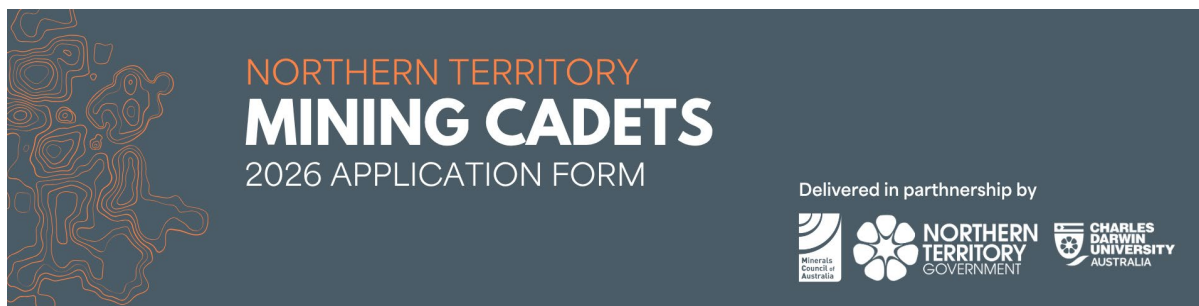




Program Overview

The Mining Cadets Program is a VET-in-Schools pathway that introduces Northern Territory students to careers in the mining and resources industry while completing Years 10 and 11.

Delivered through a partnership between the Minerals Council of Australia – Northern Territory Division (MCA NT), the Department of Education and Training and Charles Darwin University, the program combines the nationally recognised Certificate II in Workplace Skills (BSB20120) with workplace learning, industry engagement and structured work experience.

Students develop practical workplace skills in communication, teamwork, technology and business operations while gaining industry experience and connections that create pathways into apprenticeships, further study and careers in the Territory's resources sector.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be enrolled in Years 9 or 10 at a Northern Territory secondary school at the time of applying
- have the support of their parent or guardian
- have the support of their school VET Coordinator
- demonstrate an interest in the mining and resources industry
- be willing to actively participate in vocational training, work experience, industry activities and professional development throughout the program

Application Process

The application process consists of three stages.

Stage 1: Application and documentation

Applicants are required to submit all documentation by the advertised closing date.

Applications must include:

- Completed Mining Cadets Program Application Form.
- One-page statement explaining why you would like to become a Mining Cadet and how the program will support your future career goals.
- Latest school report.
- Letter of support from the School VET Coordinator or Principal.
- Copies of any additional certificates, awards, leadership activities, employment or volunteer experience (optional).

Applications may be submitted by the student or through the school VET Coordinator.

Stage 2: Interview

Applicants who meet the eligibility requirements may be invited to attend an interview.

Interviews will be conducted by representatives from MCA NT, participating industry representatives and education partners.

The interview provides an opportunity for applicants to discuss:

- their interest in the resources industry
- why they wish to participate in the program
- their future study or career aspirations
- their commitment to completing the program.

Parents or guardians may be invited to attend part of the interview to discuss the student's participation and support throughout the program.

Stage 3: Selection

The Mining Cadets Program aims to provide opportunities to as many suitable students as possible.

Where the number of applications exceeds the available places, applicants will be assessed using the Mining Cadets Program Selection Policy.

Assessment may consider:

- application documentation
- one-page statement of applicant motivation and interest
- commitment to participating in the program
- school endorsement and readiness for workplace learning
- interview
- supporting evidence and achievements (where provided)

Successful applicants will receive a formal offer to join the Mining Cadets Program.

Submission of Applications

Applications open: Thursday 23 July 2026

Applications close: Friday 25 September 2026

Applications and enquiries

Applications and enquiries should be directed to the Mining Cadets Program Coordinator:

cadets.NT@minerals.org.au

Mining Cadets Program Application Form

Applicant details:

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Preferred Name (if applicable): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Residential Address:

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Do you identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say

Gender

☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Other / prefer not to say

School Details

School: _____

Current Year Level: _____

Unique Student Identifier (USI): _____

Student ID (optional): _____

School VET Coordinator: _____

Coordinator Email: _____

Coordinator Phone: _____

Parent / Guardian Details

Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

☐ I support this student's application to the Mining Cadets Program

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact (if different):

Name: _____

Phone: _____

School Endorsement

To be completed by the School VET Coordinator or Principal

Please comment on the student's suitability for the Mining Cadets Program.

Attendance

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Satisfactory ☐ Improvement Required

Behaviour

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Satisfactory ☐ Improvement Required

Readiness for workplace learning

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Satisfactory ☐ Improvement Required

I support this student's application to the Mining Cadets Program.

Name: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Checklist

Please ensure the following documentation is included:

- ☐ Completed Mining Cadets Program Application Form
- ☐ One-page statement explaining why you would like to become a Mining Cadet
- ☐ Latest school report
- ☐ Letter of support from your School VET Coordinator or Principal
- ☐ Additional certificates, awards or achievements (optional)

Declaration

By signing this declaration, you confirm that:

- the information provided in this application is true and correct
- you have discussed your application with your parent or guardian and your school
- you understand the expectations and commitment required to participate in the Mining Cadets Program
- you understand that meeting the eligibility requirements does not guarantee a place in the program where applications exceed available positions
- you consent to the information contained in this application being used by the Minerals Council of Australia Northern Territory Division, participating schools, Charles Darwin University, the Northern Territory Government and approved program partners for the administration of the Mining Cadets Program in accordance with relevant privacy legislation.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____