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## Tradies happier, richer in their 20s than university grads

(This article was written by Gemma Ferguson from ABC news on 26/4/23)

Bachelor's degrees are a popular option among young students, but new data claims university might not be the best option for those seeking happiness and wealth in the early years of employment.

### **Key points:**

- ***Real-world learning leads to better outcomes for younger workers***
- ***Tradies earn more at 25, but work longer hours***
- ***But evidence suggests higher-qualified workers are likely to have stronger wage growth over their careers***

Almost 3,000 young people were surveyed as part of Australian Industry(Ai) Group's research into the "real trajectories and early career pathways" of 25-year-olds, with nearly half holding a Bachelor or postgraduate degree.

Tradies performed better than their tertiary-educated counterparts, with a difference of 16 per cent between the groups' wages at that age.

Feeling like the grass – and hip pocket – was greener on the other side, Braidan Quinlan dropped his teaching studies to undertake a carpentry trade.

It's a path he almost never explored, having been pressured in high school to attend university.

## **Tertiary expectations among school-leavers**

"When I was in year 12, there wasn't really any talk of a trade or TAFE – it was more just pushing for university," Mr Quinlan said.

"Everyone wanted to go to university, everyone thought it was the right way to go, but if I could go back I would've started an apprenticeship when I was [a teenager].

"It would've been a good way to get ahead, I think."

The third-year apprentice was fed up with the narrative he needed a degree to "get forward in life".

"I went [to university] for a few years ...but found it really wasn't for me," Mr Quinlan said.

"I got offered this great apprenticeship at HNT Builders and have been enjoying it ever since."

## **Difference made by 'real-world' learning**

One of the key findings in Ai Group's report was the benefit of "learning in a real-world setting", with almost all postgraduates and apprentices reporting full employment by 25 – meanwhile, only 92 per cent of those holding a Bachelor are employed at this age.

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*Braidan Quinlan abandoned a university degree in favour of studying a trade and says that the opportunities open to him in the future were worth the risk.*

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## **New road rules in Victoria regulating the use of a range of portable, wearable and inbuilt devices while driving a vehicle or riding a motorcycle**

*(Article from Vicroads website )*

New road rules are being introduced regulating the use of a range of portable, wearable and inbuilt devices while driving a vehicle or riding a motorbike. The rules expand and clarify a number of rules already in place for mobile phones, and take effect on **31 March 2023**.

Distraction is a key contributor to road trauma with research showing the risk of drivers crashing increases when texting, browsing or emailing. Distraction is also involved in at least 11 per cent of fatalities – equal to at least 20 people each year whose death is avoidable.

The rules reflect the significant increase of in-vehicle technologies and other technologies capable of distracting a driver and are designed to help keep people safe

on our roads.

The rules are expanded from mobile phones and visual display units to cover:

- Portable devices (unmounted mobile phones, tablets);
- Wearable devices (smartwatches, wearable heads-up display);
- Inbuilt devices (Information, navigation, and entertainment systems, heads-up display that is an inbuilt part of the vehicle);
- Mounted devices (Heads-up display, tablet, mobile phone, media player etc if securely mounted in or on a vehicle); and
- Motor bike helmet devices

Drivers who hold a full licence in general cannot touch an unmounted portable device, such as a phone, tablet, laptop or any other device while driving. Specifically, for all device types (portable, mounted, wearable and inbuilt) you must not, while driving:

- enter text, numbers or symbols
- scroll (such as on websites, social media, playlists)
- play videos or games or take video calls
- display text messages, social media, emails, or photos
- rest a device on any part of the body, or pass a device to a passenger

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**End of Financial Year Offer!**

**ACMA Compliance form-TCA1 Special Offer. 50% Discount**

The TCA1 is a mandatory ACMA compliance form! Customers must be given a copy and the cabler needs to keep a record copy for at least 12 months. Failure to do so is a breach of ACMA rules that can lead to litigation, if say an alarm fail occurs or an insurance claim is made.

TCA2 forms are there for voluntary use to alert customers and building managers that

proposed works may be compromised by existing cabling.

In view of the increased demand for TCA1 pads, TITAB have decided to offer a 50% discount on all TCA1 products. This represents great value as the pads are printed in duplicate so that you can always retain a copy.

To order the discounted pads please click [here](#) for the special order form.

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### **Open registration skill set in Western Australia**

#### **Week 1**

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Hand and power tools

Electrical Principles

#### **Week 2**

Open Registration

### **There are two payment types**

1. Fee-free training must meet eligibility criteria below
2. Subsidised training

### **Eligibility criteria for fee-free training:**

- Are you aged between 15-24 years and not enrolled in secondary school?
- Are you receiving JobSeeker or JobKeeper?
- Are you receiving or a dependent of a person receiving Youth Allowance, AUSTUDY or ABSTUDY?

- Do you hold, or are you a dependent of a person who holds:
- a Pensioner Concession Card or Health Care Card; or
- a Repatriation Health Benefits Card issued by the Department of Veterans' Affairs?
- Are you a dependent of persons who are inmates of a custodial institution?

If you answered yes to any of the above eligibility requirements, you will be eligible for fee-free training.

**Please note students attending high school do not qualify for any subsidies**

If you did not answer yes, you are still eligible for subsidised training, please see the fee table below.

**Fee Type Amount** Eligible for fee-free training No charge Eligible for concession \$81.60 Eligible for subsidised training \$275.40

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