ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR A GOVERNMENT SUBSIDISED PLACE??

THIS APPLIES AT 1 JULY 2009 TO SKILLS DEEPENING
(DIPLOMA, ADV DIPLOMA, VET GRADUATE CERTIFICATES AND GRADUATE DIPLOMAS)

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

SECTION 1

Question 1 - Are you an Australian Resident?        Yes               No            (If Yes go to Section 2)

Question 2 - Are you a holder of a permanent visa?   Yes             No             (If Yes go to Section 2)

Question 3 - Are you an East Timorese asylum seeker?   Yes             No              (If Yes go to Section 2)

Question 4 - Do you hold a Temporary Protection Visa?    Yes          No                (If Yes go to Section 2)

Question 5 - Are you are a holder of a special category Visa (sub-class 444) Yes             No             (If Yes go to Section 2)

* If you have answered No to all Questions in Section 1 you are not eligible for a Government subsidised place

SECTION 2

Question 6 - Are you aged under 20 on 1 January in the year the course commences?    Yes            No         (If No go to Q7)

Question 7 - Are you applying for a Foundation Skills course Yes             No             (If No go to Q8)

Question 8 - Are you aged 20 years or over on 1 January in the year the course commences, and is applying for any qualification higher than the highest qualification already held? (Note: from July 1 2009, only Diploma and above courses applicable for entry into a Government subsidised place) Yes            No               (If No See below)

* If you have answered No to questions 6,7 and 8 you are not eligible for a government subsidised place

* If you have answered Yes to a question from Section 1 and answered Yes to a Question Section 2, You are eligible for a government subsidised place.

See AWCC Staff for more information
Changes to the training system from 1 July 2009

What new and continuing students need to know

*Securing Jobs for Your Future – Skills for Victoria* is a Victorian Government initiative to improve and refocus the training system. Many changes come into effect on 1 July 2009. This is to help you understand the changes.

The Victorian Training Guarantee

The main idea behind the changes is to encourage more people to become qualified at a higher level, especially in areas where employers find it hard to find enough staff. The Government is expanding the number of places at TAFE Institutes, private training providers, and Adult and Community Education providers over the next few years. A subsidised place is guaranteed to anyone who is eligible and you can access this entitlement more than once, as you move up the qualification scale. This is called the *Victorian Training Guarantee* and it will come in for Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas, Graduate certificates and Graduate Diplomas (VET) from 1 July 2009. The guaranteed place comes with some new eligibility (entry) requirements.

Guaranteed places will be extended to all other training programs from January 2011. In the meantime you will still be able to enrol in programs below Diploma level at your chosen training provider, with government support, but there will be limits on the number of places available, as there are now.

Fees

If you are eligible for a government subsidised place, the Government pays most of the cost of your course, but you will still pay some fees, according to the new fee schedule. If you are not eligible for a subsidised place, you might still undertake a course, but would have to pay on a fee-for-service basis, which costs more.

How do I know if I’m eligible for a subsidised place?

If you are an Australian citizen or permanent resident, or a holder of a Special Category Visa (for New Zealand citizens), you have met the first eligibility requirement. If you are also under 20 on 1 January in the year when you will be undertaking the course, there are no more requirements – you are eligible!

What if I’ve already turned 20?

If you are 20 or older on that date, your provider will ask you what qualifications you already hold. If you are enrolling in a course that is accredited at a higher level than the highest qualification you hold, then you are eligible. For example, if you have completed year 12, that counts as equivalent to a Certificate II qualification. Or you may have completed a Certificate III qualification. A Diploma or Advanced Diploma is higher than these, so you would be eligible.

But you would not be eligible for a subsidised place in a course at the same level. So if you have already completed a Diploma, you would not be eligible for a subsidised place in a Diploma course.

What happens if I’m not eligible?

If it turns out that you are not eligible for a government subsidised place in the course of your choice, your provider may have other options to suggest that would suit your needs just as well. Or you might choose to take a place without a government subsidy.

Are there any exemptions from these rules?

In a very limited number of cases, mainly to do with critical shortages in certain occupations or significant employment disadvantage, a provider might grant a subsidised place to a person who doesn’t meet the eligibility requirements.
I am already enrolled – how am I affected?
If you are already enrolled and have started your course before 1 July 2009 you will not be affected by the changes.
If you go on enrolling in the same course leading to the same qualification, your tuition fees will stay the same, with only a minor adjustment for indexation each year. If you want to take a period of absence from your course you will need to discuss this with your provider to see if they will maintain the same arrangement when you return. If you transfer from one provider to another you should check with the new provider to see if they will keep the same fee rate. This arrangement (called ‘fee maintenance’) will last until the end of 2012, so you have time to finish your course. After that everyone will pay the new tuition fees.

What fees will I pay?
For a subsidised place you will pay a certain amount as a tuition fee. This is worked out for each individual student, based on the number of hours you are enrolling in and any other study you have already done in that year. The amount can vary for different students.
For a non-subsidised (fee-for-service) place, you will pay higher fees. Your provider can tell you the fees that apply to the course of your choice.

More questions about the changes coming in on 1 July?
The appropriate staff at the AWCC will be able to answer many of your questions. Other ways of getting information are to visit the Skills Victoria student website at www.skills.vic.gov.au or SMS ‘skills’ to 134688, or call the Hotline on 131823.

Diploma and above courses available at the AWCC include;

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