SECONDARY EDUCATION - SENIOR PATHWAYS

Prohibited activities

Young workers can lack the experience, knowledge, confidence and skills to identify and deal with potential hazards. Inexperience and a lack of awareness can increase the likelihood of a young worker being injured. There are some activities that are not suitable for students (young workers) in an approved workplace learning program and there are others where special consideration needs to be given to addressing risks.

Students cannot undertake the following:

- use of machinery or equipment which *may* be dangerous for new or young workers to operate is prohibited ***unless*** each of the following occurs:
    - the activity is first risk-assessed as suitable and safe for student operation by the host employer, along with the following:
        1. the student is given appropriate information, instruction and training and a checklist for the safe operation and handling of the equipment
        2. the equipment is in safe working order, complete with required safety devices or guards
        3. a suitably qualified or experienced person in the workplace who has good communication skills and the ability to give clear instructions provides on-going close supervision.
- the service of alcohol where the student is under 18 is prohibited; if the student is over 18 years, the activity must be essential to the placement and have been agreed to by the school or EVET provider and the student must have completed the Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Training Course
- any work of a sexual or explicit nature is prohibited
- travel by helicopter is prohibited
- air travel on charter flights and aircraft other than those providing a regular public transport service (ie on a regular route with paying passengers) is prohibited
- travel outside the 12 nautical mile limit at sea is prohibited
- scuba and deep-sea diving are prohibited
- the following ‘high risk construction work’ as defined in the *NSW WHS Regulation* 2011 Chapter 6 is prohibited: construction work in tunnels, confined spaces or involving the use of explosives or work in and around pressurised gas distribution mains or piping and energised electrical installations or services; near traffic or mobile plant, or demolition work other than simple stripping of walls etc.
- any excavation work at a depth greater than one metre or near utilities is prohibited
- any excavation work at a depth under one metre without direct supervision by a competent person, is prohibited
- work on permanent or temporary structures used to enable construction work in marine environments is prohibited

- working on a roof or in a roof cavity is prohibited
- working where asbestos is present is prohibited
- any activities involving or adjacent to the repair, removal or demolition of any construction work containing asbestos or in the clean-up process following the activity are prohibited
- attendance at a site while chimney stacks or buildings are being demolished is prohibited
- scheduled work as set out in Chapter 4 of the *NSW WHS Regulation* 2011 is prohibited, unless there are exceptional circumstances and the student, aged 18 or over, already has achieved the necessary certification
- any activity requiring a licence (eg. a driver's licence), permit or certificate of competence is prohibited unless:
    - the student already has the relevant current licence, permit or certificate
    - the activity is directly related to the learning outcomes of the placement
    - the activity is included in the Student Placement Record prior to approval.
- driving any old or unregistered vehicles commonly known as 'bush bashers' is prohibited.