A stylized map of Australia is shown on the left side of the page. The map is filled with various shades of green, teal, and blue. Overlaid on the map are several white silhouettes of Scout activities: a person climbing a rock face, a person on a boat, and a person on a horse. The map is set against a light grey background.

Venturer Scouts: Qualifications and Secondary School Certificates of Education

This information kit will help you understand the qualifications available from the Scouts Australia Institute of Training (RTO 5443) to Venturer Scouts (14-18 year olds) and how these can be incorporated into your secondary school certificate of education (e.g. HSC, VCE, etc.) or be completed separately from and in addition to school.

The information will assist:

- Venturer Scouts
- Parents and Carers
- Venturer Scout leaders
- Career Advisors and VET Coordinators

Scouts Australia

“The **Purpose of the Scout Movement** is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.”

The educational Purpose of Scouting is further strengthened by the **Mission of Scouting** – “to contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society.”

These two key statements remind us that Scouting is a program of personal growth and development, not just a fun set of activities for kids. It is education for life!

Registered Training Organisation

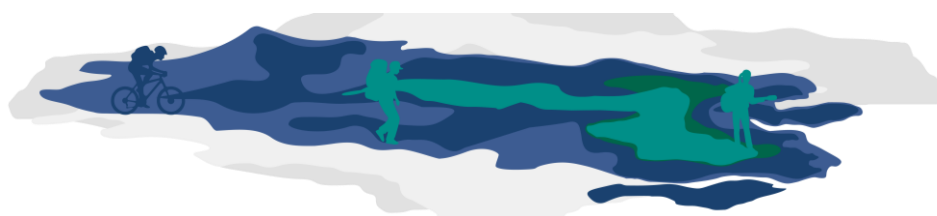
The Scouts Australia Institute of Training is the Registered Training Organisation (RTO 5443) owned by Scouts Australia. As an added benefit to membership, at no cost, the Scouts Australia Institute of Training enables members of Scouts Australia to achieve national industry recognised qualifications.

The qualifications available to Venturer Scouts include:

BSB20120 Certificate II in Workplace Skills	BSB30120 Certificate III in Business
CHC24015 Certificate II in Active Volunteering	CHC34015 Certificate III in Active Volunteering
CUA20220 Certificate II in Creative Industries	CUA30220 Certificate III in Community Dance, Theatre and Events
SIS20419 Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation	SIS30619 Certificate III in Outdoor Leadership

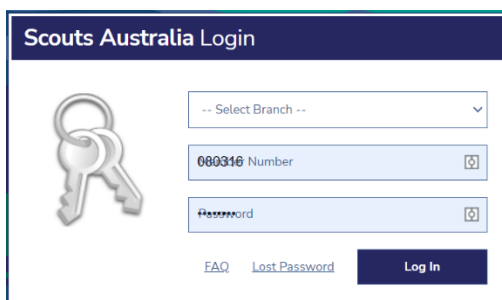
Learning Pathways

Scouts Australia does not provide training courses for these qualifications. The learning and experiences gained by Venturer Scouts through participation in the youth program align closely to the requirements of qualifications and will provide most of your evidence. The Scouts Australia Institute of Training uses these experiences to conduct recognition of prior learning assessments against the qualifications that are best suited to each Venturer Scout.



Learning Resources

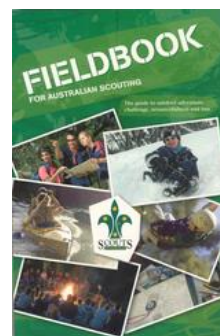
- Participate in the Scouts Australia youth program and record your progress in Scouts | Terrain <https://terrain.scouts.com.au>
- The Scouts Australia Institute of Training has a volunteer who monitors the progress and provides assistance for Venturer Scouts undertaking qualifications as a part of their schooling.
- All Venturer Scouts, Rover Scouts and adult members have access to the Scouts Australia on-demand learning at <https://training.scouts.com.au> To login you will need some basic information:



The image shows the Scouts Australia Login page. It features a dark blue header with the text "Scouts Australia Login". Below the header is a light blue background with a key icon on the left. There are three input fields: a dropdown menu labeled "-- Select Branch --", a text field labeled "080316 Number" with a checkmark icon, and a password field labeled "password" with a checkmark icon. At the bottom, there are links for "FAQ" and "Lost Password", and a dark blue "Log In" button.

- What Branch (State or Territory) you are in,
- Your Scouting member number,
- The first time you log in your password will be set to your date of birth.

