

Skills First Program 2022

Government Funded Training

Concession Fees - Conditions

Concessions for Skills First government subsidised courses will be granted to eligible Skills First students who meet one of the following requirements:

- Are enrolling in a Certificate III or IV qualification and hold a current and valid:
 - Commonwealth Health Care Card; or
 - Pensioner Concession Card; or
 - Veteran's Gold Card;
 - A student who is a dependant spouse or dependent child of a card holder is also entitled to a concession. The dependant is usually listed on the card.
- 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;
- Are enrolling in Certificate IV in WHS under the **JobTrainer** initiative and present one of the items of evidence of eligibility to participate in JobTrainer as specified in the JobTrainer eligibility information.

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 its equivalent records as extracted from Centrelink Confirmation eServices; no photographs or screenshots accepted.

Where a concession card is presented to the RTO via a Digital Wallet through an Express Plus Centrelink mobile application, the Victorian Chamber must sight and authenticate the card by viewing the card directly through the Express Plus Centrelink 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 evidence listed above (a copy to be retained by Victorian Chamber).

Tuition fees wavers

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.