

Career Boost

Student fact Sheet

What is Career Boost?

Career Boost helps individuals to level-up at work, enabling them to grow and apply their skills to existing or new roles, and support productivity growth and workplace innovation.

The program delivers training to help individuals develop the higher-level skills needed to secure employment, advance their careers, or progress to further education and training.

Under Career Boost, you may access either:

- **one funded training place** in either a certificate IV, diploma of advanced diploma qualification under the general training pathway
- or
- a higher-level apprenticeship or traineeship in certificate IV or above.

In addition, under Career Boost, you may access up to 2 funded skill sets in priority industries or sectors.

If you have already accessed 2 apprenticeships or traineeships through a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship or [Career Start](#) within the last 10 years, you are **not eligible** to undertake an apprenticeship or traineeship under Career Boost.

You **cannot** do 2 general training pathway qualifications under Career Boost.

Are you eligible to participate in general training?

A student must meet the following criteria:

- aged 15 years or older; not be a school student;
- permanently reside in Queensland;
- be an Australian citizen, or Australian permanent resident (includes humanitarian entrant), or a temporary resident with the right visa and work permits on the pathway to permanent residency, or a New Zealand citizen;
- not already have a certificate IV or higher qualification (including tertiary qualifications) completed within the last 10 years (qualifications completed as a school student and foundation skills qualifications do not count);
- not be enrolled in another qualification, even if it is on hold or deferred, whether funded by DTET or not (foundation skills qualifications do not count).

Along with the eligibility criteria above, specific entry restrictions or exemptions may apply to certain funded qualifications and skill sets.

These are set by industry or sector requirements, as well as national training package guidelines.

Are you eligible to participate in Apprenticeship or traineeship?

To be eligible, you must:

- have entered into a training contract for a qualification that is funded by us and be registered on our systems

- if you're from overseas, have a visa allowing you to work in Australia
- not have already completed 2 apprenticeship or traineeship qualifications (including a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship) within the last 10 years.

How can you participate

It is important you choose the right course for you to take full advantage of the program.

The Queensland Skills Gateway displays all qualifications currently available under the Career Boost and provides information about what they cover, the careers they can lead to, and the training providers registered to deliver them visit www.skillsgateway.training.qld.gov.au/.

Individuals are free to choose their preferred training provider from the list. However, the only qualifications subsidised through this program are those:

- listed on the Priority Skills List;
- and delivered by a training provider who is a pre- approved Skills Assure Supplier (SAS).

Co-contribution fees

General Training Pathway Co-contribution fee amount given the benefits of training, including improved job opportunities and higher earnings, students enrolled in certificate IV or higher qualifications and skill sets, are required to contribute to the cost of training through a co-contribution (student) fee.

This fee can be paid by an employer, a family member, a friend, or another organisation, but it cannot be paid or waived by the SAS or any person or entity connected to the SAS. The fee amount is a decision for the SAS.

Apprenticeships or Traineeship fees are set by the DESBT and fall into three (3) funding categories, concession, non-concession and SAT (school based apprenticeship or Traineeship).

For apprenticeships and traineeships, the fee is different as both the employer and SAS share responsibility for training. The fee is set at \$1.60 per nominal training hour for each unit of competency and is the same across all SAS. Only DTET can adjust the fee amount, which is reviewed each year.

However, a SAS must charge only 40% of the standard fee if an apprentice/trainee meets any of the following criteria: under 17 years of age at the end of February in the year training is provided, is not at school and has not completed Year 12; holds a Health Care Card or Veteran or Pensioner Concession Card, or is the partner or dependent of someone who does; or identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (First Nations people).

If an apprentice/trainee is experiencing serious financial difficulties and can demonstrate this, they may qualify for a full fee exemption.

As part of receiving a subsidised training place, students may be asked to complete a DTET survey.