

CHANGES TO ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR GOVERNMENT FUNDED TRAINING

Fee Exemptions – Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

Eligibility rules for government funding have changed at SuniTAFE and you could now be eligible for government subsidised funding, even if you weren't in the past.

This would heavily offset the cost of your course. The new subsidy rules offer far broader eligibility, whether you're starting out, re-training or adding to existing skills.

What are the changes to the Victorian Training Guarantee (VTG) eligibility settings?

In the past, government funding for vocational courses was not available to those who had previously accessed funded training for a course at the same or higher level.

In 2017 eligible SuniTAFE students can save on the course of their choice if they're returning to study, up-skilling or changing their career! This will enable individuals to access government subsidies for training at the same or at a lower level qualification than they already hold.

These eligibility exemptions are to apply for students who commence training in 2017, and are in addition to any other current VTG exemptions (e.g. workers in transition).

How do I know if I am eligible?

Funding rules can be complex depending on your circumstances and education history. The easiest way to find out is to get in touch with us and we will ask you a few questions to determine your likelihood for funding. We can only confirm this once you have selected a course and we have sighted all your relevant documents.

Exemptions are intended to support new students commencing in 2017, who would otherwise not have undertaken training. The exemption is applied to those students who are seeking to reskill and move within and across industries and occupations.

These exemptions are available through SuniTAFE being a Victorian TAFE provider and are on offer for a limited time only. For more information on the Victorian Training Guarantee visit

www.skills.vic.gov.au

How can I take advantage of this opportunity?

Talk to us! To find out more about how these changes can benefit you or to begin the course application process contact us now.

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What is the purpose of this initiative?

Changes to VTG eligibility settings are in line with the recent expansion of the Back to Work Scheme and the Government's response to the VET Funding Review.

This initiative will enable students to access government subsidies for training at a lower level qualification than they already hold, to reskill and re-enter employment and reengage with the economy and their community. This is critical, as it will support people to enter new fields of employment and assist those who may have used their VTG entitlements on poor quality training.

Can all training providers offer exemptions to students?

No. Only TAFE institutes and dual sector universities are eligible to provide a VTG exemption.

I have a Certificate IV in Automotive Manufacturing that is 15 years old. I am 37 years old and I am looking to reskill with a Certificate III in Automotive Diesel Engine Technology. Am I eligible to claim VTG funding for my qualification.

As you are reskilling you may be eligible for an exemption to the upskilling requirement for a VTG funded place. Speak with a TAFE institute or dual sector university that offers your chosen qualification to determine your eligibility for an exemption.

I completed a Diploma of Nursing two years ago. I have recently injured my leg and now have a disability. I am no longer able to work in my chosen field. I wish to move into the aged care industry as my injury will not limit my working capacity. I wish to study a Certificate IV in Community Services. Am I eligible to claim VTG funding for my qualification?

The Victorian Government is committed to supporting those who are seeking to reskill and move across occupations. You may be eligible for an exemption of the upskilling requirement for a VTG funded place. Speak with a TAFE institute or dual sector university which offers your chosen qualification to determine your eligibility for an exemption.

I have a Certificate IV in Training Assessment and Education. I have not been able to find a job in this field but am not able to get funding to retrain in another field. I am currently working only part-time and have a Health Care Card. Is there some way I can get a government subsidy to help me retrain and find a job?

Under the new program, you may be eligible for an exemption. The program aims to help people retrain and re-enter the workforce. Speak to your local TAFE or dual sector university. You should also talk to your local Job Active provider, which should be able to advise you of your options and help you with your application.

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