

CAREER INVESTIGATION

This career investigation will allow you to research 2 career areas that you are interested in. Investigating potential career areas will allow you to find out much more about careers of interest and help you with future subject and career choices.

Decisions that are made today will impact your readiness for the world of work and your ability to move from one career to the next over the course of your lifetime.

Where do you get the information?

Network:

Your family, friends, classmates and people you know...

Print:

Job Guides, University and TAFE Publications other Library book resources.

Internet:

Youth Central www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au;

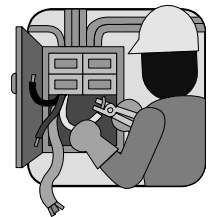
Job Guide www.jobguide.deewr.gov.au;

myfuture www.myfuture.edu.au.

Wirl Career www.wirl.com.au

The Career Investigation will assess your ability to:

- Describe a specific career concisely and accurately
- Identify and categorise skills, qualities, qualifications and training relevant to the selected career
- Describe at least **two** pathways to the selected career
- Evaluate the selected career in the light of personal aptitude, interests and possible choice of VCE subjects



Career Investigation Task – Areas to Cover for each career.

Description of Duties involved in this area:

- What is doing the job on a daily basis like?
- Describe the work and different tasks a person undertaking this career would actually undertake.

Employment Opportunities:

- How easy/difficult is it to find work in this area
- What employment opportunities exist locally, nationally and internationally?
- Find an actual advertisement (from newspaper or online for this career area)

Identification of Qualifications and training needed:

- What is a prerequisite?
- What prerequisites/qualifications are needed at each step - school, TAFE, University to enter this career?
- Where in Victoria can you get these qualifications?
- Describe the actual nature of the training/qualifications/education needed to enter the career (types of subjects studied, length of course, names of relevant training or education institutions where these course can be studied).

Detailed description of at least two different Pathways to this career.

- What is meant by a pathway into a career?
- Describe two different pathways available to enter this career.

The Cost of Education and/or Training:

- What is HECS/HELP?
- What are the costs of gaining an education or training for this career.
- Are there any other costs such as equipment/tools/clothing you need to buy?

The Identification of Skills and Qualities Required:

- Identify and describe 5 skills that are needed for this career.
- Identify and describe 5 personal qualities you feel are important to succeed in this career:

Personal Evaluation:

- Do I have the skills/qualities required to successfully pursue this career
- After the investigation is this still a career you are interest in? Why? Why not?



Career Investigation Checklist

Have you checked the presentation and used appropriate English conventions including spelling and grammar?	
Have you included detailed description of the duties related to the career?	
Have you identified future opportunities and included your advertisement?	
Have you included all details on the qualifications and training required for this career?	
Have you included details of TWO different education pathways towards the career?	
Have you discussed all possible costs involved?	
Have you discussed any insights you have gained about the career?	
Have you discussed the skills and qualities needed?	
Have you discussed the career in terms of your own interests and aptitudes?	