

Start a painting and decorating apprenticeship

and one day you can:

- be a licensed painter and decorator
- be a contractor/employer
- be a business owner

Finish a Certificate III in Painting and Decorating

A four-year, full-time apprenticeship

Result — you are a licensed painter and decorator

Finish a Certificate IV in Small Business

You can do that part-time while you earn money

Result — you are ready to start your own business

Brighten your career prospects now

Apprenticeship Engagement
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Yes, I want to be a painter and decorator

Great! Check out the subjects the painting and decorating industry recommends to get you started.

Years 9 and 10

Mandatory subjects:

- English
- Geography or History
- Mathematics (Mathematics in Trades pathway)
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)
- Science

Plus two (2) electives:

Now that you have decided on a painting and decorating apprenticeship you should consider the following subjects as one or more of your electives if they are taught in your school.

- Design and Technology
- Graphics Technology
- Industrial Design
- Visual Arts
- Visual Design
- Work Education

Years 11 and 12

Mandatory subjects:

- English or English Studies

Plus electives:

Choosing one or more of these subjects will brighten your prospects of a career in the painting and decorating industry.

- Business Studies
- Construction (VET)
- Design and Technology
- Industrial Technology
- Mathematics Standard (Mathematics in Trades pathway)
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)
- Visual Arts

