give you the skills you need to drive a rewarding career.

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## PREPARATION

### Career opportunities:

- Automotive Trainee
- Automotive Technician
- Automotive Workshop Manager

### Course to get you there:

- Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation (AUR20720)

## AIR CONDITIONING

### Career opportunity:

- Automotive Air Conditioning Technician

### Course to get you there:

- Certificate II in Automotive Air Conditioning Technology (AUR20220)

## AUTOMOTIVE ELECTRICAL

### Career opportunity:

- Automotive electrician
- Automotive Electrical Technician
- Automotive Electrical Diagnostic Technician

### Course that gets you there:

- Certificate III in Automotive Electrical Technology (AUR30320)

## LIGHT VEHICLE

### Career opportunity:

- Light Vehicle Mechanical Technician
- Light Vehicle Service Technician

### Course to get you there:

- Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology (AUR30620)
- Certificate III in Automotive Underbody Technology (AUR32518)

## HEAVY VEHICLE

### Career opportunity:

- Heavy Vehicle Technician in heavy trucks, mobile plant or agricultural

### Courses to get you there:

- Certificate III in Agricultural Mechanical Technology (AUR30420)
- Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology (AUR31220)
- Certificate III in Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology (AUR31120)
- Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology (Elevating Work Platform) (AUR31220)
- Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology (Forklift) (AUR31220)

## OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT

### Career opportunity:

- Outdoor Power Equipment Technician

### Course to get you there:

- Certificate III in Outdoor Power Equipment Technology (AUR30720)

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## CERTIFICATE II IN AUTOMOTIVE VOCATIONAL PREPARATION

AUR20720

Charleston Road | Full-time: 10-15 weeks

### FREE TAFE COURSE

*Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.*

### ABOUT THE COURSE

In this course you will learn general knowledge and practical workshop skills in motor mechanics, auto electrical, parts interpreting, heavy vehicles, light engines or marine mechanics.

### PREREQUISITES

You need to have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills and be at least 15 years old when you apply.

## CERTIFICATE II IN AUTOMOTIVE AIR CONDITIONING TECHNOLOGY

AUR20220

Charleston Road | Full-time: 6 months  
Part-time: 1 year

### FREE TAFE COURSE

*Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.*

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course trains you to work with automotive air conditioning systems. You will learn specific skills to carry out repairs, installation and maintenance and diagnostic procedures on air conditioning units.

### PREREQUISITES

There are no set prerequisites however it is recommended that you have satisfactory numeracy and literacy skills to undertake this course.



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## CERTIFICATE III IN LIGHT VEHICLE MECHANICAL TECHNOLOGY AUR30620

Charleston Road | Part-time: 3 years  
Flexible: 3 years

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course opens doors to employment within the automotive industry, specifically for light vehicles and business ownership.

### PREREQUISITES

You need to have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills and be at least 16 years old when you apply. You must be employed as an apprentice, under a training agreement. To start an apprenticeship, you need to find a job as an apprentice and sign a training agreement with your employer. The course has high theory content and requires students to be dedicated to achieve the study portion as well as the skills component.



## CERTIFICATE III IN HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLE MECHANICAL TECHNOLOGY AUR31120

Charleston Road | Part-time: 3 years  
Flexible: 3 years

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course will train you to work in the heavy vehicle industry. You will gain the skills and knowledge to competently carry out service, repair and diagnostic procedures.

### PREREQUISITES

Satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills. You must be at least 15 years old at the time of application. This qualification is suitable for an Australian apprenticeship pathway. You may participate in this course while searching for suitable employment but you will need to complete extra practical work at further cost if you do not secure a workplace.



## CERTIFICATE III IN MOBILE PLANT TECHNOLOGY AUR31220

Charleston Road | Part-time: 3 years  
Flexible: 3 years

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course trains people who work with heavy vehicle mobile equipment plant and earthmoving. You will gain the skills and knowledge to competently carry out service, repair and diagnostic procedures. This qualification is suitable for an Australian apprenticeship pathway. There are three streams available in this qualification. Your Apprentice Training Advisor will discuss the most suitable stream with you and your employer.

