

## **Celebrate National Skills Week with Professional Career Support**

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The Career Development Association of Australia is celebrating National Skills Week, by encouraging job seekers to access professional career support before selecting a study pathway.

National Skills Week (Aug 29-Sept 4) recognises the benefits of studying within the VET sector, however CDAA spokesperson Rebecca Fraser said the course still needs to be right for the student.

“If you are looking to study or change career, we strongly recommend accessing a career development professional to ensure it’s the most beneficial decision for you,” CDAA spokesperson Rebecca Fraser said.

“Professional career practitioners provide individualistic advice based on assessment tools to determine skills and interest and labour market information to identify future career options.”

Selecting the right course is more important than ever with unprecedented changes taking place in both the national and international employment markets.

“We are expecting 50 per cent of current occupations to be redundant within 15 years”, Ms Fraser said.

“Therefore, we don’t want our clients wasting time or money on courses if the industry won’t exist in a few years.”

However, when VET courses are identified as the best pathway for a client, Ms Fraser said the sector often achieves successful outcomes for its students.

Across apprenticeships and traineeship in Australia for example, completion rates are more than 58 per cent, according to the [National Centre for Vocational Education Research](#).

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The Career Development Association of Australia (CDAA) commenced as the Australian Association of Career Counsellors in 1989, and is Australia’s largest cross-sectoral association of career development professionals working in a diverse range of roles, delivering services in industry, government, education, employment programs and community organisations. The primary purpose of the CDAA is to support its members by leading, building and growing the career development profession.

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