



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

SUSTAINABILITY

What is mandatory Vocational Industry Placement (VIP)?

Vocational Industry Placement is Envirotech's mandatory work-based component, allowing students to put into practice the theory and skills they've learned in a real professional setting.

VIP is a student's placement that is by default unpaid vocational or training experience under the Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act 2000, however employers can pay at their discretion in compliance with the student visa condition.

Is doing the VIP required to graduate from Envirotech courses?

Yes, this is a mandatory requirement of all Envirotech courses, ensuring Envirotech's students gain industry-related experience.

Do I get paid for VIP?

[Fair Work Ombudsman – Vocational Placements Fact Sheet](#)

By default, VIP is unpaid; however, employers may choose to pay for students' placement. Employers are not required to pay according to award rate and can pay any amount of allowance or hourly rate.

How do I find VIP placement?

Envirotech has default VIP placement hosts in Queensland and in New South Wales. Coralz and Perfect Sea are the default partner of Envirotech for Diploma of Sustainable Operations. Students may bring their own VIP host for Envirotech assessment. Students may nominate their desired workplace as their potential VIP provider, Envirotech will assess its compliance with the VIP program. You may ask to change your workplacement host by discussing with your trainer/assessor or with the VIP team.¹



What is a VIP agreement?

VIP agreement is a document that must be signed before the VIP training begins. The Agreement is a three (3) party agreement between the student, the educational institution (Envirotech Education), and the Placement Provider. Your training shifts will not be valid without an Agreement.

Do I have to wear a uniform on my VIP shifts?

It depends. Some workplaces will require you to wear specific clothing and/or shoes. Your work placement supervisor will advise you of the requirements specific to the place you will be at. Ensure you follow the directions given. For example, the student may be required to wear appropriate PPE equipment, and this may be a mandatory requirement to undertake the task assigned.

How many hours are required?

Students are required to complete 16 VIP hours per week, for a duration of 40 academic weeks.

How often do I have to attend my workplace?

You are required to attend your workplacement weekly and accumulate 16 hours weekly over the 40 academic weeks. You will be expected to show up on time for every shift for which you are rostered. If there is an unforeseen circumstance that prevents you from attending work placement day, ensure you follow the workplace procedures to notify your workplace supervisor. You must also advise your supervisor of any absences.

How do we record our VIP activities?

All VIP activities will be recorded through the Envirotech app. Students undergoing VIP are required to download the app from the App store (IOS) or Google Play Store (Android). Your placement providers/workplace supervisors would also need to download the supervisor app and review your submitted shifts.

What is the Envirotech VIP app?

Envirotech VIP app is a tool for learners to record their VIP logbooks. Once you have signed all the agreement forms, we will send an email with instructions to sign up, and video tutorial link on how to use the app.

Why do I have to record my hours?

It is important that you keep track of the hours you spend in the work placement, as your attendance records. There are mandatory placement units of competency, the expectation is that the number of hours has been set to reflect the minimum length of time required to develop the necessary relevant knowledge and skills.

If you do not complete the number of hours deemed necessary, you will not meet the requirements to successfully complete your course and be issued with your certification. Keeping an accurate record of your working hours is the way to provide evidence of what you have completed.

Can VIP hours support students' skill assessment?

Yes, VIP hours when recorded correctly may support student skills assessment.

What roles will students undertake during their work placement with Coralz and Perfect Sea?

- Research Assistant
- Field assistant
- Grant writer
- Community Liaison
- Community Consultant
- Educational assistant
- Training Assistant
- Project coordinator
- Student team leader

These are just a few of the many roles students may undertake during their workplacement. Students can explore these roles to gain a comprehensive understanding of the industry and identify areas of interest for potential career paths.

VIP Units of Competency

- **MSMENV672** – Develop workplace policy and procedures for environmental sustainability
- **CUAFIM511** – Source funding for projects

Work-based tasks and responsibilities sample list

- Quarterly monitoring spreadsheet
- Landholders contact data base
- Compliance checklists
- Development of procedures and policies

What specific skills and knowledge will I gain from working at Coralz, Perfect Sea or other approved hosts?

Coralz, Perfect Sea and other approved hosts provide students with an exceptional and field related job experience encompassing advantages such as enhancing networking skills, refining communication abilities, bolstering confidence, fostering teamwork, applying for grants and funding, research and field assistance for conservation and restoration projects, assisting with community engagement, coordinating student led teams and projects as well as assisting with training outcomes.

How will this experience at Coralz, other approved hosts benefit my future career?

Your experience at Coralz, or other approved hosts will positively impact students' future career by providing practical skills, industry insights, and valuable networking opportunities, increased chance of employability, thereby enhancing Envirotech's students' preparedness and competitiveness in their chosen field.

Are there any opportunities for advancement or additional training during my time at Coralz or any approved hosts?

We value the growth and development of team members. We offer various opportunities to support your professional development during your time with us, especially as our team is expanding. Additionally, we encourage ongoing learning and skill enhancement to keep pace with industry trends and best practices. Our goal is to empower you to reach your full potential and achieve your career goals while contributing to the success of the hosts.

Are there any networking opportunities available for students at Coralz?

There are numerous networking opportunities available for students at Coralz. We actively encourage students to engage with industry professionals, vendors, and clients who frequent our venue. Whether it's through assisting with our projects and with our project partners or attending and helping to plan the field work there are ample chances to connect with professionals in the event planning and environmental fields. These networking opportunities provide valuable insights, mentorship possibilities, and potential career connections that can enhance your academic and professional journey in the event industry.

How does Coralz support diversity and inclusion in its workforce?

Coralz and Perfect Sea offer a unique opportunity to be involved with 1 traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia as part of the carbon projects. Our model is to partner with groups to achieve regeneration and carbon revenue on the land, as well as promoting ethnic cultural awareness, knowledge, and communication.

Will I rotate through different roles or departments at Coralz or Perfect Sea?

Coralz offers you the chance to experience rotation across various roles or departments aligned with the weekly unit topics of your qualification. Perfect Sea and Coralz provide a thorough learning experience by rotating through diverse roles, helping students to discover their strengths and interests for a successful career in their own industry.

WEBSITE <https://www.coralz.co/>

Are there any vaccine or mobility requirements related to placements?

Currently there are no specific vaccine requirements regarding attending placements, however this may be subject to change and any additional prerequisites will be notified to the applicant as soon as is practicable. In addition, as some of the work may include traversing uneven terrain on foot, or being onboard a moving vessel, there may be certain mobility requirements for the student prior to commencement of the placement. If you have any concerns regarding this, please discuss with your placement officer prior to commencement.



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