

THE ACT SCHOOL LEAVING AGE HAS CHANGED!

Are you under 17 and living in the ACT? Then this could affect you!

WHAT?

From 1 January 2010, young people in the ACT are no longer allowed to leave school at 15.

You now need to stay in education until you complete year 10, and then be in education, training or employment until completing year 12 or equivalent, or reaching age 17, whichever occurs first.

Education isn't just school – you can choose to study at CIT, university, with a registered training organisation or a higher education provider – the choice is yours.

WHY?

This is to ensure you have the best opportunity to get a good education and gain employment.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

Firstly, you must stay in education until you complete year 10.

If you're under 17 when you finish year 10 you must be in full-time education, training or employment.

If you choose work-related training or employment, you'll need an Approval Statement from the ACT Department of Education and Training. For more information visit: www.det.act.gov.au.



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