

conduct and progress are satisfactory. As a compensation for this insecurity in employment you will be paid an additional percentage of the rates paid to an indentured apprentice.

It will be your own responsibility to find, in the trade you have chosen, an employer who will take you on as an apprentice. The minimum age for apprenticeship is 15 years. Very often apprenticeships are advertised in the daily newspapers. You may apply direct to an employer in the hope that he has an apprenticeship vacancy that you can fill. You will find that the officers of your nearest branch of the Commonwealth Employment Service will be pleased to help you, if you approach them.

### Apprenticeship Trades

Here is a list of the most common trades, or branches of them, in which you may serve an apprenticeship.

Aircraft electrician	4 Lithographic printer
5 Aircraft mechanic	Locksmith
2 Baker	4 Metal machinist
4 Blacksmith	Milliner
4 Boatbuilder	4 Motor body builder
4 Boilermaker	4 Motor mechanic
4 Bookbinder	4 Moulder
4 Bootmaker	4 Optical mechanic
3 Boot manufacturer	4 Painter and decorator
4 Bricklayer	4 Panelbeater
3 Bridge and wharf carpenter	4 Paper ruler
Brush maker	3 Pastrycook
Butcher (retail)	4 Patternmaker
5 Cabinetmaker	3 Plasterer
4 Carpenter	4 Plumber
Carpet layer	Presser (clothing)
3 Clicker (footwear)	4 Process engraver
4 Compositor (printing)	4 Radio mechanic
Confectioner	4 Refrigeration mechanic
Cook	Saddlemaker
4 Cooper	Sailmaker
4 Coppersmith	4 Saw doctor
4 Coremaker (moulding)	Sawmiller
4 Cutter (footwear)	4 Scientific instrument maker
Cycle manufacturer	4 Sheetmetal worker
Dyer and cleaner	4 Shipwright
4 Electrical fitter	4 Shoe repairer
4 Electrical mechanic	4 Signwriter
4 Electroplater	Slaughterman (retail)
4 Electrotyper	4 Stereotyper
Farrier	Stonemason
Fitter	Stovemaker
3 French polisher	3 Tailor
Gas-meter maker	5 Telephone Mechanic (P.M.G.)
3 Glassworker	3 Tiler (floor and wall)
4 Gravure camera operator	Tiler (roof)
5 Ground engineer (aircraft)	Tinsmith
3 Hairdresser	4 Turner
3 Jeweller	Typewriter mechanic
4 Joiner	3 Upholsterer
4 Leather dresser	4 Watchmaker
Leathergoods maker	4 Welder
4 Letterpress machinist	5 Wood machinist
4 Lithographic camera operator	3 Wood turner



**Desmond Williams, an Aborigines Welfare Board bursary holder, now at St. John's College, Woodlawn, is shown the control panel of an Electra jet by a Qantas ground mechanic**

The number given in front of a trade represents the number of years necessary to complete the technical college course in that trade.

### Training Courses

Training courses in most apprenticeship trades are provided at technical colleges. Admission is restricted to apprentices who are gaining appropriate experience in their daily occupations.

It is compulsory in most trades to attend a technical college course and as an apprentice you would find the additional training very helpful. Instruction is given in theory and practical work and in any drawing, calculations or science necessary to the trade.

In most trades an average of one day a week or fortnight is allowed, without loss of pay, to attend the technical college. Employers under State apprenticeship awards must pay technical college fees, and employers under Federal apprenticeship awards must refund technical college fees paid, upon production of satisfactory term reports regarding conduct.

Pre-apprenticeship courses, suitable for boys who wish to enter an apprenticeship on completion of their schooling, are available at certain technical colleges.

In general a boy must finish his apprenticeship before he reaches the age of 23 so it is necessary for him to become apprenticed at 17 years or younger. By mutual consent of apprentice and employer, it can be arranged for a boy of 18 to have his period of apprenticeship shortened from five to four years.