

School to Work Transition Program



AccelR8 – Creating Pathways to Employment Information for Schools, Parents and Students

What is AccelR8?

AccelR8 is a Department of Education and Training (DET) 'school to work' transition program which prepares students in all aspects of employment, whilst they are still at school. It includes a 20 week (1 day per week) Structured Workplace Learning program and completion of Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation. The **AccelR8** program can be tailored to suit students with an interest in light vehicle mechanics or the heavy commercial vehicle sector.

AccelR8 is a partnership between the following stakeholders:

- **Employers** who provide the work placement experience and future employment opportunities for participants
- **Registered training organisations (RTO)** which provide the training and assessment services required for the delivery of the industry endorsed and nationally accredited qualification
- **Secondary schools** which supply and support the students undertaking the program
- **School students** who participate and commit to completion of the program whilst at school
- **Parents/guardians** who support the students to participate and complete the program



- **DET** which provides funding for the provision of the qualification through the VET In Schools (VETiS) program and regional officers who facilitate and co-ordinate the program

Benefits for Schools

- Providing opportunities for students
- Keeping students motivated and engaged at school
- Improved student retention rates
- Developing links with community and industry
- Good public relations and community promotion
- Gaining an understanding of the needs of industry

Benefits for Students

- Development of employability skills, valued by employers, through legitimate and genuine work experience
- Undertaking 'real life' work experience provides a competitive edge when applying for jobs
- Achievement of an industry endorsed, nationally recognised Certificate II qualification
- Achievement of up to 6 Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) points
- Opportunity to perform satisfying and meaningful work, consistent with employment goals
- Opening up employment opportunities and career pathways

Benefits for Employers

- Establishment of an entry level pathway specifically designed to attract youth into the industry
- Recruitment of work ready employees
- Development of a training and workforce planning culture for the sector

How do I get more information?

For more information please contact the Metropolitan Transitions team at
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AccelR8 supports objectives of the Queensland Department of Education and Training's training, skilling and youth employment policies.



The program is fully supported by the Commercial Vehicle Association of Queensland (CVIAQ), the peak body representing manufacturers and suppliers of commercial vehicles and their components and the Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland), the peak body representing the interests of the retail service and repair sectors of Queensland's automotive industry. Employers in this sector have identified AccelR8 as the preferred recruitment model for their industry.

