

## Excerpts from Victoria State Government – Education and Training.

**Skills First supports students:** Whether you're an apprentice, a worker seeking retraining, a learner needing extra support or a regional student looking for a course in your local area.



Since January 2017, Skills First has given students of all ages, high-quality training in skills employers are looking for. We want your training to lead to a job, not just a certificate.

Under Skills First there is:

- more support for apprentices and trainees
- more options for older workers to retrain and upskill as our economy changes
- a commitment to high quality training
- better support for disadvantaged students.

### Check your eligibility and find a course

Before we designed Skills First we surveyed thousands of students like you. We are determined to make it easier for students to find the information they need to help them find the right courses that lead to real jobs.

The best place to start when you want to commence training is to find out if you are eligible for a government-subsidised training place. You will also want to research and choose the training provider that is going to meet your training needs.

Not all training providers provide government-subsidised training places, some charge full fee for service rates. Some courses are only offered as full fee for service.

Search for the most up-to-date list of Victorian training providers and courses or get more information about occupations, fees or eligibility.

### Skills and Jobs Centres

Skills and Jobs Centres are located at our TAFE campuses and are a one-stop-shop for students. Our Skills and Jobs Centres are the first port-of-call for students looking to start training, or workers needing to re-skill or retrain.

#### Drop into our Skills and Jobs Centres and access:

- apprenticeship and traineeship advice
- job search skills and resumé preparation assistance
- help with career and training plans.
- Supporting disadvantaged students

At times, people need some extra support and assistance to get back on the road to success. Young people in particular may need a helping hand to ensure positive outcomes.

The \$200 million TAFE rescue fund for community services funding to help deliver a broad range of support services to disadvantaged students.

A further \$20 million has been provided for The Reconnect program funds TAFEs and Learn Locals to provide wrap-around services, such as extra literacy, health and accommodation support.

Under Skills First, Learn Locals will be eligible to receive funding to build on their important role in providing training to their local communities, through the extension of the Reconnect program.

### **Continuing students**

All students who started government-subsidised training prior to 2017 will be able to continue their subsidised course until they complete it, even if it is not on the new funded course list.

Since 1 January 2017, students who wish to start a course that is not on the funded course list still can, but no Victorian Government subsidy will be available. Training providers can advise the fees they will charge for full-fee courses and you can find this information on the Victorian Skills Gateway.

### **Provide feedback on your experience**

If you would like to provide feedback about your training, training provider or to make a complaint, contact the Training and TAFE line: