

FACT SHEET – HIGHER LEVEL SKILLS



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WHAT IS THE HIGHER LEVEL SKILLS PROGRAM?

We are a *Skills Assure* Supplier. A core element of the Queensland government's *Skills Assure* 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?

You must:

- be a Queensland resident
- be aged 15 years or over, and no longer at school
- be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident (including humanitarian entrants) or a temporary resident with the necessary visa and work permits on the pathway to permanent residency
- not hold, or be enrolled in, a certificate IV level or higher qualification (not including qualifications completed at school and foundations skills training).

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.

For information on choosing a training provider, read the training consumer tips at www.desbt.qld.gov.au/training/trainingcareers/courses/studentguide/tips. The Queensland Skills Gateway displays the courses available under the *Higher Level Skills* program and provides information about what they cover, the careers they can lead to, and the training providers approved to deliver them – visit <http://www.skillsgateway.training.qld.gov.au/>.

For some subsidised skill sets and courses under the program, the industry and training package requires you to be an existing worker in the industry to be eligible to enrol (for example CHC52015 Diploma of Community Services) and/or hold entry level qualifications (Certificate III level) in the industry. These restrictions and/or exemptions are details in the Priority Skills List at www.desbt.qld.gov.au/training/providers/funded/priority-skills-list. 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.

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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. The investment priority or importance of the training determines the size of the government subsidy. Training in vocational areas that align with important economic and industry skills 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 program policy at www.desbt.qld.gov.au/training/providers/funded/higher-level-skills.

DO I NEED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COST OF TRAINING?

Given the increased benefits that you can gain from higher-level training, you are required to contribute to the cost of your training through a co-contribution fee. The fee may be paid on your behalf by an employer or another third party but cannot be paid or waived by the training provider or any organisation related to the training provider unless approved by the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training. 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)

CHC50121 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care

Co-contribution fee – \$300.00 (\$20.00 per unit) | Concession co-contribution fee – \$225.00 (\$15.00 per unit)

CHC52015 Diploma of Community Services

Co-contribution fee – \$320.00 (\$20.00 per unit) | Concession co-contribution fee – \$240.00 (\$15.00 per unit)

CHCSS00070 Assist clients with medication (skill set)

Co-contribution fee – \$300.00 (\$150.00 per unit) | Concession co-contribution fee – \$280.00 (\$140.00 per unit)

CHCSS00098 Individual Support – Disability (skill set)

Co-contribution fee – \$200.00 (\$50.00 per unit) | Concession co-contribution fee – \$160.00 (\$40.00 per unit)

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the *Higher Level Skills* programme, including eligibility requirements, fee information and programme related documents, visit www.desbt.qld.gov.au/training/providers/funded/higher-level-skills.

