

Careers Newsletter

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How would you like to be paid to know about wine?



[PayScale](#) reports that you can be paid up to \$160 000 per year for knowing about wine!

A sommelier is a specialist wine waiter or steward, who is trained and knowledgeable about wines and all facets of beverage service – beers, coffee, cocktails and non-alcoholic drinks. Sommeliers have specialist training, and can aspire towards being a Master sommelier.

Find out more on the [Sommeliers Australia](#) website.

ADFA Education Award



Current Year 12 students take note:

This award is presented to year 12 students in recognition of leadership potential, and academic and sporting achievements exhibited during year 11. The award comprises a laptop and certificate along with plaque of recognition for your school. For eligibility and application see:

<http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/adfa/howToApply/educationAward.aspx>

For Year 12 students – applications close 28th February 2016

For current Year 11 students – applications for you **open** on 1st May 2016.

2016 UMAT Exam

UMAT - Undergraduate Medicine & Health Admission Test

The test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level at a number of universities in Australia and New Zealand.

Charles Darwin University	Clinical Sciences
Flinders University	Clinical Sciences/Medicine
	Vision Sciences
La Trobe University	Health Sciences (Dentistry) (non-Y12)
	Oral Health Science (non-Y12)
Monash University	Medicine
University of Adelaide	Dental Surgery
	Medicine
University of Auckland (NZ)	Medicine
University of Newcastle / University New England	Joint Medical Program
University of New South Wales	Medicine
	Optometry
University of Otago (NZ)	Dental Surgery
	Medical Laboratory Science
	Medicine
University of Queensland	Dental Science
	Medicine (provisional entry)
University of Tasmania	Medicine
University of Western Australia	Dental Medicine (assured entry)
	Medicine (assured entry)
University of Western Sydney	Medicine

For full details you must see the UMAT 2016 Information Booklet which is downloadable from the website.

Registrations are now open for this years UMAT exam and close at 5pm on 3 June, 2016. Exam is on Wednesday 27th July.

See <http://umat.acer.edu.au> for all details

CareerMe App:

The **CareerMe** app allows you to get up to date information on hundreds of jobs and careers, view job descriptions, training requirements, training locations and available jobs. You can also find the industries where skills are most in demand.

You can go to the itunes store or Google Playstore to download the app to your smartphone or tablet for free – just search “careerme”.





Avoid a Work Experience Wreckage...



Students going on Work Experience might find the following tips very useful indeed! There are some pet peeves that students should know about, and some actions to help them avoid the ire of their employer. Below is a summary of things students should be aware of, adapted from a recently published article on the excellent *Career Junk* blog - [Career Junk](#):

1. Employers see **RED** when you use a MOBILE at work
2. Employers **TURN THEIR NOSE UP** at BAD PERSONAL HYGIENE (aka: body odour)
3. Employers are **SURPRISED** and **FRUSTRATED** by UNREADABLE HANDWRITING & POOR SPELLING / GRAMMAR...
4. Employers are **ASTONISHED** when you try to LISTEN TO IPODS in the workplace
5. Employers get **GRUMPY** when... your FRIENDS DROP IN for a chat
6. Employers **RIP THEIR HAIR OUT** when... YOU ARE LATE...
7. Employers would like to SLAP you for TEXTING... #unwell
8. HANDS IN POCKETS... employers **FROWN** on this...

Seriously though, employers do not really want to be peeved with their Work Experience students, they are just extremely busy people, and need students to be prepared to alter their habits to suit their workplace. After all, students are entering their world, and need to learn to shift some of their habits.

Find out more at [Avoid a Work Experience Wreckage](#)

So you have an interview – what now?

Finally, after sending off what seems to be hundreds of resumes and letters, you receive a call and have a job interview – how do you prepare? Do well?

What should I wear?

As a general guide, dress neatly in the type of dress employees would usually wear in that workplace. Make sure that clothes are ironed, shoes polished, jewelry is conservative and hair is tidy.

What should I take to the interview?

Take a folder with the letter and resume you sent through for the application, original and copy of certificates, references, work samples etc.

How do I prepare for the interview?

Research the company – look at the website, learn about their products/services. Write down the names of key people in the business from the website.

Prepare answers to possible questions the interviewer may ask, and have a couple of questions of your own ready. [Youth Central](#) have some good ideas on this.

Know how to get to the interview.

Find out the name of the person/people who will be interviewing you. If you forget to ask this when you are contacted about the interview, it is fine to ring and ask.

Top Interview tips ...

- Plan to be there about 10 minutes early.
- Go in to the interview by yourself – don't have your parent with you.
- First impressions count – practice saying hello, and shaking hands.
- Practice before hand with a friend or family member.
- Aim to speak clearly, take a breath before answering, and look at the interviewer.
- Always be positive – don't make negative comments about a previous employer.