

## Eligibility for NSW Strategic Skills Program (SSP)

### Eligibility and Fees

*To be eligible to enrol in training under SSP participants must:*

- Be an Australian citizen or permanent Australian resident; or
- Be a New Zealand pass passport holder who has resided in Australia for at least six months; or
- Be a Humanitarian refugee, and
- Not be currently enrolled in secondary or tertiary education, and
- Be a NSW resident and/or work in NSW;

### Eligibility for NSW SSP courses

The criteria used to determine a participant's eligibility for a training place under the program have been defined broadly to encourage wide participation. These definitions are listed below.

*A Job Seeker is defined for the purposes of the SSP as:*

- Registered with an Job Services Australia provider, or
- An income support recipient who is not currently required to meet activity test or participation requirements, or
- A participant in the Community Development Employment Projects scheme, or
- Not currently working and seeking or intending to seek paid employment or self-employment after completing training, or
- A participant in the Commonwealth's Access Program, or
- Not working and participating in volunteering activities, or
- A person aged 15 years and over, not involved in any form of work (including casual, self employment and commission based) for one hour or more per week for pay, profit, commission or in kind payment.

*An Existing Worker is defined for the purposes of the SSP as:*

- A person 20 years of age or older who has been in paid employment for at least one hour in the week prior to commencement of training, or
- A person 15-19 years of age who is not formally enrolled in school and has been in paid employment for more than 15 hours in the week prior to commencement of training.

**Note:** An existing worker cannot be an apprentice or trainee.

**Fees for 2013**

Qualification Level/Category	Fees	
	Per semester	Per year
Diploma	\$716	\$1,432
Certificate IV	\$539	\$1,078
Certificate III	\$396	\$793
Statements / Short courses	\$253	\$506
Apprentices and Trainees	\$239	\$478
Government benefit recipients (see below)	\$100	\$100
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	\$0	\$0
Students with a Disability (first course per year)	\$0	\$0

**Fee exemptions**

- **Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students are exempt from paying the TAFE NSW fee**
- **Students in receipt of a Disability Support Pension and students with a disability are entitled to one full fee exemption for one course per year and are eligible for the \$100 Concession fee for the subsequent enrolments in that year**

**Concessions**

- **Students who receive one or more eligible Commonwealth benefits or allowances may be eligible to pay a concession fee rather than the full TAFE NSW fee. In 2013, the concession fee is \$100 per course enrolment. Eligible benefits include:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age Pension</li> <li>• Austudy (including Veterans' Children Education Scheme)</li> <li>• Carer Payment</li> <li>• Disability Support Pension</li> <li>• Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment</li> <li>• Family Tax Benefit Part A (Maximum Rate)</li> <li>• Farm Help Income Support</li> <li>• Mature Age Allowance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newstart Allowance</li> <li>• Parenting Payment (Single)</li> <li>• Sickness Allowance</li> <li>• Special Benefit</li> <li>• Veterans' Affairs Payments</li> <li>• Widow Allowance</li> <li>• Widow Pension (including Widow 'B' Pension)</li> <li>• Wife Pension</li> <li>• Youth Allowance</li> </ul>
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**If you have any questions or are unsure of what to do next please contact Learning Lab on 02 9318 1222**

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