

FOUR DOORS — ALL OPEN

Every job this unit has met sits behind one of these doors. None of them is the back door. Nobody has to pick one today — scouts just need to know the doors exist.

DOOR 1 · EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

Apprenticeship

A paid job and a qualification at the same time — a wage from day one while a trade is trained into you over several years. Read that again: paid to learn.

Walks through this door: heavy diesel fitters · electricians · boilermakers · chefs

DOOR 2 · PRACTICAL & FAST

TAFE

Hands-on courses — often months, not years — that finish with real tickets and licences employers ask for by name in their ads.

Walks through this door: drone surveyors · lab technicians · plant operators · safety officers

DOOR 3 · THE SCIENCE DOOR

University

A degree — usually three to four years — for the jobs built on deep science: reading the ground, testing the water, treating the injured.

Walks through this door: exploration geologists · environmental scientists · engineers · paramedics

DOOR 4 · START, THEN RISE

Direct entry

Some jobs hire you first and train you on site — then experience opens the next job, and the next. Many site leaders started exactly here.

Walks through this door: haul truck operators · train drivers (after training) · utility crew · camp staff

Scout's note: doors connect. TAFE can lead to university. Direct entry can lead to an apprenticeship. A fitter can become an engineer. The first door you walk through is not the last — it's just the first.

Match test — five quick calls

Write the door number (1–4) next to each job: electrician ____ · exploration geologist ____ · haul truck operator ____ · lab technician ____ · camp chef ____ (careful — this one has two right answers)

One real ladder, one real person: started direct entry on the utility crew → dump truck operator → apprenticeship → diesel fitter → workshop supervisor. Four doors, one career. My first door, today's guess only: _____

