



Staying on Track

VicHealth Deliberative Forum

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Qualifications increasingly required

- Today, 85% of students complete secondary education, and most go on to obtain Higher Education (HE) or Vocational (VET) qualifications
- An HE or VET qualification is increasingly a prerequisite for entry into the labour market
- Forecasts tell us that over 90% of the 948,000 new jobs expected to be created by 2022 will require a qualification

Reference: Noonan P & Pilcher S 2018, *Participation in Tertiary Education in Australia: Modelling and Scenario Analysis*, Mitchell Institute, 2018, p. 2. Available from: www.mitchellinstitute.org.au

Australian jobs – a snapshot

- The Department of Jobs and Small Business (DJSM) has produced a snapshot of Australian jobs 2018:
- <https://docs.jobs.gov.au/documents/australian-jobs-snapshot>

Skills required for the future

Will include:

- Digital literacy
- Critical thinking
- Creativity
- Problem solving
- Adaptability
- Resilience

Pathways to a qualification

- A number of people complete VCE in Year 12 and go directly into a degree
- This is not the only pathway to HE, however, and HE qualifications are not the only pathway to employment
- There are wide range of pathways and options to get the qualification you need and the job you want:
 - School to HE to employment
 - School to VET to employment
 - School to VET to HE to employment
 - School to HE to VET to employment
 - School to employment to VET ... to HE and/or employment
 - School to employment to HE ... to VE and/or employment

If you have left school early ...

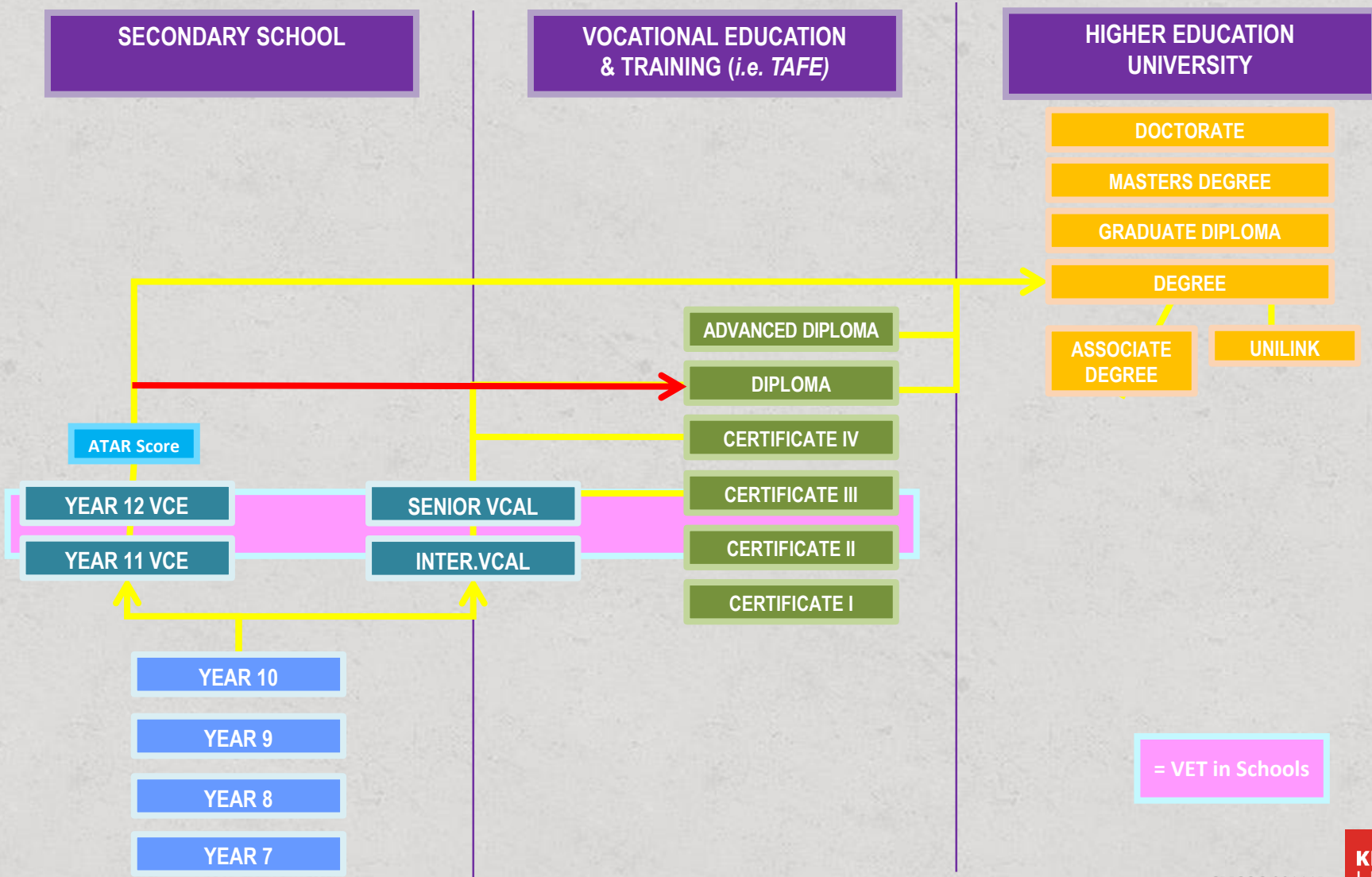
- Many TAFEs, dual sector universities, Learn Local and other community organisations offer VCE and VCAL options if you want to return to study and need to get a secondary qualification
- You can also apply directly for a number of VET qualifications that don't require Year 12
- These qualifications will assist with gaining employment and/or provide a pathway to further study, including degrees

