

## Opal Cutting and Polishing

BOS course name	Pattern of study	BOS course number	Schools Online 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	19278
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AQF VET qualification	Statement of Attainment towards Certificate II in Opal Cutting and Polishing (CUV20303) Certificate II in Opal Cutting and Polishing (CUV20303)
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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	none
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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 compulsory 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 compulsory 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 Stage 5

In certain circumstances students in Stage 5 may access this Stage 6 VET course while also completing the requirements for the award of the School Certificate. Further information is available on the Board of Studies website at [www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/voc\\_ed/stage-5.html](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/voc_ed/stage-5.html)

## Course content

Unit code	Unit title	Unit-specific prerequisite	Core (C) or elective (E) for AQF VET qualification	HSC indicative hours of credit
<b>COMPULSORY Attempt ALL units of competency</b>				
BSBOHS201A	Participate in OHS processes	nil	C	15
CUECOR02B	Work with others	nil	C	15
CUVOPA01B	Identify and describe opal	nil	C	20
CUVOPA02B	Handle and store rough and cut opal	nil	C	20
CUVOPA03B	Complete pre-cutting processes for light solid opal	nil	C	30
CUVOPA04B	Cut and polish an opal solid	nil	C	40
<b>Total HSC indicative hours for compulsory units of competency</b>				<b>140</b>
<b>ELECTIVE Attempt units of competency to a minimum of <u>100</u> HSC indicative hours</b>				
CUVOPA05B	Complete pre-cutting processes for opal doublets and triplet	nil	E	25
CUVOPA06B	Cut and polish an opal doublet/triplet	nil	E	40
CUVOPA11B	Obtain opal	nil	E	15
CUVOPA14B	Undertake operational maintenance of machinery	nil	E	15
FNSICGEN305A	Maintain daily financial/business records	nil	E	20
WRRS1B	Sell products and services	nil	E	15
WRWSL201A	Sell products and services to business customers	nil	E	15
<b>Total HSC indicative hours</b>				<b>120 or 240</b>

## AQF VET qualification

To attain Certificate II in Opal Cutting and Polishing (CUV20303) students must achieve 9 units of competency including:

- a) 6 core units of competency
- b) 3 elective units of competency.