

## **SCHOOL LEAVERS – TERTIARY and TRAINING INFORMATION**



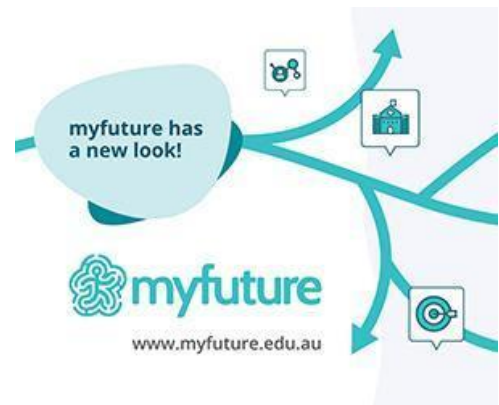
ICPA Federal Council would like to wish all school leavers who are currently heading into exams and assessments, all the very best.

As year 12 students get closer to the end of their schooling, the following information will assist parents and students navigate the plethora of information available to assist them in decisions about their future plans.

### **CAREER ADVICE**

**myfuture** <http://www.myfuture.edu.au/> has a refreshed look. It is an easy-to-use, free, interactive online service full of useful tools and resources to explore career occupations and vocational education and training (VET) and higher education pathways and assist in career decision-making.

- A career profile tool to help discover occupations and plan your future.
- Information about a broad range of occupations and industries.
- Up-to-date details of education and training providers, study options, scholarships and courses Australia-wide.
- Resources available for students, parents, teachers and career practitioners.



The **Your Career** <http://www.yourcareer.gov.au/> website is a National Careers Institute's initiative to support and enhance people's access to career's information and to make informed career decisions, including:

- Resources to support you to make decisions about the right career and pathway to achieve chosen career;
- Information on work and education options such as university, vocational education and training (VET), apprenticeships, volunteering and community service;
- Tips and resources to help you update your resume and apply for jobs;
- Resources outlining government funding support and subsidies available to you.



For 2020 School leavers two additional resources have been developed.

- The [School Leavers Information Kit](#) which provides 2020 school leavers with information about their education, training and employment options in 2021.
- The **School Leavers Information Service** will provide school leavers with a free phone, text or email support to navigate the School Leavers Information Kit, and to access and use the Your Career website. The service also offers a personalised career guidance session with a qualified career practitioner for up to 45 minutes, where needed. Contact details Phone **1800 CAREER** (1800 227 337), text the Service by texting SLIS2020 to 0429 009 435 or email through [schoolleavers.nci@dese.gov.au](mailto:schoolleavers.nci@dese.gov.au).

All school leavers at the beginning of Term 4 received an information card, or brochure, inviting them to view the School Leavers Information Kit ***Your Career: What's next for you?*** The kit has a range of resources to help young people navigate their education, training and career options or can be downloaded [here](#).

**Learning Potential App** <https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/>

LEARNING POTENTIAL is an online resource with tips, ideas and resources to assist and support your child's learning.

The website has hundreds of articles on all aspects of a child's learning and development including a [career education toolkit](#)

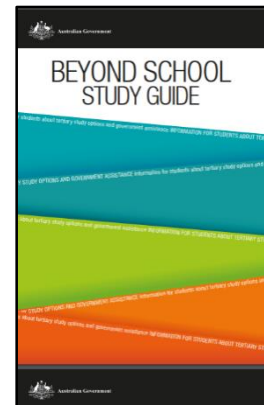
Download on the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).



**Study Assist** <https://www.studyassist.gov.au/>

Information for students about government assistance for financing tertiary study including links to study options, subsidised fees and government loans (HELP), loan repayments, scholarships and additional student income support options.

- The [Beyond Year 12](#) section contains information on comparing courses and providers in both the higher education and vocational education and training (VET) sectors.
- The [Beyond School Study Guide](#) is a digital resource aimed at year 10 to year 12 students that provides information on tertiary study options and government assistance.



**Leaving School** <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/subjects/leaving-school>

This site produced by Services Australia has resources students can use to decide what to do after year 12 and get information about payments for students, apprentices and job seekers. It has sections for students embarking on

- *Further Study* – information on support available to help with further study at a tertiary institution (university or TAFE), payments available for students and trainees and financial support.
- *Entering a trade or full time work* – information on support while looking for work or doing an Australian Apprenticeship.
- Useful links to other relevant websites to assist with writing a resume, looking for work, finding work experience and starting your own business.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** There are many scholarships available which provide financial support to assist students with expenses such as course fees, textbooks, equipment, accommodation and living expenses.

**Connellan Airways Trust Award 2020** The Connellan Airways Trust will open the E.J Connellan Award for 2021 on **1 December 2020** and close on **31 January 2021**.

The E.J Connellan Award provides an opportunity for individuals living in Outback Australia to undertake further study or research that otherwise may not be available to them. The EJ Connellan Award provides financial support in two categories: Junior 16-25 years of age and Senior 26 years of age and above.

Details of the application process, eligibility, award categories, contact details and general information can be found on the Connellan Airways Trust website [here](#).



**Destination Australia Scholarships** This Australian Government program provides funding for eligible tertiary education providers to offer scholarships to support the study and living expenses for domestic and international students who undertake higher education, training and research study in regional and remote Australia.

The Destination Australia scholarships are worth up to \$15,000 a year for both Australian and international students to study at a regional university or vocational education provider undertaking study from Cert IV to Doctorate level qualification.

The 2021 successful education providers will be announced on the [Destination Australia](#) website. Students apply directly to the regional institutions and details including closing dates will be available on the regional institution's scholarship website.

