Workplace Learning Record

VCE VET Small Business

22629VIC Certificate II in Small Business Operations and Innovation

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Structured Workplace Learning Recognition

[VCE Structured Workplace Learning Recognition for VET](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vce/vce-study-designs/SWLRforVET/Pages/Index.aspx) provides students with the opportunity to gain credit towards their VCE (including the VCE VM) or VPC by undertaking a Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) placement that is aligned to their VE1 VCE VET program or VE2 School-based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SBAT).

To receive credit, students are required to demonstrate satisfactory achievement of the outcomes for the relevant unit of the *VCE Structured Workplace Learning Recognition for VET* study design.

Students must maintain a Workplace Learning Record (WLR) for each placement. In the WLR students must reflect on a minimum of six units of competency (UoCs) from their program, including a workplace health and safety (WHS) UoC.

About this workplace learning record

Students undertaking this study must maintain a Workplace Learning Record (WLR) related to the SWL placement for recording, authentication and assessment purposes.

Student reflections on their SWL placement are to be recorded in the three sections of this WLR to document the skills and knowledge learned, employability skills developed, and industry experience gained relating to the VET qualification being undertaken.

Students must undertake a work placement in a different workplace setting or context for each VCE unit and maintain a separate WLR per placement.

The WLR is divided into three sections.

**Section 1**: Learner profile

**Section 2**: Learning about VET units of competency (UoCs) in the workplace

**Section 3**: Post-placement reflections

Please complete the details of your workplace.

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| **Employer/Company/Business** |  |
| **Supervisor name** |  |
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Section 1: Learner profile

Complete the learner profile and discuss this with your host employer on or before your first day of SWL placement.

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| **Student Name** |  |
| **School**  |  |
| **Phone number** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Explain why you decided to undertake this VET certificate?** |
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| **List the other studies that you are undertaking.** |
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| **Explain why you have chosen this overall program.**  |
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| **Outline what interests you about the industry.** |
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| **What is your planned career path or future career aspiration?**  |
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| **Describe any workplace skills you have developed through previous work experience, SWL or part time employment.** |
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| **How have you developed these skills?**  |
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Section 2: Learning about VET units of competency in the workplace

This section of the WLR will contain three key questions per unit of competency (UoC) designed to draw out related experiences you may be exposed to in a workplace.

This does not cover all the elements or performance criteria within the units and is not designed as a UoC assessment tool.

You should comment on the UoCs you have experienced in the workplace and reflect on actual observations or activities that you have been exposed to. Your observations will:

* reinforce the training you have undertaken
* identify differences in practice or equipment
* identify areas requiring further training or practical experience.

You are encouraged to take photos and/or video where appropriate to showcase learning in the workplace. Evidence you collect can include:

* observations
* descriptions of activities and tasks
* conversations with employers and other staff
* participation in meetings
* workplace documents
* research in the workplace
* photos of equipment/processes/events
* video of workplace activities.

**Note**: please speak to your host employer before taking photos or video. Do not use the names or details of any clients/stakeholders external to the organisation/other. This record does not require identifying actual people or events, as this may breach confidentiality.

Program outline

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The compulsory UoCs and a selection of electives are listed in the table below. You may list any additional UoC(s) relating to your experiences in the workplace in the table. Indicate the year in which you are undertaking each UoC. You must reflect on a minimum of six UoCs from your program, including a workplace health and safety (WHS) UoC.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| UoC code | UoC title | Nominal hours | Year | Page |
| **Work, Health and Safety** |
| BSBWHS211 | Contribute to the health and safety of self and others | 20 |  | 9 |
| **Compulsory** |
| VU23433 | Contribute to small business operations and innovation | 50 |  | 10 |
| VU23434 | Develop fundamental skills for small business environments | 50 |  | 11 |
| VU23435 | Identify small business policies and procedures | 40 |  | 12 |
| VU23436 | Undertake basic market research and promotion for a small business product or service | 60 |  | 13 |
| VU23437 | Participate in small business quality processes | 25 |  | 14 |
| VU23438 | Contribute to small business planning | 40 |  | 15 |
| VU23439 | Follow procedures for routine financial activities of a small business | 20 |  | 16 |
| **Elective** |
| BSBCRT311 | Apply critical thinking skills in a team environment | 40 |  | 17 |
| BSBMKG434 | Promote products and services | 40 |  | 18 |
| BSBXCM301 | Engage in workplace communication | 40 |  | 19 |
| BSBXTW301 | Work in a team | 40 |  | 20 |
| VU23440 | Assist with the presentation of public activities or events | 20 |  | 21 |
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Reflect on the UoCs you have experienced in the workplace on the following pages.