Pathways ... *disclaimer first!*

This information should be used as a guide only. Pathway options and credit available may vary and are assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Different institutions will have different eligibility criteria for entry and for obtaining course credits.

Education and Training Pathways



Pathway Example #1: Health & Medicine

**Diploma of
Nursing
Division 2**

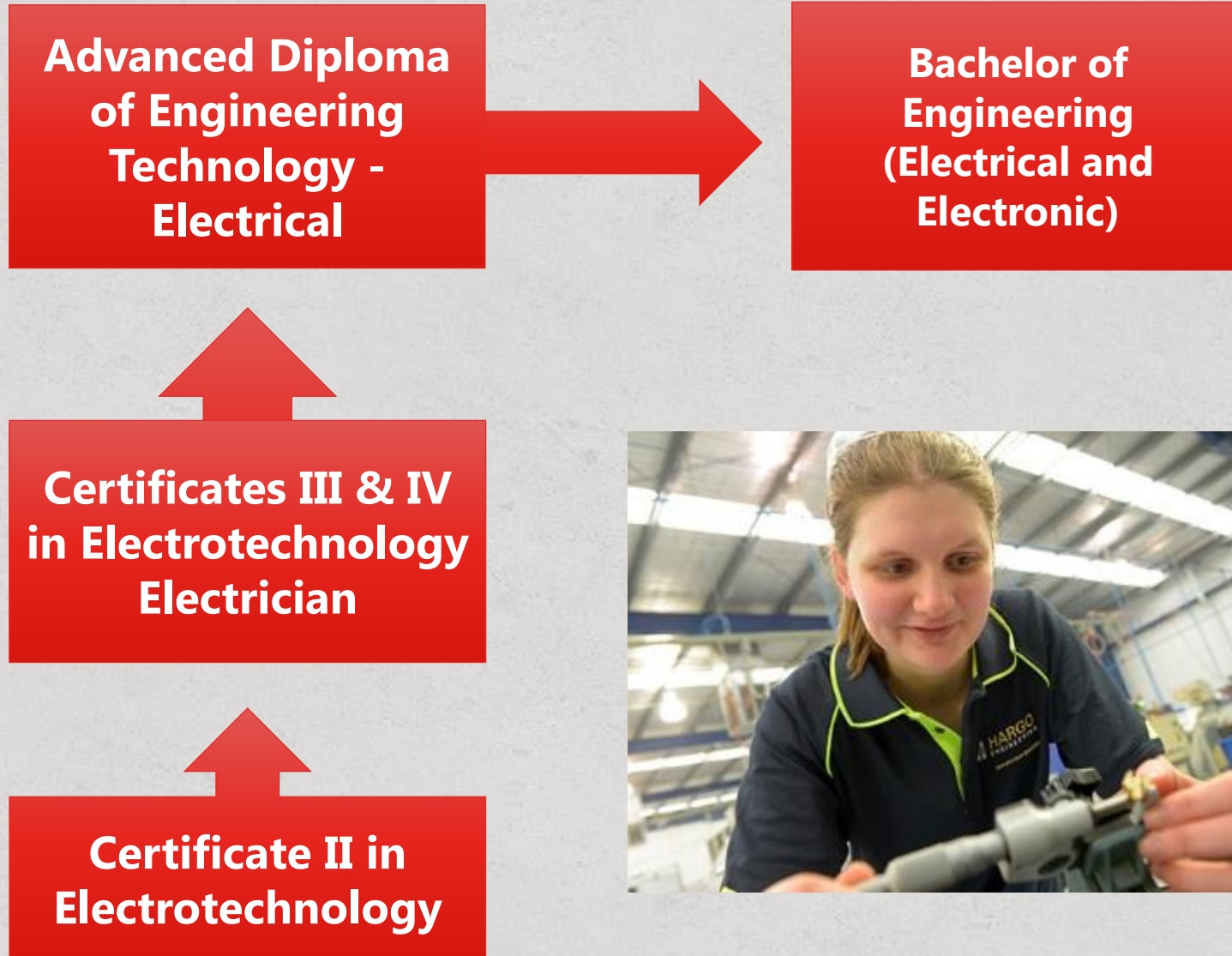


**Bachelor of Nursing
Bachelor of Midwifery**

**Certificate III in Health
Services Assistance**



Pathway Example #2: Electrical and Engineering



Pathway Example #3: Financial Services

**Diploma of
Financial Services**



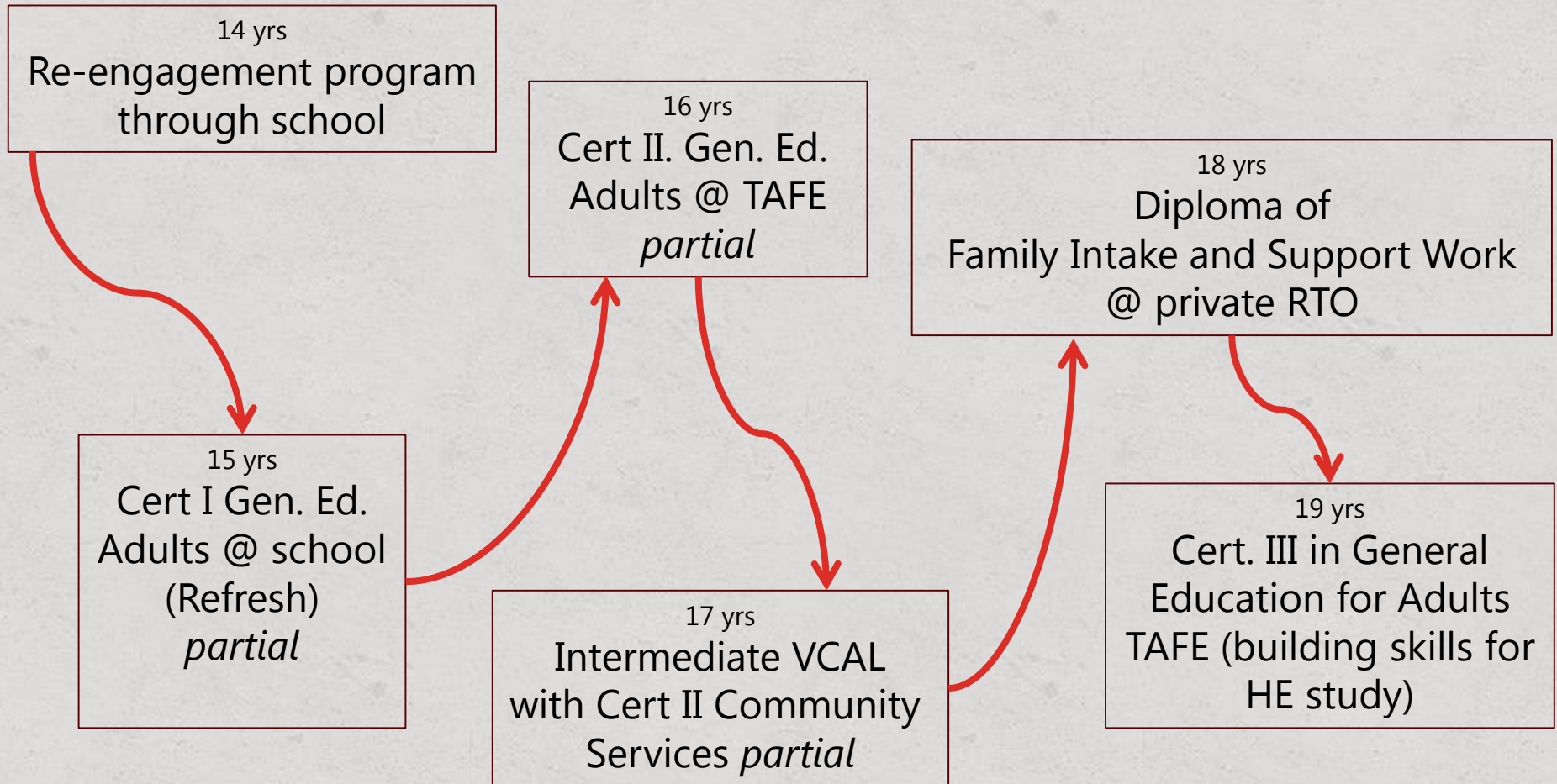
Bachelor of Business
8 credits / 2nd year

**Certificate IV in
Accounting or
Bookkeeping**



