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**VET is more hands on.  
In my book it's better training  
because it has a more real life  
workplace approach that teaches  
you real life skills.**

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## **Luke Scott's journey**

- Today Maintenance Engineer working on robotics and machinery for an online retailer
- 2012-16 Dual trade Apprenticeship  
- Certificate III Electrotechnology Electrician  
- Certificate IV Instrumentation
- 2011 Pre-apprenticeship  
- Certificate II Electrotechnology Electrician
- 2010 Left school with VCE and went to work in a factory



**Today, I'm a management engineer and maintenance technician on robotic equipment and machinery with an online retailer, but how did I get here?**

## **Luke's story**

When I graduated high school I went straight to work at the glass factory where my Dad had worked for 26 years. I didn't really know what I wanted to do, but my Dad wanted me to have a career so he paid for me to do a Certificate II in Electrotechnology as a pre-apprenticeship qualification.

It was one of my teachers at TAFE who told me about an opportunity in Melbourne for an apprentice. I applied and got my apprenticeship as an electrician, gaining my Certificate III qualification as part of that.

While studying at TAFE I was offered the opportunity to do a Certificate IV in Instrumentation and was entered into the WorldSkills competition, where I won a Gold Medal in Mechtronics.

I had a wonderful time working with my host employer, Broad Spectrum, including working at the CSR Refinery in Melbourne, the Bandiana Military Area, working as a fly-in/fly-out technician at the Moomba gas plant in South Australia, and then back to Melbourne at the Mobil refinery. It was fantastic experience.

I've certainly done more than a whole lot of other people my age. Recently I even got to go to Norway for robotics training. VET is more hands on and more realistic than university. It teaches you real life skills.

**You can always then decide to go to Uni, but you will always have your VET qualification and be able to work at the same time.**

**“VET has opened many doors for me and I think there are still lots of opportunities to explore in the future.”**