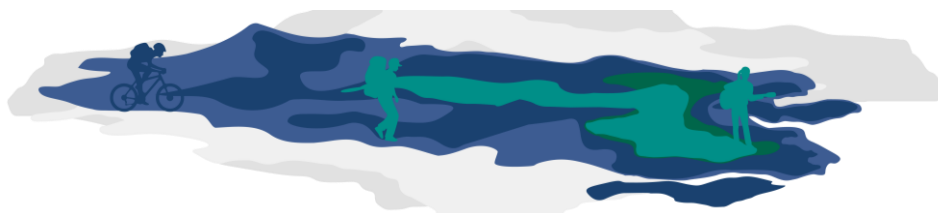
- The [Fieldbook for Australian Scouting](#) is a useful resource for all youth and adult members. It includes a vast amount of information about all aspects of outdoor life including bushcraft, knots & construction, first aid, water, snow, air activities, weather, emergencies, stoves and fires, navigation, outdoor equipment, risk management and more.



Logbook

Logbooks or professional journals can be used to record your participation in activities and events in your chosen field for example Creative Industries or Outdoor Recreation. An example is the outdoor adventure skills part of the youth program includes a logbook. For the Outdoor Recreation example it is very important to record all of your outdoor adventures in your logbook for three (3) reasons:

- A logbook is a key piece of evidence when completing outdoor qualifications.
- Both Scouting and the broader outdoors industry rely on logbooks to demonstrate you are staying current in those activities.
- Participating in Scouting you will often do far more trips in any activity than will be evident to your assessor if they are only looking at what stages you have completed in the outdoor adventure skills.



Work Placements

Within the context of Vocational Education and Training connected to school outcomes, structured workplace learning alternatively known as work placement requires students to participate in experiences where they are applying the skills and knowledge. Venturer Scouts attend meetings with their local Venturer unit for two (2) hours every week and they participate in a range of activities depending on their interest areas, equivalent to at least one weekend every month.

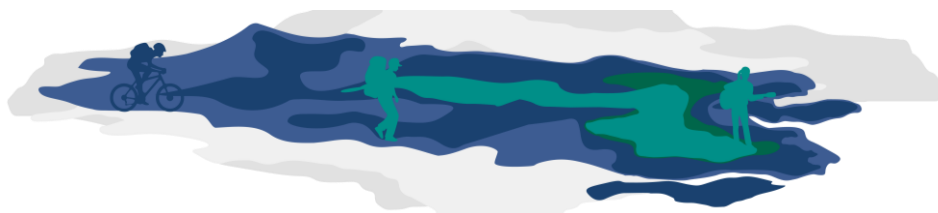
When undertaking a qualification that must be completed to complete your secondary school certificate of education you must complete work placements. Gaining experience in an industry helps you to understand the industry and practice what you have been learning. It is highly recommended that work placement is undertaken in at least two (2) different contexts to provide you with a wider understanding of the industry. In some instances there are also opportunities to gain experiences in workplaces that are owned by Scouts Australia and the Branches. Examples include:

- BSB20120 Certificate II in Workplace Skills
 - Completing Milestones and participating in the Unit Council.
 - Scout Branch or Region offices may enable you to gain alternate experiences.

- CHC24015 Certificate II in Active Volunteering
 - Assisting in the conduct or leadership of activities or events being conducted for a wider audience than your unit. (District, Region, Branch events).
 - Being an assistant leader for Joey Scouts or Cub Scouts.

- CUA20220 Certificate II in Creative Industries
 - Participation in Gang Show or Showtime events.

- SIS20419 Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation
 - Completion of Outdoor Adventure Skills stages.
 - Assisting to conduct outdoor adventure activities for a wider audience than your unit. (District, Region, Branch events).
 - Some Scout Branches have campsites that provide outdoor education and outdoor experiences for clients outside of Scouting which may enable you to gain alternate experiences.



Which Qualification/s

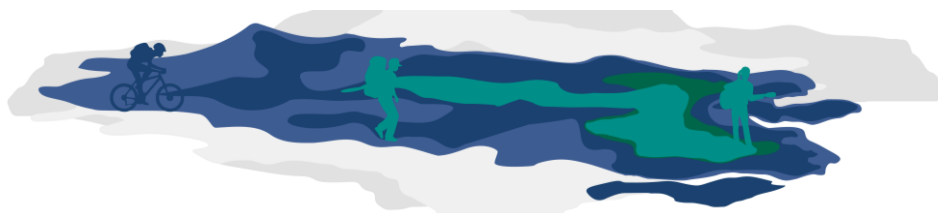
Venturer Scouts wanting to complete qualifications through the Scouts Australia Institute of Training to include as a part of their secondary school certificate of education should choose a qualification that is relevant to their personal interests. The majority of Venturer Scouts will gain sufficient experience and evidence for Certificate II qualifications.

