



### Why Study Construction Trades?

With the recent building boom that is set to continue in Western Australia and interstate (*“Construction boom set to continue, The West Australian, 9 September 2008*), employers- both large and small are constantly on the look-out for skilled trade’s people. In general construction, apprentices are involved in building residential or commercial structures including the fit out and finishing. With such a building boom these trades are now facing a major skill shortage, So much so, that trades based training to meet the demand has become a priority.

A qualification in a construction trade will lay the foundations for a very exciting, respected and well-paid career that can be used in many countries around the globe (ideal for those who wish to travel and work).

Construction graduates will be on a pathway to gaining trade qualifications in an industry which offers many opportunities and diverse roles from tradesperson to architect.

### Why Study Construction Trades at West Coast TAFE?

- Well equipped workshop facilities simulating current industry practices in a safe learning environment.
- Lecturers liaise closely with industry partners to ensure West Coast TAFE delivers up to date nationally recognised training.
- Industry partners contact us when looking to take on apprentices; employers value the ability of students to carry out tasks that they have learned through the practical training offered.
- Courses are highly practical but also include theory based learning.
- A relaxed classroom environment with open discussions and the use of the latest resources to make classes more interesting.
- West Coast TAFE will soon offer a ‘one stop shop’ – training students from pre-apprenticeship through to apprenticeship (currently pre- apprenticeships only in construction trades).
- Students are treated as young adults and are taught practical skills, such as communication and presentation, to assist them in gaining employment (e.g. how to make telephone calls to potential employers).

Courses	Career Opportunities
Certificate I in General Construction (Pre-App / Carpentry & Joinery)	This certificate qualifies the graduate with further study to become a joiner or carpenter.
Certificate I in General Construction (Pre-App/ Family of Mortar Trades)	This certificate qualifies the graduate with further study to be come a bricklayer; block layer; floor tiler; wall tiler and solid plasterer.

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