Asylum Seeker VET Program

Asylum Seekers may be exempt from the citizenship criteria but they must present a ‘Referral to Government Subsidised Training’ from the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre or the Australian Red Cross Victims of Human Trafficking Program.

La Trobe Valley Initiative and Back to Work Scheme

Individuals seeking to undertake training under these initiatives must:

- La Trobe Valley Initiative - present a Training Referral Letter signed by the Executive Director, Industry Engagement and VET Systems Division of the Dept. of Education and Training, and they must commence training within the timeframe specified in that Letter;
- Back to Work Scheme – present a copy of the standard email issued by the State Revenue Office to the individual’s employer confirming their status as a ‘Back to Work’ participant.

In these cases, applicants may be exempt from the requirement of enrolling in a qualification at a higher level than the one already held (‘upskilling’) and the restriction of commencing a maximum of two government subsidised courses at the same level in their lifetime, as long as they meet all the other eligibility criteria.