

Certificate III in Plumbing

COURSE CODE	CPC32413
LOCATIONS	Warmambool
STUDY MODE	Full-time, Apprenticeship
Length	3 years
Commencement	Apply any time
Timetable	27, week-long blocks over the duration of the course 8am -5pm each day except Friday finish 3pm

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

There are lots of career opportunities for apprentice plumbers, within the building industry and also as sole traders.

South West TAFE teaching staff will ensure you will gain the essential skills and knowledge to specialise in:

- water, including hot and cold pipe work installations, and hot water service installations
- sanitary, including fixture installation, above ground pipe work
- drainage, including trench support installation, laying below ground drains, septic tanks installation, stormwater system installation
- gas fitting, including pipe work and appliance installation, commissioning, purging
- fire hydrant and sprinkler systems
- urban irrigation systems
- roofing, including roof and wall coverings, flashings and penetrations, rainwater tank installation

Completion of the general induction training program specified by the National Code of Practice for Induction Training for Construction Work (ASCC 2007) is required before entering a construction work site. Achievement of unit CPCCOHS1001A covers this requirement.

What will I Learn?

This course allows you to gain knowledge and skills to work in the plumbing industry. Abilities to work in the areas of roof plumbing, Sanitary and drainage, hot cold and warm water, gas fitting, mechanical plumbing, irrigation and fire protection.

The course includes hands-on experience with theory and practical components, which will assist you while you are employed as an apprentice plumber.

Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities

- General Plumbing
- Drainage
- Gasfitting
- Roof Plumbing
- Water Supply
- Mechanical Services (Heating and Ventilation)

Pathways

Further study is available to anyone who wishes to undertake the Certificate IV in Plumbing Services. On successful completion of the course,

students can apply to the Plumbing Industry Commission for licensing assessment. This will be a requirement if you intend to operate a plumbing business.

Course Requirements

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

Entrance requirements & pre-requisites

Applicants must be employed as an apprentice.

Apprenticeship/Traineeship Entry Requirements

You need to be employed in this field before commencing this course. If you are currently not employed in this field please contact the Skills and Jobs centre for further advice on 1300 648 911.

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 in either a classroom, online or workplace environment.

Where units require demonstration of skills in a workplace environment, you will have the opportunity to do this either in your own workplace (where appropriate), through a practical placement, or 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.

Skills Recognition

Your current skills, knowledge and experience can contribute to help you get a qualification. Learn more about skills recognition and how it may benefit you [here](#).

Pre-training review

The pre-training review assists SWTAFE staff to determine whether this course is the most suitable for you at this time, and also identify any support needs you may require once you commence your studies. It takes about an hour to complete. Once you apply for your chosen course a link to the pre-training review will be emailed to you.

Unique Student Identifier

If you are studying nationally recognised training in Australia, you are required to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). Your USI links to an online account that contains your training records and results for training completed from 1 January 2015 onwards. One of the main benefits of the USI is the ability to provide you with easy access to your training records and results throughout your life and this will assist you when applying for a job or enrolling in further study. You are required to have a USI at the time of enrolment – especially if you want to use VET Student Loans to defer your fees. To apply online or get more information go to www.usi.gov.au.

Fees

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

Course Fees

Everyone has different circumstances that can affect what you pay and how much you pay. Your fees each year are made up of 2 different elements:

- Tuition fee
- Consumables/material fee

There are 3 different rates of tuition fees. Only one will apply to you depending on your eligibility and circumstances. The 3 categories include:

- [Government-subsidised](#)
- [Government-subsidised \(concession\)](#)
- Full fee

The fees listed below are indicative only and may be subject to change without notice and given individual circumstances. Your actual fees will be calculated based on your individual circumstances at the time of enrolment. Funding made available to eligible individuals by State and Commonwealth Governments. If funding is utilised, this may affect future opportunities to access additional funding in the future.

Student type	Indicative Course Fee
Government subsidised rate (if eligible)	\$5,090.00
Concession rate	\$1,020.00
Full fee rate (if not eligible for govt subsidy)	\$18,340.00

Fee type	Indicative Course Fee
Maximum Consumable/Materials Fee	\$142.00

Maximum Consumables/Materials Fees

You may be required to pay the cost of some goods or materials necessary for your course, eg: tools of the trade, uniform and books. The maximum consumables/materials fees are made up of course consumables, core unit consumables and the maximum elective units you will pay.

Final costs will be determined at enrolment and you will be informed of the fees associated with course consumables and resources via your Statement of Fees.

Booklist

Your course may require you to purchase additional materials or books. You can choose where to purchase these items from. You can download the booklist for this course here: <https://swtafe.edu.au/media/1816/cpc32413-cert-iii-plumbing.pdf>

Which fee applies to me?

Government-subsidised rate - Skills First

You could be eligible for a government-subsidised rate 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.

[Check your eligibility](#)

Skills First Exemptions

As a Victorian Government TAFE, South West TAFE is able to provide exemptions for prospective students. [Contact our Customer Service Team](#) to find out if you are eligible for an exemption.

Concession rate

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.

[Find out more about concession rates](#)

Full fee rate

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](#)

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.

Careers and Course Advice

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

Our [Pathfinders 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. Call, email or drop in.

Call 5564 8515 or email skillsandjobscentre@swtafe.edu.au

Apply Now

Apply now for a place in our next course intake. Places for courses are limited, so it's best to get in soon so you don't miss out. You'll need to complete an application form which you can do [online here](#) or by speaking with our Customer Service team. We invite you to come and see us at one of our campuses in Warrnambool, Colac, Portland or Hamilton and a team member will ensure you are taken care of.

If you have any questions regarding the application process please chat to our Customer Service team on 1300 648 911.

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](#).