

# Year 12 graduates

## Fee-free training



### Fact Sheet

#### Overview

Since 1 January 2014, Year 12 graduates have been able to access fee-free training as part of the Queensland Government's *Great skills Real opportunities* action plan.

The fee-free training is available for Year 12 graduates for training in high priority qualifications identified by the Queensland Government and industry groups.

The training is available through a range of certificate III level vocational education and training courses, as well as apprenticeships and traineeships.

#### Why participate?

Fee-free training gives Year 12 graduates a head start on their careers by allowing them to complete a high priority qualification through an apprenticeship, traineeship or selected vocational education and training course without the financial burden of student contribution fees.

#### Participant eligibility

To be eligible to access fee-free training, you must:

- have completed Year 12 in Queensland and hold a Senior Statement issued by the Queensland Studies Authority (or the 'Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority' which replaced the Queensland Studies Authority from 1 July 2014), or equivalent certification.
- enrol and start training with an approved training provider by the end of the calendar year following your completion of Year 12.
- be a Queensland resident.

#### Available training

Fee-free training only applies to apprenticeships and traineeships or certificate III level qualifications identified as high priority by the Queensland Government (except for qualifications where the Student Contribution Fee is met by Construction Skills Queensland).

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High priority qualifications will develop the skills most needed by employers and the Queensland economy, and are based on skill demand, advice from industry, and whether the qualification will lead to employment.

The list of high priority qualifications is available at [www.training.qld.gov.au/year12feefree](http://www.training.qld.gov.au/year12feefree)

### What does fee-free mean?

The Queensland Government will cover the full cost of training in a high priority qualification delivered under the Year 12 fee-free training initiative. This means eligible participants will not be required to contribute to the cost of their training.

In addition to the Queensland Government's Year 12 graduate fee-free training, Construction Skills Queensland (CSQ) is committed to supporting apprentices, trainees and employers within the Queensland building and construction industry. Through the [CSQ Student Contribution Fee program](#), CSQ will pay the student contribution fee for building and construction apprentices and trainees eligible for funding through the Queensland Government's User Choice program and subject to the CSQ eligibility requirements.

### Accessing fee-free training for Year 12 graduates

#### Step 1 – Select a qualification

Think about what you want to study, and then search for the available qualifications funded in this area using the Year 12 Fee Free refined search filter at [www.skillsgateway.training.qld.gov.au/Course](http://www.skillsgateway.training.qld.gov.au/Course)

You can also find out information about apprenticeships and traineeships, including the opportunities and benefits they can provide at [www.apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au/apprentices](http://www.apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au/apprentices)

#### Step 2 – Choose a training provider

Once you have picked a qualification that you are interested in, using the Queensland Skills Gateway Year 12 Fee Free refined search filter, the list of training providers that offer that course will also be displayed in the search results. You may then contact these providers directly for more information.

#### OR

If you wish to undertake a high priority qualification through an apprenticeship or traineeship [follow these steps to get started](#).

### Who can I contact for more information?

If you need more information about fee-free training for Year 12 graduates, contact the Training Queensland Customer Centre on 1300 369 935, email [training@dete.qld.gov.au](mailto:training@dete.qld.gov.au) or visit [www.training.qld.gov.au/year12feefree](http://www.training.qld.gov.au/year12feefree)

The website also contains a list of [frequently asked questions](#).

### Important information

Year 12 fee-free training is available through two Queensland Government training investment programs, the Certificate 3 Guarantee and User Choice.

It is important to carefully consider your training options before committing to a training course as this may exhaust your entitlement to further Queensland Government subsidised training.

For information on all Queensland Government subsidised training options visit [www.training.qld.gov.au/fundedtraining](http://www.training.qld.gov.au/fundedtraining)