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Wilmar apprenticeship applications open this Saturday

Wilmar Sugar Australia is calling on the next generation of apprentices to get their resumes ready, with applications for 2022 apprenticeships opening online this Saturday, 10 July.

Apprenticeships in diesel fitting, electrical, fitting and turning, and fabricating trades are up for grabs across Wilmar's eight sugar mills and bioethanol distillery.

First-year fitting and turning apprentice Katelyn Smith has been learning her trade at Victoria Mill, located near Ingham, for the past six months.

She said she was glad she chose an apprenticeship, having spent six years after high school on a different career path.

"I started as a fibre chemist at Victoria Mill. Through that, I spoke to some tradesmen and fitters, and I got to see the type of work they were doing," Ms Smith said.

"I really like Wilmar's safety values, so knowing you will come home safe every day."

For first-year fitting and turning apprentice George Burns, scoring a Wilmar apprenticeship has given him the opportunity to gain skills he has always wanted.

"I grew up on a farm and used to pull machinery apart and put it back together, just never correctly, so this field will help me understand how it goes back together," Mr Burns said.

"Most of the work in the mills is done in-house. You do it and you learn from that hands-on experience."

Wilmar Training Superintendent Daniel Shipard said applications would be open for three weeks, closing on Sunday, 1 August.

"We are very proud of our apprenticeship program. We currently employ about 130 apprentices across various trades," Mr Shipard said.

"The four main trades that we focus on are fabricating, fitting and turning, electrical and diesel fitting.

"The application process is fairly simple and is all done online."

For more information about Wilmar's 2022 apprenticeship program applications, visit <https://www.wilmarsugar-anz.com/our-people/apprenticeships>

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Photo 1: (From left) Herbert-based Wilmar apprentices Kale Sangcap, Olivia Biviano, Katelyn Smith, Christy Robino and Jason Bisson



Photo 2: Burdekin-based Wilmar apprentices (Back row) George Burns, Riley Horan, Lachlan Fry, (front row) Taya Wood and Sarah Di Guglielmo

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