

# Certificate IV in Building and Construction

COURSE CODE CPC40120

LOCATIONS Sherwood Park (Warrnambool)

STUDY MODE Part-time, On Campus, Online

Length 12 months

Commencement October 2026

Two evenings a week via virtual classroom and one day a month on campus.

Timetable Four-hour virtual classes on Monday evenings and a two-hour virtual workshop on Wednesday evenings. Plus one Friday class a month at Sherwood Park.

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## Course Overview

*This section gives you an introduction to what you will be learning in this course, plus course outcomes, career opportunities, and student support.*

### Introduction

Are you already in the building and construction industry? Would you like to step up into supervisory role? Maybe you're a tradesperson hoping to become a subcontractor or business owner. If this sounds like you, why not take the next step in your career?

This post-trade qualification will give you the skills you need to achieve your career aspirations! It will qualify you to supervise low-rise residential building projects and assist in the application for a registered builder licence.

Successful completion of this qualification will support your application for registration to the Building and Plumbing Commission.

Notably, this qualification is run in conjunction with the Master Builders Association Victoria (MBAV) using training resources produced by them.

### What will I Learn?

This qualification will provide you with the skills to manage construction sites, supervise or create your own building business. These skills include:

- estimating costs for projects
- interpreting plans and specifications
- managing OHS in the workplace
- preparing construction contracts
- applying legal requirements
- small business planning
- managing small business finances
- producing labour and material schedules
- conduct on-site supervision
- apply structural principles

### Mode of delivery

Two evenings a week via virtual classroom\* and one day a month on campus.

Four-hour virtual classes on Monday evenings and a two-hour virtual workshop on Wednesday evenings. Plus one Friday class a month at Sherwood Park.

**\*Virtual classroom** - classes will be delivered via virtual classroom - a live online teaching and learning environment where teachers and students can present course materials, engage and interact with one another, and work in groups together.

## Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities

- Registered Building Practitioner
- Self-employed Builder
- Trade Supervisor
- Construction Manager or Supervisor

## Pathways

Upon completion of this course, you may continue further study in the building and construction industry at Diploma level.

## Information Session

Why don't you come along to our next course info session to find out everything you need to start your learning journey? You can chat with our teachers, tour our facilities, learn more about the course, find out about the application process and get your questions answered by our course experts.

[Find the next info session near you](#)

## Course Requirements

*This section gives you an overview of entry requirements, course units and electives, skills recognition, and assessment criteria.*

### Entrance requirements & pre-requisites

To apply for this course you must have completed a construction trade qualification and have three years of practical experience in the building industry.

You will require a computer with Microsoft Office, a microphone and a Webcam with access to an internet connection.

### Course requirements

To be eligible for this qualification you must successfully complete 19 units: 11 core and 8 elective units.

## Units offered

### Core Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
CPCCBC4002A	Manage Occupational Health And Safety In The Building And Construction Workplace	40	\$0.00
CPCCBC4001	Apply building codes and standards to the construction process for Class 1 and 10 buildings	18	\$0.00
CPCCBC4007	Plan building and construction work	40	\$0.00
CPCCBC4008	Supervise site communication and administration processes for building and construction projects	40	\$0.00

CPCCBC4009	Apply legal requirements to building and construction projects	50	\$0.00
CPCCBC4010	Apply structural principles to residential and commercial constructions	200	\$0.00
CPCCBC4012	Read and interpret plans and specifications	30	\$47.25
CPCCBC4014	Prepare simple building sketches and drawings	40	\$0.00
CPCCBC4018	Apply site surveys and set-out procedures to building and construction projects	40	\$0.00
CPCCBC4021	Minimise waste on the building and construction site	20	\$0.00
CPCCBC4053	Apply building codes and standards to the construction process for Class 2 to 9 Type C buildings	22	\$0.00

#### Elective Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
BSBPMG422	Apply project quality management techniques	40	\$0.00
CPCCBC4003	Select, prepare and administer a construction contract	50	\$0.00
CPCCBC4004	Identify and produce estimated costs for building and construction projects	60	\$105.00
CPCCBC4005	Produce labour and material schedules for ordering	40	\$0.00
CPCCBC4006	Select, procure and store construction materials for building and construction projects	40	\$0.00
CPCCBC4024	Resolve business disputes	20	\$0.00
CPCCBC4026	Arrange building applications and approvals	20	\$0.00
CPCSUS4002	Use building science principles to construct energy efficient buildings	42	\$0.00

## Assessment

This course involves accredited units. You will be required to complete assessment tasks to demonstrate your underpinning knowledge, skills and attributes to meet the course outcomes. A combination of written, oral and practical assessment strategies will be used in either a classroom, online or workplace environment.

Where units require demonstration of skills in a workplace environment, you will have the opportunity to do this either in your own workplace (where appropriate), through a practical placement, or by using one of the Institute's simulated workshops/classrooms. Detailed information about the types, conduct and dates of assessments will be provided in advance. You will also be provided with information about the opportunity for reassessment and appeal.

