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## **MORE TRAINING OFFERS FOR VICTORIAN YEAR 12 GRADUATES**

Thousands of Victorian Year 12 graduates are set to begin their journeys towards rewarding careers through university and TAFE as more young Victorians received offers for post-secondary courses today.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Ben Carroll congratulated the Victorian graduates who received an offer from the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) for their preferred TAFE or university course.

VTAC issued 12,938 offers to students for undergraduate and vocational courses today. This was the second round of offers, with four more rounds to come.

Including offers made in November and December, a total of 64,780 domestic study offers have been issued for courses starting in 2025. This represents a 5.2% increase compared to the 61,576 domestic offers released by the same time last year.

There are many education and training pathway options which deliver the skills and qualifications Victorians need to achieve their career goals.

TAFEs offer career pathways in a wide range of study areas, from carpentry and electrical trades to health and social care, as well as covering emerging areas to support transition to a carbon free economy – such as electric vehicles and hydrogen technology.

Victorians can access a wide range of TAFE courses without the cost of tuition fees, through Victoria's Free TAFE program.

More than 187,900 students have benefitted from Free TAFE since it was introduced in 2019, saving them more than \$550 million in tuition fees and providing them with strong employment opportunities upon completion.

There are now also more Free TAFE places available in construction qualifications and short courses, thanks to the Australian and Victorian governments, who are together providing 5,200 more places in Free TAFE construction-related courses, including up to 1,300 pre-apprenticeship places.

Students that haven't received an offer yet can either wait for further rounds of VTAC offers in January and February or change their VTAC preference if they meet course requirements. They can also apply directly to TAFEs without a VTAC offer.

For the full list of Free TAFE courses visit: [vic.gov.au/free-tafe](https://vic.gov.au/free-tafe)

### **Quotes attributable to Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Ben Carroll**

*"Congratulations to all the Victorian Year 12 graduates who received offers today, you should be proud of your achievements, and I wish you well as you embark on your studies."*

*"Our world-class universities and TAFEs provide so many promising education pathways, and I encourage Victorians starting a new training journey or looking to switch careers to consider all their options before making a decision."*