

21. Pathways

Pathways into and through the proposed Certificate II in Automotive Tyre Servicing Technology were considered and agreed through the consultation process and confirmed with the technical committee.

The Certificate II in Automotive Tyre Servicing Technology serves an occupationally specific workforce with distinct entry points across its learner cohort. Tyre fitting is a recognised entry-level occupation, and the qualification is designed to accommodate school-based learners entering the workforce for the first time, providing a structured and nationally consistent pathway into the automotive service sector. At the same time, the qualification addresses the needs of workers in contexts outside of traditional automotive contexts, particularly in the mining industry, where learners are typically more experienced and entering training as existing workers seeking formal recognition of their skills and occupational currency.

All existing wheel and tyre units were reviewed and updated to reflect the knowledge that tyre fitters require to safely service wheels and tyres in contemporary workplaces. These updates ensure the qualification remains current and that the competency standards underpinning it accurately reflect the skills needed across both light vehicle and OTR contexts. The updates support pathway integrity by ensuring that recognition of prior learning and recognition of current competency assessments are based on standards that reflect actual industry practice.

During consultation, a small subset of mining industry stakeholders raised the absence of a Certificate III pathway for tyre fitters, noting that the previously deleted AUR32616 Certificate III in Automotive Tyre Management meant there was not a pathway for fitters to progress into higher roles of work. Some stakeholders suggested that tyre fitting in mining environments, given the complexity and risk involved, warranted a Certificate III-level qualification. After careful consideration, this avenue was not pursued as tyre fitting in mining does not constitute a different occupational outcome to tyre fitting in other contexts: the work performed remains consistent with Certificate II level regardless of the vehicle or environment. The development of a Certificate III that aligns to managerial or supervisory roles in tyre servicing was noted as out of scope for this project; however, consultation feedback raising this as a potential gap in the training framework has been passed on to the relevant teams for further investigation.

The development of the updated qualification ensures that the Certificate II in Automotive Tyre Servicing Technology provides an accessible and meaningful pathway for a broad learner cohort — from school-based entrants taking their first steps into the automotive industry, through to experienced OTR tyre fitters seeking formal recognition of their skills in high-risk, high-consequence workplaces.