

Certificate II in Building and Construction Pre-apprenticeship

COURSE CODE	22614VIC
LOCATIONS	Sherwood Park (Warrnambool)
STUDY MODE	Full-time, On Campus
Length	20 weeks
Commencement	February and July 2026
Timetable	Three and a half days a week. Monday - Wednesday 8.15am - 4pm and Thursday 8.15am - 11.15am

Course Overview

This section gives you an introduction to what you will be learning in this course, plus course outcomes, career opportunities, and student support.

Introduction

If you're seeking a career in carpentry and want to learn your skills from industry experts, SWTAFE's Building and Construction pre-apprenticeship provides an ideal starting place.

The course will develop your 'hand skills' to an acceptable industry standard. Students will acquire these skills by participating in building projects. Students will construct a full size domestic house or similar structure from ground to completion. Graduates may pursue apprenticeships and traineeships in the building industry.

What will I Learn?

This course will provide you with the basic knowledge and skills to prepare you for work or further study within the building and construction industry. Our course is based around building a 'real-life' house from start to finish which will give you a sound knowledge to kick off your career in the building industry.

During this course you will learn:

- OHS requirements and procedures in the construction industry
- handling carpentry tools and equipment
- measuring and calculating
- how to interpret and apply basic plans and drawings
- leveling procedures
- how to construct a basic sub-floor, wall frame, roof frame and formwork for concreting
- erecting and using working platforms
- how to install interior fixings, external cladding, window and door frames

Take a tour of the facilities you will learn in

Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities

People working in the building and construction industry are always in high demand and it's one of the biggest employment sectors in the country.

Upon completion of this pre-apprenticeship, you will be equipped with the foundation skills to gain a:

- [Carpentry Apprenticeship](#)
- [Cabinet Making Apprenticeship](#)

- Construction related or Trade Apprenticeship

Information Session

Why don't you come along to our next course info session to find out everything you need to start your learning journey? You can chat with our teachers, tour our facilities, learn more about the course, find out about the application process and get your questions answered by our course experts.

[Find the next info session near you](#)

Course Requirements

This section gives you an overview of entry requirements, course units and electives, skills recognition, and assessment criteria.

Course requirements

To be eligible to be awarded this qualification you must successfully complete 19 units: 9 core and 10 elective units.

Units offered

Core Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
CPCCCM2006	Apply basic levelling procedures	8	\$0.00
CPCCOM1014	Conduct workplace communication	20	\$0.00
CPCCOM1015	Carry out measurements and calculations	20	\$0.00
CPCCWHS2001	Apply WHS requirements, policies and procedures in the construction industry	20	\$0.00
CPCWHS1001	Prepare to work safely in the construction industry	6	\$77.18
HLTAID010	Provide basic emergency life support	12	\$15.00
VU23312	Prepare for work in the building and construction industry	18	\$0.00
VU23313	Interpret and apply basic plans and drawings	25	\$0.00
VU23314	Erect and safely use working platforms	24	\$0.00
VU23320	Identify and handle carpentry tools and equipment	100	\$0.00
VU23321	Perform basic setting out	24	\$0.00
VU23322	Construct basic sub-floor	48	\$0.00
VU23323	Construct basic wall frames	48	\$0.00
VU23324	Construct a basic roof frame	40	\$0.00
VU23326	Install basic window and door frames	24	\$0.00

Elective Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
VU23325	Install basic external cladding	24	\$0.00
VU23327	Install interior fixings	40	\$0.00
VU23328	Dismantle basic timber structures	20	\$0.00
VU23329	Construct basic formwork for concreting	40	\$0.00

Assessment

This course involves accredited units. You will be required to complete assessment tasks to demonstrate your underpinning knowledge, skills and attributes to meet the course outcomes. A combination of written, oral and practical assessment strategies will be used.

Where units require demonstration of skills in a workplace environment, you will have the opportunity to do this by using one of the Institute's simulated workshops/classrooms. Detailed information about the types, conduct and dates of assessments will be provided in advance. You will also be provided with information about the opportunity for reassessment and appeal.

After applying

Once you have applied for your chosen course, you will receive a thank you email from South West TAFE with a few steps to help process your enrolment.

Complete a Pre-Training Review

You will receive an email to complete a Pre-Training Review online evaluation. This evaluation helps us tailor your training to suit your needs.

Create or provide a Unique Student Identifier (USI)

A USI is a nationally recognised reference number that provides an online record of your training qualifications gained in Australia.

[Create your USI](#)

Already have a USI but can't remember it? [Find your USI](#)

Skills recognition

If you have experience or prior qualifications, you may be eligible to apply for [recognition of prior learning](#) and gain credits. You will be asked to provide any relevant Statement of Attainment to support identified credits.

Fees

This section gives you an overview of course fees, subsidies, and how they can be paid.

Course Fees

Here's an outline of fees and costs associated with your course.

