

## Cycling pathways to training and employment

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There are many cycling-related training and employment opportunities available:

- **Bike maintenance, mechanics and manufacturing**
  - **Certificate in Bike Maintenance** - Miller College, TAFE NSW. Ph 8784 3000 or [www.swsi.tafensw.edu.au/colleges/miller/index.asp](http://www.swsi.tafensw.edu.au/colleges/miller/index.asp).
  - There are many bike mechanic employment opportunities. For example, bike shops such as ABC Bikes in Liverpool (ph 9821 1372). Bike mechanics can also run their own courses eg. basic skills are offered by Matt Geale. Ph 0412 95 2626 or [matt@soular-energy.com](mailto:matt@soular-energy.com).
  - Bike manufacturing and warehouse opportunities are also advertised.
- **Cycling coaches**
  - There are many opportunities for cycling coaches. Coaches teach community members to learn how to ride a bike for recreation and commuting. Coaches are also able to coach for sport.
  - Cycling Australia provides cycling coach training at a number of levels starting from novice level up to advanced. Ph 9644 3002 or [www.cycling.org.au](http://www.cycling.org.au).
- **Fitness instructors**
  - **Fitness certificate** eg. The course is offered at Macquarie Fields College, TAFE NSW. Ph 9605 6100 or [www.swsi.tafensw.edu.au/colleges/macfields](http://www.swsi.tafensw.edu.au/colleges/macfields).
- **Retail and business opportunities**
  - Retail courses are offered through TAFE NSW. View the online handbook at [www.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.tafensw.edu.au).
  - There are many bike shops and bike hire businesses that you can work for, or you can start up your own business. See [www.business.gov.au/Business+Entry+Point](http://www.business.gov.au/Business+Entry+Point).
- **Volunteer work in cycling organisations**
  - Many cycling organisations rely on volunteers. In return, volunteers are able to learn valuable skills. Call Bicycle NSW on ph 9218 5400 or [www.bicyclensw.org.au](http://www.bicyclensw.org.au) to find out how to get involved.

### Further opportunities

If you would like to go further in the cycling industry, there are many opportunities available. Studying events management or tourism through TAFE NSW can lead to work opportunities where cycling is promoted. For example, there are many cycling tourism and racing events supported by local councils or charities. Cycling tourism is a growing field and there are also business opportunities that could be developed.

Universities also provide many courses in disciplines that lead to cycling-related work and research including sports management, sports science and health promotion.

People interested in cycling end up in a range of environments which support cycling including health services, local councils, the Roads and Traffic Authority and bicycle advocacy organisations.

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