**Country Education Foundation** (CEF) is a national not-for-profit organisation helping rural and regional youth access education, training and jobs through grants, scholarships, support services and resources.



The [Scholarship Guide](#) contains a 'What should I study' quiz, *Top Tips for Applying for Scholarships* to maximise your chances of gaining a scholarship and *Search for a Scholarship*.

The [University Survival Guide](#) contains information on getting started, accommodation and living, finances and employment, health and support, study, tips for parents, and apps available for assistance with health, study, money and safety particularly in the first year of study.

**The Good Universities Guide** <http://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/> will assist students and families to find courses at Australia's universities, TAFEs and Training colleges. Find and compare courses, University ratings and explore careers.

Information is available on:

- Courses – content, options for study, entry requirements, cost of study and career pathways
- [Scholarship Finder](#) across the higher education and vocational sectors. Scholarships can be searched by area of study, support type, target group and location and contains tips when applying for a scholarship.
- Study information – Tips and advice on where to start, types of institutions, study options, funding your education, student life, study destinations, getting onto a course, university, TAFE institutes or field of work, keeping a budget and assistance for regional students relocating.



## **TERTIARY**

**Course Seeker Website** [www.courseseeeker.edu.au](http://www.courseseeeker.edu.au) is a new national Higher Education information website. This website is a one stop shop allowing current and prospective students



to easily research and compare higher education courses by course, study area, study mode, states and territories, institutions and has information on admission criteria, fees, providers, useful links and application processes. It has information about courses, both online and on-campus across Australia. The information enables direct comparison of admission criteria and application processes across different courses and providers.

## **Higher Education – Australian Government**

This Government website contains information and links to websites relating to Higher Education. [VIEW HERE](#)

## **TRAINING**

**My Skills** <https://www.myskills.gov.au/>

My Skills website provides a national directory of vocational education and training (VET) organisations and courses. It enables the student to search for and compare VET courses and training providers and courses by industry and skills in demand. This is an Australian Government initiative to ensure access to current, straightforward, independent and trustworthy information to help make choices about training options.

**Preparing Secondary Students for Work** <http://www.pssfw.myskills.gov.au/>

This website includes a range of resources which aim to help secondary students to successfully transition to post-school destinations and to ensure students are equipped with the skills that meet the needs of our future workforce and help school graduates meet the higher demands of the workplace and a globally competitive environment.

**Australian Apprenticeships** <https://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/>



This website is designed to provide quick and easy access to information regarding Australian Apprenticeships including programs, support and advice for people looking to start apprenticeships, whether in school, just out of school, or mature-age and support and financial assistance for apprentices during their apprenticeships.

**Australian Apprenticeship Pathways** <https://www.aapathways.com.au/>

This website provides information, tools and resources covering a range of potential apprenticeship and traineeship career pathways.

Information includes: Job and Training descriptions, Apprenticeships, Work Type Explorer (identify career interests and career pathway ideas), Job Pathways, School-based Apprenticeships and information for people considering career options, employers looking at recruitment and those providing support and advice.



**Job Outlook** <https://joboutlook.gov.au/>

This is an interactive site which can help you make decisions about study and training, your first job, or the next step in your career:

- Career Quiz – discover careers that match your work style
- Career Profiles – learn about job tasks, skills, prospects and pay
- Future Outlook – find industries and jobs expected to grow.



## **Vocational Education and Training – Australian Government**

This Government website contains information and links to websites relating to VET [VIEW HERE](#).

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – Student Payments**

**Facebook Page** This Services Australia page is operated by Centrelink, Medicare and Department of Human Services. Students are encouraged to follow Student Update on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) for up-to-date, student specific information, advice, news, support and tips for Youth Allowance and ABSTUDY including eligibility and claiming.



'Like' this [Student Update Page](#) and you will receive regular updates and reminders about Services Australia and Centrelink student payments and services. Questions can be posted and the relevant service will respond with advice, further action or comment, Monday to Friday during business hours.



NOTE: as of 1 December 2020 the Student Update Facebook page will close. All information, questions and news for students will be on the Services Australia page [here](#). Like the Services Australia page to make sure you don't miss important updates.

**Youth Allowance Overview** ICPA (Aust) Tertiary portfolio has updated the 2020-21 document and it is available on the ICPA (Aust) website [here](#). It aims to summarise the lengthy Youth Allowance website. This information relates to rural and remote students planning to study full time and who intend to apply for Youth Allowance. **It is a guide only**. For more information, advice, clarification and further assistance please phone **132490** (dedicated Youth Allowance phone number) or visit [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/youth-allowance](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/youth-allowance).

**Services Australia Resources** There are some very valuable resources on the Services Australia website. Customers can:

- View [online videos](#) on the Students YouTube playlist to find more information about student payments.
- [Payment and Service Finder](#) - find, estimate and compare payments and locate services. The tool will identify payments and services students may be eligible for, based on their situation.
- [Payments for students and trainees](#) page - information about the payments and support available to students, trainees and Australian Apprentices.
- [Leaving school](#) page - find resources students can use to decide what to do after year 12 and get information about payments for students, apprentices and job seekers. Topics include *Further study*, *Entering a trade or full-time work*, *Not sure what's next* and *Tools and information*.
- [Education and Training Providers](#) – Summary of the information, support and resources about student payments for Education and Training Providers to share with students. This webpage summarises the information and provides additional information about payments and services that Services Australia offer.
- Email correspondence - students can receive regular emails with updates, important information and changes to student payments by subscribing to the eNewsletters.  
[News for students and trainees](#)  
[News for rural and remote Australians](#)  
[News for Indigenous Australians](#)

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