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Go to work – How can I get a job?

Here are some starting ideas:

- seek help from your personal networks of friends, family and acquaintances
- talk to your school careers adviser
- search advertised job vacancies
- contact employers in industries where you would like to work. Some employers prefer face to face contact, so call them and set up an interview.

Combine work and study

Combining work and study means you are planning to do one or both, part-time or enter a program which includes learning in the workplace. The combination is likely to increase your current and future success as a student and also as a worker.

Apprenticeships, cadetships, traineeships and scholarships

Australian Apprenticeships offer opportunities for you to train, study and earn an income at a variety of qualification levels in most occupations as well as in traditional trades.

Smart and Skilled is a NSW Government initiative helping people in NSW get the skills they need to find a job and advance their careers.

Training Services NSW in the NSW Department of Industry is responsible for government-funded vocational education and training (VET) in NSW.

Australian Government departments and agencies also offer cadetships, scholarships, and work experience opportunities.

Career information and jobs

The following websites and services are a starting point for everything work-related including making career decisions, finding jobs, writing applications and resumes, preparing for interviews and knowing your rights at work.

- National Careers Institute (NCI) was established to ensure people have access to authoritative and accurate careers information and support irrespective of their age or career stage. Visit the Your Career website to be connected to further education, training or work options to support your current career needs or goals.
- Your Career - School Leavers Support
- Australian Government's Department of Education, Skills and Employment
- myfuture
- Skillsroad Online career profile & resources
- Services Australia
- jobactive (Australian Government)
- The Good Universities Guide
- Australian Jobs Report
- Labour Market Information Portal
- Educational Pathways Pilot Program

Take a gap year

Many Year 12 school leavers take a gap year. The idea of a gap year is to take a break from study to explore life, the world, paid and volunteer work and your personal goals. In September of the following year you may need to make some decisions, re-apply or confirm a deferred university place or apply for courses at a registered training organisation.

Youth exchange programs

There are numerous exchange programs available. Organisations such as Rotary run programs for international understanding. Remember to research any youth exchange program carefully to ensure your safety and welfare and the cost is aligned with the benefits.

Name of organisation	Website
AFX Student Exchange Australia Ltd	https://afxstudentexchange.com/
Education First (EF)	https://www.ef-australia.com.au/pg/high-school-study-abroad/
Rotary Youth Exchange Australia	https://ryea.org.au/
Scholarships for Australian-German Student Exchange (SAGSE)	https://www.sagse.org.au/
Scouts Australia	www.scouts.com.au
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange	https://www.thisisscce.com/
Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd	www.studentexchange.org.au
Students of the World Ltd	https://studentsoftheworld.com.au/
World Education Program Australia Ltd	www.wep.org.au
Youth For Understanding Student Exchange (YFU)	https://www.yfu.com.au/

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