- **CHC24015 Certificate II in Active Volunteering**
This qualification is very flexible and enables a wide variety of elective units of competency which can be selected to suit most interests.
- **BSB20120 Certificate II in Workplace Skills**
This qualification has some specific requirements that may not suit every person's interests but is an excellent qualification for entering into the workforce.
- **CUA20220 Certificate II in Creative Industries**
This qualification is ideal for people who enjoy participating in the performance based, creative activities of Gang Show or Showtime.
- **SIS20419 Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation**
This qualification is ideal for people who enjoy participating in outdoor adventure skills. For example, bushwalking, canoeing, abseiling and other outdoor activities.

Assessment

Typical assessment via the Scouts Australia RTO involves assessing all the outcomes for the qualification at one point in time. Assessment is recommended to be completed in stages to ensure progression in the context of a student requiring completion of the qualification as a part of completing their secondary school certificate of education.

There are a number of options for Venturer Scouts to complete dual qualifications by choosing electives that make completing a second qualification easier. Examples are available within each of the qualification specific information pages.



States and Territories

Each Australian state and territory has their own department of education with differing requirements for how they manage vocational education and training qualifications that were completed outside of the school.

- In some instances specific elective units of competency must be included as a part of the qualification.
- Different administrative systems are used to record completion of qualifications.
- There are different requirements for what date final submissions must be made by.

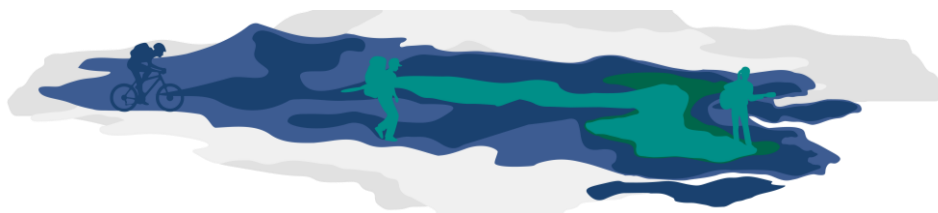
Venturer Scouts choosing to complete qualifications for their schooling should contact the Scouts Australia Institute of Training and the VET for Schools Coordinator will assist you.

Certificate III Qualifications

The available Certificate III qualifications are possible for Venturer Scouts to achieve however it must be considered that these qualifications are not suitable for everyone and a smaller percentage of Venturer Scouts achieve these qualifications. Although not a necessity, most Venturer Scouts who complete the Certificate III qualifications have completed their final school exams and achieved their Queen's Scout Award before seeking recognition of prior learning for Certificate III qualification/s. This wise use of time and energy does typically mean that Certificate III qualifications completed through Scouting are not included into secondary school certificates of education.

Australian Qualifications Framework

Certificate III qualifications are achievable by Venturer Scouts. The Australian Qualifications Framework indicates the differences between qualification levels of knowledge and skill that must be demonstrated. Typically for Venturer Scouts the level of achievement associated with the Queen's Scout Award provides evidence that is closer aligned to the Certificate III qualifications.



Certificate II qualifications	Certificate III qualifications
<p>Graduates at this level will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have knowledge and skills for work in a defined, predictable context. • Apply knowledge and skills to demonstrate autonomy and limited judgement in structured and stable contexts and within narrow parameters. 	<p>Graduates at this level will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have theoretical and practical knowledge and skills for work in predictable and sometimes unpredictable context. • Apply knowledge and skills to demonstrate autonomy and judgement and to take limited responsibility in known and stable contexts within established parameters.

Venturer Scouts wanting to complete Certificate III level qualifications should choose a qualification that is relevant to their personal interests.

Prior to undertaking a Certificate III qualification Venturer Scouts will need to complete their Queen's Scout Award or have previously completed the relative Certificate II qualification and be working on completing Milestone 3 for Venturer Scouts.

- CHC34015 Certificate III in Active Volunteering
This qualification is very flexible and enables a wide variety of elective units of competency which can be selected to suit most interests.
- BSB30120 Certificate III in Business
This qualification has some specific requirements that may not suit every person's interests however it has excellent applicability in very diverse work places.
- CUA30220 Certificate III in Community Dance, Theatre and Events
This qualification is ideal for a variety of community-based performance and production contexts, small-scale events within the creative industries.
- SIS30619 Certificate III in Outdoor Leadership
This qualification reflects the role of leaders who can work in a range of settings including indoor centres and outdoor adventure learning centres and camps.

