

Year 12 graduates fee-free training

Fact sheet

Overview

To support Queensland's Year 12 graduates to successfully transition to employment, the government is offering fee-free training in high priority qualifications identified by the Queensland Government and industry groups.

The training is available through a range of certificate III level vocational education and training (VET) courses, as well as apprenticeships and traineeships.

Why participate?

Fee-free training gives Year 12 graduates a head start on their careers by allowing them to complete a high priority qualification through an apprenticeship, traineeship or selected VET course without the financial burden of student contribution fees.

Participant eligibility

To be eligible to access fee-free training, you must:

- have completed Year 12 in Queensland and hold a Senior Statement issued by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority, or equivalent certification.
- enrol and start training with an approved training provider (called a pre-qualified supplier or PQS) by the end of the calendar year following your completion of Year 12.
- be a Queensland resident.

Available training

Fee-free training only applies to apprenticeships and traineeships or certificate III level qualifications identified as high priority by the Queensland Government. High priority qualifications will develop the skills most needed by employers and the Queensland economy, and are based on skill demand, advice from industry, and whether the qualification will lead to employment.

The list of high priority qualifications is available at www.training.qld.gov.au/year12feefree.

What does fee-free mean?

The Queensland Government will cover the full cost of training in a high priority qualification delivered under the Year 12 fee-free training initiative. This means eligible participants will not be required to contribute to the cost of their training.

Important information

Year 12 fee-free training is available through two Queensland Government training investment programs — the Certificate 3 Guarantee and User Choice.

It is important to carefully consider your training options before committing to a training course as this may exhaust your entitlement to further Queensland Government subsidised training.

For information on all Queensland Government subsidised training options, visit www.training.qld.gov.au/fundedtraining.

Accessing fee-free training for Year 12 graduates

Step 1 — Select a qualification

Think about what you want to study, then search for the available qualifications funded in this area using the Year 12 Fee Free refined search filter at www.skillsgateway.training.qld.gov.au/course.

You can also find out information about apprenticeships and traineeships, including the opportunities and benefits they can provide, at www.apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au/apprentices.

Step 2 — Choose a training provider

Once you have selected a qualification that you are interested in, using the Queensland Skills Gateway Year 12 Fee Free refined search filter, the list of training providers that offer that course will also be

displayed in the search results. You may then contact these providers directly for more information.

OR

If you wish to undertake a high priority qualification through an apprenticeship or traineeship, [follow these steps](#) on the [Apprenticeships Info](#) website.

Fee-free eligibility rules

The Year 12 fee-free initiative was introduced to provide young Queenslanders with an incentive to complete Year 12 and engage in training as soon as possible after finishing school. For this reason, it is important to understand that limits apply to a student's eligibility for fee-free training.

If you start training in a high priority qualification, but change your mind and decide you want to undertake a different high priority qualification that will better support your employment goals, then you will still be eligible for fee-free training but only if you re-enrol within the 12-month calendar year following Year 12.

If you start an apprenticeship in a high priority qualification, you need to be aware of the fee-free eligibility rules that apply if changes to your training contract occur within **or** after the 12-month calendar year after Year 12. These conditions are outlined below and also apply to a traineeship contract.

Apprenticeships

A. Change of supervising registered training organisation (SRTO)

- ✓ You can continue to undertake fee-free training if you and your employer decide to change your SRTO within the calendar year following Year 12.
- But, if your re-enrolment with a new SRTO takes place after the calendar year, then you are no longer eligible for fee-free training and standard program fees will now apply.

B. Cancellation of the training contract and 'recommencement' (change of employer)

- ✓ You can continue to undertake fee-free training if you cancel your training contract and recommence with a new employer

within the calendar year following Year 12.

- However, if cancellation of your training contract and recommencement with a new employer takes place after the calendar year, then you are no longer eligible for fee-free training and standard program fees will now apply.

C. Transfer of the training contract (change of employer)

- ✓ You can continue to undertake fee-free training if you transfer your training contract to a new employer **and** retain the same SRTO. It does not matter when the transfer occurs, either within or after the calendar year following Year 12, as your training contract has not stopped or discontinued.
- However, if you transfer to a new employer **and** also change SRTO, then the same rules apply as for change of SRTO – see item 'A'. In this case, you can only continue to undertake fee-free training if the transfer (including change of SRTO) takes place within the calendar year following Year 12.

D. Converting a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SAT) to Year 12 fee-free training

- ✓ If you have started a SAT and will be continuing your qualification after finishing Year 12, then you will be eligible for fee-free training provided:
 - the qualification is a high priority qualification under the applicable program (either User Choice or Certificate 3 Guarantee), and;
 - you convert and continue training in your qualification within the 12-month calendar year following Year 12.

More information

If you need more information about fee-free training for Year 12 graduates, contact the Training Queensland Customer Centre on 1300 369 935, email training@det.qld.gov.au or visit www.training.qld.gov.au/year12feefree.