

Resources Available to School Leavers After Challenging Year

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While 2020 has been a challenging year for our high school graduates, new resources are available to support them through their upcoming transition.

“This has been an extraordinary year for Year 12 students, with a changing landscape meaning there are now a wider variety of pathways to jobs than ever before,” CDAA National President Wanda Hayes said.

“But while it will certainly be a year to remember, now more than ever we need to encourage school leavers to access the range of resources available to them.”

The Federal Government has launched the [Your Career](#) website, which includes a range of resources focused on school leavers.

Graduates also have free access to direct support from qualified career practitioners through the School Leavers Information Service (Call 1800 CAREER).

In the changing landscape, Ms Hayes recommends that school leavers take the time to identify the skills they have developed so far, including technical and transferable skills.

A recent [article](#) by the World Economic Forum predicted that in the future the right skills will be prized over academic qualifications alone.

“While identifying their current skills, school leavers should also be thinking about what skills they wish to focus on for the future,” she said.

For graduates taking on further education or training, Ms Hayes advises them to access assistance from a qualified career practitioner.

“They can ensure the training you take on will help you build the skills you need to succeed and that it will be a good fit for your preferences and strengths,” she said.

School leavers also have access to free or low-fee training in areas of identified skills needs through the new [JobTrainer](#) program.

Year 12 Result Dates:

SA/NT: Tuesday, 15 December
ACT: Wednesday, 16 December
TAS: Thursday, 17 December
NSW: Friday, 18 December
QLD: Saturday, 19 December
WA: Sunday, 20 December
VIC: Wednesday, 30 December

University Main Offer Dates:

TAS: Mid December (For Tasmanian applicants),
NSW: Wednesday, 23 December
ACT: Wednesday, 23 December
VIC: Thursday, 14 January
QLD: Thursday, 14 January
SA: Friday, 15 January
WA: Friday, 15 January

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