Your fees each year can be made up of 3 different elements. Everyone has different circumstances that can affect what you pay and how much you pay. :

1. Tuition fees - charged as an hourly rate that varies from course to course. A large portion of the tuition is subsidised by the Victorian Government for eligible students.
2. Resource and/or materials costs - covers the cost of materials and other incidentals. This fee will vary according to the course being undertaken.
3. Booklist items - such as textbooks, equipment and stationery recommended for your course

Tuition fees

There are 4 different rates of tuition fees. Only one will apply to you (depending on your eligibility and circumstances).

1. **Government Subsidised Fee** - you could be eligible for a government-subsidised rate under the Skills First funding depending on your age, educational history, and citizenship or residency status. If you are eligible, the government will contribute to the cost of your training.
[Find out more about subsidised training](#)
2. **Government Subsidised Concession Fee** - If you are eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place and hold a current healthcare or pension card, that you can provide at enrolment, you may be eligible for the concession rate. Note, the concession rate is not applicable to Diploma level courses.
[Find out more about concession rates](#)
3. **If the course is a Free TAFE course or part of the Free TAFE Pathways Program** - Eligible students will not pay course tuition fees for the duration of their enrolment in this course, however, there may be some consumable/material fees for the course (find out more below). Any resource or material costs, or booklist items for this course are listed in the table below.
[Find out more about Free TAFE](#)
[Find out more about Free TAFE Pathways Programs](#)
4. **Full fee** - If you are not eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place, exemption, concession or are enrolling in a course that isn't government-subsidised, you may be required to pay the full fee rate.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FEES AND ELIGIBILITY

The fees listed below are indicative only. The course fees published are subject to change given individual circumstances at enrolment. Course fee funding is made available to eligible individuals by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments. If funding is utilised, this may affect opportunities to access additional funding in the future. An accurate quote for this course will be provided during the enrolment process.

Course fees by student type	Indicative Course Fee
Government subsidised rate (if eligible)	\$1,770.00
Concession rate	\$355.00
Full fee rate (if not eligible for govt subsidy)	\$8,250.00

Additional course fees	Indicative Course Fee
Course consumable/materials (approximate)	\$291.18

This is a Free TAFE course

Students who are eligible for Free TAFE place will not pay course tuition fees for the duration of their enrolment in this course, however, there may be some consumable/material fees for the course (find out more below). The consumable fees for this course are listed in the above table.

[Find out more about Free TAFE courses and eligibility](#) or contact our Customer Service team.

Resource and/or materials costs

Some courses require specific resources or materials necessary for your study eg: tools of the trade, excursions, etc. Final costs will be determined upon enrolment.

Booklist

Your course may require you to purchase additional materials or books (eg uniform, stationery, textbooks). Some of these items are optional and some are mandatory. You can purchase these items from Campion Education, second-hand or via another supplier. [Click here to find out more.](#)

You can download the booklist for this course here: <https://swtafe-prod-cdn.azureedge.net/media/swjbt4z/south-west-tafe-cert-ii-in-building-and-construction-pre-app-2025-v1.pdf>

How do I pay my fees?

Once we have processed your enrolment form, you will receive an email with your invoice.

You have [three options when organising your payment](#):

1. [Upfront payment](#) - can be made over the phone with EFTPOS
2. [Payment plan](#) - can be directly debited from your bank account, debited from your Centrelink payments or via a [VET Student Loan](#) (for diploma or advanced diploma courses only)
3. [Paid by employer, school or job network agency](#) - if your fees are being paid by your employer, school or job network agency, you will need to complete an Authority to Invoice form.

Payments will need to be arranged within five(5) business days of receiving the email containing your invoice.

We also offer a range of [scholarships](#) each year which you may be eligible to apply for to assist with course fees.

Next Steps

Ready to take the next step? Here you can [make an enquiry](#), [attend an information session](#) or [begin the application process](#).

How to apply

There are [five simple steps to apply for a course](#) with us.

1. Apply - complete a [short online application form](#). Once this form is submitted we'll send you a thank-you email.
2. Literacy and Numeracy Assessment - we will assess whether you need to undertake a Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) assessment and email it to you if required.
If you are not required to undertake this assessment, you will skip to step 3.
3. Chat to our team - your teacher or course specialist will contact you to discuss the course in more detail and ensure the right units of study are selected for you.
4. Enrol – you will be sent an email to accept your offer for the course. By accepting, you will be directed to verify your details and submit your enrolment for processing.
5. Pay - once we've completed your enrolment, we will send you an invoice to arrange [payment of your course fees](#).

If you need any assistance with applying, [contact our team](#) on 1300 648 911 or visit your nearest campus.

Careers and Course Advice

Not sure which course is right for you? South West TAFE will help you find your way.

Our Careers Coaches at the [Skills and Jobs Centre](#) is here to support you. Whether you're exploring career options, transitioning from school to the workforce or looking to study after school we're here to help you.

Student Support

As a SWTAFE student, you can access a variety of support services that will enhance your study experience and help you complete your studies successfully. For more information about any of these services, [visit our student page](#).