

# Australian Workforce Cyber Challenge (AWCC)

**Build Skills. Solve Challenges. Explore Cyber Careers.**

Are you ready to step into the world of cyber security?

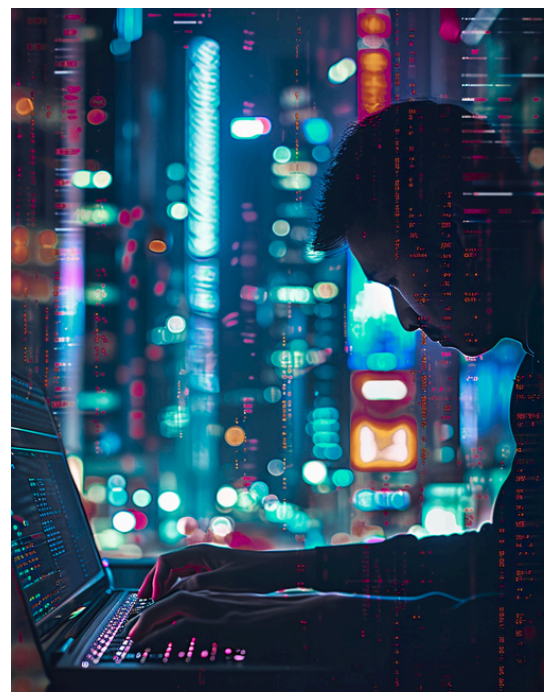
The Australian Workforce Cyber Challenge (AWCC) is a hands-on national cyber security initiative designed to introduce tertiary students and the existing workforce to real-world cyber skills, industry pathways, and future careers in cyber security.

In 2026, Tasmania has been selected to host an exclusive pilot initiative aimed at building sovereign cyber capability and creating stronger pathways between education, tertiary study, and industry. This unique opportunity gives Tasmanian participants access to practical cyber training experiences rarely available at this level – helping develop the next generation of cyber talent within the state.

Whether you're completely new to cyber or already curious about technology, AWCC provides a supportive environment to learn, compete, and build confidence.

## WHY JOIN?

- No advanced experience required
- Real-world cyber security challenges
- Industry-aligned learning activities
- Build confidence in technology and problem-solving
- Connect with cyber industry pathways and careers



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# WHAT YOU'LL DO



- Complete interactive online cyber security challenges
- Learn ethical hacking and digital investigation skills
- Explore coding, networking, and cyber defence concepts
- Compete and collaborate in team-based activities
- Connect with mentors and cyber industry professionals

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

AWCC is for tertiary students and professionals aged 18+ interested in:

- Cyber security and technology careers
- Developing practical cyber forensic skills
- Problem solving and teamwork
- Upskilling or re-entering the workforce
- Professional development



## CHALLENGE FORMAT

The 2026 AWCC will be scheduled across four rounds of competition. Rounds 1-3 will be held virtually – participants will have 8 weeks to complete all 3 rounds and team scores are then averaged to determine the top 10 teams to compete in the finals event. Round 4 (Finals) will be a 3-hour in-person challenge.

- Access a guided virtual cyber training environment
- Complete real-world cyber security scenarios using professional platforms and virtual machines
- Participate individually or in teams of 3-5
- Compete across three challenge rounds (approx 20hrs training)
- Develop practical cyber capability in a safe learning environment
- Open to participants aged 18+
- Entry: \$350 per team / \$65 individual registration



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