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To whom it may concern,

In my opinion, the government can introduce new strategies, policies etc. However, Cyber Security Professionals need to be able to understand and upheld such implementations. A graduate is no where near being a skilled professional. In order for a graduate to be skilled, I strongly believe that industrial experience is mandatory.

However, According to Australian Computer Society, a graduate is skilled once he/she has completed 1 year of work experience or a professional year. While, I agree with the 1 year work experience, I highly disagree with the professional year. 80% or more of the graduates complete a professional year, yet most of them are unable to install an OS, assemble a computer, configure a switch.

While Australia is in need of Cyber Security Professionals, it is also important to migrate professionals with real experience instead of professional year completed graduates. Students pay half a semester's fee to obtain the professional year which gives you 5 points in visa applications, which is a rip off and complete waste of time in my opinion. A remedy for this would be students spend 6 more months in the university learning vital practical skills and be actually skilled before they move out of university.

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