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HELPING CYBER GRADUATES UNLOCK THEIR POTENTIAL

Budding cyber professionals will have the opportunity to play their part in protecting the state from cyber risks through the Allan Labor Government's Cyber Internship Program.

Minister for Government Services Gabrielle Williams today announced that expressions of interest are open for the next round of the program – with previous graduates going on to work in the sector.

The six-month paid internship program will kick off in February – providing a pathway for five interns to gain invaluable, high-demand skills and hands-on experience working on potential cyber threats.

The chosen graduates will have the opportunity to practically apply the skills gain and work alongside cyber security experts, preparing for and responding to cyber security risks.

This year's internship was a huge success, with all interns completing the program and four moving on to roles within the VPS to progress their career in cyber security.

AustCyber reported in their Cyber Security Sector Competitiveness Plan 2023 the Australian cyber security market is expected to be valued at \$5.2 billion by 2030.

Following the success of the 2024 internship, the Labor Government is creating an opportunity for five more Certificate IV in Cyber Security graduates to take the next leap in their cyber career journey.

The Government is delivering the Certificate IV in Cyber Security course as part of its Free TAFE program, which is giving Victorians access to more than 80 Free TAFE qualifications and short courses.

Applications for the program close on Sunday, 3 November 2024. For more information and to apply, go to careers.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Government Services Gabrielle Williams

"With an estimated cyber attack every six minutes in Australia, we're continuing our investment to grow the cyber security workforce in Victoria."

"Cyber security graduates seeking a career with purpose are encouraged to apply for the program and help us tackle this growing threat."

Quote attributable to Minister for Skills and TAFE Gayle Tierney

"Cyber security skills are in high demand and Free TAFE is helping Victorians train for exciting careers in the growing national and global cyber sector."

Quote attributable to past cyber interns

"I really liked the exposure to a wide variety of experiences, training and development opportunities and all round support from the team."

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