



The Career Interest Explorer

This careers resource will give you a way of finding out how strong your interest is in each of seven broad work types.

It will then help you look for examples of Australian Apprenticeship occupations and careers information in industries connected with the work types that fit with your interests.

Work types

Work Types help put occupations and industries into broad areas of similar focus and skill requirements.

- ◆ Analytic & Scientific
- ◆ Creative & Artistic
- ◆ Helping & Advising
- ◆ Nature & Recreation
- ◆ Organising & Clerical
- ◆ Persuading & Service
- ◆ Practical & Mechanical

This description of the Practical and Mechanical work type provides an example of what these areas cover.

A career in industries with a practical and mechanical outlook will include jobs that involve working a lot with tools and equipment, and your hands, to make things. Jobs can also involve installation and maintenance tasks. The work can be physical and is usually quite practical. Employment and training through Australian Apprenticeships will help build your understanding of how things work and fit together. It will also develop your skills in using equipment to get the job done.

What to do next

Log on to www.aapathways.com.au/explorer, read the statements provided for each work type and rate your level of interest or potential for enjoyment.

When you've finished (after about five to ten minutes) you'll see the work types ordered with the ones you showed the strongest interest in at the top.

From there, using the Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website, you can either:

- ◆ Click through to some Australian Apprenticeship occupation ideas;
- ◆ Click through to see industry-wide information and resources;
- ◆ Or do both!

This information will help you think about your potential career pathways. It can also be part of your discussions with a careers adviser, your parents or anyone helping you develop your career options.