

Media Release

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SUPPORTING CYBER CAREERS TO PROTECT VICTORIANS

The Allan Labor Government is calling all cyber security graduates looking to kick-start their careers and learn how to help protect Victorians from cyber threats.

Minister for Government Services Natalie Hutchins today announced that expressions of interest have opened for acceptance into the third round of the Cyber Internship Program, which will run from February to August 2026.

Building on the success of the 2024 and 2025 intakes, the six-month paid internship offers an opportunity for participants to work alongside cyber security experts mitigating threats to Government departments and the broader community, to develop their cyber security skills and experience.

As part of the program, interns will have the opportunity to build skills in cyber incident response, threat intelligence, and security operations, among other areas of expertise.

Participants will be selected from graduates of Certificate IV in Cyber Security, a course delivered through the Labor Government's Free TAFE program, which addresses skilled labor shortfalls across a range of professions by offering free access to more than 80 TAFE qualifications and short courses.

The internship has already produced successful outcomes for participants in its first two years of operation, with nine of the 12 interns who completed the program going on to related roles within the Victorian Government.

The development of a robust cyber security sector is crucial to Australia's ability to combat the growing threat of home-grown and global cyber criminals.

According to the Commonwealth Government's annual cyber threat report, there were more than 84,000 reports of cybercrime in the 2024–25 financial year, an average of one every six minutes.

The Cyber Internship Program aims to grow Victoria's cyber workforce and help reduce the cyber skills shortage. Applications for the program open today and close 2 November 2025. For more information or to apply, visit careers.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Minister for Government Services Natalie Hutchins

"There are hundreds of cyber-attacks every day in Australia, so investing in the future of Victoria's cyber security industry is important as more of our everyday services move online."

"The Cyber Internship Program will provide Victoria's newest cyber professionals with hands-on experience safeguarding our state against cyber threats."