

Certificate options



Learn the difference between a Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), Vocational Major (VCE VM), and Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC).

VCE	VCE (Vocational Major)	Victorian Pathways Certificate
	Replace the existing VCAL at the Intermediate and Senior levels.	Will meet the needs of a smaller number of students not able or ready to complete a certificate at the VCE level.
	All Victorian government secondary schools expected to provide the VCE Vocational Major from 2023.	A new inclusive and flexible certificate.
	Schools will not be expected to provide the VCE Vocational Major if there isn't student demand	Provided on an as-needs basis, a school may not have student need for the VPC in a particular year.
	VET	AQF Level 1 (not recognised as a senior secondary certificate)
2 years	2 years	The VPC is normally completed in year 11 and 12, but it is flexible so it can be started earlier or finished over a longer period than 2 years.
To get your VCE, you must successfully complete at least 16 units, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 units from the English group, including a unit 3 and 4 sequence. • at least 3 other sequences of unit 3 and 4 studies. • Over years 11 and 12, most students study between 20 and 24 units, usually 6 studies in year 11 and dropping back to 5 in year 12. 	To get your VCE Vocational Major, you must successfully finish at least 16 units. These will include units in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCE VM Literacy or VCE English • VCE VM Numeracy or VCE Mathematics • VCE VM Work-Related Skills • VCE VM Personal Development Skills • VET at a Certificate II level or above (180 nominal hours) 	Your VPC will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPC Literacy (or VCE English options like VCE VM Literacy) • VPC Numeracy (or VCE Mathematics options like VCE VM Numeracy) • VPC Work Related Skills • VPC Personal Development Skills • spending some time in a workplace as part of your learning. This is known as Structured Workplace Learning. <p>You can also add more VCE or VCE VM options or choose to include vocational education and training (VET) in the VPC.</p>
New Literacy, Numeracy, Work Related Skills, and Personal Development not offered.	Literacy, Numeracy, Work Related Skills, and Personal Development offered	