

FACT SHEET – CAREER PLUS



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subsidised training provider

WHAT IS THE CAREER PLUS 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 *Career Plus* will expand access to subsidised training in specific qualifications that meet critical workforce skills needs, by allowing more flexible eligibility under the Career Start and Career Boost programs.

Career Plus aims to: Support eligible Queensland adults, including mature-aged individuals, to upskill or reskill so they can return to the workforce, adapt or advance in their current role or career pathway, or transition to a new occupation or industry; Deliver accredited training to target cohorts who are ineligible for or have exhausted entitlements under Career Start or Career Boost.

WHAT ARE THE TRAINING PATHWAYS?

Under *Career Plus*, the Queensland Government provides a subsidy for a range of Certificate III level vocational qualifications. Qualifications delivered through a general training pathway are available for direct enrolment. An apprenticeship or traineeship pathway is available for individuals already employed as an apprentice or trainee.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

You must:

- Not be eligible to access the qualification through Career Start or Career Boost;
- Permanently reside in Queensland;
- 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 be enrolled in a qualification, even if deferred or on hold, regardless of whether it is DTET-funded (foundation skills do not count);
- Not have completed a DTET-funded vocational qualification within the 24 months immediately prior to accessing Career Plus, unless it was undertaken as part of a SQW program;
- Traineeship/Apprenticeship pathway: The trainee or apprentice must have entered into a Training Contract with their employer for an eligible qualification and be registered on DTET's training database.

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PRIOR QUALIFICATION/S WAIVER

Previous qualifications, including higher-level or tertiary, do not affect eligibility provided all other criteria are met (except for the above 24-month rule which still applies). This also means that individuals who have completed two subsidised traineeships or apprenticeships under DTET's core VET programs – may be eligible for a third subsidised traineeship or apprenticeship through Career Plus funding.

WHAT LEVEL OF SUBSIDY IS AVAILABLE?

The Queensland Government will pay a subsidy for the qualification directly to the Skills Assure Supplier (SAS). The amount of funding depends on the qualifications complexity, duration and how well it aligns with workforce skill needs. A higher subsidy will also be paid to support participation by concessional students. More information on concessional student status is detailed in the Career Plus program policy at <https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/providers/funded/career-plus>

DO I NEED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COST OF TRAINING?

Students undertaking a Career Plus qualification must contribute to the cost of their training through a co-contribution fee. This fee demonstrates the student's commitment to developing their skills, recognises the support provided, and encourages active engagement in their training.

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 Trade, Employment and Training. The initial co-contribution fee will be 30% up front and the remaining amounts will be invoiced upon commencement. Concession co-contribution fee is available for valid concession card holders and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders. Please contact the ACE Administration staff to access this fee.

CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing)

Co-contribution fee – \$180.00 (\$12.00 per unit) | Concession co-contribution fee – \$150.00 (\$10.00 per unit)

CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability)

Co-contribution fee – \$180.00 (\$12.00 per unit) | Concession co-contribution fee – \$150.00 (\$10.00 per unit)

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the *Career Plus* programme contact Customer care Team at ACE Community Colleges.

