

## Qualification Level

School based pre-apprenticeships are at Certificate II level and can lead into a Certificate III.  
School based apprenticeships are at Certificate III level.

## Training and employment to be in school hours

Both the off-the-job and on-the-job training parts of your school based pre-apprenticeship are to be done during school hours. Where everyone involved agrees that the on-the-job training can happen outside school hours, your school study program may be reduced.

## Minimum hours of employment

School based pre-apprentices and apprentices must work around eight hours of work per week, including school holidays. The work pattern may be varied by agreement with the employer and school to allow for you to work extra days in some school holidays and none in others.

## Finishing of school based arrangement

You cannot remain in a school based apprenticeship after you have left school or completed Year 12. When you finish Year 12, your school based apprenticeship will be converted to full time or part time and the duration of your apprenticeship will change accordingly. Your hours of work will also increase to a minimum of 20 hours a week part time or 35 hours full time.

## Cost to students- fees and charges

As a student you don't have to pay MPA Skills tuition, enrolment and resource fees. You may be required to pay for special items and tools needed for your training but these will be yours to keep.

## How do I find an employer?

MPA Skills' Apprentice Employment is a Group Training Organisation which employs apprentices and places them with host employers. Lots of companies employ apprentices through MPA Skills' Apprentice Employment. Find out more about MPA Skills Apprentice Employment by telephoning (08) 9471 6604.

## Acknowledgement

MPA Skills would like to acknowledge schools currently participating in our school based Pre Apprenticeship program, being:

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# MPA SKILLS

## School Based Pre-Apprenticeship/Apprenticeship

*School based pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeships allow students in years 11 and 12 to start an apprenticeship while still at school. You develop skills and get paid while getting ready for a career in the workforce, as well as working towards your secondary graduation and an industry recognised qualification.*

### To be a school based pre-apprentice or apprentice you need to:

- Be a full time senior secondary student in Year 11 or 12
- Have your school's agreement to undertake a school based pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship.
- Enter into a training contract with an employer to complete an apprenticeship.
- Have completed units of competency of your apprenticeship included on your Western Australian Certificate of Education.

### Entrance Requirements:

There is no minimum entrance requirement for entering into a school based pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship. Your school will need to make sure that you are work ready and academically capable of completing the apprenticeship. Speak to your school's Vocational Education and Training Coordinator to find out more.

### Full time students:

If you are a full time secondary school student you can undertake a school based pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship but you cannot start a part time or full time apprenticeship.

### How long will it take?

A school based pre-apprenticeship is conducted over a 12 month period. If you have completed a school based pre-apprenticeship and continue onto an apprenticeship, you will receive a credit transfer for the units of competency which appear in both (i.e. if the unit of competency was contained in Certificate I course in General Plumbing and Gasfitting you will receive a credit for that unit in the Certificate III in Plumbing).

When you enter into a school based pre-apprenticeship you sign up for a nominated duration (the time it is expected to take) as if you are completing it on a part time basis. The normal duration for a school based apprenticeship will be the normal full time term multiplied by 1.5. To make it clearer, look at it this way: a 3 year apprenticeship x 1.5 = 4.5 years. When you finish year 12, your school based apprenticeship will be converted to a full time or part time apprenticeship with an adjustment to the normal duration.

If you decide to start a school based apprenticeship or traineeship it is important that you remember you are committing yourself to completing the full course of training. An apprenticeship will usually continue for 2 years full time after you finish school.

# SCHOOL BASED PRE-APPRENTICESHIP / APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY

## Year 11 Pathway:

Student in Year 11 commences a school based pre-apprenticeship/apprenticeship in:

52134 – Certificate II in Painting and Decorating  
or  
52201 – Certificate II in Plumbing & Gasfitting  
or  
CPC 30608 - Certificate III in Painting and Decorating  
or  
CPC 32408 - Certificate III in Plumbing

Student in Year 11 completes school based pre-apprenticeship.

### Certificates:

52134 – Certificate II in Painting and Decorating  
or  
52201- Certificate II in Plumbing & Gasfitting  
Student finishes school and enters into a full time apprenticeship with MPA Skills Apprentice Employment in:  
CPC30608 – Certificate III in Painting and Decorating  
or  
CPC32408 – Certificate III in Plumbing

Student commences Year 12 and enters into/continues with a part time school based apprenticeship with MPA Skills Apprentice Employment in:

CPC30608 – Certificate III in Painting and Decorating  
or  
CPC32408 – Certificate III in Plumbing  
If a student was undertaking a school based pre-apprenticeship, the student receives a credit transfer for the units of competency contained in the school based pre- apprenticeship:  
52134 – Certificate II in Painting and Decorating  
or  
52201- Certificate II in Plumbing

Student completes Year 12 and finishes school.

Employment with MPA Skills Apprentice Employment changes to a full time basis.  
School based apprenticeship converts to a full time apprenticeship and the duration of the apprenticeship will change accordingly.

### Certificates:

Western Australian Certificate of Education

Student commences a full time apprenticeship with MPA Skills Apprentice Employment in:

CPC30608 – Certificate III in Painting and Decorating  
or  
CPC32408 – Certificate III in Plumbing  
Duration of apprenticeship will be changed accordingly.

Apprentice completes apprenticeship and achieves:

CPC30608 – Certificate III in Painting and Decorating  
or  
CPC32408 – Certificate III in Plumbing

Tradesperson completes their Plumbing Contractors Licence and Painters Registration with MPA Skills Advanced Training and can start their own business.

Becomes a host employer of an apprentice e9.5 ptmployer by MPA Skills Apprentice Employment.

Becomes a member of the Master Plumbers & Gasfitters Association or Master Painters Australia (WA) Association.



## Year 12 Pathway:

Student in Year 12 commences a school based pre-apprenticeship/apprenticeship in:

52134 – Certificate II in Painting and Decorating  
or  
52201 – Certificate II in Plumbing & Gasfitting  
or  
CPC 30608 - Certificate III in Painting and Decorating  
or  
CPC 32408 - Certificate III in plumbing

Student completes Year 12 and the school based pre-apprenticeship.

### Certificates:

Western Australian Certificate of Education  
52134 – Certificate II in Painting and Decorating  
or  
52201 – Certificate II in Plumbing & Gasfitting  
or  
Student completes Year 12 and finishes school based apprenticeship undertaking  
CPC30608 – Certificate III in Painting and Decorating  
or  
CPC32408 – Certificate III in Plumbing  
School based arrangements complete

Student commences a full time apprenticeship with MPA Skills Apprentice Employment in:

CPC30608 – Certificate III in Painting and Decorating  
or  
CPC32408 – Certificate III in Plumbing  
Duration of apprenticeship will be changed accordingly.

MPA Skills Apprentice Employment is able to meet the demands of industry in consultation with the Master Plumbers & Gasfitters Association of Western Australia and Master Painters Australia (WA) Association.

Apprentice completes apprenticeship and achieves

CPC30608 – Certificate III in Painting and Decorating  
or  
CPC32408 – Certificate III in Plumbing

Tradesperson completes their Plumbing Contractors Licence and Painters Registration with MPA Skills Advanced Training and can start their own business.

Becomes a host employer of an apprentice employed by MPA Skills Apprentice Employment.

Then becomes member of the Master Plumbers & Gasfitters Association or Master Painters Australia (WA) Association.

