

CERTIFICATE IV IN ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT

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RTO: 3899 | Course Code 2026: 22626VIC

The Certificate IV in Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management is a nationally accredited qualification which provides training in the skills and knowledge required to work in the cultural heritage industry. It also provides training to enable Registered Aboriginal Parties and other land managers to meet their cultural heritage management obligations under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*. La Trobe University, as a Registered Training Organisation (RTO 3899), delivers this course in partnership with First Peoples - State Relations (FPSR).

IMPORTANT NOTE: All offers and applications are provisional, and subject to a La Trobe University contract with the Victorian Government, First Peoples- State Relations, in 2026.

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY, LTU

Our archaeology program is ranked in the world’s top-100 for archaeology teaching and research¹. We are also the only university in Victoria to offer a Bachelor of Archaeology – in addition to our Bachelor of Arts Major in Archaeological and Heritage Studies; Graduate Certificate of Archaeology, Graduate Diploma of Archaeology, and Master of Archaeology; the Certificate IV in Aboriginal Cultural Heritage; as well as Master of Arts (Research), and PhDs.

¹QS World University Rankings, 2024

DELIVERY DATES AND STUDY MODE

The course will commence on Monday 9 February and finish on Friday 20 November 2026. The course will be delivered face-to-face in 9 intensive training blocks of 5 days Monday to Friday, usually spaced approximately one month apart. The intensive blocks are usually residential and are based in both Melbourne and regional Victoria. Travel to a training destination on a Sunday may be required.

2026 Training Weeks
Week 1: February 9 – 13
Week 2: March 16 – 20
Week 3: April 20 – 24
Week 4: May 25 – 29
Week 5: June 29 – July 03
Week 6: August 3 – 7
Week 7: September 7 – 11
Week 8: October 12 – 16
Week 9: November 16 – 20
Graduation: December



A group of people, mostly men, are standing in a field. In the foreground, a large fire is burning in a metal drum, with a lot of white smoke rising from it. A man in a bright green high-visibility jacket is leaning over the fire, possibly tending to it. Other people are standing around, some in high-visibility gear and others in regular clothes. The background shows a clear blue sky and some trees in the distance.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

APPLICATION PROCESS

In 2026, places in this course will be funded by the Victorian Government through First Peoples – State Relations (FPSR) in partnership with La Trobe University RTO. The course is designed to meet the needs of Victorian Aboriginal Traditional Owners. In 2026 there may be fee-paying positions open to all Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders. Full fee delivery costs are currently being reviewed and will be available before application closing date September 2025. To be considered for a place applicants must meet FPSR criteria for funding eligibility:

- Applicants must successfully complete the FPSR three-day *Introductory Workshop to Cultural Heritage Management*. In 2026 these will be held in July and August. Contact christina.pavliades@dpc.vic.gov.au for further information. If you have already completed this workshop, you are eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age prior to the commencement of the course.
- Applicants must also meet La Trobe University eligibility criteria which include the ability to read, write and speak English to a level which will ensure satisfactory participation in the course.

A 2026 Expression of Interest is available and must be submitted by **Friday 5th September 2025** to apply for the February 2026 intake. Please fill out the form independently and return to l.hunt@latrobe.edu.au and t.lovett@latrobe.edu.au by the closing date. Due to high demand for limited places, late applications might not be considered. Contact Tya Lovett on 0498 133 972 for any further information.

COMPETENCY-BASED TRAINING (INCLUDING RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING AND CREDIT)

This qualification is a competency-based training course. This means that we deliver and assess you on the skills and knowledge needed for you to do tasks at the standard required in a related job or industry. If you already have some of the skills and knowledge covered in this course through your previous work experience (paid or unpaid) you can apply and be assessed through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). Credit transfer will be offered to you if you can provide evidence of having already completed a unit or equivalent unit, by providing an original or certified copy of your results indicating a competent level of attainment. Applying for RPL or credit is free of charge

FEES AND COSTS

If you are offered a First Peoples State Relations sponsored place or La Trobe University funded place you do not pay fees. You will be provided with meals, accommodation, and reimbursement for transport costs when required to be away from your usual home. All learning materials are provided. There will be no tuition, service or amenities fees payable. Any fee-paying places offered will also cover the items listed above. Note that VET Fee-Help, HECS or other payment-deferral options are not available for this course.

PATHWAYS AND EMPLOYMENT

The Certificate IV in Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management provides a pathway to both employment and further training and education. Opportunities for employment include government agencies, Aboriginal organisations, cultural heritage industry, land management, tourism and museums. Successful completion of this qualification provides a pathway to enrol in the [Bachelor of Arts](#) or the [Diploma of Arts](#) at La Trobe University. The Certificate IV in Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management can also build a study foundation in a range of courses at other universities and further VET study.

COURSE UNITS

The Certificate IV in Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management qualification requires the completion of 10 core units and 2 electives. The units are taught in an integrated way so that you have opportunities to develop and practice your knowledge and skills across the year.

Unit Code	Unit Title
HLTAID011	Provide first aid
AHCWHS202	Participate in workplace health and safety processes
AHCLPW409	Inspect and monitor culturally significant places
BSBTWK503	Manage meetings
NWPGEN023	Use maps, plans, drawings and details
VU23421	Work effectively in the Victorian cultural heritage industry
VU23422	Investigate Victorian Aboriginal cultural heritage and Landscapes
VU23423	Identify and describe tangible Aboriginal cultural heritage
VU23424	Manage the discovery of Aboriginal Ancestral Remains
VU23425	Contribute to the conservation of Aboriginal places
Elective: CUACNM311	Move and Store collection material
Elective: CUAPRE401	Implement preventative conservation activities