

Course in Working Safely in the Solar Industry

COURSE CODE	22515VIC
LOCATIONS	Sherwood Park (Warrambool)
STUDY MODE	Part-time, On Campus
Length	1 week
Commencement	Apply any time
Timetable	On-campus study

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

This course will provide you with an overview of safety hazards and appropriate safety measures relevant to solar installations.

The course is designed for electricians, plumbers, apprentices and trade assistants who want to increase their safety awareness on solar installations.

It will also be a mandatory requirement for installers, apprentices and trade assistants working in the Victorian Government's Solar Homes program through Solar Victoria as of 1 January 2021.

Solar Homes workers - mandatory requirements

The *Work safely in the solar industry (VU22744)* unit will be a mandatory requirement for all solar installation workers (e.g. PV installers, plumbers, apprentices and trade assistants) working in the Victorian Government's [Solar Homes program](#) as of 1 January 2021.

All workers who are involved in the installation of solar PV or solar hot water systems in the Solar Homes program (typically electricians, plumbers, apprentices and trade assistants) will need to complete this unit in the Course in Working Safely in the Solar Industry (22515VIC) by 31 December 2020 to continue participating in the program.

Holding a valid White Card is already a mandatory requirement for working on any solar installation, however as of 1 July 2020, it will also be a mandatory requirement for Solar Homes installation workers.

Experienced workers who wish to update their qualifications can undertake *Work safely in the solar industry (VU22744)*, and apply for credit transfers/RPL on remaining subjects, where appropriate, to gain the full course certification.

For example, an electrician who already has a White Card and Working at Heights could undertake the *Work safely in the solar industry (VU22744)* unit and *Provide first aid (HLTAID003)*, then apply for a combination of RPL and Credit Transfer for the balance of the units to get the full course certification.

What will I Learn?

During this course, you will gain an understanding of the required industry health and safety standards and implications of safety hazards that may arise whilst working in the solar industry.

Upon successful completion of the full course, participants will be able to:

- work safely on roofs
- work safely at heights

- identify and report asbestos.

Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities

Upon completion of this course, you will have an understanding of the required industry health and safety standards and implications of safety hazards that may arise whilst working in the solar industry.

Pathways

On completion of this course, you may continue study in:

- [Grid Connect PV Installer Accreditation \(Short Course Program\)](#)
- Certificate IV in Electrical - Photovoltaic Systems

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 be eligible to apply for this course, you must be an electrician, plumber, building practitioner, trade assistant or an apprentice across these industries who want to learn about the safety requirements associated with solar installations.

Course requirements

To be eligible for this qualification, you must successfully complete 5 core units.

Participants who exit the course without completing all five units will receive a Statement of Attainment listing those units that were successfully completed.

Units offered

Units

Core units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours
VU22744	Work safely in the solar industry	12
CPCCOHS2001A	Apply OHS Requirements, Policies And Procedures In The Construction Industry	20
CPCCWHS1001	Prepare to work safely in the construction industry	6
HLTAID003	Provide first aid	18
CPCCCM2010B	Work safely at heights	8

Note: Work safely in the solar industry (VU22744) must be completed before undertaking any other unit in the course.

The unit Work safely in the solar industry (VU22744) is also a mandatory requirement for all solar workers carrying out installations under the State Government's Solar Homes program. For more information [visit Solar Homes Training page](#).

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.

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.

Fees

This course will be funded in 2020 as part of the Victorian Government's [Solar Homes training and workforce development package](#) in conjunction with the Department of Education and Training's Skills First package.

Next Steps

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

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. Call, email or drop in.

Call 5564 8515 or email skillsandjobscentre@swtafe.edu.au

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. **Get ready** - your thank-you email will contain links to a pre-training review, to a unique student identifier and to government-subsidised training eligibility.
3. **Chat with your teacher** - your teacher or course specialist will contact you about your Pre-Training Review outcomes and additional course information.
4. **Enrol** - after chatting with your teacher, you will receive an email with your enrolment form and a link to verify your identity.
5. **Sign** - once you've completed your enrolment, you will receive a declaration form to review and sign.

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

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](#).