

FACT SHEET – CAREER BOOST



WHAT IS THE CAREER BOOST 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 Boost* 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.

WHAT ARE THE TRAINING PATHWAYS?

Under *Career Boost*, the Queensland Government provides a subsidy for a range of Certificate IV and Diploma level vocational qualifications and skill sets. Qualifications and skill sets 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:

- 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 be enrolled in a qualification that is funded by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training (DTET) even if that it is deferred or on hold
- not hold a qualification completed within the last 10 years (not including qualifications completed as a school student and foundation skills training).

Under the *Career Boost* program, eligible individuals in Queensland can access up to two subsidised training places through one of the following pathways:

- One general Certificate IV or higher qualification; or
- One apprenticeships or traineeships at Certificate IV or higher level; and
- Additionally, individuals may access two subsidised level skill set in priority industries or sectors as part of the program.

Please note: If you have already accessed two apprenticeships or traineeships through a school based apprenticeship or traineeship (SAT) or *Career Start* within the last 10 years, you will not be eligible to undertake an apprenticeship or

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traineeship under *Career Boost*. Additionally, two general pathway qualifications are not permitted under *Career Boost* to ensure fair access for all eligible Queenslanders.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAMME?

You can only access the *Career Start* programme subsidy under limited circumstances 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. It is important that you choose the right course for you to take full advantage of the program. For information on choosing a training provider, read the training consumer tips at <https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/training-careers/courses/studentguide>. The Queensland Skills Gateway displays the courses available under the Career Start program and provides information about what they cover, the careers they can lead to, and the training providers approved to deliver them – visit <https://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 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 <https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/providers/funded/subsidised-training-list>

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 Start program policy at <https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/providers/funded/career-boost>

DO I NEED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COST OF TRAINING?

Given the benefits that training provides to individuals, students undertaking certificate IV and higher level training and non-concessional students undertaking lower-level vocational training are required to contribute to the cost of their 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 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.

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CHCSS0070 Assist Clients with Medication skill set

Co-contribution fee – \$400.00 (\$200.00 per unit) | Concession co-contribution fee – \$380.00 (\$190.00 per unit)

CHCSS00129 Individual Support – Ageing Skill Set

Co-contribution fee – \$60.00 (\$12.00 per unit) | Concession co-contribution fee – \$50.00 (\$10.00 per unit)

CHCSS00130 Individual Support – Disability Skill Set

Co-contribution fee – \$48.00 (\$12.00 per unit) | Concession co-contribution fee – \$40.00 (\$10.00 per unit)

MORE INFORMATION

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

