Senior Secondary Pathways Reform

What you need to know about changes to Victoria’s senior secondary certificates

The Victorian Government is reforming senior secondary schooling to build the aspirations and skills of young people, set them up for future careers, and meet the needs of the modern economy. Victoria is moving towards a new integrated senior secondary certificate that will bring together our two senior secondary certificates, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL).

The reforms give students greater choice and options with their senior secondary schooling, allowing them to pursue an education aligned to their strengths, interests and aspirations.

**Current system**

* Students can enrol in Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL)
* 2022 is the final year of VCAL enrolments

**What’s changing?**

* From 2023, students can enrol in the VCE, which includes the VCE Vocational Major, or the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
* The VCE Vocational Major is a two-year applied learning program within the VCE that will support students to develop academic and practical skills, knowledge, confidence and agency needed to prepare for the world of work and further education and training
* The Victorian Pathways Certificate is designed for a limited cohort of students in Years 11 and 12 who are not ready to undertake the VCE or the VCE Vocational Major for various reasons. Students and their families should discuss suitability for enrolment in the Victorian Pathways Certificate with their school.

**Why change?**

* Provide students with greater choice, confidence and skills for their future career
* Align more closely with Victoria’s growth sectors and what local industry needs.
* Recognise and celebrate all learning pathways equally.

**More information**

Contact your school or career adviser to find out more about the senior secondary pathway options or visit [**bit.ly/senior-sec-pathways**](https://bit.ly/senior-sec-pathways)