Skills First Program 2018-19

Government Funded Training

Concession Fees - Conditions

Concessions for Government subsidised courses will be granted to eligible individuals who meet one of the following requirements:

- Are enrolling in a Certificate III or IV course and hold a current and valid:
  - Commonwealth Health Care Card;
  - Pensioner Concession Card; or
  - Veteran’s Gold Card; or
  - An alternative card or concession eligibility criterion approved by the Minister for this purpose.

- Hold one of the above concession cards and are also referred Job Seekers participating in the jobactive program, enrolling in a Certificate III or IV course;

- Are undertaking training in a Certificate III or IV course under the Asylum Seekers VET Program and present a Referral to Government Subsidised Training – Asylum Seekers, from the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre or the Australian Red Cross Victims of Human Trafficking Program;

- Are self-identified Indigenous students enrolling at any course level;

No concessions are available for Diploma-level, except for Indigenous students.

Concessions fees for eligible individuals are calculated as 20% of the published standard tuition fee (Government subsidised).

For the current applicable fees and charges, see Fees and Charges Schedule.

Supporting Evidence

All concession evidence must be presented upon enrolment, or within one week from the date concession fees have been approved and the applicable tuition fees paid. Failure to observe this requirement will result in cancellation of enrolment.

Concession cards

Applicants for concession who hold a physical card, must present it upon enrolment so it can be photocopied or scanned by the Training Provider, or provide a certified copy of the card; no photographs or screenshots accepted.

Where a concession card is presented to the RTO via a Digital Wallet through a Centrelink Express Plus mobile application, the Victorian Chamber must sight and authenticate the card by viewing the card directly through the Centrelink Express Plus mobile application on the cardholder’s mobile device. These cards may not be sighted via a screen shot of the card that is emailed or otherwise produced.

Copies of these cards are not acceptable evidence to be kept by the training provider. The Victorian Chamber will sign a Digital Card Verification Form for confirmation that they’ve sighted the digital concession card and attach it to the student's Enrolment form.

Other - if applicable

- The original or certified copy of the Asylum Seeker Referral Form (a copy to be retained by Victorian Chamber).

Tuition fees wavers or exemptions

The following eligible individuals will NOT be charged a tuition fee, at any level of enrolment:

- Prisoners from the Judy Lazarus Transition Centre;
- Young people required to undertake a course of study on a community based order;

The Victorian Chamber must retain a copy of the written confirmation from the Judy Lazarus Transition Centre or the Youth Justice Unit of the Victorian Department of Human Services, as applicable.