

Opal Cutting and Polishing

BOS course name	Pattern of study	BOS course number	Schools Online (Administration) entry advice
Opal Cutting and Polishing (120 hours)	2 units x 1 year	58140	Enter this course number for either Preliminary (Year 11) or HSC (Year 12)
Opal Cutting and Polishing (240 hours)	2 units x 2 years	58141	Enter this course number for both Preliminary (Year 11) and HSC (Year 12)

TAFE course name	Opal Cutting and Polishing	TAFE course number	tba
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AQF VET qualification	Statement of Attainment towards Certificate II in Opal Cutting and Polishing (CUV20311) Certificate II in Opal Cutting and Polishing (CUV20311)
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Minimum work placement	Work placement is a mandatory HSC requirement for this course. Students undertaking the 120-hour course must complete a minimum of 35 hours in a workplace. It is permissible for this to be undertaken concurrently with the course delivery in a simulated work environment. Students undertaking the 240-hour course must complete a minimum of 70 hours in a workplace. It is permissible for up to 50% of this to be undertaken concurrently with the course delivery in a simulated work environment.
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Exclusions	Nil
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HSC unit credit and course requirements

HSC unit credit for VET courses can be accredited to the Preliminary and/or HSC pattern of study.

Opal Cutting and Polishing (120 indicative hours)

- accredited for a total of 2 units at the Preliminary and/or HSC level
- attempt any mandatory units of competency to a minimum of 120 HSC indicative hours.

Opal Cutting and Polishing (240 indicative hours)

- accredited for a total of 4 units at the Preliminary and/or HSC level
- attempt all mandatory units of competency and elective units of competency to a minimum of 100 HSC indicative hours.

For a course to count towards the HSC program of study students must satisfy the course completion criteria as required by the Board of Studies. Refer to Section 8.4 of the *Assessment, Certification and Examination (ACE) Manual*.

Access by students in Years 9 and 10 (Stage 5)

In certain circumstances students in Years 9 and 10 (Stage 5) may access this Stage 6 VET course. Further information is available on the Board of Studies website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/voc_ed/stage-5.html

Course content

Unit code	Unit title	Unit-specific prerequisite	Status for AQF VET qualification	HSC indicative hours of credit
MANDATORY Attempt ALL units of competency				
BSBOHS201A	Participate in OHS processes	nil	core	15
CUECOR02C	Work with others	nil	core	15
CUVOPA201A	Identify and assess opal	nil	core	20
CUVOPA202A	Handle and store rough and cut opal	nil	core	20
CUVOPA203A	Complete pre-cutting processes for solid opals	nil	core	30
CUVOPA204A	Cut and polish solid opals	nil	core	40
Total HSC indicative hours for mandatory units of competency				140

ELECTIVE Attempt units of competency to a minimum of <u>100</u> HSC indicative hours				
BSBFIA301A	Maintain financial records	nil	listed elective	30
CUVOPA205A	Complete pre-cutting processes for opal doublets and triplets	nil	listed elective	25
CUVOPA206A	Cut and polish opal doubles and triplets	nil	listed elective	40
CUVOPA405A	Obtain opal	nil	listed elective	15
CUVOPA408A	Undertake routine operational maintenance of machinery	nil	listed elective	15
SIRWSLS001A	Sell products and services to business customers	nil	other elective	15
SIRXSLS001A	Sell products and services	nil	listed elective	15
Total HSC indicative hours				120 or 240

AQF VET qualification

To attain Certificate II in Opal Cutting and Polishing (CUV20311) students must achieve 9 units of competency including:

- a) 6 core units of competency
- b) 3 elective units of competency
 - minimum 1 listed elective
 - maximum 2 other electives.