



Government Funding

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NSW

Smart and skilled

Smart and Skilled is a reform of the NSW vocational educational and training system. It will give people the chance to gain skills they need to get a job and advance their careers. Smart and Skilled will be implemented in 2014 with an entitlement to government subsidised training commencing from 1 January 2015.

The Minister of Education has announced the release of:

- The 2014 NSW Skills list which defines the qualifications eligible for government funding
- The NSW Quality Framework which will set the benchmark for quality for Smart and Skilled

Are you Eligible?

A trainer provider may be eligible to apply for a Smart and Skilled contract if it demonstrates and meets specified eligibility criteria.

- Be a training organisation that is registered or by the National VET Regulator, The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)
- NSW Based Registered Training Organisations
- The RTO has an RPL policy and process that is consistent with the NSW Recognition of Prior Learning Framework

How to Apply:

From 2015, delivery of training will be managed under the Smart and Skilled Contract. Any RTO that meets the eligibility criteria may be able to apply for a Smart and Skilled contract to deliver government subsidies training in New South Wales. Eligible RTO's will then be assessed to determine whether a Smart and Skilled Contract will be offered.

The application process is expected to commence in mid-2014. When available, the dates of the application period will be published on the Smart and Skilled section of the [State Training Services Website](#).

Additional Information:

For more information go to:

www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/

PHONE: **1300 722 104**

EMAIL: Smartandskilled@det.nsw.edu.au



Queensland

Certificate 3 Guarantee

The Certificate 3 Guarantee, which commenced on 1 July, 2013, gives eligible individuals the opportunity to complete a full certificate III qualification. To do this, the Queensland Government will subsidise the cost of training for eligible students.

The Certificate 3 Guarantee will direct government subsidies to training in areas that need more skilled workers. For those areas where skilled workers are needed, the Queensland Government will contribute more to the cost of training. All funded Certificate III qualifications will become contestable from 1 July, 2014.

The Certificate 3 Guarantee is also different because it requires students to complete the full certificate III qualification (rather than a number of competencies).

Are you Eligible?

A trainer provider may be eligible to apply for a Certificate 3 Guarantee contract if it demonstrates and meets specified eligibility criteria.

- Be a training organisation that is registered or by the National VET Regulator, The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)
- Have registration for each qualification you wish to deliver from the Certificate 3 Guarantee contestable qualifications.
- Verify that you have read and understand all policy documents and can meet all PQS and Program requirements.

How to Apply:

From 1 July, 2013, private and public registered training organisations will be invited to compete for a share in a new \$42 million contestable funding pool for Certificate 3 Guarantee training.

Registered training organisations must first apply to the department for Pre-qualified Supplier status for the Certificate 3 Guarantee program to be eligible to deliver courses funded through the program.

Additional Information:

For more information go to:
www.training.qld.gov.au/

PHONE: **1800 210 210**



South Australia

Skills for All

Skills for

All is a South Australian government initiative that encourages more people to enter training, complete that training and gain employment.

Funding is available for courses from Certificate I to Advance Diploma levels. Course fees are significantly reduced due to the Government funding, removing the financial barrier that many people face.

Are you Eligible?

A trainer provider may be eligible to apply for a Skills for all contract if it demonstrates and meets specified eligibility criteria.

- Be a training organisation that is registered or by the National VET Regulator, The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)

How to Apply:

Apply online through the secure website for approval where application is free. If you have a login and password to submit AVETMISS data through STELA, you will be able to view and submit the online application form using that login. If you don't have a login and password, complete and submit the Request for Access to STELA.

Note: The most senior person in the RTO (e.g. the Chief Executive Officer) must sign and submit declaration on behalf of the applicant confirming the accuracy and completeness of the application.

Additional Information:

For more information go to:

www.skills.sa.gov.au/for-training-providers

PHONE: 1800 506 266



Tasmania

Skills Tasmania

The Skills Tasmania Endorsed Registered Training Organisation (RTO) System is designed to increase and assure the quality of government subsidised training for learners and employers in Tasmania.

The System is an element of Tasmania's obligations under the National Partnership Agreement on Skills Reform (NP), signed in April 2012 and Skills Tasmania's ongoing commitment to quality in Tasmanian training system.

Are you Eligible?

A trainer provider may be eligible to apply for a Skills Tasmania contract if it demonstrates and meets specified eligibility criteria.

- Be a training organisation that is registered or by the National VET Regulator, The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)

How to Apply:

Applications must be received using the approved Application Form. Application Forms can be found on **www.skills.tas.gov.au/providers/rto/endorsedrto/system/applicationprocess**.

Applications are to be submitted by email to **rtoendorsement@skills.tas.gov.au**

Note: The most senior person in the RTO (e.g. the Chief Executive Officer) must sign and submit declaration on behalf of the applicant confirming the accuracy and completeness of the application.

Additional Information:

For more information go to:

www.skills.tas.gov.au/providers

PHONE: **1800 655 846**

EMAIL: **enquiries@skills.tas.gov.au**



Australia

VET Fee Help

HELP provides assistance for students to pay their student contributions (HECS-HELP), tuition fees (FEE-HELP and VET FEE-HELP), overseas study expenses (OS-HELP) and student service and amenities fees (SA-HELP).

Education Providers can get information on how to apply to become approved to offer FEE-HELP or VET FEE-HELP to their eligible students; and approved HELP providers can access a range of important support materials.

Are you Eligible?

An organisation seeking approval as a higher education provider (HEP) to offer FEE-HELP or a VET provider to offer VET FEE-HELP must meet certain legislative eligibility requirements. To be eligible to apply, an organisation must be a body corporate* with its central management and control in Australia, be listed on the relevant national register and offer at least one eligible accredited course.

The national registers are available at:

- [Tertiary Education Quality and Standard Agency \(TEQSA\)](#) - for a registered higher education institution (RHEI)
- [Training.gov.au](#) - for a registered training organisation (RTO).

RHEIs and RTOs considering applying must also meet legislative requirements in relation to financial viability, tuition assurance, student policies and procedures for fairness and equal opportunity, academic and non-academic grievance, refunds and re-crediting of a FEE-HELP balance. There are also ongoing responsibilities including certain administrative requirements and data reporting requirements associated with HELP.

How to Apply:

Applications must be lodged through the online HELP IT system (HITS). You will need to [register for HITS](#) to gain access, please refer to the [HITS user guide](#) for instructions.

Once you are able to access HITS, you will need to enter your organisation's details, financial performance data and upload all documentation required to meet legislative requirements including mandatory forms. If you do not provide enough information the application will not be accepted by the department.

It is a requirement for some documents to be certified. The [Guidelines for certification of documents](#) provides advice on how to certify a document.

Additional Information:

For more information go to:

<http://education.gov.au/applying-become-help-provider> Or

PHONE: **1800 020 108**

EMAIL: TSenquiries@education.gov.au

