

FACT SHEET – HIGHER LEVEL SKILLS

WHAT IS THE HIGHER LEVEL SKILLS PROGRAM?

A core element of the Queensland government's *VET Investment Plan* is ensuring Queenslanders have access to quality training programmes that deliver effective skills to meet employment and business demands.

The *Higher Level Skills* programme aims to assist individuals to gain the higher-level skills required to secure employment or career advancement in a priority industry, or to transition to university to further their studies.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

The programme is open to any Queensland resident who:

- is aged 15 years or over who is no longer at school
- is an Australian or New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident (including humanitarian entrants) or a temporary resident with the necessary visa on the pathway to permanent residency
- does not have and is not enrolled in a Certificate IV level or higher qualification (excluding qualifications completed at school and foundations skills training).

To attract a subsidy for a skill set under the *Higher Level Skills* program, the student must hold entry level qualifications (Certificate III level) in the industry. Furthermore, some exemptions apply to some qualifications, for example CHC52015 Diploma in Community Services: the student must be an existing worker in the Community Services industry.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAMME?

You can only access the *Higher Level Skills* programme subsidy once, so it is important that you take the time to carefully consider your training options and compare different providers and their fees before committing to a course of study.

The *Queensland Skills Gateway* displays the courses available under the *Higher Level Skills* programme and provides information about what they cover, the careers they can lead to and the training providers approved to deliver them — visit www.skillsgateway.training.qld.gov.au.

For some subsidised courses under the programme, there may be a requirement that you be an existing worker in the industry to be eligible to enrol. These restrictions are detailed in the *Queensland Training Subsidies List*. For helpful information on choosing a training provider, read the training [consumer tips](#) on the Department of Education and Training website.

As a condition of your enrolment, you will be required to complete a student training and employment survey within three months of finishing or discontinuing your training.

WHAT LEVEL OF SUBSIDY IS AVAILABLE?

The investment priority or importance of the training determines the size of the government subsidy. Training in vocational areas that align with critical industry skill needs will receive a higher government subsidy. A higher subsidy will also be paid to support participation by disadvantaged learners (concessional students). More information on concessional student status is detailed in the *Higher Level Skills* programme policy at training.qld.gov.au.

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DO I NEED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COST OF TRAINING?

Yes, students are required to contribute to the cost of their training at enrolment with a co-contribution fee. The co-contribution fee may be paid on your behalf by an employer or another third party but cannot be paid or waived by the training provider. The co-contribution fee must be paid in full prior to the start of your course.

Concession co-contribution fee available for valid concession card holders and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders. Please contact the ACE Administration staff to access this fee.

CHC43015 Certificate IV in Ageing Support

Co-contribution fee – \$216.00 (\$12.00 per unit) | Concession co-contribution fee – \$180.00 (\$10.00 per unit)

CHC43115 Certificate IV in Disability

Co-contribution fee – \$168.00 (\$12.00 per unit) | Concession co-contribution fee – \$140.00 (\$10.00 per unit)

CHC43415 Certificate IV in Leisure and Health

Co-contribution fee – \$204.00 (\$12.00 per unit) | Concession co-contribution fee – \$170.00 (\$10.00 per unit)

CHC50113 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care

Co-contribution fee – \$420.00 (\$15.00 per unit) | Concession co-contribution fee – \$364.00 (\$13.00 per unit)

CHC52015 Diploma of Community Services

Co-contribution fee – \$288.00 (\$18.00 per unit) | Concession co-contribution fee – \$256.00 (\$16.00 per unit)

CHCSS00070 Assist clients with medication (skill set)

Co-contribution fee – \$300.00 (\$150.00 per unit) | No concessional pricing

CHCSS00072 Building inclusive practices in early childhood education and care (skill set)

Co-contribution fee – \$600.00 (\$100.00 per unit) | Concession co-contribution fee – \$540.00 (\$90.00 per unit)

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the *Higher Level Skills* programme, including eligibility requirements, fee information and programme related documents, visit training.qld.gov.au.