VCE VET units of competency

BSBWHS211 - Contribute to the health and safety of self and others

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to work in a manner that is healthy and safe in relation to self and others, and to assist in responding to incidents. It covers following work health and safety (WHS) policies, procedures, instructions and requirements; and participating in WHS consultative processes.

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| Respond to the following | Comments/observations |
| What safe work practices were explained to you during your time at the workplace? What did you have to follow in respect to WHS? |  |
| What was the workplace procedure for reporting incidents and injuries? |  |
| Did any incidents or injuries occur that you observed? If yes, explain what happened and how it was handled. |  |

VU23433 - Contribute to small business operations and innovation

This unit covers the knowledge and skills required to identify the characteristics of small business operations within Australia and to support the operational needs of a specific small business context.

It supports the work of prospective small business personnel who proactively identify, suggest and develop ideas about better ways of doing things at a practical operational level in a specific activity area.

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| Respond to the following | Comments/observations |
| What did you learn about the small business goals and objectives at your workplace? |  |
| What current and emerging technologies did you access or observe in your workplace? |  |
| Describe an innovative business idea, concept or process that improves or supports the business operations. |  |

VU23434 - Develop fundamental skills for small business environments

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to effectively communicate and contribute to building business relationships within a small business environment.

It supports individual skill development for prospective personnel in small business environments who are or will be responsible for contributing to collaborative internal and external business relationships through communicating effectively, problem-solving, and realistic management of tasks and priorities.

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| Respond to the following | Comments/observations |
| Describe the range of communication skills you observed in the workplace. Which one was the most effective? |  |
| Describe a situation in which where you took responsible action to solve a problem and improve the daily operation of the workplace. |  |
| What types of time and work management methods did you use or observe in your workplace? |  |

VU23435 - Identify small business policies and procedures

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to identify the overall organisational workplace policies and procedures in order to understand the procedural requirements of entry-level job roles in small business.

It supports the work of prospective personnel in small business environments who are or will be responsible for contributing to implementing workplace procedures. This work is underpinned by a general awareness of an organisation’s overall structure and policies.

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| Respond to the following | Comments/observations |
| What are some of the workplace documents that describe the workplace environment and purpose, such as a mission statement or organisational charts? |  |
| Outline the workplace policies and procedures you applied in the workplace. |  |
| How did you report to your supervisor during your placement? |  |

VU23436 - Undertake basic market research and promotion for a small business product or service

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to undertake and evaluate basic market research for a selected new or existing small business product or service to conduct marketing activities for a target audience at a base level.

It supports the work of prospective personnel in small business environments who are or will be contributing to building business reach and improvement through market research and subsequent promotion of products or services to general or specific market segments.

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| Respond to the following | Comments/observations |
| How was market research carried out by your workplace? What information was collected from this research? |  |
| Briefly outline promotional activities that you observed or participated in at your workplace. This may include social media posts and updates. |  |
| What processes did you observe for collecting product and service information? |  |

VU23437 - Participate in small business quality processes

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to contribute to small business quality culture and outcomes by participating in quality measures, building collaborative workplace relationships, and identifying areas for workplace improvements.

It supports the contribution of prospective small business personnel to an organisation’s quality efforts, approaches and improvement processes at a base job role level.

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| Respond to the following | Comments/observations |
| Suggest an option for improving efficiency or effectiveness of a business operation or process in a workplace. (This might be IT-related or an administration issue). |  |
| How might this workplace change occur? |  |
| How would you evaluate the impact of the change in the workplace? |  |

VU23438 - Contribute to small business planning

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to contribute to small business planning by identifying and assessing business planning components and processes relevant to a small business context.

It supports the work of prospective personnel who are or will be contributing to the achievement of goals and objectives of a small business through participating in business planning processes and reviews.

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| Respond to the following | Comments/observations |
| What types of business planning documents did you observe being used in the workplace? |  |
| What are some typical entrepreneurial attitudes and behaviours of managers in the workplace? |  |
| What types of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) would be appropriate for your job role in the workplace? |  |

VU23439 - Follow procedures for routine financial activities of a small business

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to use applications to prepare, process and record routine financial documents in line with small business procedures and compliance obligations.

It supports the work of prospective personnel who are or will be responsible for processing and recording routine, day-to day financial transactions, and activities at a basic level.

