

## Australian School Based Apprenticeships (ASbA's) give you a head start in your chosen career



## Information on ASBA's - A Brief Overview

Australian School Based Apprenticeships (ASBA's) are an excellent opportunity for you to gain paid employment and on the job training as part of your senior secondary package. ASBA's must be applied for on an individual basis. Students who wish to apply for an ASBA **must** demonstrate that they are ready to accept the responsibilities that go with working and completing training requirements, in addition to completing all school assessments on time. Students should **ideally** be following an accredited package of study, be well organised and motivated to balance all the requirements of an ASBA **and** maintain the grades required for a Year 12 Certificate.

<u>NOTE:</u> All students must hold a **WHITE CARD** and have completed an **ASBESTOS AND SILICA AWARENESS** course before they can undertake any work in the construction industry. The electrical trade also requires you to be tested for colour blindness.

\*You will need to find an employer in your chosen industry. The best way to do this is to complete a week's work experience so that you and the potential employer can see if you have a good working relationship. Some industry areas will require you to sit a test before acceptance. For instance, electricians and plumbers need a strong aptitude for math

## **Benefits of an Australian School Based Apprenticeship**

- will give you a head start on both the theory and practical component of your Apprenticeship prior to leaving school
- You will receive an ACT Senior Secondary Certificate providing you meet all the attendance & assessment requirements
- This website is an informative starting point <u>www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au</u>

## Types of Australian School Based Apprenticeships

A *Certificate II* ASBA requires a minimum on the job training of one working day per week (**8 hours** per day) and a minimum of **three hours** off the job training per week at a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

A *Certificate III* ASBA requires a minimum 12 hours per week practical on the job training and usually one day a week at CIT or another off the job training provider (RTO). The Certificate III will take longer than 24 months to complete so it is usual that the student upon leaving school will convert the ASBA into a full-time apprenticeship and gain credit for any training completed. Certificate III ASBA's include Plumbing, Carpentry, Electrician, Aged Care, Hairdressing, Automotive and many more industry types.

You **MUST** register your ASBA with the VET/ASBA Coordinator. Once your ASBA has started you **must** report to your VET/ASBA Coordinator **regularly** with any results or reports from your training and evidence of hours worked, so that points can be added towards your ACT Senior Secondary Certificate.

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