

Changes to Victoria's TAFE and training system

Factsheet

The Victorian Government is changing the TAFE and training system to help people get the skills they need for the jobs they want.

There are more approved training providers offering government subsidised places with a wider choice of courses.

What's changing?

- **More places available:** 172,000 extra places to help the 1.6 million Victorians who do not have post school qualifications and those who want to improve their skills.
- **Victorian Training Guarantee:** every eligible Victorian will get a government subsidy to help pay for training as they move up the qualifications scale.
- **Under 20 year olds:** are guaranteed a government subsidised place in any course at an approved training provider.
- **Foundation skills:** from 2011 unlimited places for Foundation Level numeracy and literacy courses.
- **Retrenched workers:** places are guaranteed for those recently retrenched.

Fees

- **Fee changes:** fees for most courses stay the same or decrease with government subsidised places costing between \$50 and \$2,000.
- **Fairer fees:** in 2010 the government will pay 70 to 90 per cent of the cost of training for eligible students.

- **Higher qualifications:** if you already hold a diploma or higher level qualification you may have to pay full fees and loans are available.
- **Fees are capped:** there is a maximum you will pay regardless of how much government subsidised training you complete in a year.

Concessions

- **Health Care Card holders:** concessions remain for all courses except diplomas and above. The maximum concession fee in 2010 is \$120.
- **Apprenticeships and traineeships:** concessions remain and the maximum is \$57.
- **Indigenous students:** continue to access concessions at all levels.

More information

For more information call the Skills Victoria hotline on **1300 842 754**.