

Year 12 graduate fee free training



Overview

From 1 January 2014, Year 12 graduates will be able to access fee-free training as part of the Queensland Government's *Great skills Real opportunities* action plan.

The fee-free training will be available for Year 12 graduates for training in high priority qualifications identified by the Queensland Government and industry groups.

The training is available through a range of certificate level III vocational education and training 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 vocational education and training course without the financial burden of student contribution fees.

Participant eligibility

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

- have completed Year 12 in Queensland and hold a Senior Statement issued by the Queensland Studies Authority
- enrol and start training with an approved training provider by the end of the calendar year following the completion of Year 12
- be a Queensland resident.

Available training

Fee-free training only applies to apprenticeships and traineeships or certificate level III qualifications identified as high priority by the Queensland Government (except for qualifications where the Student Contribution Fee is met by Construction Skills Queensland).

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 online at www.training.qld.gov.au/information/investing-in-skills/certificate3/students.html.

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 participating students will not be required to contribute to the cost of their training.

In addition to the Queensland Government's Year 12 graduate fee free training, Construction Skills Queensland (CSQ) is committed to supporting apprentices, trainees and employers within the Queensland building and construction industry. Through the CSQ Student Contribution Fee program, CSQ will pay the student contribution fee for building and construction apprentices and trainees eligible for funding through the Queensland Government's User Choice program and subject to the CSQ eligibility requirements. For further information, please refer to www.csq.org.au/funding-support/workers/student-contribution-fee

Accessing fee-free training for Year 12 graduates

Step 1 – Select a qualification

Think about the career or area of study you are interested in and then review the high priority list to find a matching qualification - www.training.qld.gov.au/information/investing-in-skills/certificate3/students.html.

If your preferred qualification is an apprenticeship or traineeship please visit apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au/apprentices/why-choose/index.html to find out more, including the opportunities and benefits they can provide.

Step 2 – Choose a training provider

If you wish to complete a high priority vocational education and training course available through the Certificate 3 Guarantee program, contact an approved training provider directly to enrol. The list of qualifications and approved training providers is available at www.training.qld.gov.au/information/investing-in-skills/certificate3/courses/index.html

OR

If you wish to undertake a high priority qualification through an apprenticeship or traineeship follow these steps to get you started – www.apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au/apprentices/become-apprentice/four-steps/index.html

Who can I contact for 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, training@dete.qld.gov.au or visit www.training.qld.gov.au.

Important information

Year 12 fee-free training is available through two Queensland Government skills and 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.