

JobTrainer Fund

RTO fact sheet

What is the JobTrainer Fund?

The JobTrainer Fund supports jobseekers, school leavers and young people to access the skills and training they need to find work, re-enter the labour market or explore new work opportunities available as Queensland's economy recovers.

The JobTrainer Fund will operate as a component of Queensland's existing vocational education and training (VET) investment programs and will provide access to additional training opportunities that complement the training already available for the target student cohort.

What training is available under the JobTrainer Fund?

Subsidies are available for a select number of qualifications and short courses currently in demand by industry.

The full list of subsidised qualifications and short courses is available on the *JobTrainer Priority List* at

<https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/training-careers/incentives/jobtrainer>.

Additional qualifications and short courses will be added to the priority list on the basis of industry advice on future job demand.

How can RTOs participate?

RTOs must be pre-approved by the department as a Skills Assure Supplier (SAS) to deliver subsidised qualifications and short courses on the *JobTrainer Priority List*.

SAS will be invited to submit a business case to the department to request training places under the JobTrainer Fund.

What level of subsidy is available?

The subsidy represents the level of government contribution for a qualification and varies between qualifications based on a number of factors.

A higher subsidy will also be paid for training delivered locally in identified country and remote areas of Queensland, and Cape York and the Torres Strait.

The full list of subsidy levels for qualifications and short courses is available on the *Queensland JobTrainer Priority List*.

Does the individual need to contribute to the cost of training?

Lower level qualifications (up to a certificate III) and short courses will be fully funded by the Queensland Government, with eligible students required to pay no fee.

Higher level qualifications (certificate IV or Diploma level) will be funded at higher concessional subsidies, with eligible students required to pay a low fee of up to \$400.

The amount of out-of-pocket expense will vary depending on the training undertaken and will be determined by the SAS.

A co-contribution fee (if required) may be paid on behalf of the student by an employer or another third party, but cannot be paid or waived by the SAS or any organisation related to the SAS, unless approved by the department.



What if an individual has already completed a qualification?

Prospective students who have an existing qualification are still eligible to enrol in a subsidised training place as the Fund offers people a chance to retrain and gain new skills and qualifications.

Can individuals enrol in more than one qualification or short course under the Job Trainer Fund?

Students can only access one training place funded under the JobTrainer Fund to complete an eligible qualification.

Students may undertake more than one short course funded through the JobTrainer Fund, but cannot be enrolled in more than one short course or qualification at a time.

What is the student eligibility criteria?

To be eligible to enrol in a training place funded under the JobTrainer Fund, prospective students must:

- permanently reside in Queensland; and
- be an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident (includes humanitarian entrant), temporary resident with the necessary visa and work permits on the pathway to permanent residency, or a New Zealand citizen; and
- have finished school or no longer be at school (including home schooled); and
- not already be enrolled in training (includes VET and higher education courses); and
- not have previously completed a qualification funded under the JobTrainer Fund; and
- either be a jobseeker or a school leaver or young person; or
- from 1 October 2021, enrol in an aged care, childcare, disability care or digital skills qualification, and can do so

regardless of age or employment status.

In addition to the above eligibility requirements, specific restrictions and/or exemptions may apply to participation in certain subsidised qualifications or short courses, which will be based on industry advice or requirements under the relevant national training package and will be detailed in the *JobTrainer Priority List*.

What is the definition of a jobseeker?

A jobseeker means an individual aged 15 years or older who is:

- out of work; or
- in receipt of income support payments.

What is the definition of a school leaver or young person?

From 1 October 2021, a school leaver or young person means an individual who is aged 16 to 24 years, regardless of employment status. Enrolments prior to 1 October 2021 must be 17 to 24 years.

What are the new aged care, childcare, disability care or digital skills requirements?

From 1 October 2021, prospective students can enrol in an aged care, childcare, disability care or digital skills qualification, regardless of age or employment status. DESBT has identified the eligible qualifications on the Queensland JobTrainer Priority List. This can be found <https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/training-careers/incentives/jobtrainer>

What outcomes are expected?

Each SAS is measured on successful training completions, quality of training experience and whether the training resulted in an employment benefit such as

securing a job, career advancement or transition to university for further education.

Individuals and employers will need access to a range of information to ensure they make an informed choice about a subsidised training place.

To support this, a SAS must meet a number of performance standards if they wish to participate and maintain their SAS status for the program. Refer to the *SAS policy* and *SAS Agreement* at www.desbt.qld.gov.au/training/providers/sas/contract for more information.

More information

For more information on the JobTrainer Fund, including eligibility requirements, subsidy information, concessional student information and program related documents visit <https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/training-careers/incentives/jobtrainer>