



Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply?

Applications will be accepted from students who meet the following criteria:

- Are currently enrolled in secondary school.
- Will be starting Year 11 or Year 12 in 2027.
- Have completed the required literacy and numeracy assessment (NAPLAN/OLNA).
- Meet Australian citizenship or visa eligibility requirements.
- Have good school attendance.
- Have achieved C grades or above where possible, particularly for competitive courses.

A limited number of VETDSS courses may also be available to Year 10 students.

Important Dates

Applications

29 July to 19 August 2026

Interviews

14 - 25 September 2026

Offers

12 to 30 October 2026

Late Applications

26 October to 11 November

Fees and Charges

VETDSS students, including pre-apprenticeship students, are exempt from tuition, resource and enrolment fees.

Depending on your course, you may need to purchase additional items such as:

- Uniforms
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Textbooks
- Tools of the trade
- Trade licences

Any additional costs are outlined in the VETDSS booklet and will also be included in your offer email.

How do I apply?

Applications for VETDSS courses are submitted online through the South Regional TAFE website. To apply, you should:

- Discuss your course choices with your VET Coordinator, Careers Advisor, or parent/guardian.
- Complete the online application form.
- Have your USI (Unique Student Identifier) ready. If you do not have one or have forgotten it, visit: usi.gov.au.
- Have your SCSA (Student ID) number ready. This can be found on your school report and/or student ID card.
- Know your attendance percentage, NAPLAN/OLNA results, and Semester 1 English and Maths grades.
- Choose up to two course preferences.
- Put effort into the student statement section of your application. and tell us why you are interested in the course and why you would be a good fit.
- Year 12 students applying for a year-long course must commit to attending classes until mid-December.



What happens after I lodge my application?

After applications close:

- Your school and South Regional TAFE will collaborate to verify your application details.
- For competitive courses, applications will be shortlisted and interviews may be held before offers are made.
- For non-competitive courses, eligible students may be offered a place directly.
- If you receive an offer, you will need to accept it and complete the enrolment process by the due date.

Citizenship and Visa Eligibility

Students must be an Australian citizen, permanent resident, or hold a visa that meets the eligibility requirements for VETDSS.

Note: Some sub-class visa holders will be required to pay full fees.

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A competitive course is a course where we receive more applications than there are places available.

Historically, pre-apprenticeship courses, as well as courses in Health, Education, Childcare, Hair and Beauty, have been highly competitive. For these courses, we will look closely at your application, including your student statement, school information and feedback from your VET Coordinator.

You may also be invited to attend an interview or information session to help us understand your interest in the course and whether it is the right fit for you.

Work Placements

Some VETDSS courses include mandatory work placement.

Placements must be completed in an industry setting approved by South Regional TAFE.

Students must complete the required placement hours, as outlined in the VETDSS booklet, to successfully complete the qualification.

Competency-Based Training

At South Regional TAFE, you are assessed on your ability to demonstrate the skills and knowledge required for the course. This means showing that you can perform tasks to the required industry standard with confidence and accuracy.

To successfully complete the qualification, you must achieve competency in every unit of the course, including the workplace component where it applies.

This is different from school subjects, where you can still pass overall even if you don't pass every assessment.

Interviews and Information Sessions

Some competitive courses may include an interview or pre-offer information session as part of the selection process, helping us determine your suitability and commitment to the course. This is an opportunity for you to:

- Learn more about the course and industry.
- Meet Training staff.
- Ask questions about course expectations.
- Demonstrate your interest and suitability for the pathway.

Not all courses require an interview or information session.

Interviews will be scheduled between **14–25 September** and may be held either in person or online. You will receive an email invitation with your interview details.

Please be aware that, due to the high number of interviews being conducted, we may not be able to reschedule appointments.

Offers and Late Applications

All VETDSS offer communications are sent by email, so it is important to check your inbox regularly, including your junk/spam folder. If you receive an offer, read the email carefully and follow the link provided to complete the required online form. You are not enrolled in the course until the form has been completed and received by South Regional TAFE.

If you are not successful in the main offer round, you may be able to submit a late application for selected courses with available places. Late offers will depend on course availability.

Need help?

If you have questions about VETDSS, speak with your school VET Coordinator, Careers Advisor, or contact South Regional TAFE.

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