School Based Trainees and Apprentices

School-based apprenticeships allow senior high school students to commence an apprenticeship while at school. While studying for their HSC, school-based apprentices work part time and undertake the first stage of their formal or off-the-job training.

Both the on-the-job and off-the-job training undertaken by school-based apprentices can contribute to their HSC. Providing that they have successfully completed both their on-the-job and off-the-job training program during their senior high school years, school-based apprentices will commence full time employment as a second-year apprentice from January after their HSC.

A school-based apprentice is required to undertake 100 days of work placement as well as a full Certificate III in their industry relevant qualifications. For most SBAT students this would mean 1.5-2 full days absent from school.

School Based Apprenticeships are available in a variety of areas but require the student to find an employer who will take them on for such an apprenticeship

School Based Traineeships

School based traineeships (SBAT) allow senior high school students to commence a traineeship while at school. While studying for the HSC, school-based apprentices work part time and undertake industry relevant VET studies either at the College, through TAFE or through another RTO.

A school-based trainee is required to undertake 100 days of work placement as well as a Certificate II Qualification in their relevant industry area. For most SBAT students this would mean one day at work per week.

School Based Traineeships are available in a range of industries. Common SBATs include Retail, Hospitality, Business Services and Automotive.

If students are interested in a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship they should contact Mrs Lucas as early as possible. Most SBATs require students to be enrolled prior to the commencement of Year 11.

What are School-Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBA/Ts) are available to all Year 10, 11 and 12 high school students in NSW. They allow students to commence an apprenticeship or complete a traineeship while at school.

Students undertaking an HSC VET course as part of a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SBA/T) have the opportunity to achieve a nationally recognised VET qualification as well as their HSC and gain valuable work skills and experience through paid employment.

Some apprenticeships and traineeships can contribute towards the ATAR. School-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SBA/Ts) are more than just part-time jobs. They are a great way for students to set themselves up for the career they want while completing their HSC. Opportunities are available across a wide range of occupations.

SBA/Ts must study the relevant HSC VET course (formal learning/off-the-job training) which will contribute HSC unit credit towards the 22 units required for the HSC.

SBA/Ts may also elect to undertake the Industry-based Learning course for additional HSC credit for the learning undertaken during their paid employment (on-the-job training).

Industry-based Learning (IBL)

This Board Endorsed course is only available to students with an approved SBA/T training contract, and who are also entered for the appropriate HSC VET course for the formal learning/off-the-job training component of their SBA/T.

The course enables students to demonstrate the additional knowledge, understandings, skills, values and attitudes they develop from the on-the-job training component of their SBA/T.

For more information: https://sbatinnsw.info/

SBA/Ts are available with large and small local employers including:

- McDonald's
- KFC
- Cessnock Council
- Hunter New England Health
- St Nicholas Early Education Service

SBA/Ts may complete HSC courses of study including:

- Business Services
- Retail
- Human Services
- Hospitality
- Early Childhood Education and Care