

Your Pathway to Success in 2010

The Victorian Training Guarantee

Vocational education and training is a great way to gain a nationally recognised qualification that will improve your ability to enter the workforce or enhance your career or job prospects.

There are thousands of courses on offer through Victoria's TAFE institutes, university TAFE Divisions, Adult Community Education organisations, and private registered training providers.

With the Victorian Government improving the TAFE and training system, 2010 will be a great time to make a start on gaining new skills, or upgrading your existing skills, to help you get the job you want.

If you are seeking qualifications beyond those you have from school, or want to get a higher qualification than you already hold, these changes can help you.

Some of the key questions you may have about enrolling in a vocational education or training course are:

Can I get a place in vocational education and training?

The **Victorian Training Guarantee** is making TAFE and training more accessible to people who do not have a post-school qualification, or who want to gain a higher level qualification than they already hold.

The **Victorian Training Guarantee** entitles eligible students to a government subsidised place through one of Victoria's TAFE institutes, university TAFE Divisions, Adult Community Education organisations, or private registered training providers.

Am I eligible for the Victorian Training Guarantee?

If you are aged under 20 years, you are eligible for a government subsidised TAFE or training place (subject to admission requirements and availability). If you are aged 20-24 years, you

are eligible for a government subsidised TAFE or training place that will get you a higher qualification than you already hold (subject to admission requirements and availability).

An unlimited number of government subsidised places are available for people studying for Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas if they do not already hold an equivalent or higher qualification.

For eligible retrenched workers, unlimited government subsidised training places are available for study at any level at a range of training providers.

What are the fees?

In 2010, the Victorian Government will cover between 70 and 90 per cent of the cost of your training in a government subsidised place. As before, you may still be required to cover some of the cost by paying tuition fees.



In 2010, your tuition fees in a government subsidised place will be as little as \$50 for a Foundation Level literacy and numeracy course, and up to \$2,000 for an Advanced Diploma.

Fees are capped, so there is a maximum you will pay regardless of how much government subsidised training you complete in the year.

Can you get assistance with paying fees?

VET FEE-HELP loans are available at TAFE and training providers for eligible students studying at Diploma level and above, regardless of whether or not they are eligible for government funding. This enables you to defer payment of your fees until you are earning over \$43,000 a year. For more information on VET FEE-HELP, visit www.deewr.gov.au

Concessions are available for study at Certificate I to IV levels for Health Care Card holders studying in a government subsidised place.

Apprentices and trainees may be eligible for a tuition fee concession at any course level, while Indigenous students always pay the minimum fee in a government subsidised training place.

Am I eligible?

Students must meet citizenship and other eligibility requirements for any government subsidised training at any course level.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about training, talk to your local provider, visit www.skills.vic.gov.au, or call the Skills Victoria Help Hub on 1300 842 754.

