

# Career and course exploration with your child

## Opportunities in years 7-12 to help

There are key moments in secondary school when you can support your child to make important decisions about their future.

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Every Victorian government school has a career practitioner and delivers a career education program that supports these decisions.

It includes opportunities for self-discovery, exploration, goal-setting and planning.

**For more detail, visit:** [vic.gov.au/careers-7-12](http://vic.gov.au/careers-7-12)

# Year 7 and beyond

## Career action planning

Your child will do career action planning activities, which often start in year 7. This will help them:

- reflect on what they've learned and how their interests and strengths have changed over time
- choose their school subjects and post-school goals.

Your school might use the My Career Portfolio online career planning tool for these activities.

**Ask your child or their school for their plan, so you can talk about it together.**



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# Year 9 and beyond

## Morrisby profile

Morrisby is a leading online careers tool. It will help your child:

- understand their strengths and the study and career options that could suit them
- think about their study choices for years 10-12 and beyond.

Your child will then have access to a free one-on-one expert career consultation session in year 9 to talk through their Morrisby profile. You can join this session.

Your school needs your consent to give your child access to Morrisby.

**Look out information from your school about this program.**

## Work experience

Your child can do a short-term work experience placement with an employer. The minimum age is 14, and this often happens in year 9 or 10.

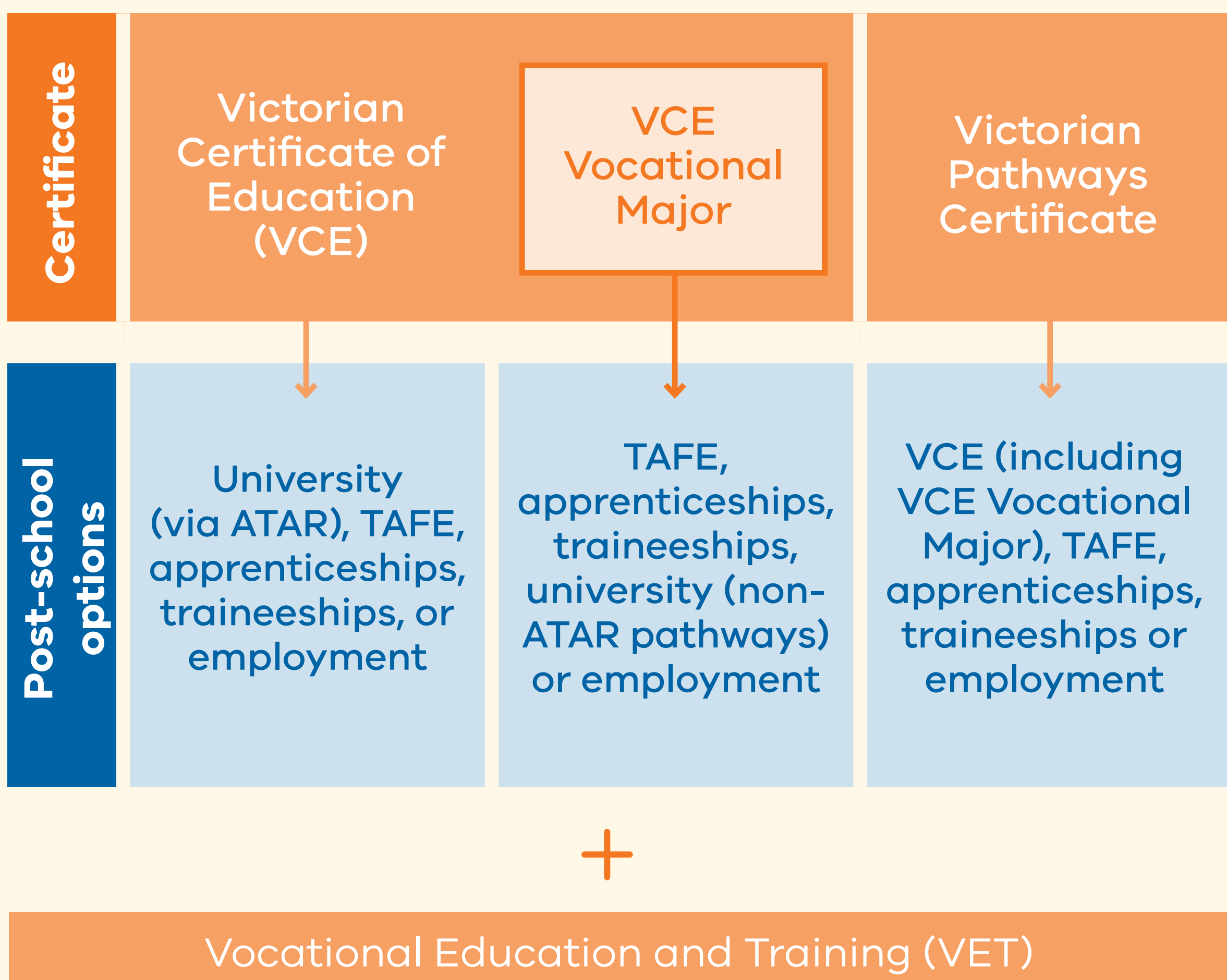
They will get insights into an industry and work, develop employability skills, explore career options and develop independence and self-confidence.

**You can help arrange work experience. Talk to your school to make sure you follow their procedure.**

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# Secondary certificate and VET choices

You can help your child choose the certificate they'll aim to leave school with. This could be the VCE (including the VCE Vocational Major) or Victorian Pathways Certificate.



Your child can include VET certificates in their school program, which they could do as a Head Start apprenticeship or traineeship.

**Explore these options with your child and look for more information from your school.**

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# Choices in year 12

## Applications for further study

In Victoria, year 12 students apply for TAFE or university places through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).

Your school may run an information night for parents and students about course applications and the VTAC process.

They can also learn about applying for a post-school apprenticeship or traineeship from the Australian Apprenticeships website.



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# Many talents. One VCE.

Victoria's senior secondary education is changing. Nearly all government schools now offer the VCE Vocational Major, a new 2-year applied learning program within the VCE.

The VCE Vocational Major includes opportunities for workplace learning, helping build valuable communication and problem-solving skills, so students can pursue their goals.

The VCE Vocational Major does not require students to undertake exams and will suit students who don't need an ATAR.

**For more detail, ask your school  
or visit:** [vic.gov.au/onevce](http://vic.gov.au/onevce)