



Suggestion for boosting the competitiveness of your VETDSS application

Over the last few years VETDSS courses/pathways have seen a significant increase in the number of applications received each year from students across all areas of study. It is now more important than ever to ensure your application is competitive.

Students are selected based on a combination of criteria including academic performance/grades, professional/work experience, and the applicant's student statement, rather than solely relying on individual criteria. Program areas might refer to additional documents such as applicant's recent school reports, resume, and written references for further insights if they are deemed necessary.

Below are some tips to assist with your 2025 application:

Grades -

- All full qualification courses require students to have a minimum of a C grade in general English and Maths or achieve an OLNA result of Category 3 across both literacy and numeracy sections.
- Failure to enter grades/false results will result in the application not proceeding to assessment stage.

Work Experience –

- List details of any work experience undertaken paid or otherwise including volunteer work, even if you do not feel it is relevant to the course you are applying for.

Student Statement –

The student statement can really make an application stand out during the assessment process; you have 1000 characters for your statement (including spaces – approximately four sentences).

Your student statement should:

- Be specific to the course you are applying for.
- Show your interest in the industry and commitment to learn.
- Demonstrate your understanding of the course for which you are applying.
- Use appropriate language, spelling and grammar.
- Be your own words.

Number of applications –

You may apply for two different courses by indicating your preferences: 1st preference and 2nd preference. Any additional preferences beyond these two will not be accepted or considered.



I have submitted my application, what happens next?

Once your application has been submitted, it is natural to be eager to learn about its outcome. Here is an overview of the process that unfolds after applications close. Please note that it might take up to **six to eight weeks after the close of applications** before you receive an outcome on your application. If you have any concerns during this period, feel free to reach out to the VET Coordinator at your school for assistance.

Remember, this is an application process not an enrolment process, you will be contacted by your school with the outcome of your application.

VETDSS Application Flow

