

Pre-apprenticeships

What is a pre-apprenticeship?

It is a stepping stone into a trade. It introduces students to a trade with training that directly relates to the industry. It gives students a chance to try out the trade to see if it is the right choice for them if they are still undecided.

Why should I do one?

Employers look favourably upon students who participate and complete a pre-apprenticeship and often ring asking Bendigo TAFE to recommend someone for employment.

How do I apply?

Apply online on the Bendigo TAFE website, www.bendigotafe.edu.au A coordinator will be in contact with you to organise an interview.

What will I learn?

Many introductory skills including how to use tools. The pre-apprenticeship course is very much a hands-on course where you are doing or making relevant things very early in the program. For some pre-apprenticeships, you will get credit when you start an apprenticeship.

How long does it go for?

Generally 16 weeks. These are full time courses held at Bendigo TAFE that help you engage in your chosen trade.

Is it recognised by employers?

Many employers recommend doing a pre-apprenticeship first, before entering the trade.

What would I need to bring/wear?

Suitable work wear and basic Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), most other things are supplied.

What happens if I am not good at English or Maths?

No problem. We have support staff to help out in any areas where you may need assistance.

Can I do an apprenticeship if I haven't done a pre-apprenticeship?

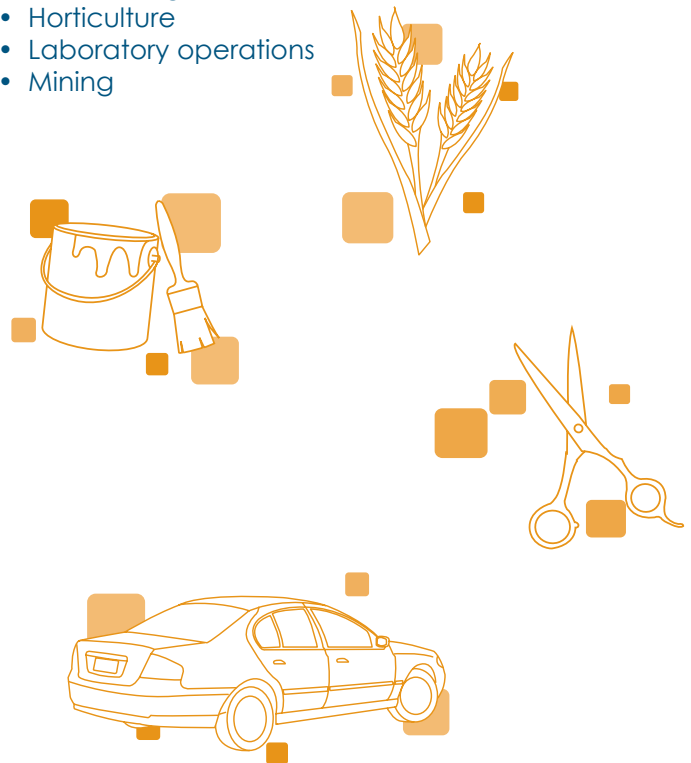
Yes. You can go for a job without a pre-apprenticeship but you will have a better chance if you have completed a pre-apprenticeship.

Pre-apprenticeships are available in the following areas:

- Automotive
- Bricklaying
- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Engineering
- Furniture making
- Painting and decorating
- Plumbing

Certificate II and III courses, either full or part time or as a traineeship or apprenticeship, are also offered in:

- Agriculture
- Beauty therapy
- Hairdressing
- Horticulture
- Laboratory operations
- Mining



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