### PREREQUISITES

You need to have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills and be at least 16 years old when you apply. You must be employed as an apprentice, under a training agreement. To start an apprenticeship, you need to find a job as an apprentice and sign a training agreement with your employer. The course has high theory content and requires students to be dedicated to achieve the study portion as well as the skills component.



## CERTIFICATE III IN MOBILE PLANT TECHNOLOGY (ELEVATING WORK PLATFORM) AUR31220

Charleston Road | Part-time: 3 years  
Flexible: 3 years

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course trains people who work with heavy vehicle mobile equipment including scissor lifts, boom lifts and mounted lifts. You will gain the skills and knowledge to competently carry out service, repair and diagnostic procedures. This qualification is suitable for an Australian apprenticeship pathway. There are three streams available in this qualification.

### PREREQUISITES

You need to have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills and be at least 16 years old when you apply. You must be employed as an apprentice, under a training agreement. To start an apprenticeship, you need to find a job as an apprentice and sign a training agreement with your employer. The course has high theory content and requires students to be dedicated to achieve the study portion as well as the skills component.



## ELECTRICAL HEAVY VEHICLE



## CERTIFICATE III IN AGRICULTURAL MECHANICAL TECHNOLOGY AUR30420

Charleston Road | Workplace | Part-time: 3 years  
Flexible: 3 years

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course trains you for work with heavy vehicle agricultural equipment. You will gain the skills and knowledge to competently carry out service, repair and diagnostic procedures.

### PREREQUISITES

Satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills. You must be at least 15 years old at the time of application. This qualification is suitable for an Australian apprenticeship pathway. You may participate in this course while searching for suitable employment but you will need to complete extra practical work at further cost if you do not secure a workplace.



## CERTIFICATE III IN OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGY AUR30720

Charleston Road | Part-time: 3 years  
Flexible: 3 years

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course trains you to work with outdoor power equipment, including small engines, mowers, chainsaws and trimmers, from theory to hands-on repairs of engine components to occupational health and safety.

### PREREQUISITES

You need to have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills and be at least 16 years old when you apply. You must be employed as an apprentice, under a training agreement. To start an apprenticeship, you need to find a job as an apprentice and sign a training agreement with your employer. The course has high theory content and requires students to be dedicated to achieve the study portion as well as the skills component.



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## CERTIFICATE III IN AUTOMOTIVE UNDERBODY TECHNOLOGY

AUR32518

Charleston Road | Full-time 3 years  
Part-time 3 years

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This qualification reflects the role of individuals who perform a range of services and repairs on tyres, wheels, steering, suspension and brakes. It applies to those working in the light vehicle automotive retail, service and repair industry.

### PREREQUISITES

Satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills. This qualification is suitable for an Australian apprenticeship pathway. The course has high theory content and requires students to be dedicated to achieve the study portion as well as the skills component. You may participate in this course while searching for suitable employment but you will need to complete extra practical work at further cost if you do not secure a workplace.



## CERTIFICATE III IN MOBILE PLANT TECHNOLOGY (FORKLIFT)

AUR31220

Charleston Road | Part-time: 3 years  
Flexible: 3 years

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course trains people who work with heavy vehicle mobile equipment specialising in forklift operations. You will gain the skills and knowledge to competently carry out service, repair and diagnostic procedures. This qualification is suitable for an Australian apprenticeship pathway. There are three streams available in this qualification. Your Apprentice Training Advisor will discuss the most suitable stream with you and your employer.

### PREREQUISITES

You need to have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills and be at least 16 years old when you apply. You must be employed as an apprentice, under a training agreement. To start an apprenticeship, you need to find a job as an apprentice and sign a training agreement with your employer. The course has high theory content and requires students to be dedicated to achieve the study portion as well as the skills component.



## CERTIFICATE III IN AUTOMOTIVE ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY

AUR30320

Charleston Road | Full-time 2 years  
Part-time 3 years

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is the nationally recognised qualification for becoming an Automotive Electrician. You will learn about health and safety, customer relations, using tools, repairing, servicing and testing all the elements of automotive electrical systems.

