

AccelR8

Creating pathways to employment

Information for schools, parents and students Automotive industry (light and heavy vehicle)

What is AccelR8?

AccelR8 is a school to work transition program developed by the Department of Education and Training (DET) for the automotive industry.

AccelR8 prepares students for employment while they are still at school, through structured workplace learning. It includes a 20 week (one day per week) unpaid work experience placement and completion of an industry-endorsed and nationally recognised qualification — AUR20716 Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation.

Students enter the program in either Year 11 or Year 12.

AccelR8 is a partnership between:

- employers who provide the work placement and future employment opportunities for participants, including school-based apprenticeships and traineeships
- registered training organisations (RTOs) that provide the training and assessment services required for the industry-endorsed and nationally recognised qualification
- secondary schools which supply and support the students undertaking the program
- parents/guardians who support the students to participate and complete the program
- DET which provides funding for the provision of the qualification through VET in Schools (VETiS) specifically for this program, and regional officers who facilitate and coordinate the program.

Benefits for schools

Schools are able to:

- provide training and employment opportunities for students
- keep students motivated and engaged at school
- improve student retention rates
- provide links with the community and industry
- enhance public relations and community promotion
- provide opportunities to understand the needs of local industries.



Benefits for students

Students are able to:

- develop employability skills valued by employers, through legitimate and genuine work activities
- demonstrate that real life work capability provides a competitive edge when applying for jobs
- achieve a Certificate II qualification
- achieve up to six credits towards a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)
- perform satisfying and meaningful work, in a real work environment, consistent with employment goals
- open up their employment opportunities and career pathways.

Benefits for employers

Employers engage in the program to:

- establish an entry level pathway specifically designed to attract youth into their industry
- recruit work ready employees
- improve workforce attraction and retention
- establish their businesses as an employer of choice in local communities.

How do I get more information?

For more information please call the Youth Transitions Team in DET's Metropolitan Region Training and Skills Programs on (07) 3634 0641 or email MetroTransitions@det.qld.gov.au

AccelR8 is a school to work transition program developed under the SVETE (School plus Vocational Education and Training leads to Employment) initiative of DET. The SVETE programs aim to improve opportunities for successful transitions of students from school to work through the creation of stronger links between industry, schools, students and vocational education and training.



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