Interested in carpentry? How about bricklaying instead? The Australian Brick and Blocklaying Training Foundation (ABBTF) are recruiting for 60 apprentices across Victoria. They are encouraging students who are considering a career in carpentry to consider bricklaying due to:

- The cost benefits
- Smaller financial layout to start your own business
- Shorter timeframe to become qualified
- Different employment conditions (e.g., more outdoors)
- More job opportunities

To find out more about a career in brick and blocklaying and to apply for an apprenticeship, go to [www.becomeabricklayer.com.au](http://www.becomeabricklayer.com.au/)

Interested in plumbing? If you are completing school at the end of the year and are interested in pursuing a career in plumbing, you may be interested in undertaking a pre apprenticeship in plumbing at the Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre (PICAC) at Brunswick. This is a world-class training facility and tuition fee concessions may be available for eligible students. For more information, go to [www.picac.com.au](http://www.picac.com.au/)

Did you know? Plumbing is one of the most in demand jobs in Australia. According to Paddy McCrudden from Plumbing Trades Employees Union, the average age of an Australian plumber is 55. This means that there will be skill shortages in the future as many people will be retiring over the next 10 – 15 years.

Skills One videos: Want to explore different trades and occupations but don’t feel like reading lots of information? Log onto the Skills One website and watch videos! They showcase occupations under the following main skills areas:

- AgriFood Skills, Rural, and Farming
- Automotive
- Building, Construction & Property Services
- Community Services & Healthcare
- Electro Communications & Energy
- Government
- Hospitality, Tourism & Services
- IT, Film & Business
- Manufacturing
- Metals & Engineering
- Mineral Resources


Are you ready for an apprenticeship? To get an idea of the literacy and numeracy (English and maths) skills required for the occupation you are interested in, it’s a great idea to undertake aptitude tests. The Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website has aptitude tests for over 18 skill areas. You can download the tests here-[www.aapathways.com.au/Home](http://www.aapathways.com.au/Home)

Defence Force Trades: Do you know you can undertake technical trade apprenticeships in the Army, Navy and Air Force? To explore your options, go to


Information sessions at JMC Academy: JMC is a private college in Melbourne. They offer vocational and higher education courses in the following areas: Audio Engineering, Animation, Film and Television, Music, Game Design, and Entertainment Management. Their next information session will be run on Saturday 29 November. If you would like to undertake an intensive workshop in a specific course area, you can book in for a December workshop. For more information on both events and to register, go to www.jmcacademy.edu.au/

Hotel Management at William Angliss: Through the Advanced Diploma of Hospitality (Hotel Management) students learn theoretical knowledge and practical skills in the onsite training hotel suits and restaurants. This course is available through an industry placement program, where students experience work placement for 6 months in a range of roles within the hotel industry. For more information, go to www.angliss.edu.au/

Interested in running your own business? The Enterprise Network for Young Australian’s runs a free advice service for young people starting a new enterprise. They can help you start a business and grow it, and link you to crucial support services. They also provide funding support through their FundIt! initiative. For information, go to www.enya.org.au/

Media Bootcamp: Interested in journalism, public relations, media, communication etc.? Sugoi Media are running a digital ‘Media Bootcamp’. The course will run for 2 hours per week for 6 weeks and you can complete it from home online. For dates and costs, go to www.sugoimedia.com/mini-media-bootcamp/

Ann Miller Indigenous Scholarships: University College is offering two scholarships for female indigenous students who would like to reside at the College next year whilst undertaking studies at either the University of Melbourne, RMIT or Monash University Pharmacy. For information and to apply, go to www.unicol.unimelb.edu.au/

New Bachelor of Film Production at University of Canberra: Students will learn about all aspects of film including the sets, the shoot, directing actors, editing, sound design and effects as well as the creative processes of screenwriting. Students can specialise in cinematography, sound design or editing. Film Production graduates are work-ready and fully employable in a range of areas, including:

- Screenwriter
- Video/film director
- Film and television producer
- Documentary filmmaker
- Cinematographer
- Sound Designer
- First Assistant Director Editor

For more information, go to www.canberra.edu.au/

Year 12 Students:

Applying for special consideration and equity scholarships through UAC: If you are in Year 12 and have applied for NSW and Canberra university courses via UAC, you can still apply for the Education Access Scheme and Equity Scholarships. Please go to www.uac.edu.au to find out more.

Applying for special consideration via VTAC: The SEAS application has closed, but don’t stress if you didn’t get your application in. If something occurs that has a significant impact on your exams over the next few weeks, you can still apply for special consideration via the online ‘Personal Statement’ form via VTAC. Victorian universities will take what you write into account during the selection process. For more information, go to www.vtac.edu.au

United World Colleges (UWC): If you are currently in Years 10 or 11 and would like to complete your education at one of the 12 United World Colleges around the world, please go to their website at www.uwc.org.au for information about locations and costs. Applications are opening soon! There is a full scholarship for an indigenous student to study at the Canada College.

Australian Catholic University (ACU) Law scholarships – now open! The Thomas More Academy of Law Excellence Scholarship reflects ACU’s commitment to excellence in the undergraduate law program. Two scholarships worth $20 000 each are available. For details on eligibility and how to apply, go to www.acu.edu.au/449816