### PREREQUISITES

Satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills. You must be at least 15 years old at the time of application. This qualification is suitable for an Australian apprenticeship pathway. You may participate in this course while searching for suitable employment but you will need to complete extra practical work at further cost if you do not secure a workplace.



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# ANIMALS, PLANTS & SCIENCES



ANIMAL CARE

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Our Animals, Plants and Sciences department has a strong background in the delivery of environmental programs such as Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management, as well as Animal Care, Veterinary Nursing and Laboratory Sciences.

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# PATHWAYS TO YOUR CAREER

## ANIMAL CARE

### Career opportunities:

- Animal Behaviour and Training Specialist
- Animal Care Attendant
- Animal Shelter Attendant or Manager
- Kennel Hand or Cattery Attendant
- Pet Shop Attendant
- Assistant Dog Groomer
- Dog Groomer

### Courses to get you there:

- Certificate II in Animal Care (ACM20121)
- Certificate III in Animal Care Services (ACM30122)
- Certificate III in Animal Care Services (Pet Grooming) (ACM30122)

### Career opportunities:

- Animal Care Workplace Manager
- Animal Trainer or Animal Training Practitioner
- Animal Rehoming/adoption
- Animal Assisted services
- Animal Handler (range of species)

### Course to get you there:

- Certificate IV in Animal Behaviour and Training (ACM40322)

## VETERINARY NURSING

### Career opportunities:

- Veterinary Nursing Manager
- Veterinary Nurse

### Course to get you there:

- Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing (ACM40418)

## FOOD PROCESSING (BREWING)

### Career opportunities:

- Technical Assistant in Food Processing
- Craft Brewer
- Brewer with Victorian breweries
- Assistant Brewer
- Beer Sales Representatives
- Draft Beer Technician

### Course to get you there:

- Certificate III in Food Processing (Brewing) (FBP30121)

## AGRICULTURE

### Career opportunities:

- Farm or Station Hand
- Farm or Station Worker
- Livestock Transport Driver
- Farm Production Manager
- Agronomist
- Station or Property Manager

### Course to get you there:

- Agricultural Chemical Skill Set (AHCSS00074)
- Certificate III in Agriculture (AHC30122)
- Certificate IV in Agriculture (AHC40122)

## HORTICULTURE

### Career opportunities:

- Horticulture Assistant
- Horticultural Tradesperson
- Grounds Keeper
- Landscape Gardener or Designer
- Self-Employed Gardener
- Landscaper
- Vegetable Farm Worker
- Orchard Farm Worker

### Courses to get you there:

- Certificate III in Horticulture (AHC30722)
- Certificate III in Landscape Construction (AHC30921)
- Certificate III in Parks and Gardens (AHC31024)

## CONSERVATION

### Career opportunities:

- Biodiversity Officer
- Catchments Officer
- Conservation Reserve Officer
- Environmental Officer
- Fire Crew Supervisor
- Fisheries Officer
- Flora and Fauna Officer
- Forest Management

### Courses to get you there:

- Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management (AHC31424)

## LABORATORY SCIENCES

### Career opportunities:

- Laboratory Technician - Pathology Laboratory
- Laboratory Technician - Food Analysis
- Laboratory Technician - Environmental Analysis
- Laboratory Technician - School Laboratory

### Course to get you there:

- Certificate IV in Laboratory Techniques (MSL40122)

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## ANIMAL CARE VETERINARY NURSING



### CERTIFICATE II IN ANIMAL CARE

ACM20121

Charleston Road | Full-time: 6 months

#### ABOUT THE COURSE

Have you always cared for your pets and had an interest in being able to give more to animals in general? This entry-level course provides a great introduction to the animal care and management industry and helps you build the foundational skills and knowledge needed to work with animals in a range of care environments.

#### PREREQUISITES

You must be at least 15 years old at the time of application and have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills.

#### FURTHER STUDY

You may wish to go on to complete studies in the Certificate III in Animal Studies (ACM30122), Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing (ACM40418) or Certificate IV Animal Behaviour and Training (ACM40322).

### CERTIFICATE III IN ANIMAL CARE SERVICES

ACM30122

Charleston Road | Full-time: 9 months

#### ABOUT THE COURSE

Love caring for your pets and are thinking of pursuing a career in this area? This course can lead to working with a range of animals providing basic care, maintenance and monitoring the health care and wellbeing of animals.

