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# TAFE

## TAFE NSW

If you're an asylum seeker or refugee, you are eligible for Smart and Skilled training from Certificate I to Advanced Diploma level if you meet the criteria below. If you are eligible and your training commences on or after 1 January 2017, you will have access to fee-free training for qualifications up to Certificate IV level on the NSW Skills List.

### Who is eligible?

You are eligible if you:

- Are aged 15 years or older; and
- Are no longer at school or its equivalent; and
- Live or work in New South Wales; and
- Hold one of the following visas:
  - Emergency rescue visa (Subclass 203)
  - Global special humanitarian programme visa (Subclass 202)
  - In-country special humanitarian programme visa (Subclass 201)
  - Protection visa (Subclass 866)
  - Refugee visa (Subclass 200)
  - Safe Haven Enterprise visa (Subclass 790)
  - Temporary Protection visa (Subclass 785)
  - Woman at Risk visa (Subclass 204)

Or

- Hold one of the following visas where your training commences on or after 1 January 2017:
  - Bridging Visa A (BVA)
  - Bridging Visa B (BVB)
  - Bridging Visa C (BVC)
  - Bridging Visa D (BVD)
  - Bridging Visa E (BVE)
  - Temporary Humanitarian Concern visa (Subclass 786)
  - Temporary Humanitarian Stay visa (Subclass 449).

(Please note that these visa categories are correct as at 30 November 2016. Visas are subject to change at any time by the Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection)

### **Fee-free training**

If you are eligible and are undertaking a Certificate I, Certificate II, Certificate III or Certificate IV level qualification on the NSW Skills List and your training commences on or after 1 January 2017 you will not pay any course fees under Smart and Skilled.

(Note: Training providers may still charge fees for 'incidental expenses' such as for essential tools or for field trips. Training providers must let you know of any additional fees for incidental expenses prior to enrolment.)

### **Proof of eligibility**

You should advise your training provider that you hold an eligible visa. Your training provider will ask for your visa and will confirm that it appears on the list above.

### **Fact sheet**

For more information, please click [here](#) and submit your enquiry online.

### **TAFE VIC**

The Asylum Seeker Vocational Education and Training (ASVET) program is a Victorian State Government funded initiative which supports eligible people seeking asylum, and refugees, to gain access to Skills First Victoria VET courses.

The ASVET initiative covers applicants who wish to complete VCE, Foundation Studies, and VET Certificate levels 1 to IV, Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas. Applicants undertaking VCE, or courses at Certificate levels 1 to IV, are eligible for a subsidised Skills First place, as well as a concessional tuition fee rate.

Applicants undertaking diplomas are eligible for a Government-subsidised place with tuition fees at the domestic student rate. Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas do not have concession rates.

Free TAFE for priority courses:

- From January 2019, people seeking asylum, and refugees, who are eligible for Skills First training, will also be able to access free tuition in 30 priority non-apprenticeship courses, delivered through TAFEs across the state.
- A further 18 government-subsidised apprenticeship pathway courses (sometimes called pre-apprenticeships) will also be free to eligible people seeking asylum.

## Eligibility

To enrol a student in a Skills First VET course, including Free TAFE for Priority courses, the following criteria must be met:

- people seeking asylum must be on a Bridging Visa Class E (BVE)
- refugees must have a Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV) OR a Temporary Protection Visa (TPV)
- people holding eligible visas must always have study rights
- work rights are required for courses that include work placement

All applicants must also

- have a proficient level of English to participate in the chosen course
- be able to pay for: course concession fees (where applicable), course materials, student amenity fees, and transport costs
- live in Victoria

For any further eligibility requirements or limitations please check your Skills First contract, or contact your contract manager at the DET.

For more information visit the ARSRC website: <https://asrc.org.au/vet/>

## QLD TAFE

Please see the website below for more information: <https://tafeqld.edu.au/courses/tells/index.html>

Support for migrant and refugee students in QLD: <https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/training-careers/support/migrants-refugees>

