

READY TO LAUNCH



Being clear on your career direction can provide focus and motivation, but it's equally important to stay open-minded and regularly reassess your path.

Even if you feel confident about your chosen field, taking steps to validate that decision can help prevent misalignment down the road.

Aims at this stage



Talk with people

Conduct information interviews with people who have experience in your target industry.



First-hand experience

Seek out internships or job shadowing opportunities in your chosen field.



Research your industry

Exploring related roles to understand the broader landscape.

Staying curious, asking questions, and being willing to adjust your plans based on new insights ensures that your direction remains aligned with both your interests and any changes in the field.

Actions for this stage

When you're ready to launch, the steps below will help you get started with confidence.

→ Create a standout LinkedIn profile

✓ Set yourself up online

Create a LinkedIn profile that gets noticed with these Top 10 tips from Mexa Solutions.

✦ www.linkedin.com/pulse/top-10-tips-crafting-winning-linkedin-profile-mexa-solutions/

→ Connect with your industry

✓ Join professional associations and industry bodies relevant to your career path

These can offer networking, resources, mentorship, and student memberships.

✦ desbt.qld.gov.au/training/training-careers/osqrecognition/associations

✦ australiainstitute.org.au/initiative/corporate-democracy/trade-associations-in-australia/

→ Explore study options & entry schemes

✓ Compare courses and institutions

✦ www.courseseeker.edu.au/compare

✦ www.compared.edu.au

✓ Look into pathways & entry schemes

Many universities offer alternative pathways, early entry, or adjustment factors to help boost your selection rank.

✓ Apply for scholarships

Don't miss out on financial support—there are scholarships for academic merit, equity, leadership, and more.

→ Get your application documents ready

✓ Tailor your resume and cover letter to each opportunity

✓ Ask a trusted mentor, teacher, or career advisor for feedback

Remember to learn from others! Seek out student forums or graduate feedback to hear real experiences about study options, career choices, and work placements.