Case Study – early school leaver

"Aimee" 16 years, did not complete year 10, regional exemption required



Skills First funding for VET courses

If you are eligible for Skills First funding the fees for your course will be lower than if you are not.

Generally, you are eligible for a government-subsidised VET training place if you are:

- an Australian citizen
- an Australian Permanent Resident (holder of a permanent visa)
- a New Zealand citizen

and are **any** of the following*:

- under 20 years of age
- enrolling in a Foundation Skills List course (and do not hold a Diploma or above qualification)
- enrolling in VCE or VCAL
- enrolling in an apprenticeship
- 20 years and older and 'upskilling' by enrolling in a course at a higher level than your existing qualification (e.g you are enrolling in a Cert IV and your highest qualification is a Cert III).

*There is a lifetime limit of two subsidised course commencements at each qualification level, regardless of whether you complete the course.**

VET Student Loans are available for Diploma and above qualifications.

* Eligibility rules can change – check at time of enrolment

Fee-free TAFE courses

- The State Government has announced that there will be 30 courses available at TAFEs and dual sector universities in 2019 that will be 'tuition-fee-free'
- A full list of the courses is available on the Department of Education website
- If you are eligible for Skills First funding (previous slide) you will be eligible for a fee-free place. (Normal course pre-requisites and selection criteria apply.)

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