## Charities & Foundations

1. NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS): <http://www.startts.org.au/contact/>
2. The Smith Family: <https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/programs>
3. Asylum Seeker Resource Centre: <https://www.asrc.org.au/education/>
4. Asylum Seeker Centre: <https://asylumseekerscentre.org.au/education/>
5. Australian Himalayan Foundation: <http://www.australianhimalayanfoundation.org.au/programs/education/>
6. Variety: <https://www.variety.org.au/nsw/programs/scholarships/>
7. Engineers Without Borders: <https://www.ewb.org.au/whatwedo/education-research/school-outreach>
8. Foundation House: <https://foundationhouse.org.au/specialised-programs/young-people/>
9. Australian Red Cross: <https://www.redcross.org.au/get-help/community-services/services-for-young-people>
10. The Salvation Army: <https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/need-help/youth-services/>
11. SCARF Refugee Support: <https://www.scarfsupport.org.au/programs/>
12. SydWest Multicultural Services: <http://www.sydwestms.org.au/get-involved/student-placements>
13. The Water Well Project: <https://www.thewaterwellproject.org/about-the-project/>
14. Australia for UNHCR: <https://www.unrefugees.org.au/>
15. The Australian Literacy & Numeracy Foundation: <https://alnf.org/what-we-do/>
16. The Australian Ballet School: <https://www.australianballetschool.com.au/pages/abs-scholarships>
17. Public Education Foundation: <https://publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarships/>
18. Books In Homes: <https://booksinhomes.com.au/>
19. Brace Education & Training: <https://skillsplus.com.au/education-and-training-services/>
20. CASE: <https://www.case.edu.au/collections/education>
21. Country Education Foundation of Australia: <https://cef.org.au/our-grants/>
22. Catholic Diocese of Ballarat: <http://www.ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au/professional-learning/sponsorship/>
23. CHC Higher Education: <http://www.chc.edu.au/future-students/the-chc-edge/>
24. Crisis Intervention and Management Australasia (CIMA): <https://www.cima.org.au/programs>
25. Cool Australia: <https://www.coolaustralia.org/student-toolbox/>
26. Daystar Foundation: <http://www.daystar.org.au/index.php?page=blast-programs>
27. Edmund Rice Community & Refugee Services: [http://www.ercrs.com.au/homework\\_programs.php](http://www.ercrs.com.au/homework_programs.php)
28. Family Planning Victoria: <https://www.fpv.org.au/schools>
29. Jewish Holocaust Centre: <https://jhc.org.au/education-programs/>
30. Learning Links: <https://www.learninglinks.org.au/>

31. Life Education: <https://www.lifeeducation.org.au/children/>
32. MITRATAA Foundation: <https://www.mitrataa.org/dream-catchers-scholarships/>
33. Outward Bound: <https://www.outwardbound.org.au/youth-development-tolina-on-outward-bound/>
34. The Bridge: <https://thebridgeinc.org.au/>
35. Royal Agriculture Society of NSW: <http://www.rasnw.com.au/education/>
36. The Engineering Link Group: <http://telg.com.au/stem-outreach/>
37. The John Berne School: <https://www.thejohnberneschool.org/what-we-do/>
38. Victorian Council of Social Service: <http://vcoss.org.au/strong-sector/community-services-industry-planning/>

## QLD Charity Organisations

1. Access Community Services: [https://www.accesscommunity.org.au/employment\\_training](https://www.accesscommunity.org.au/employment_training) & [https://www.accesscommunity.org.au/youth\\_services](https://www.accesscommunity.org.au/youth_services)
2. Refugee Council of Australia: <https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/services-qld/>
3. Townsville Multicultural Support Group: <https://www.tmsg.org.au/programs>
4. St Vincent De Paul Society: <https://www.vinnies.org.au/findhelp/view/217>
5. The Romero Centre: <https://romero.mercycommunity.org.au/>
6. The Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma: <https://qpastt.org.au/>
7. Pushing Barriers: <https://pushingbarriers.org/players/>
8. Centacare: <https://www.centacarefnq.org/multicultural-services>
9. Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland: <https://eccq.com.au/what-we-do/strengthening-communities/>
10. Brisbane Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Network: <https://www.facebook.com/brassnetwork/>
11. Inala Community House: <https://ich.org.au/>
12. Multicultural Australia: [https://www.multiculturalaustralia.org.au/employment\\_skills\\_and\\_training](https://www.multiculturalaustralia.org.au/employment_skills_and_training)
13. Mercy Community: <https://www.mercycommunity.org.au/>
14. Multilink: <https://multilink.org.au/>
15. Refugee Health Network Queensland: <https://www.refugeehealthnetworkqld.org.au/>
16. QPASTT: <https://qpastt.org.au/what-we-do/children-and-youth-programs/homework-club/>
17. Refugee Tutoring Club: <https://www.uqu.com.au/club/refugee-tutoring-club-uqrtc>
18. ARMIA: <https://www.armia.com.au/academic-support-for-tafe-and-university-students/>



## Affordable Providers

1. One Education – deliver affordable laptops for education to primary school children. Mission is to improve access to technology and its usage in classrooms.
2. Vision Christian store – religious goods stores
3. Workventures – provide affordable computers for educational institutions and non-profit organisation
4. Computer Bank Hunter – online donations platform
5. Computer Bank New England – provide low cost access to computer equipment for those who need it most
6. The Bower reuse and repair centre - to provide affordable electronics, computers and books
7. GIVIT – online donations platform
8. ITShare – provide computers for low-income groups and individuals
9. Enable IT recycling – provide employment training
10. Werx Foundation – provide training to marginalised people
11. Computer Bank Australia – provide affordable computers to marginalised communities
12. Equipment recycling network – affordable computers for people with disabilities
13. Green Collect – give refugees opportunities for long term stable work
14. Beyond Disability – provide help with technical problems, repairing or replacing laptops and offer subsidised internet access. Also provide special equipment for disabled people.
15. Brotherhood of St Laurence – provide support for job seekers, young people, refugees and migrants and provide education to young people
16. Eastern Emergency Relief Network – provide basic living support to people in need
17. The Smith Family – provide financial support to disadvantaged children and young people with their education, also provide tech equipment and work experience to people in need
18. infoXchange – affordable computers, online courses and IT support
19. Connecting Up – provide affordable software and services, discounted computers and IT hardwares and provide free or affordable online learning
20. Canberra City Care - provide affordable computers, repair services and technical support to low-income earners