



FACT SHEET FOR SCHOOLS AND RTOs

Aboriginal school-based training program institutional pathway 2025

The Aboriginal¹ school-based training (ASBT) program includes an institutional pathway for year 10, 11 and 12 students.

It consists of selected Certificate I and Certificate II level qualifications and is available across metropolitan and regional areas.

Aim of the ASBT institutional pathway

The ASBT Certificate I and Certificate II qualifications provide a transition program for those students still at school:

- who are not yet 'work ready'; or
- living in regional and remote areas with limited access to employment-based training (apprenticeships and traineeships).

The key outcome for students enrolled in the ASBT institutional pathway is to develop skills not yet achieved through general education and work readiness to help them transition into further training or employment.

Successful completion of the qualification may count towards the student's Western Australian Certificate of Education.

ASBT institutional qualifications available for year 10 students

The following training package qualifications and accredited courses will be available for year 10 students in 2025:

- 52860WA Certificate I in Industrial Skills (Entry Level Training)
- 52875WA Certificate I in Gaining Access to Training and Employment (GATE)
- 52878WA Certificate I in Leadership
- AHC10120 Certificate I in Conservation and Ecosystem Management
- AHC10222 Certificate I in Agriculture
- AUR10120 Certificate I in Automotive Vocational Preparation
- MEM10119 Certificate I in Engineering
- RII10115 Certificate I in Resources and Infrastructure Operations²
- SIT10122 Certificate I in Tourism (Australian Indigenous Culture)

ASBT institutional qualifications available for year 11 and 12 students

The following training package qualifications and accredited course will be available for year 11 and 12 students in 2025:

- 52879WA Certificate II in Leadership
- AHC21020 Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management
- AHC20122 Certificate II in Agriculture

¹ The term Aboriginal is intended to include reference to Torres Strait Islanders and Indigenous Australians.

² Please note that licensing requirements may apply. Check with [WorkSafe Western Australia](https://www.worksafe.wa.gov.au) for further information.



- AHC20422 Certificate II in Horticulture
- AHC21216 Certificate II in Rural Operations
- CUA20220 Certificate II in Creative Industries
- CUA20620 Certificate II in Music
- CUA20720 Certificate II in Visual Arts
- RII20120 Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation ³
- SFI20119 Certificate II in Aquaculture
- SFI20219 Certificate II in Fishing Operations
- SIT20122 Certificate II in Tourism
- SIT20322 Certificate II in Hospitality

Students must complete at least 220 nominal hours for Certificate II qualifications to meet the School Curriculum and Standards Authority vocational education and training (VET) recognition requirements for the WACE.

Student eligibility requirements

To be eligible, a student must:

- be a full time Aboriginal secondary student in years 10, 11 or 12; and
- obtain school support and agreement to participate in the program.

Students cannot undertake an ASBT institutional pathway qualification, and another Department of Training and Workforce Development funded qualification at the same time.

Application and allocation process for ASBT institutional pathway

Details on the application and allocation process for the ASBT institutional pathway are in the [Aboriginal school-based training program institutional pathway business rules](#).

Contact your school sector committee representative (details below) for further information about the application process and timelines.

Fees and charges

As per the [VET Fees and Charges Policy](#), students undertaking training in the ASBT institutional pathway are exempt from course and resource fees. Students may however need to buy tools, protective clothing and/or textbooks for their course. Schools are encouraged to discuss these requirements with prospective preferred providers.

List of preferred providers of ASBT qualifications

A list of preferred providers of ASBT qualifications and their contact details will be published on the Department's website.

Payment rates for providers of ASBT qualifications

A table showing the nominal hours of each ASBT qualification and the payment rates for providers in each training delivery region will be published on the Department's website in the near future.

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Further information

Public schools interested in accessing ASBT should contact:

Department of Education
Aboriginal School Based Training support
Office: 08 9402 6306
Email: VETSupport@education.wa.edu.au

Private Independent schools interested in accessing ASBT should contact:

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VET Consultant
Association of Independent Schools of Western Australian (Inc)
E: wmcleod@ais.wa.edu.au
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Catholic Education Western Australia interested in accessing ASBT should contact:

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Program and business rules enquiries can be directed to:

Skills Policy Team
Department of Training and Workforce Development
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ASBT preferred provider panel and contracting enquiries can be directed to:

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