

# JOBTRAINER

## *Enabling access to free or low fee training*

**The Victorian Government has partnered with the Commonwealth Government to jointly invest up to \$260 million under the JobTrainer Fund to increase access to training places for thousands of Victorians who have been most impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.**

JobTrainer qualifications are available through the Victorian TAFE network as well as a range of other training providers. Eligible students will be able to access free or low fee (concession) qualifications and free accredited short courses (skill sets) in key industries and occupations.

The JobTrainer Fund supports Victoria's *Skills First* program that subsidises training (including tuition-free training at TAFEs) and complements other initiatives to support Victoria's economic recovery.

### **Who is eligible to access training under JobTrainer?**

Under the Fund, Victorians who are unemployed or aged 17–24 and/or hold a valid concession card will be able to access free or low-fee training in areas of identified skills need and employment growth.

Victorians eligible for JobTrainer will be able to access [Free TAFE courses](#), even if they hold a higher qualification. For all other priority qualifications under JobTrainer, eligible students will pay only 20 per cent of the listed tuition fee. Eligible JobTrainer students can also access skill sets for free.

Students can access up to one full qualification and one skill set under the JobTrainer Fund.

### **What courses will be available?**

JobTrainer is available across areas identified as having a genuine skill need and employment

growth, such as health, construction, agriculture, community services, meat processing, pharmaceutical manufacturing, financial services, logistics, and hairdressing and beauty services.

These were chosen to meet the priority needs of the Victorian economy.

JobTrainer extends access for eligible Victorians to all Free TAFE courses.

Eligible students can enrol now in qualifications and skill sets. Students can find information about and search for JobTrainer qualifications and skill sets on the [Victorian Skills Gateway](#) and the national [MySkills website](#).

### **Why am I receiving this information?**

This information is being provided to equip your organisation with relevant information on JobTrainer in Victoria to help increase awareness for eligible students.

As an organisation that works with young and/or unemployed people, you may know people who would benefit from accessing free or low-fee training in areas of identified skills need. Answers to common questions that students may have are on the following page.

### **Where can students get more information?**

Students can find out more by visiting the [Victorian Skills Gateway](#) or calling the TAFE and Training line on 13 18 23. This flyer was accurate at the time of creation, however always refer to the website for the latest and most up to date information.



## JOBTRAINER FAQ'S FOR STUDENTS

### Am I eligible to access training in Victoria under JobTrainer?

Students may be able to study a free or low-fee course through JobTrainer if they are:

- Physically present in Victoria, **and**
- an Australian citizen, permanent resident, New Zealand citizen or asylum seeker, **and**
- 17 to 24 years old when the course starts; **or**
- A Job seeker of any age, where a job seeker is defined as a person who:
  - holds a valid and current Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card or Veteran's Gold Card; or
  - is unemployed

### What courses can I do under JobTrainer and who offers them?

Visit the [Victorian Skills Gateway](#) and filter 'JobTrainer' to view covered courses and skill sets.

Courses are offered through various TAFE institutes, private training providers and Learn Locals in many locations across metropolitan and regional Victoria.

### How much will I pay for training under JobTrainer?

If you're eligible for JobTrainer, you can enrol in a Free TAFE course at TAFE without paying any tuition fees. You might still be subject to amenities fees and materials fees.

For full qualifications, if the course is not listed as a Free TAFE course, then you will be charged a low fee, equivalent to a concession rate (20 per cent of the training provider's standard fee).

Eligible JobTrainer students can also access skill sets for free.

Course fees differ between providers so you will need to speak to your TAFE or training provider about the specific training cost.

### I am aged 17–24 or unemployed but I have a bachelor's degree. Can I still access training under JobTrainer?

If you meet the eligibility criteria for JobTrainer you can enrol in a course under JobTrainer (including Free TAFE) even if you hold a higher qualification. There are no upskilling requirements for JobTrainer.

### What is the difference between qualifications and short courses/skill sets, and are there limits on what I can access?

Full qualifications are designed to support a career trajectory and provide a broad array of skills and general capabilities.

Skill sets are shorter courses designed to support training pathways to full qualifications. They may address an immediate skills or knowledge gap, or an emerging skills or knowledge need.

If you meet the eligibility requirements for JobTrainer, you're able to access a maximum of one full qualification and one full skill set through the JobTrainer Fund.

You may also be able to access additional subsidised training through *Skills First*.

### Can I do an apprenticeship or traineeships under JobTrainer?

Traineeships are available under JobTrainer. If you're interested in opportunities around apprenticeships, contact an [Apprenticeship Network provider](#) in your area. They will tell you everything you need to know about entering into a training contract.

Apprenticeships and School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships are not available under JobTrainer in Victoria.