

Certificate III in Civil Construction

COURSE CODE	R1130920
LOCATIONS	Glenormiston
STUDY MODE	Full-time, On Campus
Length	18 weeks
Commencement	Mid-February 2026
Timetable	Three days a week Return bus transportation will be supplied from the Warrnambool campus on Timor Street to Glenormiston

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

Interested in working in the booming civil construction industry? This course gives you the skills to gain work in an operational, supervisory or management role within the civil construction field.

Our hands-on training gives you the opportunity to learn on new machinery and equipment in a simulated work environment.

The civil construction industry is rapidly expanding and can lead you to a variety of career opportunities in traffic controlling, earthworks and mining to name a few.

What will I Learn?

This course will be run as an 18-week program and you will learn in a classroom and in a simulated worksite environment. As part of the course you will learn about basic civil construction safety and risk management as well as specialist training in the following areas:

- Working in confined spaces
- Forklift operation
- Roller operation and compaction principles
- Skid steer loader operation
- Front end loader operation
- Excavator operation
- Loading and unloading plant
- Safe trenching practices
- Basic levelling

Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities

On successful completion of course you will have the opportunity to gain work in a variety of occupations and industries including:

- Road construction and maintenance operator
- Civil construction machine operator
- Earthworks
- Local council
- Mine worker
- Quarries

Pathways

On completion of this course students may wish to follow further pathways in our short course format, specialising in:

- Electrical spotters for machinery working in close proximity to powerlines
- Elevated work platforms
- Working at heights

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

Applicants must be able to fully commit to attending three days per week for an 18-week period.

Course requirements

To be eligible for this qualification, you must successfully complete 25 units: 8 core and 17 elective.

Units offered

Core Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
RIIBEF201E	Plan and organise work	20	\$0.00
RIICCM201E	Carry out measurements and calculations	20	\$0.00
RIICCM203E	Read and interpret plans and job specifications	40	\$0.00
RIICOM201E	Communicate in the workplace	20	\$0.00
RIIRIS301E	Apply risk management processes	40	\$0.00
RIISAM203E	Use hand and power tools	80	\$0.00
RIISAM204E	Operate small plant and equipment	20	\$0.00
RIIWHS201E	Work safely and follow WHS policies and procedures	20	\$0.00

Elective Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
RIIHAN308F	Load and unload plant	20	\$0.00

RIIMPO317F	Conduct roller operations	80	\$0.00
RIIMPO318F	Conduct civil construction skid steer loader operations	80	\$0.00
RIIMPO320F	Conduct civil construction excavator operations	200	\$0.00
RIIMPO321F	Conduct civil construction wheeled front end loader operations	160	\$0.00
TLILIC0003	Licence to operate a forklift truck	40	\$0.00
TLILIC0005	Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (boom length 11 metres or more)	30	\$0.00
RIICCM202E	Identify, locate and protect underground services	30	\$0.00
RIIMPO319E	Conduct backhoe/loader operations	200	\$0.00
RIICCM205F	Carry out manual excavation	8	\$0.00
RIICCM206E	Support plant operations	8	\$0.00
RIICCM207E	Spread and compact materials manually	12	\$0.00
RIICCM208E	Carry out basic levelling	16	\$0.00
RIISAM201E	Handle resources and infrastructure materials and safely dispose of nontoxic materials	16	\$0.00
RIIWMG203E	Drain and dewater civil construction sites	20	\$0.00
RIICCM210E	Install trench support	16	\$0.00
RIICRC201E	Repair potholes	36	\$0.00
RIICRC202E	Install signs	16	\$0.00
RIICRC204E	Install and maintain roadside fixtures	30	\$0.00
RIICRC304E	Maintain sealed roads	32	\$0.00
RIICRC306E	Conduct earthworks	80	\$0.00
RIICRC314E	Handle concrete materials	24	\$0.00
RIICRC315E	Use concreting materials and equipment	60	\$0.00
RIICRC316E	Place and compact concrete	170	\$0.00
RIICRC317E	Finish concrete pavements	40	\$0.00
CPCWHS1001	Prepare to work safely in the construction industry	6	\$77.18
RIIWHS202E	Enter and Work in Confined Spaces	30	\$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.

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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.

After applying

Once you have applied for your chosen course, you will receive a thank you email from South West TAFE with a few steps to help process your enrolment.

Complete a Pre-Training Review

You will receive an email to complete a Pre-Training Review online evaluation. This evaluation helps us tailor your training to suit your needs.

Create or provide a Unique Student Identifier (USI)

A USI is a nationally recognised reference number that provides an online record of your training qualifications gained in Australia.

[Create your USI](#)

Already have a USI but can't remember it? [Find your USI](#)

Skills recognition

If you have experience or prior qualifications, you may be eligible to apply for [recognition of prior learning](#) and gain credits. You will be asked to provide any relevant Statement of Attainment to support identified credits.

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)	\$1,565.00
Concession rate	\$315.00
Full fee rate (if not eligible for govt subsidy)	\$17,490.00

Additional course fees	Indicative Course Fee
Course consumable/materials (approximate)	\$77.18

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, debited from your Centrelink payments 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](#).