## Fees

*This section gives you an overview of course fees, subsidies, and how they can be paid.*

### Course Fees

**Here's an outline of fees and costs associated with your course.**

**Your fees each year can be made up of 3 different elements.** Everyone has different circumstances that can affect what you pay and how much you pay. :

1. Tuition fees - charged as an hourly rate that varies from course to course. A large portion of the tuition is subsidised by the Victorian Government for eligible students.
2. Resource and/or materials costs - covers the cost of materials and other incidentals. This fee will vary according to the course being undertaken.
3. Booklist items - such as textbooks, equipment and stationery recommended for your course

## Tuition fees

There are 4 different rates of tuition fees. Only one will apply to you (depending on your eligibility and circumstances).

1. **Government Subsidised Fee** - you could be eligible for a government-subsidised rate under the Skills First funding depending on your age, educational history, and citizenship or residency status. If you are eligible, the government will contribute to the cost of your training.  
[Find out more about subsidised training](#)
2. **Government Subsidised Concession Fee** - If you are eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place and hold a current healthcare or pension card, that you can provide at enrolment, you may be eligible for the concession rate. Note, the concession rate is not applicable to Diploma level courses.  
[Find out more about concession rates](#)
3. **If the course is a Free TAFE course or part of the Free TAFE Pathways Program** - Eligible students will not pay course tuition fees for the duration of their enrolment in this course, however, there may be some consumable/material fees for the course (find out more below). Any resource or material costs, or booklist items for this course are listed in the table below.  
[Find out more about Free TAFE](#)  
[Find out more about Free TAFE Pathways Programs](#)
4. **Full fee** - If you are not eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place, exemption, concession or are enrolling in a course that isn't government-subsidised, you may be required to pay the full fee rate.

### FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FEES AND ELIGIBILITY

The fees listed below are indicative only. The course fees published are subject to change given individual circumstances at enrolment. Course fee funding is made available to eligible individuals by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments. If funding is utilised, this may affect opportunities to access additional funding in the future. An accurate quote for this course will be provided during the enrolment process.

Course fees by student type	Indicative Course Fee
Government subsidised rate (if eligible)	\$1,450.00
Concession rate	\$290.00
Full fee rate (if not eligible for govt subsidy)	\$2,940.00
Additional course fees	Indicative Course Fee
Course consumable/materials (approximate)	\$782.25

## This is a Free TAFE course

Students who are eligible for Free TAFE place will not pay course tuition fees for the duration of their enrolment in this course, however, there may be some consumable/material fees for the course (find out more below). The consumable fees for this course are listed in the above table.

[Find out more about Free TAFE courses and eligibility](#) or contact our Customer Service team.

## This course is part of the Free TAFE Pathways Program

A Free TAFE Pathways Program is a group of courses that complement each other to help you continue to train for the career and industry you may wish to work in. For eligible students, these courses are tuition fee free. Depending on the course, you may still be required to pay material fees. The consumable fees for this course are listed in the above table.

[Find out more about the Free TAFE Pathways Program and eligibility](#) or contact us.

## Resource and/or materials costs

Some courses require specific resources or materials necessary for your study eg: tools of the trade, excursions, etc. Final costs will be determined upon enrolment.

## How do I pay my fees?

Once we have processed your enrolment form, you will receive an email with your invoice.

You have [three options when organising your payment](#):

1. [Upfront payment](#) - can be made over the phone with EFTPOS
2. [Payment plan](#) - can be directly debited from your bank account or via a [VET Student Loan](#) (for diploma or advanced diploma courses only)
3. [Paid by employer, school or job network agency](#) - if your fees are being paid by your employer, school or job network agency, you will need to complete an Authority to Invoice form.

Payments will need to be arranged within five(5) business days of receiving the email containing your invoice.

We also offer a range of [scholarships](#) each year which you may be eligible to apply for to assist with course fees.

## Next Steps

*Ready to take the next step? Here you can make an enquiry, attend an information session or begin the application process.*

## How to apply

There are [five simple steps to apply for a course](#) with us.

1. Apply - complete a [short online application form](#). Once this form is submitted we'll send you a thank-you email.
2. Literacy and Numeracy Assessment - we will assess whether you need to undertake a Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) assessment and email it to you if required.  
If you are not required to undertake this assessment, you will skip to step 3.
3. Chat to our team - your teacher or course specialist will contact you to discuss the course in more detail and ensure the right units of study are selected for you.
4. Enrol – you will be sent an email to accept your offer for the course. By accepting, you will be directed to verify your details and submit your enrolment for processing.
5. Pay - once we've completed your enrolment, we will send you an invoice to arrange [payment of your course fees](#).

If you need any assistance with applying, [contact our team](#) on 1300 648 911 or visit your nearest campus.

## Careers and Course Advice

Not sure which course is right for you? South West TAFE will help you find your way.

Our Careers Coaches at the [Skills and Jobs Centre](#) is here to support you. Whether you're exploring career options, transitioning from school to the workforce or looking to study after school we're here to help you.

## Student Support

As a SWTAFE student, you can access a variety of support services that will enhance your study experience and help you complete your studies successfully. For more information about any of these services, [visit our student page](#).