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| Respond to the following | Comments/observations |
| Describe some of the typical financial records or documents you prepared or observed being prepared in the workplace? |  |
| What electronic software or online platforms were used for managing financial transactions in the workplace? |  |
| When balancing and calculating financial data, what procedures were followed to rectify an error? |  |

BSBCRT311 - Apply critical thinking skills in a team environment

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to communicate (through written, oral and nonverbal form) in the workplace within an industry.

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| Respond to the following | Comments/observations |
| How did the workplace encourage staff to generate ideas? |  |
| Provide examples of creative thinking techniques you observed in use in this workplace. |  |
| How did workplace teams overcome issues? |  |

BSBMKG434 - Promote products and services

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to coordinate and review the promotion of an organisation’s products and/or services.

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| Respond to the following | Comments/observations |
| In the workplace, how did you identify a product that needed promotion? |  |
| What roles and responsibilities did you have in coordinating the promotional activities? |  |
| What steps did you take to analyse the effectiveness of the promotional activity? |  |

BSBXCM301 - Engage in workplace communication

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to communicate (through written, oral and nonverbal form) in the workplace within an industry.

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| Respond to the following | Comments/observations |
| What communication methods were commonly used at your workplace? |  |
| Whilst at the workplace what common communication challenges did you observe? |  |
| List three workplace policies within the organisation relevant to workplace communication? |  |

BSBXTW301 - Work in a team

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to work effectively as part of permanent or project based teams in a workplace within an industry.

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| Respond to the following | Comments/observations |
| Describe the role and task requirements of a team within the organisation. |  |
| How did the team share knowledge, ideas and problems with one another? |  |
| How did the team collaborate with a remote team member? |  |

VU23440 - Assist with the presentation of public activities or events

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to complete a range of tasks under supervision for setting up and operating activities or events in a small business context.

It supports the work of prospective small businesses and other personnel involved in contributing to the planning, execution and review of promotional and other public events and activities.

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| Respond to the following | Comments/observations |
| How did you identify and refine ideas for new activities or events? |  |
| Describe the process you followed to set up facilities, equipment, and support materials for an event. |  |
| What roles and responsibilities did you have for the activity or event? |  |

Comments/observations on any other UoCs not listed

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| UoCs | Comments/observations |
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Section 3: Student post-placement reflection

Employability skills are a set of eight skills we use every day in the workplace.

1. Communication
2. Teamwork
3. Problem solving
4. Self-management
5. Planning and organising
6. Technology
7. Learning
8. Initiative and enterprise

When you are on work placement, you will be using employability skills in many ways.

This record will assist you when applying for jobs and in interviews. The skills you are developing may be transferred to a range of occupations.

In Section 3, identify the employability skills you have used and how you have demonstrated them in the workplace. Identify how the skills you have acquired and used during your 80 hours of SWL might assist you in the future.

List of employability skills

How did you demonstrate **communication skills**? For example, by listening and understanding, speaking clearly and directly, or reading and writing.

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How did you demonstrate **teamwork**? For example, by working as part of a team or sharing ideas and resources with co-workers.

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How did you demonstrate **problem solving**? For example, by identifying problems or developing solutions to workplace issues.

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How did you demonstrate **self-management**? For example, by taking responsibility, managing time and tasks effectively, monitoring your own performance or having the ability to work unsupervised.

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How did you demonstrate **planning and organising**? For example, by time management, setting priorities, making decisions, setting goals, collecting, or analysing and organising information.

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How did you demonstrate the use of **technology**? For example, by being prepared to use a range of technology systems, IT skills (typing or data entry), or being able to learn new skills from the technology used in this industry.

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How did you demonstrate **learning**? For example, by being willing to learn new things, being open to new ideas or adapting to change.

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How did you demonstrate **initiative and enterprise**? For example, being creative, adapting to new situations, turning ideas into actions, coming up with a variety of options.

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Summary of industry learning

At the conclusion of your SWL for this VET qualification, think about the experiences you have had in the workplace, your reflection of learning against the UoCs and the employability skills you have developed.

How will these learnings assist you in your pathway to employment or further training in this industry?

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Student declaration

I confirm that I have undertaken work placement with:

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| **Employer/Company/Business name** | **Dates of placement** | **Total hours of placement** |
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| **TOTAL** |  |  |

I have completed the reflections and evidence submitted in this WLR and they are from my own experiences.

**Signed** (Student)

**Name**

**Date**