#### PREREQUISITES

You must be at least 15 years old at the time of application and have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills.

#### FURTHER STUDY

You may want to go on to complete studies in the Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing (ACM40418) or Certificate IV in Animal Behaviour and Training (ACM40322).

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## CERTIFICATE III IN ANIMAL CARE SERVICES (PET GROOMING) ACM30122

Charleston Road | Full-time: 9 months

### ABOUT THE COURSE

Love grooming and caring for your pets and are thinking of pursuing a career in this area? This course can lead to working with a range of animals providing basic care, maintenance and monitoring the health care and wellbeing of animals whilst specialising in grooming.

### PREREQUISITES

You must be at least 15 years old at the time of application and have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills.

### FURTHER STUDY

You may want to go on to complete studies in the Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing (ACM40418) or Certificate IV in Animal Behaviour and Training (ACM40322).

## CERTIFICATE IV IN VETERINARY NURSING ACM40418

Charleston Road | Full-time: 2 years | Traineeship

### FREE TAFE COURSE

*Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.*

### ABOUT THE COURSE

Do you enjoy working with animals and have the patience and confidence to care for them? Taking care of animals is just one step away from becoming a veterinary nurse. You will develop the skills and knowledge to support veterinarians in the management and care of animals receiving medical and surgical treatment. As part of the course, you will undertake 240 hours of work placement in a veterinary Practice across the duration of the program. Students work with our placement team to support the process of securing a suitable placement.

### PREREQUISITES

You must have completed the Certificate II in Animal Studies or have equivalent industry experience to undertake this course. For a traineeship, you must have a job as a trainee and sign a training agreement with your employer.

## CERTIFICATE IV IN ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR AND TRAINING ACM40322

ACM40322

Charleston Road | Part-time: 1 year

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course takes your skills in animal care to a higher level. You will learn about animal care management, animal handling, how to interpret animal behaviour, and to apply animal learning theory. You will understand how to evaluate best practice conditioning and training methodologies and techniques to meet the welfare needs of animals, and to provide ethical services for carers/clients.

### PREREQUISITES

There are no set prerequisites for this course; however, it is recommended it is recommended that you have satisfactory language, literacy and numeracy skills to undertake this course.

### FURTHER STUDY

Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing (ACM40418).

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# FOOD PROCESSING AGRICULTURE

## CERTIFICATE III IN FOOD PROCESSING (BREWING) FBP30121

Charleston Road | Part-time: 1 year

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is for those wishing to enter the food processing industry with a focus in micro-brewing. This course is also designed for those wanting to start up their own microbrewery and brewers seeking to employ entry-level staff, and those wishing to work in any other stream of food processing which is a high demand industry.

### PREREQUISITES

You must be a minimum of 18 years of age, as you will be working with alcohol. It is recommended that you have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills to undertake this course or are mature age.

## AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL SKILL SET AHC5500074

Charleston Road | Full-time: 2 days

### FREE TAFE COURSE

*Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.*

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This skill set describes the skills and knowledge required to transport, handle, store, prepare and apply chemicals.

### PREREQUISITES

There are no prerequisites for this course. However, it is recommended that you have satisfactory numeracy and literacy skills to undertake this course or are mature age and have sufficient work experience to successfully undertake the course. Applications from mature aged students with work experience in a related field are encouraged.



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## CERTIFICATE III IN AGRICULTURE AHC30122

Charleston Road | Online | Full-time: 1 year

### FREE TAFE COURSE

*Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.*

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This entry-level qualification provides general skills and knowledge in agriculture, in relation to cropping, plant nutrition, intensive horticulture and mixed farming. Career opportunities may include roles such as: Farm or Station Hand Worker, Fencing Contractor, Chemical Handler and Machine Maintenance Worker.

### PREREQUISITES

There are no set prerequisites for this course however it is recommended that you have satisfactory language, literacy and numeracy skills to undertake this course.

## CERTIFICATE IV IN AGRICULTURE AHC40122

Workplace | Online | Full-time: 1 year  
Flexible: 2 years

### FREE TAFE COURSE

*Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.*

### ABOUT THE COURSE

The principles learnt in this course are focused on smaller intensive farms and take into account the importance of risk management, quality assurance around food security and how to best use technology to scale your business and/or prepare for the changing agricultural landscape.

Blended delivery: Theory classes are delivered via video meetings 2 evenings per week. Monthly visits by workplace assessor.

### PREREQUISITES

You need to be working in Agriculture or have access to a working farm including livestock. You will need to have an appropriate level of literacy and numeracy skills following completion of a Language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) assessment. You will need to be at least 15 years old.

This is a workplace-based course. Students must be employed in the relevant industry before commencing the program.

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# HORTICULTURE CONSERVATION LAB SCIENCES



## CERTIFICATE III IN HORTICULTURE AHC30722

Charleston Road | Full-time: 10 months  
Part-time: 1 year

### FREE TAFE COURSE

*Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.*

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course will provide you with the necessary knowledge and skills on which to build a successful career in the horticulture, landscape or parks and gardens sector. Training focuses on practical skills required including: landscape construction methods, plant selection, soils and nutrition, as well as safety with chemicals.

### PREREQUISITES

You will need to undertake a Language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) assessment. This course involves outdoor/garden activities. For a traineeship, you must have a job as a trainee and sign a training agreement with your employer.

## CERTIFICATE III IN LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION AHC30921

Charleston Road | Full-time: 4 years  
(Combined full-time work and study)

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course provides the necessary knowledge and skills to build a successful career in the landscape sector. Your training will focus on practical skills like: landscape costing, construction methods, and plant and soil selection and care.

### PREREQUISITES

You need to have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills and be at least 16 years old when you apply. You must be employed as an apprentice, under a training agreement. To start an apprenticeship, you need to find a job as an apprentice and sign a training agreement with your employer.

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## CERTIFICATE III IN PARKS AND GARDENS AHC31424

Charleston Road | Full-time: 3 years  
Flexible: 2 years

### ABOUT THE COURSE

This course provides appropriate workshop training for all students and apprentices and includes some workplace training and assessment for apprentices in this industry sector. You will gain the necessary skills and knowledge to maintain landscaped areas in parks and gardens and the practical skills of plant selection and nutrition, pest and disease identification, weed control, and work health and safety.

### PREREQUISITES

You need to have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills and be at least 16 years old when you apply. You must be employed as an apprentice under a training agreement. To start an apprenticeship, you need to find a job as an apprentice and sign a training agreement with your employer.

## CERTIFICATE III IN CONSERVATION AND ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT AHC31024

Charleston Road | Full-time: 1 year  
Traineeship: 2 years

### ABOUT THE COURSE

Deepen your understanding of key conservation and land management issues such as environmental law, animal and plant pest control, biodiversity and more. This course comprises of flexible classroom-based study with participation in a wide range of industry projects.

### PREREQUISITES

You need to have satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills. You must also be physically fit and be prepared to work in an outdoor environment. For a traineeship, you must have a job as a trainee and sign a training agreement with your employer.

## CERTIFICATE IV IN LABORATORY TECHNIQUES MSL40122

Charleston Road | Full-time: 1 year

### ABOUT THE COURSE

Learn how to process and interpret data, plan and conduct laboratory work, culture media, aseptic technique, sampling, testing and more. Gain the skills and knowledge needed for technical assistants or similar personnel to conduct scientific tests and analysis in a diverse range of workplaces.

### PREREQUISITES

You must have Year 11 standard literacy and numeracy skills or equivalent. You will also be required to attend an information session.

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**Bendigo City campus**  
154 Hargreaves Street

**Bendigo, Charleston Road campus**  
62-104 Charleston Road

**Echuca campus**  
Corner of Hare and Darling Streets

**Castlemaine campuses**

- Castlemaine Community Health and Learning Hub: 142 Cornish Street
- The Mill: 1/9 Walker Street

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[bendigotafe.edu.au/skills-and-jobs](https://bendigotafe.edu.au/skills-and-jobs)

**Employment Centre**  
[bendigotafe.edu.au/employment-centre](https://bendigotafe.edu.au/employment-centre)

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